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**FIRST ANNUAL DANCE**  
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N.B.—Owing to the demand for the Tickets, it has been found necessary to limit them, and they are now to be had from any member of the Club, or by applying to the Dance Secretary.

### DUNGARVAN COURSIING CLUB

#### VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The Dungarvan Coursing Club held their annual meeting over the new grounds at Clones on Thursday last, and the meeting proved to be a most successful one. Splendid summerlike weather favoured the promoters, and the very large crowd present enjoyed capital sport with good, strong, well-trained hares extending the dogs all the way to the escape.

Great interest was, of course, centred in the Puppy Trial Stakes, won respectively, by Mr. M. F. Walsh, Coolinagour, with that good dog Ballymacadam, and by Mr. E. Casey, Tallevooloo, with that equally good bitch Lucky Orna.

Mr. Bob Redmond as slipper, and Mr. Martin Walsh as judge, gave general satisfaction to all concerned.

The officials and committee responsible for this successful meeting are as follows:—Patrons: Very Rev. T. Canon O'Brien, P.P.; Very Rev. J. Gleeson, P.P.; Rev. P. Donagan, O.S.A.; Mr. S. J. Moylan, President, Mr. P. J. Hallahan, Vice-President, Mr. Pax Whelan, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Jack Lynch, Hon. Secs., Messrs. Joe Casey, Messrs. P. Moloney, T. K. Kelly, A. Murphy, T. McGrath, W. O'Donnell, M. Whelan, D. Murphy, J. Stephenson, J. Fulton, P. Whelan, Stephen, J. Maher, M. F. Walsh, T. F. Lynch, J. Flavin, J. Hart, J. Flynn, P. Kirwan, M. Connors, L. Morrissey, M. Fives, N. Kelly, P. Dowd.

The following are the results:—**Highland Run Stake for 16 Novice Course Maidens at £1 11s. 6d. each.** Winner, £12; runner-up, £5 10s. 0d.; two dogs, £1 5s. each.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Mr. T. F. Lynch's f.d. Lucky Cross beat  
Mr. W. Ryan's f.d. Rathlead Rum  
Mr. P. Moloney's f.d. Pamir beat  
Mr. T. Hart's f.d. Highland Dixie  
Mr. J. Fitzgerald's f.d. Highland Plane beat  
Mr. P. Walsh's b.d. Odell's Rebel  
Mr. P. Quirk's f.d. Night Raider  
Mr. J. P. Cashman's b.d. Cabby  
Mr. B. Kiely's w.b.d. O.K. Noreen beat  
Mr. M. Whelan's b.d. Brickey Ranger  
Mr. P. Connors' w.b.k. Cotton Daisy beat  
Mr. E. Casey's b.d. Corn Sheaf  
Miss B. Connors' f.b. Chocolate Lady (a bye)  
Mr. J. J. Crotty's f.b. Cunnigar Sally (absent)  
Mr. Andy Quail's b.d. Coolagh beat  
Mr. T. Kiely's f.d. Magic Lass

**SECOND ROUND**  
Pamir beat Lucky Cross; Highland Plane beat Night Raider; O.K. Noreen beat Cotton Daisy; Chocolate Lady beat Coolagh.

**SEMI-FINAL.**  
Pamir beat Highland Plane; O.K. Noreen beat Chocolate Lady.

**DECIDER.**  
Mr. Paddy Moloney's f.d. Pamir (Highland Run—Future Lass) beat Mr. Batty Kiely's w.b.d. O.K. Noreen (Fishing Smack—O.K. Girl).

**Dog Trial Stake and Roche Cup** (presented by M. Roche, Esq., Cork) for 16 Dog Puppies at £2 1s. 6d. each. Winner, £18; runner-up, £7; two dogs £2 each.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Mr. P. Power's b.d. Dyrick and Brae beat  
Mr. Jas. Fitzgerald's f.d. Future Fame beat  
Mr. M. Byrne's b.d. Cymbal's Best beat  
Mr. J. Lynch's b.d. Lucky Bond beat  
Mr. J. Finn's b.d. Peaceful Erin beat  
Mr. J. J. Crotty's b.d. Cunnigar Rex beat  
Mr. P. Connors' b.d. w.d. Cotton Leader beat  
Mr. T. Hart's f.d. Highland Spot beat  
Mr. M. F. Walsh's b.d. Ballymacadam beat  
Mr. John Hickey's w.&f.d. Tyro beat  
Mr. J. Fitzgerald's f.d. O'er the Highland (a bye)  
Mr. B. Kiely's b.d. O.K. Rum (absent)

Mr. M. Walsh's b.d. Well St. Again beat  
Mr. E. Casey's b.d. Clones Abu beat  
Mr. P. Walsh's b.d. Odell's Knight beat  
Mr. J. Power's f.d. Majestic Sandy beat

**SECOND ROUND.**  
Cymbal's Best beat Dyrick & Brae;

### PEACEFUL ERIN BEAT COTTON LEADER.

Ballymacadam beat O'er the Highland; Well Street Again beat Odell's Knight.

**SEMI-FINAL.**  
Cymbal's Best beat Peaceful Erin; Ballymacadam beat Well Street Again.

**DECIDER.**  
Mr. M. F. Walsh's b.d. Ballymacadam (Leading Border—Waltie Wina) beat Mr. M. Byrne's b.d. Cymbal's Best (Leading Border—Madam Cymbal).

**Bitch Trial Stake for 16 Bitch Puppies at £2 1s. each.** Winner, £13; runner-up, £7; two dogs, £2 each.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Mr. M. Curry's f. Call Her Something beat  
Mr. Jack Flynn's f. Famous Fortune beat  
Mr. T. F. Lynch's b.k.w. Lucky Street beat  
Mr. J. P. Cashman's f. Correct Gift beat  
Mr. W. O'Brien's f. Ballyvooney Gift beat  
Mr. L. Morrissey's f. Colligan Lass beat  
Mr. Sean Quail's b.d. Colligan Whirl beat  
Mr. Joe Stephenson's b.d. Tauplis beat  
Mrs. E. Foley's f. Manhattan Bridge beat  
Messrs. P. Kirwan's and D. Power's b.d. Powerful Kitty.  
Mr. P. Connors' b.d. Cotton Border beat  
Mr. P. Quirk's b.k. Leigh Queen beat  
Mr. M. Prendergast's b.k. Knockmaun beat  
Mr. Paddy Kirwan's b.d. Flynn's Kow beat  
Mr. E. Casey's f. Lucky Orna beat  
Mr. J. Whelan's f. Wonderful Kitty beat

**SECOND ROUND.**  
Lucky Street beat Call Her Something; Ballyvooney Gift beat Colligan Whirl; Manhattan Bridge beat Cotton Border; Lucky Orna beat Knockmaun Castle.

**SEMI-FINAL.**  
Lucky Street beat Manhattan Bridge; Lucky Orna beat Ballyvooney Gift.

**DECIDER.**  
Mr. E. Casey's f. Lucky Orna (Lucky Combination—Stainin Orna) beat Mr. T. F. Lynch's b.k. & w. Lucky Street (Lucky Combination—Wide Street).

**Cunnigar Stake and Cunnigar Cup** (presented by J. J. Crotty, Esq.) for 16 Two-Course Maidens at £1 11s. 6d. each. Winner, £14; runner-up, £7; two dogs, £1 10s. each.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Mr. S. Quail's b.d. Coolagh House beat  
Mr. W. Duggan's w.&f.d. Dangerous beat  
Mr. John Fulton's b.d. Leigh King beat  
Mr. P. Casey's f.d. Terrible Man beat  
Mr. J. Ryan's b.d. Rathlead Rambler beat  
Mr. J. Aherne's b.d. Jubilee Sweep beat  
Mr. P. O'Farrell's w.&f.d. Spring Night beat  
Mr. T. McGrath's b.d. Listenall (absent)

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Mr. J. J. Hallahan's b.d. Hari-Kari beat  
Mr. Thos. Hart's b.d. Lickey Glen beat  
Mr. J. Prendergast's b.d. Moonlight beat  
Mr. T. Walsh's b.d. Whitewashed Well beat  
Mr. M. J. Walsh's f.b. Wise Damsel beat  
Mr. J. H. Mason's b.k. Croan Lass beat  
Mr. J. P. Cashman's b.d. Huddy's Pet beat  
Mr. J. Mansfield's f.b. Mighty Fiery beat

**SECOND ROUND.**  
Coolagh House beat Leigh King; Spring Night beat Rathlead Rambler; Moonlight Chase beat Hari-Kari; Wise Damsel beat Huddy's Pet.

**SEMI-FINAL.**  
Spring Night beat Coolagh House; Moonlight Chase beat Hari-Kari; Wise Damsel beat Huddy's Pet.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Cunnigar No. 2 Stake for 16 Two-Course Maidens at £1 11s. 6d. each. Winner, £14; runner-up, £7; two dogs, £1 10s. each.

**FIRST ROUND.**  
Col. Hannan's f.d. Brown Pilot beat  
Mr. J. Lynch's w.b.k.d. B'duff Dragon beat  
Mr. M. Byrne's b.d. Prince Patience beat  
Mr. J. J. Cummins' b.d. Cove Huddy beat  
Mr. M. Sheridan's w.b.k.t.d. Hill of Glory beat  
Mr. S. Quail's f.d. Coolagh Printer beat  
Mr. T. Kelleher's b.d. Tiro's Kid beat  
Mr. Joe Hart's f.f.b. Highland Bess beat  
Miss H. Begley's and Mr. J. Begley's b.d. b.d. Outdoor Gift beat  
Mr. D. O'Mahony's b.d. Curaso beat  
Mr. M. Walsh's f.b. Lizzie Tiro (a bye)  
Mr. J. Conroy's b.d. Highland Diamond (absent)

### DEATH OF MR. K. MULDOON.

#### MAIN STREET, DUNGARVAN.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Kevin Muldoon, which occurred at a Cork hospital on Christmas Day. The only son of Mr. Edward Muldoon, Downpatrick, he completed his studies at the National University, obtaining the B.Sc. (Hons.) and the H.D.S. In 1944 he was appointed a member of the staff of St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan, and in 1943 he married Miss Maureen Murphy, only daughter of Mr. G. J. and Mrs. Murphy, Main St., Dungarvan. The late Mr. Muldoon was a highly qualified teacher, conscientious colleague and a boy of the well-being of the College and the welfare of each boy in his class. By his death the Augustinian Fathers and the College staff have lost an esteemed colleague and the boys of the College a teacher in whom they had rightly placed both confidence and affection. The deepest sympathy is extended to his young wife and his parents on the great loss they have sustained at his early demise.

On Tuesday (St. Stephen's Day) the remains arrived by road at Dungarvan, where they were met by a big gathering of friends and the general public. On Wednesday, following the celebration of Masses of Requiem for the happy repose of his soul, interment was made in the adjoining Catholic cemetery in the presence of innumerable mourners and friends. Very Rev. T. Canon O'Brien, P.P., V.F., officiated at the graveside, and was assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Curtis, O.S.A., Prior, Dungarvan; Rev. P. Farrell, C.C., Dungarvan; Rev. Father Law, Diocesan Inspector; Rev. Fr. P. Sheeran, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Magee, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Grenan, O.S.A.; and Rev. Fr. Brennan, O.S.A.

The immediate family mourners were: Maureen Muldoon (widow); Kieran Muldoon (son); Mr. Edward Muldoon (son); Mrs. Muldoon (daughter); Miss Margaret Muldoon (daughter); Mrs. Murphy (parents-in-law); Mrs. Ellen Fitzpatrick (aunt); Denis and Miss M. M. Fitzpatrick (nephews).

Mass cards were received from the following: His beloved wife and son, Maureen and Kieran; Daddy and Dennis Fitzpatrick; May Fitzpatrick; Ellen Fitzpatrick; Kate O'Neill, Main St., Dungarvan; Phelan family, Main St.; Delany, Congress Villas; Jim and Mary Curran; Ring; Jimmy and F. Coffey; Sophie and Frank Ryan; O'Sullivan family, South Terrace; Mrs. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connell; Ned and Mrs. Murphy, Abbeyside; Norris family, do.; Pat and Kitty Hallahan, O'Connell family; "Kildara"; Beville and Maeve Farrell; Annie M. Draper; Charles and Gertrude O'Doherty; Christie Murphy; Dan and Lal Moran; Cal. Flynn; Jack and Anne D'Alton; P. J. Kelleher and family; Supt. and Mrs. O'Mahony; W. and V. Nolan, Medical Hall; D. M. Hurley, Church St.; Paddy Creed; Rita Flynn; Michl. and Annie Teahan; Jas. B. O'Farrell; M. J. Keane and family; McGarry family; John E. and D. Liddane; James J. McEvoy; M. J. Walsh and family; Paddy and Mollie Sheridan; Oliver Walsh; Angela Lawlor; his pupils of the Leaving Cert. Class, St. Augustine's College; Hill family; Molly Harney; May Hevlin; Berni Phelan; Paddy and Nora; Larry Messey; Maureen and Tom Casey; Augustinian Fathers, Dungarvan; Butlers, Ballybrecken, Waterford; his pupils of the Inter. Cert. Class, St. Augustine's College; Eithne; Michael and Kathlyne O'Hara; Ellen and Nan; Angus McGarry; E. M. Fleming; Josie Kiely; Squaire; Mick Cleary; the Square; Dr. and W. Ryan; H. Lawlor; Dr. and Mrs. Cusack; Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Power; Mrs. Cullinan and family; O'Connell Street; M. and D. Arrigan; Mary Quill; Joe and Paddy Butler; Mr. and Mrs. J. Waters; Mary T. Keenan; Mrs. D. and Mrs. Collins; Inchigeela; P. and E. Foley; Square; C. and J. Strutt; O'Mahony family; O'Connell Street; Dr. and Mrs. Cusack; Mary's Street, Dungarvan.

Telegrams were received from:—Outdoor Staff, Dungarvan; Mce. Cullen, Dungarvan; Rev. Mother and Community, Ferrybank, Waterford; Higgins family, Crookstown; Jimmie Lawlor, Middleton; P. O'Neill, Crookstown; Boyle, Newry; Michl. and Rita Walsh, Waterford; Mrs. and Rita Walsh, Waterford; Mrs. and Rita Walsh, Waterford; Mrs. and Rita Walsh, Waterford.

Letters were received from:—Dungarvan Branch of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, per Liam Comerford, Hon. Sec.; Maurice and Alice O'Flynn, the Square; J. B. Bowen, Provincial Bank House, Dungarvan; F. Ryan, M. & L. Bank, Dungarvan; Cait Delany, Congress Villas; Bridie Dervan (nee Dillon), 17, Mitchel's Terrace, Dungarvan; Liam and Nora Comerford, 25, Mary Street, Dungarvan; Mick Cleary, 15 Grattan Square; Dr. M. K. Cusack, Dungarvan; Mr. P. I. Power, Thornycroft, Dungarvan; Sr. M. O'Connell, Convent of Mercy, Dungarvan; Sr. M. Vincent, do.; Sr. M. Paul, do.; Sr. M. Joseph, do.; Sr. M. Michael (Sr. Marguerite), do.; Sr. Margaret Mary, do.; Sr. M. Emmanuel, do.; Sr. M. Kevin, do.; Sr. M. Teresita, do.; Sr. M. Paul, do.; Sr. M. Brigida, do.; Mr. J. Wilkinson, M. & L. Bank, Dungarvan; Julia Leo, do.; John Castle and family, Waterford; H. Condon, Abbeyside; Father P. A. Doyle, O.S.A., St. John's Priory, Thomas Street, Dublin.

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Clashmore Calling.—All roads lead to Clashmore on New Year's Night (January 1st) for the grand dance in aid of the I.D.F. Welfare Fund. High light of the night's entertainment will be a splendid programme of modern and old time dance music by the 21st Battalion Aces—one of the best bands in the South. A capable committee are in charge of arrangements and the function promises to be one of the best and most enjoyable held at this ever popular centre.

**MONSTER 1945 DRIVE**  
at  
**Scouts' Den, Abbeyside**  
£50 IN PRIZES!

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Runners-up ..... £2 : 10 : 0 each  
12 Club Runners ..... £1 : 0 : 0 each  
36 Club Runners ..... £0 : 10 : 0 each

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**GARDA SIOCHANA**

**Grand DANCE**  
—IN—  
**Town Hall, Dungarvan**

—ON—  
**Wed. Night, January 10**  
(in aid of Garda Benevolent Society)

**MUSIC BY PAT WALSH AND HIS BAND (MIDDLETON).**

DANCING 9 P.M. TO 3 A.M.  
BAR : : CYCLE PARK.

**ADMISSION - - 5/-**  
SUPPER IN HALL AT SMALL EXTRA CHARGE.

**RADIO EIREANN.**

**Sunday, 31st Dec.**—1.0—Lunch Time Concert. 1.50—Interlude. 2.0—Lohengrin (Wagner). Selections. 6.0—Tea-Time Tunes. 6.15—Use it Tuarisc. 6.30—Master Singers' Wilhelm Strienz (Bass). 6.45—News. 7.0—Perennial Philosophers. 7.20—Madame Van Asselt's Quartet. 7.45—Radio Digest. 8.15—Question Time. 9.0—Light Music. 9.15—The Little Father of the Wilderness. 9.55—The Week's Appeal. 10.0—News. 10.20—Kilmenora Cellidhe Band. 10.50—Gaelic Sports News. 11.0—New Year's Eve Musical Programme. 11.50—The Bells of Clon Cathedral. 12.0—New Year's Wishes, and close down.

**Mon. 1st Jan.**—1.0—Hospital's Requests. 1.40—News. 1.45—Hospital's Requests (cont'd). 6.0—To Greet the New Year (Programme for Children). 6.40—News. 7.0—New Eire Girls' Pipe Band. 7.20—"O'Mahony Takes a Hand" (Sketch). 7.40—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 8.20—"National and International Affairs." 8.40—McC. Keary (Baritone). 8.55—New Ireland Assurance Choir. 9.20—"An Treimseachan Teann" a n-a chur i n-eagar ag Seamus O'Neill agus Claran O'Nuallain. 9.50—Irish Music and Musicians. 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"The Season's Greetings" (Sketch). 11.0—National Anthem.

**Tues. 2nd Jan.**—1.0—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 1.40—News and Stock Exchange. 1.45—Lunch Time Concert (Records). 6.0—Cuirim Ceoil le Paisidí Scoile a siar ag Phil O'Muirneasaigh. 6.40—News. 7.0—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 7.40—"An Fromhadh"—Gears-seagal le h-Eoghan O'Gradaigh. Leightheoir: Seán O'Siobhain. 7.55—Interlude. 8.0—Alice Barklie (Piano). 8.15—"Living Irish Poets" (Shane Leslie and Oliver Gogarty). 8.45—Lilian MacArde. Fionn (Contralto). 9.0—Mendelssohn: Organ Sonata No. 6 in D Minor. 9.20—"Musical Comedy Duets." 10.0—"The Murray Family." 9.45—Irish Music and Musicians. 10.0—News. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"Cafe Continental." 11.0—National Anthem.

**Wed. 3rd Jan.**—1.0—Lunch Time Concert. 1.45—Lunch Time Concert (cont'd). 6.0—"King Coopeleach Gets his Hair Cut." 6.40—News. 7.0—"Is Your Irish Rusty?" 7.20—Jacqueline Robinson (Piano). 7.30—"Information Please." 8.10—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 8.50—Radio Omnibus. 9.20—Arthur Franks (Violin). 9.40—Jean Toogoe (Soprano). 9.55—"Interlude." 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—Austin Stack Cellidhe Band. 11.0—National Anthem.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AT AGLISH**

A grand Christmas Social and variety concert was held at Aglish National School on Thursday night, December 21st under the joint auspices of the L.D.F. and I.C.A. (Irish Country Women's Association). There were upwards of 80 people present and each and all were unanimous in acclaiming it as one of the most enjoyable social events ever organised in the district. Amongst the various items on the programme were songs, recitations, comic songs, Irish step-dancing, Cellidhe dances, toasts, etc. A sumptuous and delectable supper, served in the adjoining school room was heartily relished by all present. During the course of the evening a highly interesting and entertaining question time was held. Two teams, consisting of six members from the L.D.F. and six from the I.C.A. competed. After a prolonged and keenly contested competition Miss Josie Power, Dromore and Mr. Jack Treacy Villierstown were the finalists and were declared winners amidst rounds of applause. Each received the handsome prize of 15/-.

Towards the conclusion of the evening's entertainment a member of the organising committee paid a glowing tribute to Mr. David Cullinan (a local victualler) for his outstanding generosity in supplementing the catering for the function with the splendid Christmas gift of over 50 lbs. of his choicest meats. Tribute was also paid to Miss K. O'Brien, Aglish House, for the excellence of her cooking amongst the many other services which she so unselfishly rendered. It is to be regretted that owing to transport and other difficulties Miss K. O'Brien, County P.H. Nurse, and President of the local branch I.C.A. and also Lieut. Purcell, A.A.O. and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, D.L., were unavoidably absent. It is on occasions such as this that the power and possibilities of rural organisations are clearly exemplified. More anon.

**BLACKWATER HATCHERY**

**COMMITTEE MEETING AT TALLOW.**

Major R. G. Annesley, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Blackwater Hatchery Committee held at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Tallow, on Thursday, December 14th, immediately after the Conservators' meeting. Those present were: Miss G. Montgomery, Major Pennefather, Capt. R. Holroyd Smyth, Messrs. G. Fitzgerald, Ion H. F. Villiers-Stuart, Inspector Kenny, J. Power, Hon. Secretary and Dr. A. E. West, Department of Fisheries.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and the Hon. Sec. informed the committee that to date he had collected subscriptions amounting to £31 18s. The Department wrote asking for a list of subscriptions received for the year 1943/1944 and also a complete set of vouchers covering the expenditure incurred. The Hon. Sec. stated he had forwarded the information to the Department. The amount of subscriptions was £11 1s. and the expenditure was £51 7s. 6d.

Comhluath Suiwere Eireann Teo wrote regretting being unable to subscribe towards the hatchery (keep as it was decided to support only the central funds of well-known national organisations). The Hon. Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Cahir Anglers' Association asking the Board's charge per 1,000 for the hatching of trout ova. He had replied quoting 7/6 per 1,000 which was accepted by the Association. A discussion followed regarding the charge to be made for hatching ova and the Committee decided to fix it at 7/6 per 1,000 but in the event of Angling Clubs inside or outside the Lismore district subscribing £5 towards the upkeep of the hatchery, annually the ova would be hatched free of charge for them. The Hon. Secretary was directed to inform the various Angling clubs of the decision.

Major Cooie, Mallow, wrote informing the Committee that the drainage from his cowbyre must be delivered into the stream feeding the hatchery owing to the lie of the ground and the Inspector gave full details of the drainage into the Hatchery stream and the Committee decided to have it piped across the hatchery stream into an adjacent stream. It was also decided to deal with the sewerage from Major Cooie's premises in a similar manner. Meantime, the Inspector was directed to call on the owner with a view to procuring a cesspool for him towards the cost. In the Inspector's opinion five lengths of piping would be sufficient and the work could be done by the Hatchery employees.

The Inspector reported that the Bantock Trap was opened on September 15th and to December 15th 10 male and 32 female salmon were captured. These were stripped on 27th and December 15th and approximately 3600 male ova were laid down at the Mallow hatchery. The ova of one salmon stripped on the former date was found not to be fertile and the first lot of 120 ova, of ova or approximately 50,000 fry. It will be necessary to make a charge of 7/6 per 1,000 for any trout ova hatched for local angling clubs who do not subscribe voluntarily towards the Hatchery funds. The hatching of ova and the retaining of the fry in boxes until their release, occupies much more time than salmon fry. For this reason the man in charge of the hatchery has to keep it open for a longer period.

The Committee approved the report and adjourned.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BRAZIL—First Anniversary.** In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Kate Brazil, known to all who died on December 31st, 1943. "This is a day of sad regret. We miss her when we need a friend. On her we could always depend. It's only a grave, but still needs care." For the one we loved is resting there.

—Forgotten by some in this world may be, but never forgotten by her loving children, Nellie, Mary, Margaret, Willie, Kathleen and nephew, Jack.

**McCarthy—Second Anniversary.** In loving memory of our dear mother, Anne McCarthy, late of Knockavanna, Ballynacabry, who died on January 2nd, 1943. Will those who think of her today A little prayer to Jesus say. That He Who took her for the best Will grant her soul eternal rest. —Masses offered. Inserted by her family.

**Christmas 1944** was ushered in with beautiful, mild, springlike weather and the Holy Feast of the Nativity was honoured in the customary devout manner by huge multitudes of the faithful. In the Churches.—At the Parish Church, Midway, Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. T. Canon O'Brien, P.P. V.F. the sacred music being beautifully rendered by the choir under the direction of Miss H. Boyle, A.L.C.M. The Church was crowded and practically the entire congregation approached the Holy Table to receive Holy Communion. The Very Rev. celebrant in the course of an eloquent sermon on the Feast being celebrated wished all a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous and bright new year. On Christmas morning Masses were celebrated at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., with Solemn High Mass at 11.30 a.m. At St. Augustine's there was solemn High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Dr. Curtis, Prior, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Donegan, Rev. Fr. Power, Rev. Fr. Grennan, Rev. Fr. Brennan and Fr. Magee. The Christmas morning Masses were celebrated continuously from 8 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. At Abbeyside the Parish Church was crowded when at 8 a.m. the Rev. Canon O'Brien, P.P., sang the Missa Cantata, the responses being beautifully rendered by the choir of 24 voices under the direction of Miss Mary O'Connell, L.L.C.M., Organist. Very Rev. Fr. Roche wished the members of the congregation, nearly all of whom were members of the Convent, a very happy and holy Christmas.

**At the Post Office.**—The indoor and outdoor staffs, under the direction of Mr. Postmaster, were decorated in the most expeditious manner with one of the heaviest Christmas mails since the beginning of the present war.

**Social and Personal.**—Mr. Pat Crowley Munster No. 1 Bar will visit Dungarvan for the Dramatic Club's first annual dance—3rd Jan., '45.

**Children of Mary Annual Re-Union.**—The annual re-union of the Children of Mary, Mercy Convent, will take place on the evening of the 2nd January, 1945. The children are earnestly requested to get their tickets immediately.

**Another New Cinema For Dungarvan.**—The Directors of Ormond Cinemas, Ltd., Dungarvan, Messrs. D. Crotty and J. J. Kavanagh, are having plans prepared for another new cinema near the site of the old house, and hope to commence building operations in the near future. The modern cinema which is being built in O'Connell Street is expected to open in February and will accommodate twelve hundred people.

**Dramatic Club Dance.**—We note that the Dungarvan Dramatic Club are bringing one of Ireland's outstanding ballroom orchestras to the town for the first annual dance in the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd January, 1945. Also that instead of charging the usual 10/- for such a dance its only 6/6 (inc. tax). It is said that many unusual measures are being taken to insure the enjoyment of the dancers and that there is a rush for the limited tickets available. As far as we can see this should be one of, if not the most enjoyable dance of the season.

**Dancing at Christmas.**—All the dance halls throughout the surrounding countryside were accorded outstanding support, record crowds being reported from all centres. At the Town Hall, Dungarvan on St. Stephen's night the dance under the auspices of the L.D.F. Benevolent Society was an outstanding success. The hall was filled early in the night and a crowd of nearly 100 would-be dancers had to be refused admission. The dancing was of the highest quality and was heartily appreciated by the dancers.

**DUNGARVAN BLAZERS'**

**Second Annual Hunt Dance**  
At the TOWN HALL, DUNGARVAN,  
On Wednesday, January 31st, 1945.

Special engagement of Pat Crowley's Band.  
DANCING 9 P.M. TO 3 A.M.  
BAR : : LOUNGE BAR : : CYCLE PARK.  
TICKETS (inc. Supper and Tax) : 10/-  
T. J. FLEMING, Hon. Secretary.

**"Always Winning"**  
GASEOUS FLUID  
The Magic Cure for Colds, Gripes, Nerve or Blown Colds, Chills, Shivering Fits, Debility, etc. 2/6 a bottle  
AND  
RED DRENCH  
An opening medicine for creating indigestion, Catarrhs, Loss of Cool, Headaches, Red Water, etc. Cheases and cools the system. Highly recommended for the before and after Feasting, Calving and Lambing.  
Standard strength 1/6 packet  
Extra strength (2-purposes) 1/9  
Beware! Spurious preparations have been offered. The only genuine has DAY SON & HEWITT on the packet.  
Manufactured only by  
DAY SON & HEWITT (Ireland) LTD., 7 Upper Liffey St., Dublin  
Makers of Medicines that Matter.

**FURNITURE**

WE ARE OFFERING VERY CONSIDERABLE REDUCTIONS IN FURNITURE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE QUALITY IS OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD. SPECIAL REDUCTIONS IN WOOD BEDS SPRING MATTRESSES AND O'DEARST MATTRESSES.  
**HARPUR BROS.**  
48, QUAY, WATERFORD.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR DANCE**

End the Old Year and begin the New in Harmony,  
Dancing to the strains of Pat Walsh and his Band  
AT ST. DECLAN'S HALL, ARDMORE,  
Sunday Night, December 31st.

DANCING 10 P.M. TO 3 A.M.  
ADMISSION : : : : : 3/6

market covert was the next objective where a further fox was "at home" and after a short and exciting run, he also fell a victim to the pack, which was in great fettle on this occasion.

**Promotion.**—His many friends in Dungarvan and throughout the County were very pleased to learn of the promotion, to the rank of Commandant, of Capt. Maurice McGrath, 1st Field Artillery, Southern Brigade, Comdnt. McGrath is son of Mr. J. and Mrs. McGrath, Lisfenagh House, Dungarvan. We join with his legion of friends in tendering him congratulations on his well merited promotion.

**Choral Singing.**—As a result of the praiseworthy endeavours of the members of the Dungarvan Choral Society (whose performances were so much appreciated by the public during Christmas week) handed over a substantial sum, for distribution to the poor of Dungarvan and Abbeyside for Christmas. Complimentary references from competent judges on the performances of the class, returned to the credit of Miss M. Delany, A.E.C.L., their painstaking and efficient teacher.

**Big New Year 45 Drive.**—At Scout's Den, Abbeyside, on Friday, January 5th, a Monster 1/4-45 drive will begin and continue on Saturday night and Sunday night when the final rounds will be played. With £50 in prizes and 54 players receiving shares this drive will be a big attraction for card players. For details see advertisement.

**Pike Fife and Drum Band.**—Under the auspices of the Pike Fife and Drum Band a Grand Variety Concert will be held at the Pike Hall early in February. Included in the long and varied programme are two or three boxing matches. It is intended to have the best boxers available in action that night. A number of unusual events are also being arranged by the band and the newly formed band under the direction of Mr. Tom Quinn, Cusburn (Bandmaster) will give a selection of Irish airs. We understand, those who have made wonderful progress in action that night, should they continue to practise conscientiously will be unequalled in a few more months.

**CAPPOQUIN NOTES.**

**Successful St. Stephen's Night Dance.**—The annual Stephen's night dance held in the Boathouse under the auspices of the Rowing Club proved once again a large success. As was expected this special function attracted a record attendance, that even surpassed all previous well-remembered good nights at Stephen's dance, and one and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable night. All arrangements were splendidly carried out by the capable and energetic committee of the Club. The hall was gaily and artistically decorated, appropriate for the occasion and lent an air of festivity all around. Dancing commenced at 10 p.m. and continued until 4 a.m. to the sparkling music of Louis Hackett and his Rhythm Aces, Cork which proved itself worthy of its name. First-class and highly satisfactory catering was carried out by Miss Colbert, Knockalara, so that really the entire arrangements left nothing to be desired, so that Stephen's night dance proved once again the best, merriest and most carefree dance of the year.

**Grand All Night Dance For Aglish.**  
On next Sunday night, December 31st, a grand all-night dance shall be held in the National School, Aglish, in aid of the Ploughing Match to be held on January 11th. Music will be provided by the Swingers Dance Band, and the catering is by Miss Colbert.

**Death of Mr. Wm. McGrath.**—It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Wm. McGrath, Lyre, Mount Mellery, which sad event occurred at the Lismore Hospital on Saturday, December 23rd after a very brief illness. Of an old and respected family and of a homely and pleasing disposition, deceased was popular among all classes and the very deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife and family. The remains were removed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cappoquin on the 24th, accompanied by a large and representative cortege, immediately after Requiem Mass on Christmas morning, for the repose of his soul, the funeral took place to St. Declan's Cemetery, Dromore, Rev. Fr. T. Duphy, officiated at the grave. The immediate mourners were Mrs. Mary McGrath (wife), Mary and Nellie (daughters) George (son).

**Home For Christmas.**—We are glad to see in our midst once again so many of the local boys and girls, who have been across channel but all of whom returned to spend the Festive Season in the old mother country.

**Christmas Festivities.**—Christmas has come and gone, and it is to be regretted that so many of the most plentiful joys (apart from many minor little things which we managed beautifully without) since the beginning of the war. At least Christmas in Cappoquin proved so. Business all round, was as brisk and as satisfactory as could be desired; money seemed to float about, and although the bars did a lively trade, perfect order was maintained—just merriment and good-feeling prevailed throughout. On Christmas Eve night, at midnight, the Boys' Brass and Reed Band under the conductorship of Mr. "Jodie" Walsh, made its appearance and paraded through the streets making appropriate stops at the residences of Rev. Fr. Dunphy, C.C.; Very Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, P.P.; the Mercy Convent; St. Mary's Church and finally at the Cornerstone where they played some inspiring sacred music, for which they were warmly and heartily applauded.

**WEST WATERFORD NEWS**

**The Christmas Season.**—The Holy season passed off quietly in these parts of West Waterford. It was however, observed in traditional manner. Large congregations attended all the Masses and there was a constant stream of worshippers to the crib. Big numbers in employment away returned home for the Yuletide and there were several family reunions. A brisk trade was done in the shops during the week prior to Christmas and there was no scarcity of seasonable fare. There was a big mail and the different post-office staffs discharged their onerous duties in an expeditious and courteous manner. On St. Stephen's night dances were well patronised.

**St. Stephen's Day At Clashmore.**—The usual big annual meet of the West Waterford took place at Clashmore on St. Stephen's Day. About 140 horsemen turned out in addition to several hundred enthusiasts on cycles and foot. Members of the Dungarvan Blazers and the Aglish Harriers were included in the field while there was also a big percentage of lady riders. Although an enjoyable day was spent a thick blanket of fog militated against good sport, the visibility being only about 200 yards.

**Workers' Benevolent Society.**

**New Year Nobelpy DANCE**  
WILL BE HELD IN  
**THE TOWN HALL, DUNGARVAN**  
On Sunday, Dec. 31.  
DANCING 8.30 TO 1 A.M.

Music by THE RHYTHM BAND  
Novelty Dances : : Spot Prizes.  
ADMISSION - 2s. (including tax)

**BALLINAMEELA PLOUGHING COMPETITION**  
WILL BE HELD AT WHITECHURCH  
On January 18th.  
FULL PARTICULARS LATER.  
P. HICKEY, Treasurer;  
P. LYNCH and D. McGRATH, Hon. Secs.

**Dance at Pike Hall.**—The Pike Hall was packed for the annual Christmas night dance where the Melody Makers Dance Band rendered a grand selection of all the latest. The function was most enjoyable.

KILMACKTHOMAS NOTES.

YULE-TIDE TOPICS.—It had become difficult to find a place at the local shop counters on Thursday and Friday of last week, but the real rush came on Saturday. To the casual eye there did not seem to be any slackness about the shopping. In fact, people spent so lavishly that one could hardly believe that the war is still on. Those of our kith and kin back from cross-Channel centres for the Christmas holidays found this carefree atmosphere a pleasant relief from the tension and inconveniences on the other side. Quite a large number of our exiles arrived home; all looked fit and well, and undoubtedly enjoyed the hearty road mile faith that awaited them at their respective destinations between the coast and the Comeraghs. All through yesterday the spirit of Christmas present pervaded everything, and the people whom we met looked jovial and good tempered, laden though they were with bags, parcels and holly. Wherever holly is seen at Yule-time, a true Christmas atmosphere is ensured, however limited the fare, and however thin the purse. The Christmas masts at Kilmackthomas were somewhat heavier than last year, and the office staff with its usual cheerfulness and the very large volume of business, which reached its peak on Friday and Saturday mornings. Great credit is due to our amiable Postmaster, Mr. George Brown, to his estimable indoor assistants, Miss H. Brun (Telegraphist) and Mr. T. Brown; and to the postmen. In every Mid-Waterford parish the feast of the Nativity was celebrated with customary dignity and solemnity. Large congregations assisted at the Masses in the churches of their respective parishes and big numbers of the faithful received Holy Communion in honour of their infant Kings at the early Masses in each sacred edifice. Altars were tastefully decorated and the choirs rendered the sacred music, including the "Adeste," beautifully and impressively. Apart from the Christmas cheer observed in the home there was little to indicate the passing of the festival. The glare of the Christmas candles in the windows of dwelling-houses—to guide the weary traveller—made the countryside look something like a fairytale. The old time but much abused custom of "burying the wren" was observed on St. Stephen's Day on a somewhat smaller scale than in recent years. Everything passed off quietly. The weather experienced during the Yuletide was for the most part mild. In the mornings and evenings the sun peeped the Mahon Valley was blanketed by a dense fog.

On this day (Friday) we took the men employed on the Fairholme Estate, Comeragh, by Messrs. McAlm and Co. Ltd., timber merchants, Dublin and Glasgow, were granted a week's holidays. Incidentally, the firm, through their sterling co-operation on the job, Mr. Denis Crotty, presented a Christmas gift of one ton of fire bricks to a Kilmackthomas organisation for distribution amongst the local poor.

A Xmas Hamper was the valuable prize on offer in a forty-five card game played at Mrs. B. Crotty's Hall, Leamybrien, on Friday night of last week. There was a very large attendance of competitors, and the prize was won by partners James Higgins, Carrigahilla, Stradbally, and Martin Fitzgerald, Gurtavitory, Killostransy.

Waterford Hounds met at Smoore on Saturday last (24th inst.), when amongst those out were: Mr. R. Russell, M.P., H. H. Russell, Master; J. Russell, Lady P. Millar, Lady K. Dawnay, Miss B. Dawnay, Master Dawnay, Mrs. Crosbie, Miss M. Walker, Mr. R. B. Nolan, Mr. J. A. Odium, Mr. Phelan, Capt. Anson, Mr. F. Murphy, Mr. Allen, and Harry Clayton, first whip and k.h. The first race was Knockmore, from which a brace of foxes went away. The chosen one, crossing the Kill-Sweep road, and bearing right towards Shanacume, swung back to Knockmore in a big circle. Then he went right-handed through Raheen, on and over the Black Rock and across to Amber Hill, where he dwelt awhile, pushing him out at the lower end, hounds raced back to the Black Knock and crossing into Carrigadustra the point was now Dunhill, when a fresh fox got up, which was rather unfortunate as the hunted fox was viewed a field and hounds divided. The main body of the pack hunted on to Ballybrunck Wood, when hounds were stopped after a grueling hunt of over two hours' duration, the point being approximately four miles.

Pleading to Publish that Master James Power, son of well-known Mr. and Mrs. J. Power, Garrunturton, Kilmackthomas, is now completely recovered from the effects of his recent serious indisposition. Aged 14 years, Master Power is a bright pupil of Ballylanean National School.

Widespread sympathy is extended to deservedly highly esteemed Mr. Arthur Hunt, Rockmount, Kilmackthomas, and to his estimable sister, Mrs. Russell, Manor of St. John, Waterford, in their bereavement occasioned by the death of their good brother, the late Major F. Hunt, Dunmore, East Waterford.

Much sympathy also goes out to the relatives of the late Mr. John Poor-O'Shea, Gardemorris, Kill, all that was mortal of whom was reverently laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the Church of Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel, Kill, within the week (R.L.P.).

Amongst the Members, families and relatives reunited in Stradbally during the Christmas holidays were: Miss M. Curran, Miss N. McKeon (home from Surrey, England), Mr. P. Phelan (from Southampton, do.), and

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Brien, N.T., Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny. Serjt. John (Jack) O'Keefe, of the National Army, spent his Yule-tide leave at his old home in Kill. Genial Mr. Michael Dunphy, who recently retired from the management of Ward's Irish House, Oxford Street, London, is now engaged in agricultural pursuits at his native Carrigahilla, Stradbally.

Spring Valley Hotel, Bonmahon.—The dance held in this recently extended hall on St. Stephen's Night attracted an attendance of close on 300 couples and was an unforgettable brilliant and colourful social function. Carnival novelties heightened the glamour and gaiety of the affair, which proved thoroughly enjoyable in its every phase. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued with unabated zest up to 3 a.m., when the National Anthem was played, bringing the festive proceedings to a close. A fine programme of music was capably rendered by the famous Waterford Swing Aces' Band, under the baton of Mr. M. ("Busty") Griffith. Patrons did full justice to the splendid supper of Christmas fare provided. The cloak-room and cycle park services were to the complete satisfaction of all. Spot prizes will form a feature of the New Year's Night function here, which promises to be another topping treat for the dance-goers of these parts (vide advt. ante same for full particulars). Newtown Social Club are holding a grand dance (8 to 3) at the Rainbow Hall, Kilmackthomas, on to-morrow (Sunday) night month (21st prox.), and the renowned Brideside Serenaders (Tallow) will supply the music. Further details will be advertised in the "Observer."

The Rainbow Cinema.—Seating accommodation in this spacious and comfortable cinema is fully taxed at every performance. Posters containing particulars of the pictures procured for the coming week are displayed in each sacred edifice. Altars were tastefully decorated and the choirs rendered the sacred music, including the "Adeste," beautifully and impressively. Apart from the Christmas cheer observed in the home there was little to indicate the passing of the festival. The glare of the Christmas candles in the windows of dwelling-houses—to guide the weary traveller—made the countryside look something like a fairytale. The old time but much abused custom of "burying the wren" was observed on St. Stephen's Day on a somewhat smaller scale than in recent years. Everything passed off quietly. The weather experienced during the Yuletide was for the most part mild. In the mornings and evenings the sun peeped the Mahon Valley was blanketed by a dense fog.

Death of Mr. P. Cunningham.—Fortified by the rites of Holy Church, to which he was ever devotedly attached, Mr. Patrick Cunningham, farmer, Ballydurn, died on Saturday last in the fullness of his years, and the sad event caused general and deep regret, not only by his immediate relatives, but also on the part of all his neighbours and many friends, who testify to his hospitality and charity to all. A progressive and successful dairy and tillage farmer, and a sound Nationalist, he was a man of admirable qualities of head and heart, and had gained him a most expansive circle of firm friendships. A great wave of sympathy goes out to his bereaved mother and daughter in their bereavement and loss. A cortege of imposing dimensions accompanied the removal of his remains from the residence on Christmas Eve to the Parish Church, Clonea-Power, where they were rested overnight. After attending the Mass on Christmas Day, the burial took place in the adjoining cemetery, in the presence of innumerable relatives, friends and sympathisers. A number of beautiful floral wreaths were laid on the grave, and shoals of Mass cards and messages of condolence were received. Peace to his soul.

Newtown Gaelic Football Club; Newtown Ploughing Association, and Newtown and Ballydurn Cow-Testing Association, respectively, attend. New boys the new year is starting and I hope to hear of a fine attendance at this meeting.

A Challenge.—The following has been received for publication in my "notes": Benefit of Lismore Gaelic Field (Improvements) Committee. On behalf of the married hurlers in the district I issue a challenge to Cappoquin hurling team to play the under-mentioned team at Lismore on Sunday, January 14th, 1945. The line-out of the married men's team (which are my own picking and placing) will be somewhat like the following: Paddens Ryan (goal) Vin Donoghue S. Curley B. Henley Co. Board Tallow Thos. Lyons B. Sheehan M. Curley Lismore Tallow P. Sheehan and L. D. Daly Tallow Cappoquin Sgt. M. Whelan B. Ryan Tony Ryan Army Tallow Lismore Billy Barry John Healy John Foley Glen Rovers Lismore Lismore Subs.—March Regan, Jim Byrne, B. Fitzgerald. Married men willing to go on panel from Lismore district to notify undersigned at once. After beating Cappoquin this team will challenge and beat Dungarvan married men's team. Yes Dec., we mean it—Black and Amber.

Nominations.—From the nominations received to date appears as if we will have contests for all positions except that of Sec. and Registrar held by Thomas O'Quinn. A badly needed motion that the three leading men after the fourth count be elected to Board has been sent in by Lismore Club.

New Year's Greetings.—To all my friends in the West I extend my thanks for assistance in 1944 and my greetings for 1945.

Sympathy.—The Division will join with me in extending to John Keane our deepest sympathy on the sudden death of his father on Christmas Eve.

NEWS FROM BALLYDUFF, KNOCKANORE AND MOOREHILL.

Christmas.—The feast of the Nativity was celebrated with the usual customary dignity and solemnity in Ballyduff. The early Masses were attended by large congregations, numbers of whom approached the Holy Table to receive Holy Communion.

St. Stephen's Day.—St. Stephen's morning saw the usual number of "wren boys" on parade and from an early hour, much to the dismay of late sleepers, the roads resounded to the voices of the youngsters singing the praises of the "King" of all birds. A meet of the local hounds was held at which a very large crowd of hunting enthusiasts was present. A fox was soon in the net and the hunt proceeded with unabated zest up to 3 a.m., when the National Anthem was played, bringing the festive proceedings to a close. A fine programme of music was capably rendered by the famous Waterford Swing Aces' Band, under the baton of Mr. M. ("Busty") Griffith. Patrons did full justice to the splendid supper of Christmas fare provided. The cloak-room and cycle park services were to the complete satisfaction of all. Spot prizes will form a feature of the New Year's Night function here, which promises to be another topping treat for the dance-goers of these parts (vide advt. ante same for full particulars). Newtown Social Club are holding a grand dance (8 to 3) at the Rainbow Hall, Kilmackthomas, on to-morrow (Sunday) night month (21st prox.), and the renowned Brideside Serenaders (Tallow) will supply the music. Further details will be advertised in the "Observer."

Obituary.—It is with feelings of deep regret we announce the death of Mr. John Condon and Sons, Auctioneers, Youghal, offered for sale, the fertile farm of the late Thomas Condon, consisting of 56 acres with comfortable residence and suitable outbuildings after the usual preliminaries. The bidding opened at £600 mark was reached. Mr. J. Fennessey, Shanagarry was declared the purchaser. Messrs. J. Hodnett and Son, Sols., Youghal had carriage of sale.

45 Drives.—Under the auspices of the committee of the Dungarvan Club, 45 drives were held at the Temperance Hall and Carnegie Library during Christmas week for which seasonal and useful prizes were provided, viz., turkey, bottle of wine and pair of cycle tires. The attendance, while not being up to former standards, was very good and the usual keen contests were to be seen after many close finishes. The turkey was won by Mr. T. McCarthy, Chapel Street, while Mr. P. Curley, West Street, and the tyres (one each) by two veterans, Messrs. M. Cronin, Parkside, and P. O'Callaghan, West Street.

St. Stephen's Day.—Long before many of the residents had vacated the coast of their blankets, the annual St. Stephen's Day, when the melodious voices of the "wren boys" were to be heard, as they paraded the streets of St. Stephen's morning. The various groups and they were many inclusive of "wren girls" are to be complimented on their make-up on this occasion which excelled all previous efforts in this respect.

Social.—Cumann Culturda na h-Aisirehge held their first annual social on Christmas Eve. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and much enjoyed. Dancing followed during which special exhibitions of horripops and gigs were given by Mr. M. Walsh. Songs were contributed by Messrs. J. McGrath and T. McCarthy; Messrs. S. Prendergast and P. J. Collins and a further exhibition of the horripope was given by Miss M. Lyons partenered by Mr. M. Walsh. The entertainment was brought to a close by all present singing of the National Anthem. On Sunday night, Jan. 7th, the annual ceilidhe will take place at the Regal Ballroom.

Mac's Smile.—One of the best safety razors on the market to-day is Mac's Smile. This razor is manufactured from the finest steel procurable and we are in the happy position of having made a huge contract quite recently. As long as our stocks last we will offer these safety razors at 2d. each. When you consider that each razor will give two perfect shaves and possibly three, you will agree that for a high-grade razor blade we are offering it at a most economical price. If you send your order early to Harpur Bros., you can anticipate any advance owing to war conditions. Send your orders early, as our stocks will not last for ever.—Harpur Bros., 48 Quay, Waterford.

TALLOW NOTES.

Christmas at Tallow.—The Feast of the Nativity was observed with all due solemnity and religious fervour at Tallow. The sacred ceremonies began with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7 a.m. by Very Rev. M. F. Heane, P.P. A capacity congregation filled the Church of which the major portion approached the Altar Rails. Two further Masses followed at 8 and 8.30, at which equally large congregations attended, a good proportion of whom received Holy Communion. The choir rendered appropriate hymns. The Holy Sacrifice was again celebrated at 11 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Meehan, C.C., at which there was also an exceedingly large congregation. At the conclusion of Mass Benediction was given by Very Rev. Fr. Heane, P.P. At St. Joseph's Carmelite Convent Light Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Meehan, only the community being present. During the afternoon and evening there was a continuous stream of parishioners, parading the school children visiting the crib, whose demeanour was exceedingly reverent and devout.

St. Stephen's Night Dance.—The annual St. Stephen's Night Dance at the Regal Ballroom lived up to its former high reputation for providing holiday pleasure and gaiety. The attendance was an overflow one and the programme of music supplied by the ever popular Brideside Serenaders was fully and highly appreciated by the large company present which included parties from Loughal, Killeagh, Middleton, Fermoy, Lisnow, Ballyduff, Cappoquin, Dungarvan and all local centres.

Farm at Killeaf West Realised.—On last Wednesday week, 45 drives were held at the Temperance Hall and Carnegie Library during Christmas week for which seasonal and useful prizes were provided, viz., turkey, bottle of wine and pair of cycle tires. The attendance, while not being up to former standards, was very good and the usual keen contests were to be seen after many close finishes. The turkey was won by Mr. T. McCarthy, Chapel Street, while Mr. P. Curley, West Street, and the tyres (one each) by two veterans, Messrs. M. Cronin, Parkside, and P. O'Callaghan, West Street.

St. Stephen's Day.—Long before many of the residents had vacated the coast of their blankets, the annual St. Stephen's Day, when the melodious voices of the "wren boys" were to be heard, as they paraded the streets of St. Stephen's morning. The various groups and they were many inclusive of "wren girls" are to be complimented on their make-up on this occasion which excelled all previous efforts in this respect.

Social.—Cumann Culturda na h-Aisirehge held their first annual social on Christmas Eve. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and much enjoyed. Dancing followed during which special exhibitions of horripops and gigs were given by Mr. M. Walsh. Songs were contributed by Messrs. J. McGrath and T. McCarthy; Messrs. S. Prendergast and P. J. Collins and a further exhibition of the horripope was given by Miss M. Lyons partenered by Mr. M. Walsh. The entertainment was brought to a close by all present singing of the National Anthem. On Sunday night, Jan. 7th, the annual ceilidhe will take place at the Regal Ballroom.

Mac's Smile.—One of the best safety razors on the market to-day is Mac's Smile. This razor is manufactured from the finest steel procurable and we are in the happy position of having made a huge contract quite recently. As long as our stocks last we will offer these safety razors at 2d. each. When you consider that each razor will give two perfect shaves and possibly three, you will agree that for a high-grade razor blade we are offering it at a most economical price. If you send your order early to Harpur Bros., you can anticipate any advance owing to war conditions. Send your orders early, as our stocks will not last for ever.—Harpur Bros., 48 Quay, Waterford.

FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTY

The organisation of the four county league will give our footballers a "break". It was about time—the hurlers have got more than their share. Following those league games the boys should be well fit for the Munster championship and the selectors will have a great opportunity of getting out to the best fifteen. Without games with the outside counties it would be impossible to improve the standard of football in a county like ours where the number of senior teams affiliated is very low. While every Gael in the County is interested in the football team it is only natural that the Stradbally Gaels (Co. champions) will be the most interested, and I'm sure they will do their bit to get Waterford on the map before the next team comes along. This is the year to get through—Tipperary seems to be the best in Munster; a defeat by Dungarvan next March would make things very hard for Cork in 1945; football is low in Kerry just now.

Our men will need training to overcome Cork in the League. The Cork team are playing every Sunday. Clonakilty and Fermoy have met twice this month in the Kelleher Shield final; the Army are playing the junior teams every week, while Dromtarriffe, Doheny's, Millstreet, Macroom and Beara are out every Sunday. St. Finbarr's and St. Nicks' are the two teams who are playing in Clonmel last year saw the weak points, when they were defeated by Tipperary. Speed is also essential for our defenders—some of last year's team were slow.

I will await with interest the outcome of Kilkenny's various competitions which are due in January. Here lots of the problems can be solved—Make sure the best men in the County are elected. I think our representatives should press for the re-establishment of the junior inter-county competitions. This competition is a great loss to us, as the junior teams always helped to strengthen up the weak spots in the senior team. When we remember that over 80,000 saw the all-Ireland senior football last September which was the largest attendance yet (by more than 11,000), we can hardly say that the travelling difficulties in the junior games are insurmountable. Even at our own S.H. final the attendance more than made up for any previous record. Some other counties suggested this last season but it passed off without any definite answer. Some officials of the Munster Council last year suggested that Clare, Limerick and Waterford play out in the Munster championship and the winners meet Tipp. I think that was a good idea—we should win all that division and perhaps when called to meet the "big guns"—we might shake them. This matter should be discussed before the first meeting of the Munster Council.

Since my last letter, a new team has come into the senior division, Ballycoe. On looking back I find that the junior champions have not won a single match in the senior competition for many years—Ericiskey Rangers, Nirs, Knockanore, Mount Sion, and St. Stephen's. Most of them faded out after a year or two. The last team to win the occasion was Killostransy (1937 champions). They beat Portlaw in the first round of the senior championship in 1938, defeated Stradbally in the second and drew with Dungarvan in the final. Dungarvan won the replay. Well, I hope Ballycoe will do better than some of their predecessors. Another strong senior team would give up matters. I'll be looking forward to Ballycoe's first championship game. I was more than surprised when we did not get at least one representative on the Railway Cup team. Surely we had one man worth his place. We must revenge this in 1945 if our footballers just make up their minds and begin the new year fully determined—then we might be fielding more than half the Railway Cup team in 1946.

Recently when reading in "Gaelic Football" by Carbery, 1944 Edition, the account of the 1888 championships, I met the paragraph—"Wexford (Blues and Whites) won a replay from Wicklow (Annacurra) one goal 3 points to one goal 2 points nil. Boherrow (Tipperary) beat Wexford (Kilrassanty) 3 points to one point." Every Gael in the County knows that this should read Waterford (Kilrassanty) and the score was one forfeit point to nil. A forfeit point was when the ball crossed the end-line. A ball going over the bar was equal to 3 forfeit points, but no number of points would constitute a goal.

Now is the time to make arrangements for the 1945 championships. It is the duty of every club to help in furthering the interests of the Association and this is done by bringing up their suggestions at the conventions. Don't let it all to a few clubs—make sure you have your say in the matter. I'm sure the Stradbally players will make a desperate attempt to bring sports to the County on the fifth attempt. They may not get another. No team has yet got a sixth successive chance. We'll be all interested in what they have to say about improving football at the Convention.

I will depend on Ballycoe to send in a motion for the revival of the junior competition in Munster. Having had close games with all the good

CO. WATERFORD LIBRARIES

Rev. D. Power, C.C., Chairman, presided at the December meeting of the County Waterford Libraries Committee, held in the Courthouse, Dungarvan. Also present were: Mrs. Maher, Mrs. M. G. Moloney, Messrs. M. J. McCarthy, M. Walsh, M. C. M. Hartly, M.C.C.; M. O'Hara, B.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed. Arising out of the minutes the Co. Librarian stated that catalogues of books on Agriculture together with a publicity pamphlet were now available at all Library centres throughout the County. Mr. McCarthy said that the agricultural community had now been very well catered for.

Central Juvenile Branch for Dungarvan.—The County Librarian informed the Committee that consequent on a petition, addressed to the County Manager, and signed by 81 school children of Dungarvan, a report on the provision of adequate juvenile Library facilities for the town had been drawn up. The County Manager had referred the matter to the Committee for their consideration.

The Co. Librarian then submitted his report to the Committee. The report stated that in 1936 and again in 1939 the necessity for the establishment of a Central Juvenile Branch had been emphasised. In 1941 a scheme for a Juvenile Branch had been suggested. The present position as regards juvenile provision in Dungarvan is as follows:—There are four separate centres, Abbeyside Boy Scouts, Dungarvan Boy Scouts, Dungarvan Convent of Mercy, St. Augustine's, Dungarvan, Dungarvan Christian Brothers' Schools Centre was in existence from 1933 until 1939 when it was removed from the schools at the request of the Brother Superior.

To meet the actual requirements of the juvenile section of the Dungarvan Urban District between 700 and 800 borrowers must be catered for. A book stock of 1,200 volumes would be necessary. A request for the re-establishment of a Juvenile at the Christian Brothers' Schools had been received. The request was of itself quite reasonable in existing circumstances and the County Librarian was sympathetically inclined towards it. However, it was in direct opposition to that policy of a concentration of stock which was the only satisfactory solution of the present problem.

The Brother Superior had intimated that he would favour a preliminary scheme for existing stock and any obtainable from present library funds could be utilised. In the ensuing discussion the following points of view were expressed: That it would be more economic to have adult and juvenile branches housed in one building. The County Librarian stated that the obvious solution was a specially constructed building adapted to library purposes. When the existing adult branch was established possibilities of renting premises had been exhaustively explored. It was possible that the use of the room in the Town Hall which had previously been used as an adult branch might be made available again.

It was finally proposed by Mr. O'Hara and seconded by Mr. McCarthy that the Chairman and the Co. Librarian interview the County Manager relative to the juvenile branch. The proposal was passed.

Acute Fuel Shortage.—It is anticipated that the coming winter will be one of very grave shortage of winter fuel. We have invented a new apparatus, and when this is fitted to your existing range, no matter how old or what pattern, it will convert your range into a modern turf-burning range. It has several advantages: one is that it will burn coal, turf, wood or coke, and will save at least 50 per cent. in consumption; another advantage, it will remain lighting overnight. The cost of fitting is not excessive, and will cost from £3 to £4/10/0 according to size and make of range. We fully guarantee this apparatus, and if it does not give satisfaction, your money will be refunded. We already have a waiting list, and it is growing every day, so please place your orders as soon as possible, in order to avoid delay.—Harpur Bros., 48 Quay, Waterford.

Football parishes last season (senior and junior) I think they should be able to field a champion junior string. Well, I haven't seen a motion from Killostransy for years. Of course, the boys out there stick to the old principle of "play the game on the field". That is a real sporting spirit, but I know we could get valuable suggestions from this great old Gaelic Parish. However, I would suggest that the championships be run on the knock-out system, as prior to 1938, but that another competition be established to keep the teams going during the winter months for which a set of medals or a cup might be given. I believe the knock-out system is really the best for both clubs and spectators. Teams knocked out in the first round of the league become careless and give up hope, whereas with a new competition coming on they would be induced to come back with fresh vigour to compensate for their championship defeat. Again, when a team goes under to the others, that club returns back to the junior division which would not occur if only beaten by one team. That means our number of senior teams will not increase since we are certain of losing a club each year. Better contested finals and semi-finals would result. Under the league system we cannot look forward to a smashing Gaelic final. "GAEL"

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