







KILMACHTHOMAS NOTES.

The £1,000 Phoenix Two-year-old Nursery.—This five turning spirit on which the latest Irish Hospitals Trust Sweepstakes was held, formed the arch attraction at the Phoenix Park meeting last Saturday. Through-out these parts considerable interest was centred in the race, by reason of the fact that Mr. James Lenihan, Newtown Kilmachthomas, and Miss M. Dunphy, Ballinacorney, Kill were joint owners of ticket No. DV17713 (non-de-plume. "We can't swim") which drew Orientation, a runner. Most wireless sets locally were tuned in to the broadcast of the event, and we felt genuinely sorry on ascertaining that Orientation had failed to figure amongst the first three past the winning post. However, Mr. Lenihan and Miss Dunphy are "sitting pretty" as the text is worth £142, and the first-named is entitled to a special prize of £10 as seller of the ticket. Mr. Lenihan is an assistant at S. M. Lennon's drapery establishment in Main St., Kilmachthomas, and he also contributes a weekly news-letter to the city contemporary. He is hon. secretary of the Newtown Gaelic Football Club, and he worthily enjoys a most extensive circle of loyal friendships. Equally well-esteemed is his ticket partner, Miss Dunphy, a very cultured and refined young lady. We cordially congratulate both on their good luck.

Clones-Power's Big Day.—To celebrate the golden jubilee of the founding of the Gaelic League, Mr. Joseph Power, Irish teacher and Gaelic League organiser, assisted by a number of live-wire local enthusiasts, have completed all arrangements for the holding of an Aerdracht at Clones-Power on to-morrow (Sunday). This promises to be an occasion to hear and see Irish song, music and dancing at their very best, and will give people an insight into the cultural activities of the League. Exhibitions of step and figure dancing, native music, Irish and Anglo-Irish songs and recitations, and Irish language competitions, constitute the programme. A hurling match between Clones-Power and Erin's Hope (Kilmacneil) for a valuable set of medals, will precede the Aerdracht. A native of Kilgobnet parish, Mr. Fahey has a high reputation as a teacher and lecturer, and since he has organised the mid-Waterford area he has organised several excellent Irish plays and concerts, and celidhise as well. He is a collector of folk-lore, and is giving all that is best in him to the Irish-ireland movement. Some stirring songs and recitations in the native language, as given by Mr. Fahey, have appeared in a number of Irish and Irish-American publications. Handball is his pet game, and in all the best of his neighbours, who like him, grew up hard by the fine alleys at Kilgobnet and Kilmacneil. And Mr. Fahey is a very active member of the L.D.F. in the Barony of Upper Third. We warmly wish him continued success in the pursuit of his laudable labours.

R.I.P.—Mr. Matthew Hogan, whose death following a comparatively short illness and in the fullness of his years had evoked widespread regret, had given long and faithful service at Woodhouse estate, Stradbally. Quiet and unassuming disposition, and manner, he was a general favourite, and sympathy with his bereaved ones is universal. A large and representative cortege accompanied the removal of the remains on Thursday evening of last week to the Parish Church, Stradbally, where they were rested overnight. After Requiem Mass, the next morning, interment was made in the adjoining cemetery, in the presence of another large concourse of mourners and sympathisers. Very Rev. E. English, P.P., Stradbally, and Rev. J. Lavin, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

Death of Mr. M. Quinn.—Fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, to which he was ever devotedly attached, Mr. Michael Quinn, New St. Carrick-on-Suir, passed to his eternal reward on Thursday evening of last week, after a protracted illness. He was 70 years of age, and his death is mourned with deep and sincere regret on both sides of the Suir. The words of the old Irish proverb, "A man is as good as dead when he is ailing," is a fact obvious as it is pleasing to publish. The court case against the delinquents, as previously published in the "Observer," resulted in their being given a term of imprisonment. As soon as this is served they will have to face a further charge under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935. Guard Moylan has displayed smart detective work in quickly contacting with these offenders and laying them by the heels.

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Hurling Final at Croke Park on Sunday last.

Mr. Dermot A. Halpin, who has died in his manhood's early prime and whose remains were reverently laid to rest in Glasnevin cemetery on Monday of this week, was second son of Mrs. Halpin, 27 Belmont Road, Drumcondra, Dublin, and of the late lamented Dr. C. J. Halpin, Rathgormack, Carrick-in-Suir, and he was brother of Miss Pearl Halpin, the well-known Metropolitan soprano, who is a frequent contributor to Radio Eireann programmes. Deceased was endowed with an intellect of singular grasp and clearness, and his premature passing is deeply deplored. Sympathy with the bereaved ones is universal.—R.I.P.

Another Demise.—The many friends who knew him so intimately here in Kilmachthomas were associated with the citizenry of Portlaur in their sorrow for the death of Mr. Michael J. Shanahan, farmer, Coolin, do, which sad event occurred at his residence on Sunday last, after a comparatively short illness. Always cheery and good-natured, the late Mr. Shanahan's conversations were ever animated with a contagious humour that withered pessimism and his generous actions at all times gained the goodwill of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His death is very deeply regretted and to his bereaved home-circle and other proximate ties many sincere expressions of condolence have been tendered. Deceased was a popular member of the District Staff, L.S.F. Impressive demonstrations of public esteem and regret were witnessed at the removal of the remains to the Parish Church, Portlaur, on Monday, and again at the obsequies and burial (in the adjoining cemetery) on Tuesday. His old Kilmachthomas friend, Mr. Percy Kirwan, was amongst the multitude paying their last tribute of respect to his memory.

Passing of Popular Local Lady.—Following a protracted illness, borne with true Christian fortitude and resignation, Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Power, wife of Mr. Maurice Power, The Square, Kilmachthomas, peacefully breathed her last on Tuesday evening, and the sad event occasioned deep regret and genuine sorrow. Deceased belonged to a most respected Kilmachthomas family, the Browns, and was sister of Mr. "Fad" Brown, licensed vintner, Waterford, an inter-county hurler whose name is a household word throughout Gaelicdom. Mrs. Power's personality made her a great favourite with all classes, young and old, as her refined and gentle nature, coupled with a sincerity of disposition and charm of manner, never failed to touch a responsive chord in the hearts of everybody with whom she came in contact, and to all, her passing in the prime of womanhood has come as a painful shock. Her husband is also a native of Kilmachthomas, and was a hurler and footballer of pronounced merit up to his retirement from active participation in both codes a few short years ago. He is employed as signalman at the local G.S.R. station, and it now left with a very helpless young children, to mourn the premature passing of his good wife. It is only natural that the death which sympathy of the Gaelic in a special degree it extended to the bereaved husband and relatives. The remains were removed from the residence to the Parish Church, Ballyduff, on Wednesday evening, accompanied by a vast concourse and placed before the high altar. On Thursday morning, Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul, after which all that was mortal of the deceased lady was reverently laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery, in the presence of innumerable relatives, friends and sympathisers, and amid every manifestation of profound grief. Very Rev. M. F. Heane, P.P., Ballyduff-Portlaur, sealed the last prayers at the graveside. Beautiful floral wreaths were laid on the grave, and sheaves of spiritual bouquets and messages of condolence were received.

That the recent clever capture effected by Garda Patrick Moynihan, Stradbally, of two itinerants—a boy (contd.) and a girl aged 16½ years—who had committed a larceny at a farmhouse at Kilmarrin, Kill, was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants along the neighbouring seaboard, is a fact obvious as it is pleasing to publish. The court case against the delinquents, as previously published in the "Observer," resulted in their being given a term of imprisonment. As soon as this is served they will have to face a further charge under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935. Guard Moylan has displayed smart detective work in quickly contacting with these offenders and laying them by the heels.

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RADIO EIREANN.

Sunday, 12th September, 1943.—1.0-2.30—Lunch Time Concert. 6.0—Maiden Singers. 7.0—Mairé Ni Seachtaine. 6.30—Reginald Dixon at the Organ. 6.45—News. 7.0—Tea-Time. 7.15—Aileen Doyle's Quartet and Ella Clarke (contralto). 8.15—"Dan Murphy's Door," comedy by Philip Callan. 8.25—Maire Ni Seachtaine (soprano). 8.50—Una Kennedy (piano). 9.5—"Radio Digest." 9.35—Isidore Shilen (violin). 9.55—The Week's Appeal on behalf of High Park Convent, Drumcondra, Dublin. 10.0—News. 10.15—Gaelic Sports. 10.30—Carrig. 10.45—National Anthem.

Monday, 13th September.—1.0-1.40—Lunch Time Concert. 1.45-2.30—News and Stock Exchange. 6.0—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"A Housewife's Tea-Party." 7.15—Cinema Organ. 7.30—"Rigolotto" (Verdi) Act I. 8.30—"Light Piano Music." 8.45—"As the Crow Flies." 9.15—Robert Pottinger (violin). 9.30—Charles Lever Looks In." 9.45—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.0—News. 10.10—National Anthem.

Tuesday, 14th September.—1.0-1.40—Lunch Time Concert. 1.45-2.30—News and Stock Exchange. 6.0—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"For the Housekeeper." 7.35—Mairé Ní Seachtaine. 7.45—"Truth is Always Best." 8.5—"Radio Omnibus." 8.35—"Light Music." 8.45—"Musical Meannan Gaelic." 9.15—"Hose Johnson (piano). 9.30—"Build Up your Bridge." 9.45—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.0—News. 10.10—National Anthem.

Wednesday, 15th September.—1.0-1.40—Lunch Time Concert. 1.45-2.30—News and Stock Exchange. 6.0—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"For the Housekeeper." 7.35—Mairé Ní Seachtaine. 7.45—"Truth is Always Best." 8.5—"Radio Omnibus." 8.35—"Light Music." 8.45—"Musical Meannan Gaelic." 9.15—"Hose Johnson (piano). 9.30—"Build Up your Bridge." 9.45—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.0—News. 10.10—National Anthem.

CORK'S EASY VICTORY IN ALL-IRELAND HURLING FINAL.

Cork completely mastered Antrim in the All-Ireland Hurling Final at Croke Park on Sunday last. This was Cork's 14th All-Ireland title. Antrim struggled vainly against a strong breeze, which lessened in force behind them in the second half, and several of their players suffered from "stage" fright. It was a very disappointing game, in which Antrim did not once strike the form shown at Belfast against Galway or Kilkenny. Each of the Cork fifteen came on as a substitute—was their first All-Ireland senior hurling championship medals on Sunday. W. Murphy, B. Thornhill, D. J. Buckley, Cork, Lohan, Lynch, Ring, Young and Quirkie have won three such medals each, and C. Murphy, Cottrell, Condon, Kennedrick, Sullivan, Brennan and O'Donovan (who came on as a sub.), two each.

SWEET WINNERS.

Result of the Red Cross Draw.—As a handout of the race in the Nursery Building at Phoenix Park, last Saturday, the following tickets which drew Greek Star entitled the holders to first prizes of £10,000 each. BQ42999, Laphere, Sully; CT31753, Coady, 39 Dame St., Dublin; AQ66384, Junior's Hope, Glasgow. Other prizes which entitle the holders to prizes of £3,000 are—D763169, Coady, 39 Dame St., Dublin; B72822, Ballyfallon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone; AR3687, Maybe, London. The following tickets entitle the holders to £1,000 each for the third prize, Priorate—BN07221, H H H H H H H H, Glasgow; CS5520, Just a Yearling, Fortonwood, CV3195, Ella, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

Marketing of Apples.—The Department of Agriculture announces that the apple marketing scheme will be continued during the 1943-44 season. Persons or bodies growing or marketing apples who undertake to observe prescribed conditions in regard to grading and packing may be allowed to use the official mark for home grown apples marketed by them. Labels bearing the mark will be issued to licensees and the mark cannot be used apart from such labels. Full particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin.

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WEST WATERFORD NEWS.

Clashmore Man Complimented in Broadcast.—In the course of a recent broadcast from Radio Eireann, Prof. Sherrard (U.C.D.), the well-known authority on gardening, paid a glowing and deserved tribute to the work of Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, rural science instructor, Bantry, Mr. Fitzgerald, who is a member of the well-known and popular Clashmore family, was appointed rural science teacher by the Cork Vocational Education Committee a few years ago, when he had completed a brilliant university course. He is a district staff officer of the L.D.F., and brother of Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, adjutant, Clashmore company, L.D.F. His many friends in West Waterford and East Cork were delighted to hear Prof. Sherrard give such praise to his work in Bantry. The following is the text of the Professor's broadcast—"This garden occupies a very conspicuous position in the town (Bantry). It is excellently planned and is kept in a very neat condition. The onions were the best I have seen this year, and all the crops were in a very advanced state, showing evidence of a very high standard of culture. The method of labelling the different varieties was unique, and I was very sorry that I did not meet Mr. Fitzgerald, rural science instructor, to congratulate him on his efficiency and on a work he should feel justly proud of. It is a perfect model of what a school garden should be, and something which the people of Bantry should take a deep pride in."

Villierstown Dance.—On Sunday night last a most successful and enjoyable dance, under the auspices of the L.S.F. Welfare Fund, was held at Villierstown. The organising committee are to be complimented on the perfection of arrangements, while the Swingers Dance Band deserves the highest praise for supplying an excellent programme of music.

Races and Sports.—On Sunday last a most interesting programme of races and sports was held at Ballygunn Strand, Ardmore. The events included horse and pony races, cycle races, and athletic events. The big crowd had a most enjoyable afternoon in pleasant surroundings, and the promoters are to be complimented on the success of their efforts.

Farming News.—Despite unfavourable conditions, agricultural work is well advanced and a good deal of the corn crop has been saved. Farmers have been working feverishly under trying conditions to complete the important work which is of such vital interest to the country. This season's potato crop is satisfactory, but from all sides one hears accounts of potatoes without tubers, due, no doubt, to the climatic conditions which prevailed during the period of development. This year's apple crop is a failure. Root crops give promise of an excellent yield.

Old Parish v. Blackwater Rovers.—The popular Kinsalebeg venue will be the scene on Sunday next of the long-awaited and eagerly discussed game between Old Parish and Blackwater Rovers (Dromedars). This game promises to be a great struggle for supremacy between two keen and determined combatants, and a big attendance is expected in anticipation of a hectic match. Old Parish have already disposed of Clashmore and Villierstown, while their opponents have defeated Geesh Emmets. The issue is very open, and at this stage it is not easy to forecast the result. Moss Connery and the members of his club have been working hard to have the arrangements perfect, and the field will be in perfect order for the game, which, we trust, will be played in a clear, sporting manner, under the able and experienced control of that veteran Gael, Michael Connors. May the better team win.

The Minor Final.—The next game of local interest will be the meeting of St. Mochudus (Clashmore) and Dunganarvan, in the minor football division final at Aglish. We will refer to this game further in our notes next week.

Clashmore Lady's Success.—In the list of successful candidates recently called to occupy positions on the Provincial Bank staff appears the name of Miss Mary Power, Clashmore. A member of a well-known and popular family, Miss Power is to be complimented on her success. Her uncle, Mr. J. Hannan, is already a manager of an important branch of the Provincial Bank.

THE VATICAN CITY.

There is a somewhat confused conception of the Vatican in the minds of many people. There are those who regard Rome as the Vatican and others who regard the Vatican as a self-contained city surrounded by a high wall and shut off from the rest of the world. The truth is that the Vatican State comprises not only the Vatican City but also thirteen buildings in Rome. The Irish College in Rome is within the Vatican State, while yet remaining outside the Vatican City, and an eagerly awaited event by many Irish men and women is the periodic broadcasts by students in this College to their relatives in the homeland. Among the thirteen buildings in Rome owned by the Vatican are the three major basilicas of St. John Lateran, San Lorenzo and St. Mary Major, as well as the Pontifical College of the various nations.

Position Since 1929.—The Italian people have enjoyed extra-territorial rights since the signing of the Treaty of the Lateran in February, 1929, between Pope Pius XI and the Italian Government. From the seizure of the Papal States in 1870 until that momentous occasion fourteen years ago the Pope lived in voluntary seclusion in the Vatican. Thus it is that the Vatican State, as an independent state, exists only since 1929. The Vatican City itself has an area of only slightly more than 108 acres, but when the other possessions in Rome are counted in, the area rises to 160 acres (about one-quarter of a square mile).

Within the Vatican are the Vatican Palace, the Museums, Art Galleries, Libraries, Observatory, and the Basilica of St. Peter and the neighbouring buildings between it and the Viale Vaticano. In the Vatican Gardens is a station for the double-track railroad, which extends from a junction with the Italian Railroad through the Vatican to this terminus.

The Vatican City has its own shops which supply the daily needs of the community, and its own newspaper, the "Osservatore Romano," which is published each evening, and printed in the City itself. The Vatican has its own coinage, postage stamps, telephonic and telegraphic communication, and its own Radio Station (the gift of the late Marchese Marconi) which broadcasts to the whole world. It was this Italian Government which placed the postal, telephonic and telegraphic services at its disposal.

But what is most exactly the Vatican is located. Well, the River Tiber—"Old Father Tiber" as the ancient Romans call it—runs through Rome in the shape of an elongated "S." Rome is not on the coast, so many imagine; its port is Civita Vecchia, farther along the coast. It is on the top left-hand corner of this "S" that the Vatican lies. That is, it is situated on the right bank of the river, in the south-western corner of Rome.

It is a little known fact that it is built on a hill, the Mons Vaticanus, from which it derives its name, and that from the Vatican an entrancing panorama of Rome can be seen. While watching, one might catch a glimpse of the Pope's own army, the Swiss Guard, walking about in the picturesque and highly decorative uniforms, with their old-fashioned but romantic weapons in their hands. They make a most impressive and colourful spectacle when they are on duty. They are the Pope's bodyguard at official functions. The population of the Vatican is predominantly Italian. About 853 of the total population are of this race. There are also 121 Swiss in the Vatican, most of them in the Swiss Guard. The last official population figures in 1941 gave it as 1,023 persons.

In all states there are civil courts, and the Vatican is no exception. There is a court of first instance for civil and criminal cases, and the law here is based on the Canon Law with the Administration supervised by a Committee of three Cardinals selected by the Pope. Their names are Cardinal Cerrilli (President), Cardinal Pizzardi, and Cardinal Mariani, and it is they who conduct the temporary affairs of this "State within a city," while Christ's Vicar on Earth, Pope Pius XII, presides over the spiritual affairs.

Export of Rabbits.—An Order was made by the Minister for Agriculture last April the effect of which was to prohibit the storage and export of rabbits during the period commencing on the 1st May and ending on the 31st August, 1943. A further Order has now been made by the Minister continuing the prohibition of storage and export of rabbits for the period commencing on the 1st September and ending on the 30th September, 1943.

Golf Notes.—The competition for next Sunday will be a Scotch Foursome and on the following Thursday 18 holes stroke for a silver cup. 45 Drives at Scots' Den, Abbeystead, begins to-night. Fifty-one will be held every Friday and Sunday nights. Prizes will be £15 per 27 holes.

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