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Wedding Group



A very pretty wedding took away by her brother and at place in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Birmingham, on March 24th. The bride was Miss Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flaherty, of Ballyvaughan, Dungarvan, and the late Mrs. Ryan, Tomacork, Co. Wicklow. The bride who looked charming, wore a frock of white nylon and lace with matching headpiece and accessories, and carried a bouquet of roses, was given

Flaherty-Breen Wedding

The marriage took place on Tuesday last at University Church, Cork, of Mr. Brendan Flaherty, son of James and the late Mrs. Breen, of Ballyvaughan, Dungarvan, and Miss Patricia Flaherty, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Flaherty, and the late Mrs. Flaherty, Mary Street, Dungarvan.

The happy ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Canon Cahill, P.P., St. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork, assisted by Rev. Fr. Farrell, C.C., Dungarvan, and Rev. Fr. Eugene, O.F.M., Cork.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. John Flaherty, wore a dress of silver tulle with a train and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by her bridesmaid, Mrs. V. O'Brien, who wore a dress of white and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

The bridesmaids, Misses Dorothy and Ade Warren, nieces of the groom, were as train bearers making a very pretty picture arrayed in white nylon with headresses of orange blossom.

The best man was Mr. Wm. Flaherty, brother of the groom and the ushers were Messrs. Dermot and Kevin Breen and Vincent O'Brien.

A reception was held in the Grosvenor Hotel, Cork, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon.

The groom is a well-known professor in Mount Melleray Seminary and is very popular in the parts especially in the dramatic circle, while the bride who is a member of one of the best of the past years attached to the Public Health Section of the Waterford Council.

Dom Celsus O'Connell, Abbot of Mt. Melleray, retires

HE SAW HIS DREAM COME TRUE

A tribute to his achievement

By TOM TOBIN



RIGHT REV. DOM CELSUS O'CONNELL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THE INSIDE STORY

The Editor, Dungarvan Observer

A. Chara,

I would be very thankful if you publish the following letter in answer to a letter which appeared in last week's issue of your paper over the name of Mr. Moss Pollard. It stated that inaccurate and lying reports appeared in the INSIDE STORY by Tom Tobin. Those facts stated by Mr. Tobin were given by me and are correct, each and every one of them. Mr. Pollard states that Mr. Tobin implies he struck G. McGrath in his sentence "the difference led to blows." Now Mr. Pollard, I never denied you were struck but what I wanted to make clear was why you were on the receiving end. Geo. McGrath had a grievance against you as Mr. Tobin pointed out since the day he received the injury. The grievance was that Mr. Pollard never made a mention of the accident just saying so and so replaced by so and so and so. He held purchase an expensive book on Bovine Mastitis, containing all the latest information on this subject. We soon found that we had quite a waiting list for it among the farming community. Qualified Veterinary Surgeons did not seem to read it. Like wise men they too wanted to keep up to date as to latest experiments and methods of treatment. My anonymous friend seems

determined to establish the century's record for misquotation and distortion of facts. I stated in my letter of the 6th: "I contribute (heavily towards the National Health Scheme)" (not the "Social Welfare Scheme"). ALL men do not contribute towards this scheme but only such as are ratepayers and they have no option. Miss le meas.

F. MacMURCHADHA, Leabharlannaiche Chomdaie.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Lena Kieley whose greyhound Blackest Knight won the Kieleyan Spirit (18.20) at Waterford Track on Tuesday night and to Mr. Kevin Crotty whose Ballyvaughan Champion won the Sweepstake of 12 dogs at the same meeting.

During the third and fourth rounds Sheehan pummeled the Dublin man from all angles. At one stage the International star was in genuine trouble but his great experience and durability helped him to weather the storm. T. Sheehan was narrowly beaten on points by an extremely fast and clever boxer in B. Spill. Sheehan kept going into his man and floored him in the third and also in the closing seconds of the fourth and last round but the final bell went during the count giving the decision to Spill.

F. North confirmed a previous decision over F. Byrnes who was over cautious and spoiled what could have been a good fight due to his persistent backing and North was the winner of a disappointing contest.

M. Debeny again was very impressive and scored a ready win over Martin after the latter had been extra for nine in the second round.

S. Hynes was an easy winner

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Going into the fifth and final round the issue was still very much in doubt. Perry, a gladiator for training, finished the stranger to smelt a narrow decision.

All roads should lead to Dungarvan to-night, Saturday, when Selection meeting Army Selection. Five Dungarvan boxers are on the Munster selection and in addition to those contests there will be two special juvenile contests between D. Cullinane (Dungarvan) and D. O'Keefe (Cork Cor.) and J. Claxton (Dungarvan) and M. O'Keefe (Cork Cor.). These two contests will be an enjoyable curtain raiser to the main programme.

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IN the shadow of the massive Crucifix within the famed Abbey of Mount Melleray, outside Cappoquin, the aged monk who saw a wonderful

dream come true, will kneel in thanksgiving this weekend for the achievements of half a century in the service of God.

Among his chief duties was the annual canonical visitation of the daughter houses of Mount Melleray Abbey, which besides the above-mentioned, included Mount St. Bernard's in England, and New Melleray in Iowa, America. He was also Visitor to the Convents of Staplehill and Glencolumbkille.

And now Dom Celsus has reached the end of the road. Ill-health has prevented him from carrying on the noble task and for the remainder of his life, he will spend his days of repose in silent prayer in thanksgiving for the great privilege that was his for so long.

To-day (Friday) a new Abbot will be elected at Melleray. (Copyright Reserved).

Dom Celsus was always busy and very often on the move.

He taught in the College both before and after his ordination which took place in Thurles Cathedral in 1910. Two years later, he was sent as assistant chaplain to the Cistercian nuns at Staplehill, Dorset, the mother-house of the Irish Cistercian Convent at Glencolumbkille, Lismore.

On his return to Mount Melleray, he was appointed Guest-Master and in 1914 he became Sub-Prior and Master of Lay-Brothers. Six years later, he was elected Definitor for the English-speaking houses of the Order and lived in Rome for the next five years till his term of office expired.

In 1925, on his return from Rome, he was appointed Prior but again two years later, the General Chapter sent him as temporary superior to Mount St. Bernard's Abbey in Leicestershire. Four years later, the Monks of that Abbey elected him their Abbot.

March 1st, 1933, saw Abbot Celsus back in Mount Melleray for the funeral of Dom Stanislaus Hickey, his good friend, for whom he sang the Solemn Requiem Mass. He never returned to his Abbey in England as their Abbot. On April 5th, 1933, Dom Celsus O'Connell was chosen to succeed Abbot Stanislaus and from that day he set to work with characteristic energy and foresight to improve the grounds of the Monks by having a large capacious enclosure erected.

His first big job, however, was to prepare for the celebration of the Monastery's centenary. It was in 1833 that the foundation stone of the Monastery was laid. Now in 1933, the Community were to return thanks for a century of blessings.

August 15th, the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, under which title she is Patroness of the Order, was fixed at the opening day and ceremonies and celebrations continued for three days at which the late Cardinal MacRory and Eamonn de Valera were among the guests.

Shortly after these celebrations, Dom Celsus turned his mind to what had long been the dream of so many—the erection of a new church—now so imposing a landmark on the slopes of the Knockmealdown Mountains.

Early in 1935, the building began and proceeded without a hitch, being brought to opportune completion at the outbreak of the Second World War.

1956 is another year that will long be remembered for the consecration of the new church. This was the time when women were allowed to enter the Sacred Enclosure for a period of nine



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YOUGHAL NOTES

SALMON FISHING

On Monday last, the starting of the fishing week, there was a slight stir in the catches of salmon by nets in Youghal harbour and bay but only improvement did not continue during the week. The prospects are so bad that a number of crews are debating whether they should give it up as a bad job as it certainly is this season. Rodmen in the fresh water area or upper portion of the district are said to be doing very well possibly due to the fact that there was a large run of salmon upriver in the year prior to the opening of the netting season. Normally a crew would have their gear cleared by the end of March, but they are far from doing so this year.

LATE MRS MARY ANN CROWLEY

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Crowley, which took place on Tuesday last at her residence, Redmond's Row, Youghal, after a comparatively long period of illness. Relict of the late Mr. Jerry Crowley and a native of Dunmanway, the deceased was a well-known personality being mother of Sister Aloysius of the Ursuline Convent, Swansea. Her passing is deeply regretted and sincere sympathy is extended to the members of her bereaved family. The remains were removed to St. Mary's Parish Church, Youghal, from where the funeral followed by a large cortege took place on Thursday to North Abbey Cemetery. A full report will appear in next week's issue.

LATE MISS MARY E. HARRIS

Sincere regret was felt at the announcement of the death which took place rather suddenly of Miss M. E. Harris at her residence, the Hall, Youghal, during the week. The deceased was a highly respected member of an old and established Youghal family. She took an active part in the fight for Irish Independence, being one of the first members of the local Cumann na mBan.

FIRE ALARM

About 9.30 on last Sunday night, the local Fire Brigade were alerted to a chimney fire at the tailoring premises of Mr. Michael Bransfield of the North Main Street, Youghal. On alight it was found to be well beam and had contacted in a short time the outbreak. It was adequately dealt with by the members of the Brigade.

YOUGHAL ICA

Several members attended the needlework classes given by Miss Muriel Kehoe, organized during the past week. There were demonstrations and lectures each afternoon and evening from which members brought away much useful information. The general opinion was that the week ended all too soon.

There was a very large attendance at the last guild meeting which was held in the hall of the Cross Hall on Friday, April 5th. Mrs. J. Coleman, President, presided. The chief topic of the night was the coming dance which will be held early in May. Mrs. Morrissey gave a very interesting talk on her last tour. A questionnaire was held during the social half hour. First prize was won by Nurse M. Hallesey, presented by Miss O'Hanlon and seconded by Miss Eileen Twohig.

THE '57 REVUE

One of the most unusual shows ever held at the Parochial Hall was presented by the Phessant Pluckers Variety Group (Youghal) on Sunday night last under the title of "The '57 Revue."

The show was fast moving, witty and colourful and the group vocal items to a delightful musical background was surely an innovation. A further surprise was the ingenious idea of a sketch devoid of any dialogue, a second sketch using only one word, and to crown it all a third sketch using only one line. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night was the fact that practically all of the large cast of 25 had never been associated with the stage before. The comment of one veteran concert-goer sums up the night: "the whole thing was so different that it was nearly over before I began to get the hang of it."

Script and production was by Lynn Henry, a Monaghan man now resident in Youghal, who has been long associated with variety.

FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK

We are glad to state that greetings being extended from the members of the Co. Waterford Social Club, London, to their exiled friends of the Co. Waterford Men's Association in New York. The Secretary, Mr. Michael Morrissey, 194, Royal College St., Camden Town, London, wishes to exchange views with his exiled brethren in that Great Republic of the West, so New York listen in to London calling.

ON HOLIDAYS

A popular Kilkenny lady in the person of Miss Phyllis Desmond, of Seest, who has been domiciled

Touraneena, Fourmilewater West Kilbrien, Ballymacarraig and Modeligo Notes
By TODD FLYNN, P.C.

IMPRESSIVE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY AT TOURANEENA

The annual Easter Commemoration ceremony under the auspices of the Old I.R.A. held at Touraneena on Sunday last attracted one of the largest gatherings seen in the district for some years. The parade headed by the Touraneena Pipe Band comprised large numbers of the Old I.R.A. from all parts of the Western Decies including the Urbs In-tacta. The men who moulded our country's history some 36 to 40 odd years ago who stood shoulder to shoulder in Ireland fighting for freedom were here again, all ready to march in sad and silent but worthy tributes to the late Capt. Tom O'Brien, Dyrick Coy. Noticeable in the parade were the large number of the younger generation and in this respect we noted a brief change in pro-tivo of the graveside when two of the younger men were called upon to recite the decade of the Rosary and the reading of the Easter Week Proclamation. In silent and solemn procession the parade wended its way into the graveside where the scene was impressive. Brigade Commdt. Pax Whelan in a brief address paid tribute to the late Capt. O'Brien, following which the unveiling ceremony. Capt. John Whelan, Knockboy, laid a wreath on the grave after Irish recited by Donal Kiely, Cahernagadee, Next Tios Walsh, Fourmilewater, Treasurer of the Western Board G.A.A., read the Easter Week Proclamation. Then the roll of the softly the Last Post sounded by Bugler Michael Terry, Abbey-side, waded through the evening air and as it echoed and re-echoed across the hills and deep into the valleys we noted the strong spring breeze which blew across from Dyrick ruffled the flags dipped colours at the graveside as if in farewell to a great soldier. As it sighed through the newly budding trees it seemed to sing a requiem for Ireland's heroic dead and then our thought wandered down memory lane across the chasm of years, flicking back the pages on the life of Capt. O'Brien. As a very young man he became a very active member of the I.R.A. being one of the first in the area to answer the call. In that great and glorious cause he suffered and on and down through those dark and tragic yet glorious years in our country's history he endured the hardships, privations, rigours and dangers of guerrilla warfare. There is a limit to human endurance and quietly, silently and steadily his strength and vigour began to ebb, and in the prime of life he crossed life's threshold. His name, his greatness, his gallantry, will live on and down the years he will be remembered by those who revered him for his natural simplicity and appraised him for his real worth. When our country's history will come to be written and when the names of her greatest sons are recalled, the name of Thomas O'Brien will rank high in the Annals. Relatives present were: Mrs. O'Brien (widow); Pat O'Brien (brother); Patrick Hassett (uncle); Josie O'Brien, Biddy O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien and Sean O'Brien.

LATE MR. EDMOND WALSH FARNANE

The death which occurred at his residence, Farnane, Cappagh, of one of West Waterford's most popular gentlemen in the person of Mr. Edmond Walsh, has occasioned widespread regret throughout the area. In falling health for some time, deceased gentleman, who had reached the allotted span, was one of the most extensive and progressive farmers in the district. A sincere sympathetic and inoffensive gentleman, he commanded respect and esteem of all classes many of whom regard his passing as a personal loss. To his bereaved family, sympathy is extended on his irreplaceable loss. He was father of Rev. J. P. Walsh, C.C., Ballybricken, Rev. Laurence Walsh, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Nigeria; Rev. Michael Walsh, U.S.A. and Rev. Nicholas Walsh, U.S.A.

CLASHMORE LONG AGO

Statistics hand show that 143 years ago 387 people resided in Clashmore village and the population of the parish at that period was 3,928, of whom 42 were Protestants. The number of pupils attending the local school was 287 (169 boys and 118 girls). The Roman Catholic Church was built in 1828 and the Protestant Church in 1818 (cost £830 15s.). At that time there was a distillery in Clashmore which produced 20,000 gallons of whiskey annually.

ST. DECLAN'S FOOTBALL CLUB, LONDON

The newly-formed St. Declan's Football Club, London, had their first match at Black Heath, on Sunday last when in a great game in which football was of a high standard, they were beaten by St. Dymphna's by a narrow margin. St. Declan's are now undergoing strict training for their forthcoming championship game and Waterford men who are keen to participate in such games are asked to contact Mr. M. Morrissey, 194 Royal College Street, Camden Town.

THE LATE THOMAS MCDONAGH, EASTER, 1916

We take the following extract from the speech of Thomas McDonagh, at his court martial by British Officers:

"In this ceaseless struggle there will be, as there has been, and will be, an external ebb and flow. But let England make no mistake. The generous high-bred youth of Ireland will never fail to answer the call we pass on to them—will never fail to blaze forth in the red rage of war to win their country's freedom. Other and tame methods they will leave to other and tame men but they must do or die."

"It will be said that our movement was foredoomed to failure. It has proved so, yet it might have been otherwise. There is always a chance of success for brave men who challenge fortune. That we had such a chance none know so well as your statements and military experts. The mass of the people of Ireland will doubtless solve their conscience by the exploded fable that Ireland cannot successfully fight England. We do not profess to represent the mass of the people of Ireland. We stand for the intellect and the spirit of Ireland. To Ireland's soul and intellect, the inert man, drugged and degenerate by ages of servitude, reaction, render homage and free service—receiving in return the vivifying impress of a free people."

"Gentlemen, you have sentenced me to death and I accept your sentence with joy and pride, since it is for Ireland I am to die. I go to join the goodly company of the men who died for Ireland, the least of whom was worthier far than I can claim to be, and that noble band are themselves but a small section of the great unnumbered army of martyrs whose Captain is the Christ who died on Calvary; of every white-robed man, that that goodly company, we are the spiritual kin. The form of heroes fit before my vision and there is one, the keynote of whose nature chimes harmoniously with the swan song of my soul. It is the great Florentine Savonarola, whose weapon was not the sword, but prayer and preaching. The seed he sowed fruited to this day in God's Church. Take me away and let my blood bedew the sacred soil of Ireland. I die in the certainty that once more the seed with fructify."

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West Waterford News

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The Inside Story

Watchful, Vigorous and Unafraid to see that justice is done

Readers of this paper will have seen the letter from the well-known Co. Waterford member, Mr. Moss Pollard, Lisser, which appeared in a prominent position on the front page of the week's issue.

Mr. Pollard was given his say in the matter, but, in my opinion, he was very poor use of the words "watchful, vigorous and unafraid" which he states appeared in my article. Mr. Pollard should know better. I believe that he knows only too well that the statements as published present a picture that few wish to be associated with.

Mr. Pollard charges that many inaccurate and lying statements were made. I challenge him to point out each of the inaccuracies and the lies. Is Mr. Pollard being clever or is he being stupid in the next paragraph of his letter. I like to think that he is being clever. He suggested that I stated that the "referee in charge" of the game never saw the accident, in which George McGrath of Tourin suffered his serious injury.

Why—that is the question. I believe that Mr. Pollard, for some reason or other, did not wish to be forthright. He knows and every reasonable reader of the paper knows too that the statement he takes exception to was made by Mr. Bob McGrath and not by this columnist. Was Mr. Pollard afraid to direct his replies to Mr. McGrath?

He goes on to suggest that I implied in my article that Mr. Pollard struck George McGrath that day in Cappoquin. Again, the statement he takes exception to was made by Mr. Bob McGrath and it does not in any way imply what seems to be in Mr. Pollard's mind.

Mr. Pollard knows only too well that I could not make such an implication. He should refresh his memory and recall that I witnessed the particular incident on the playing pitch at Cappoquin. He should recall that on that day I had been chatting with him during the interval when George McGrath struck the blow. And I will say that the attack on Mr. Pollard on that day was certainly unwarranted and beyond justification.

NO AXE TO GRIND. I have no axe to grind with Mr. Pollard. I have every respect for him as a person and as a referee and I have no wish to see him wronged in any way. Accordingly, I want to make it quite clear that in presenting the story of George McGrath, I had one hope in mind. That was, and is still to see that justice is done.

As I have already pointed out, the statements complained of by Mr. Pollard, were made to me by Mr. Bob McGrath. In presenting his views I was presenting a story that has shocked the people of West Waterford in particular. I was not in the least interested in any difference of opinion that there might have been between Mr. Pollard and George McGrath. I have no intention of becoming interested because I submit it has no bearing whatsoever on the injustice done to George McGrath's case.

I MAKE NO APOLOGY. Mr. Pollard should know and I feel sure, will agree that the case I presented through my column some weeks ago for and on behalf of the Tourin hurler is not one to be brushed aside. It is a matter of how attractive the red herring may be. He will agree, I hope, that whatever wrongs George McGrath did, he is a human being, entitled to a fair trial and I make no apology to anyone for saying that he did not get a fair trial. He is not getting a fair trial and the County Board should, without any further delay, take every step possible to see that justice is done in the case of George McGrath.

referred the game, the officials whose duty it was to see to it that every player was insured, are not to blame. The system that permitted the tragic slip or a new refrigerator for the purpose of selling icecream but the car was for pleasure purposes and the refrigerator to make things more convenient for the kitchen, then I do not believe the restrictions should be re-

As one world famous writer recently put it: "Too many people forget and too many official pushers-about resent that the most powerful buttress of the people's rights and liberty in a democracy is the unshackled newspaper—WATCHFUL, VIGOROUS AND UNAFRAID."

For Four Dunganvar Exiles

In North Finchley, London. NOREEN BAWN. J. M. CROFTS. There's a spot in old Tir Connall There's a wee house in that glen Where there dwell an Irish colleen Who charmed all the hearts of She was winsome, hale and hearty, Fair and graceful as the dawn Neighbours loved the widow's daughter, Happy, laughing Noreen Bawn.

Till one day arrived a letter With her passage paid to go To that place where the Missouri With the Mississippi flow Then she said goodbye to Edwin And next morning at the dawn That old mother brokenhearted Bid farewell to Noreen Bawn.

They years that mother waited Till one evening at her door Stood a gorgeous looking lady, Awful grand the clothes she wore, Whispering "Mother don't you know me? Now I've only got a cold." Yet those purple spots upon her cheeks The tragic story's told.

There's a churchyard in Tir Connall, Where the blossoms sadly wave, There's a sorrow-stricken mother Weeping o'er the lonely grave. "Poor Noreen" she is calling, "Tis I lonesome since you're gone." 'Twas the shame of emigration Laid you low, my Noreen Bawn.

Your Opinion H.P. and Levies

Dunganvar traders welcomed the recent Government announcement that the remaining restrictions on Hire Purchase Credit Sale and Letting transactions had been removed by Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce. These restrictions were imposed a year ago and subsequently modified to a considerable extent.

Colm Moloney, Proprietor of electrical goods and cycle stores in Dunganvar, Cappoquin and Yougal, stated "I certainly welcome this latest step as one in the right direction; it is good to see the Government taking their fingers out of private enterprises and the sooner they take them out altogether the better for the nation."

Commenting on the decision to remove the levies on the motor industry, Mr. J. M. Cantillon, Proprietor of Dunganvar Motor works, said that it would mean new life to their trade. Many people waiting for the removal of the levies to change their cars, will buy now, he said. This will lead to more sales and more employment and that in turn will mean more money in circulation which is good for all of us.

used in making one's living. It would be right, he said, if a new motor car was used in connection with one's business. The car was for pleasure purposes and the refrigerator to make things more convenient for the kitchen, then I do not believe the restrictions should be re-

TALLOW NEWS

TALLOW MACRA NA FEIRNE WIN COUNTY DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP. At the Priory Hall, Dunganvar on Sunday, April 14th, the 7th annual Macra na Feirne Debating Championship took place. The two teams taking part were Tallow, represented by Messrs. T. J. Roche, M. Kelleher and E. King, and Kinsalebeg represented by Messrs. M. Hunt, J. O'Brien and J. Cullen. The adjudicators were Rev. Fr. Power, C.C., Clashmore, Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, Waterford, and Mr. P. King, C.E.O., Waterford City, acting as strokeworker.

The motion: "Modern social conditions do not make for human happiness" was moved by M. Hunt, Kinsalebeg and a direct negative to the motion was moved by T. Roche, Tallow. Following a very closely contested debate, Tallow scored 75% of the markings with 67% for Kinsalebeg. Speaking in support of the motion, Kinsalebeg team mainly dwell on condemning modern tastes in music and entertainment. The growth of hire-purchase facilities, divorce, development of nuclear power, added to the debate by the condemnation of Rock 'n' Roll. Twenty, Marilyn Munroe, Teddy Boys and other present-day trends. Tallow put forward their arguments in a very constructive manner. They broadly defined happiness to two spheres, namely, physically and mentally. Sound arguments in support of present-day educational facilities, health services, modern pain killing drugs, were pointed out as having the approval of our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII. All tended towards human happiness. The improvement of the workers' lot was another main contribution. In reply to criticisms of Rock 'n' Roll, Tallow, they pointed out that they were only passing fancies and will die a natural death in the course of time.

Great applause greeted the announcement of the result and Fr. Power then presented the championship Challenge Cup to the leader of the Tallow team, Mr. Roche. Kinsalebeg had been county champions for the past two years. Replicas of the Cup were presented to each member of the team. It is interesting to recall that Tallow were runners-up in the championship final in 1951 and leader of the team then as now was Mr. Roche. On their way to the final, Tallow defeated Dunganvar and Stradbally. SHAMROCKS DEFEAT ST. CATHERINE'S B TEAM. In a challenge hurling game played at Conna Sportsfield on Sunday, Shamrocks defeated St. Catherine's B grade team 5-13 to 1-1, the game opened on a lively note, Shamrocks playing against a strong wind, were soon pressing and in the first ten minutes of play had a goal per P. McGrath. From that time scores came in rapid succession with Shamrocks forwards taking every opportunity to score. St. Catherine's contested fiercely but it was that little extra something that gave Shamrocks the edge all through the hour. Scorers for Shamrocks were P. McGrath, T. Geary, J. J. Murphy, G. Greenslade, P. Hayes and John Morrison. Half-time score, Shamrocks 2-4; St. Catherine's 1-1. On the resumption of play Shamrocks really asserted their superiority and some grand flashes of hurling took place. The Saints contested the closing stages fiercely but by then the issue was beyond doubt and Shamrocks ran out worthy winners on the score stated at the outset. The game proved useful to Shamrocks in their preparation for their clash with Tourin in the junior championship.

Shamrocks—J. Daly, J. J. Murphy, W. Murphy, J. Nicholson, P. McGrath, P. Hayes, T. Geary (capt.), M. Geary, M. Tobin, W. Roberts, W. J. McCarthy, G. Greenslade, Jas. Morrison, J. Morrison, P. Nicholson. St. Catherine's—T. Flynn, C. O'Keefe, B. Regan, S. Clancy, D. Hoare, R. Caples, J. O'Brien, R. Rumley, D. Twomey, B. Clancy, W. Lane, P. Coleman, J. Fitzgerald, D. McCarthy, P. Walsh. Referee—Mr. Eugene Roche, Tallow.

TALLOW MINORS OUST TOURIN. Tallow minor hurling team had toes on Sunday next.

runaway victory over Tourin at the Gaelic Field, Lismore, on Sunday last in the first round of the minor championship. The game was the most one-sided seen here for quite a time.

IN HOSPITAL. Acquaintance Roman, well-known member of Tallow hurling team, was removed to Hospital on Sunday. We wish this very popular young man a speedy recovery.

BALLYDUFF PRESENTATION. At a meeting of Ballyduff C.A.A. Club, John Hickey, Hon. Sec. of the Club, was presented with a valuable silver set on the occasion of his departure to the U.S. The Chairman, Mr. J. Quirk, said the Club felt very deeply the loss of such a great secretary. He held the position for a number of years and did his utmost at all times to advance the interests of the Club. The Vice-Chairman, Sergt. C. Coughlan said that in the short time that he had made the acquaintance of Mr. Hickey, he had known him to be a most efficient secretary whether catering for matches or social events. He was a tireless worker. Mr. Michael Beecher said that while he had known Mr. Hickey in Ballyduff, the name of John Hickey would never be forgotten. The Chairman then made the presentation and wished Mr. and Mrs. Hickey every success in the new world.

During the course of his reply Mr. Hickey said he never desisted such a beautiful present. Anything he had done for the Club was a labour of love. He would always cherish the charming tea service and it would bring back happy memories of the good old days with Ballyduff Club. He thanked all the members and hoped that the Club would continue to hold a high place in the C.A.A. in the County Waterford. ARCH DANCE. On next Sunday night Jimmy Hickey and his band will be playing in the Arch Ballroom, Tallow. This band features Rich Parker, the singing sensation of the North. Don't miss this great attraction on Sunday night.

At the annual general meeting of the District Nursing Association, Lady Eileen Keane, president and those present included Lady Keane, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. M. Sargent, Mrs. Olden, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Scanlon, Mrs. J. Fraher and Mrs. Trigg, Hon. Sec. On the proposal of Mrs. Conway, seconded by Mrs. McGrath, the Secretary's report and statement of accounts were adopted. Thanks were expressed to the Lord Abbot of Mount Mellerey, Very Rev. Fr. Healy, for allowing Church Gate collections to be held. Thanks were also expressed to Dr. White and Dr. McMahon for their help and co-operation. All outgoing officers and members of the Committee were re-elected. In order to raise funds it was decided that a jumble sale be held next month. As may be seen from the Feis advertisement in this issue, a very full programme has been crushed into one week for the years Feis owing to the Easter holidays. Otherwise the Feis would commence on the 24th. Aibreán as usual. However, with good will and co-operation all round the programme should be carried out without undue difficulty. This year, Le Congnamh De, we shall stage one Irish and one English play each night. Plays in the National language will be put on the stage first provided the classes are ready at the appointed time. For the first three evenings the performances will commence at 7.45 p.m. and the remainder of the week at 8.15 sharp. We would appeal to those who come to come early as people coming into the hall during a play distract everyone. The second class to perform should be ready to go on the stage within ten minutes after the first play. One person from each class would direct the stage manager as to the preparation of the stage this too could be accomplished easily. This year we were unable to secure the services of our popular adjudicator, Breenan O. Brooin, Minister Cnic Meileair. His place will be taken by Seamus O. Coalmh, secondary teacher. Scoll na mBrathar, Dunganvar, on Jim

CAPPOQUIN NEWS

WEDDING. Arnopp-Mason—The wedding took place at SS. Mary and Joseph's Catholic Church, Poular, London, of Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arnopp, School House, Kinsale, and Johanna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Mason, Cappoquin, Mr. Rd. Arnopp, brother of the groom was best man and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss M. Mason.

PHILMAGE TO KNOCK. We learn that the annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday, June 2nd. Details for the arrangements will be announced later. G.A.A. The much-discussed and keenly anticipated Sargent Cup match between Geraldines and Cappoquin took place in Lismore on Sunday next and a record attendance is anticipated.

PREMISES SOLD. The shop and residence, formerly occupied by the late Miss M. Colender, and withdrawn from sale by public auction, and reserved not having been reached has now been disposed of to Mr. Wm. O'Keefe, Moonan on by Mr. Norman Walsh, M.I.A.A.

POOL PRIZE WINNER. Sir. Tony Bolger, Mill Street, has been the fortunate winner of a substantial prize in a weekly football Pool.

ROWING CLUB. On Monday afternoon scratch races were held for the purpose of trying out young oarsmen who recently began training. The trials were most satisfactory and the Club officials expressed pleasure at the form displayed. A feature of the day which followed was the splendid musical programme given by Jimmie Rabbitte and his orchestra.

HOLY WEEK. Crowded congregations and a record number of communicants marked the Holy Week services in St. Mary's Church. The local priests had the assistance of Rev. T. O'Connor, C.S.S.R., a native of Lismore, for the occasion. The ceremonies closed with a Missa Cantata on Sunday, the celebration being Very Rev. J. Kennelly, P.P. The choir for the occasion was that of the Sodality of the Children of Mary and Miss Mullins presided at the organ.

NEW ORGAN. A new organ has been installed in the Parish Church. It replaces an instrument built in 1823 which has done service in the Church since the erection of the building. The new organ was blessed on Sunday morning and subsequently used for the first time at Mass. It was supplied by Mr. J. J. Murphy, Waterford, who also did the work of installation.

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Kilmacthomas, Kilrossanty and Stradbally Notes

WELL-BELOVED NEIGHBOUR'S PASSING. His great number of friends mourned with keen regret the death of a highly esteemed member of the famous community in the person of Mr. Michael Coffey, Lisard, Bonmahon, which happened at his home morning, 16th inst., after a brief illness. Deceased, who had attained to his 84th birthday, was a worthy member of a good old Donegal family stock; he was noted for his unflinching hospitality and charity, and possessed a fund of quiet humour which rendered him quite an interesting raconteur and conversationalist. His reminiscences of the old days were always welcome to those who appreciated what one might now designate as pre-modern history. He was predeceased by his wife (Mrs. Mary Coffey) and his daughter (Mrs. Kitty Henne, Kilmacthomas) and to his son, grandchild, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sisters and nieces and nephews sincere sympathy is tendered in their tribulation. Two sisters of the deceased are domiciled on the Land of the Stars and Stripes—one, Mrs. Sammon, in San Francisco, California and Mrs. O'Connell, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Any movement for the betterment of his fellow-man met with Mr. Coffey's whole-hearted support. Recognised as a keen judge of bloodstock and livestock and his peculiarities and ailments, his advice in this connection was freely sought and given gratuitously. A glory shines around the memory of this most unobtrusive farmer—R.I.P.

There was a large and representative attendance at the removal of the remains to St. Anne's Church, Ballylance, where the coffin was received and blessed by Rev. M. J. Russell, C.C., do. The sacred edifice was thronged with mourners and sympathisers on Spy Wednesday morning when Rev. T. Draper, C.C., Stradbally, and Fr. Russell each said a Requiem Mass. At 2 o'clock on Holy Thursday evening interment was made in the adjoining cemetery and again the people showed in striking manner the wide degree of regret and sympathy which has been occasioned by Mr. Coffey's passing. Fr. Russell recited the prayers at the graveside and many Mass cards and messages of condolence were received. The chief mourners at the funeral were: Mr. Larry Coffey, Lisard (son) and wife and family; Mr. Michael Kearns, Kilmacthomas (son-in-law) and family; Mrs. Keating, Ballylance; Mrs. Sean Keating (sister); Mrs. J. Cleary, Bonmahon (niece) and husband and family of Mrs. W. Gough, Dunganvar (niece) and husband and family; Mrs. J. Delany, do. (niece), and husband and family. (Irish-American papers will please copy).

The Great Call was answered in the fullness of her years by Mrs. Mary Des (nee Power) Graigarush, Kilmacthomas. A native of Breenan Lower, do., she was well known throughout these parts and her amiable and hospitable disposition, as well as her kindness of heart, endeared her to many. She was widow of the late Mr. Thomas Des, Graigarush, and in addition to her children and her grandchildren survived by her brother, Mr. James Power, Ballylance. Much sympathy is felt with the bereaved ones. A big concourse of neighbours accompanied the removal of the remains from the residence to St. Anne's Church, Feus, where the coffin was received and blessed by the Rev. Fr. Beecher, C.C., Kilrossanty. Subsequent to the celebration of Requiem Mass on Spy Wednesday morning, the burial took place in the adjoining cemetery, Fr. Beecher officiated at the graveside—R.I.P.

St. Mary Evangelist (Wahs) who has died at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Mater Hospital, Carysfort, Blackrock, Dublin, in the 62nd year of her religious life, was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Walsh, the Mill House, Carrigrohane, Kilmacthomas. She was cousin of Mr. T. G. Flahavan, Glenhouse, Portlaw; Mrs. Grant, Broad St., Waterford; Mr. J. Flahavan, Bonmahon, and the Misses Flahavan, Kilnagrane House. Her labour was vivified by an intense spiritual life and she endeared herself to all who knew her by her many fine qualities of head and heart and her deep and noble character. Her departure here is deeply mourned by the Rev. Mother and Community. Interment of the remains was made in the Community Cemetery after Mass in the Mater Convent Chapel on Easter Monday, 22nd inst.—R.I.P.

Co. Waterford Ploughing Association held a "Men's Beauty Competition Dance" at the Rainbow Hall, Kilmacthomas, on Easter Sunday night. More than 250 couples attended and the function proved a pronouncedly pleasurable social, the music being most pleasingly rendered by Sean O'Connor's Orchestra (Cork). Dancing was from 9 to 3 a.m. and during an interval the men's Beauty List was decided. Messrs. M. Connolly, Cullenagh, Ballyduff, Kilmacthomas, and Mickey Loneragan, Leamybrien, Kilrossanty, were placed 1st and 2nd, respectively out of the large number of entrants judged. The evening, by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Casey, Central Shop, Kilmacthomas, was voted excellent.

LATE VER. REV. M. J. MURPHY. This revered Pastor served as C.C. Kilmacthomas and as C.C. Kilrossanty, upwards of three decades of years since. As advertised, the ninth annual dance under the auspices of the Kilmacthomas Branch, Macra na Feirne, takes place in the Rainbow Hall tomorrow (Sunday) night and the music will be discussed by Joe McGinty's Orchestra. Be there with your friends.

LATE MR. JOHN LENIHAN. The death took place at his residence last week of Mr. John Lenihan, farmer, Ballylough Kilb. He was a man of cheerful and good-natured disposition and many grand traits of character. His regard for him the respect and regard of all who knew him. With his sisters (the Misses Margaret and Mary Lenihan) and brother (Mr. Rd. Lenihan) sincere sympathy is tendered in their tribulation. The funeral to Kill cemetery was a fine tribute to departed worth—R.I.P.

ORDINATIONS. Five members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, were recalled to the priesthood on Easter Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Kilmacthomas. One of the five was Rev. Thomas Curran, St. Carthage's, Tee, Waterford, a first cousin of Mr. Walsh, wife of Mr. Michael Walsh, licensed vintner and farmer, Kilrossanty.

MEETINGS. There will be a meeting of the Committee of the 2nd (Comragh) Battalion, West Waterford Brigade, Old I.R.A. at Mr. P. O'Reilly's premises, The Square, Stradbally on Thursday night of next week at 8 p.m. and Ballylance Cumanan F.F. will meet at Mr. P. Lannan's Coast Garage this (Saturday) night week ago at 8 o'clock.

Late Miss Margaret Power. Clondonnell Rathgormack. The death took place at a Cork hospital last week of Miss Margaret Power, Clondonnell, Rathgormack. Deceased, whose death was rather unexpected, was a member of a highly esteemed Co. Waterford family. Aged 50 years, she was sister of Mr. P. R. Power, who was a member of the Waterford Co. Council for many years and was Chairman of the County Committee of Agriculture.

The remains were removed to Rathgormack Church on Wednesday last. Requiem Offices and High Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul on Thursday and the interment took place immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery—R.I.P. Rev. Fr. Purcell, C.C., Clones, was celebrant of the Requiem Mass. Rev. P. Mulcahy, C.C., was deacon and Rev. N. Power, C.C. St. John's, Waterford, was sub-deacon. In the choir were Ven. Archdeacon Power, Dunganvar; Very Rev. Fr. Vereker, P.P., Clones; Very Rev. T. O'Brien, P.P., Ballyneale; Very Rev. N. Power, P.P., Kilsheelan; Rev. J. Hart, C.C., Carrick-on-Suir; Rev. M. Kelleher, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Hickey, C.C., Grangemockler; Rev. Fr. Silverius, O.F.M., and Rev. Fr. Paschal, O.F.M., Carrick-on-Suir. The chief mourners were: Mr. Patrick R. Power, Monahid; Mr. Edmond Power, Ballyneale, and Mr. Michael Power, Clondonnell (brothers); Miss M. K. Power, Clondonnell (sister); Mrs. Patrick Power (sister-in-law); Edmond Power (sister-in-law); Robert, Joseph, Michael, and Edmond Power (nephews); Mary and Catherine Power (nieces); John and Edward Halpin, Curraheen; Martin and Catherine Halpin, Knockaun, Ballymacarbury; Mrs. W. Cooney, Clonmel; Miss Anastatia Power, Bould, O'Meara family; Ross; Paik; and Mrs. Skehan, Bould; Power family; Killerguile; Power family; Knockalovalla; Very Archdeacon Power, Dunganvar; Very Rev. N. Power, P.P., Gambonsfield, and Rev. N. Power, St. John's, Waterford, were also amongst the relatives. There was a most representative attendance at the final obsequies at Rathgormack Church.

—SONNY BOY.

THRILLS GALORE IN FOOTBALL EPIC

Kilrossanty just got there from gallant Geraldines

Kilrossanty 1-7 Geraldines 0-6

Although they well deserved their ticket to the Phelan Cup Final, a distinction they achieved in a manner befitting their status Kilrossanty had to pull out all the stops to snatch a narrow and hard-earned victory over a Geraldines side that went out with flags flying at the

Fraher Field on Sunday evening last. The holders were never headed but Geraldines stuck to their task with an zest and fixity of purpose that contrived to make the issue much too close for the peace of mind of winning supporters.

Leaving the scene of combat, I heard an onlooker—one who sported the losers' colours at that—to openly declare that it was the best two shillings worth of entertainment he had been treated to for many a long day. From the first whistle to the last it was one humdrum of a struggle. The football, if not always of a classical brand, was marked by passages of real grandeur and the standard of performance so stirring that scarcely a spectator had left the ground before referee L. CroTTY whistled time up.

The pace was cracking, the exchanges were gruelling and no man spared himself during an hour that was as much a test of one's fortitude and durability as it was of football skill.

It was all so enchanting, adorned as it was by mighty individual clashes and an air of uncertainty that prevailed right to the end that my only regret was that there had to be a losing side.

But, believe me, vigour and zeal were not the only qualities that hallmarked the encounter. In the minutes preceding and again immediately after the interval we saw football that was right out of the top drawer and throughout the hour the outcome was so much a matter of conjecture that rival followers were almost beside themselves with anxiety.

For my own part, I thought that Kilrossanty, primarily due to their superior teamwork, just about deserved to win. Let me hasten, however, to pay tribute to gallant Geraldines on having given us such a glorious hour.

Outside their own parish they were scarcely conceded a chance but they acquitted themselves in a manner that was not alone highly creditable but must have even softened the slings of defeat for their supporters.

They performed with a zeal and singleness of purpose that confounded friends and 'foes' alike and they might well have earned the right to fight another day had their forwards displayed a greater appreciation of combined effort.

That, and the unlucky breaks and near misses on both sides, which just about cancelled out, apart, I am satisfied that the honours rest where they belong. Yet, while I consider that Kilrossanty deserved to advance to meet De La Salle in the decider on Sunday next, the result might have been a lot different had these challengers performed in the opening quarter with anything like the confidence that marked their play thereafter.

Geraldines gave one the impression that they believed their cause was hopeless in the initial stages. But once they had found their feet the holders had to battle desperately for survival.

Kilrossanty opened up as if they were going to run the opposition into the ground. Their forwards moved with the rhythm of a well drilled machine; their half-backs and mid-fielders rained ball after ball down on Geraldines half and they were two points up before many spectators had entered the ground.

But Geraldines proceeded to find their feet and mid-way through Pat Kennelly pulled back the holders to level terms with a brace of minors.

In this stage it all seemed too good to be true that a game which looked like being so one-sided should be given such an uplift.

Then came what was to prove the turning score of the entire game. Billy Kirwan, snapped up a long clearance just inside enemy territory and as three defenders converged on him he parted to Jimmy Whyte who ran through to shoot a great goal.

The second period was one succession of thrills as the green and gold weathered many storms to stay in front to the end.

Apart from his hand in the

crucial goal, Jimmy Whyte had again a major say in the holders' march to the final. Centre half back M. Pender was another bulwark against the challengers and Maher, Lonergan, Goff, Begley and M. Kirwan were all defenders who can feel satisfied with their contribution to the victory effort.

At mid-field Jimmy Power put in his usual wholehearted hour, while Billy Kirwan, Jim Timmons and Colm Cunningham carried the main danger in an attack that, despite its promising opening, was shut out for long periods by the uncompromising Geraldines rearguard.

If ever a captain was inspiring in everything he did it was Stylo Riordan. The right half back was always in the thick and was going strongest when the dangers were greatest. John Kiely, Tom O'Connell, Eddie Hallahan—his goal kicks

in the second half were nothing short of phenomenal—John Osborne and Mick Hallahan completed a rearguard that was as unyielding as I have seen in a long time. The tireless Bobo Scanlon had a whale of a game and ably assisted by Jim Hallahan maintained an even break in the vital mid-field exchanges over the hour.

Geraldines forwards never employed the combined effort to the same extent as the winners' sextet, but they were well served individually by Paddy Kennelly, L. Lee and Eamon Meehan.

In the opening half an hour Billy and Noel Kirwan shared a brace of Kilrossanty points; Jimmy Whyte shot the goal and the losers points were both reeled off by P. Kennelly. L. Lee had a long range point which he scored immediately on the change of ends. Timmons

retaliated and Power stretched the lead with a further minor. Kennelly and Timmons exchanged points and Kirwan and Scanlon did likewise. The winners supplemented their advantage with a seventh white favour but Geraldines came again to notch the final score, a point per Kennelly.

Kilrossanty: J. Ormonde; J. Maher, M. Lonergan, P. Goff; D. Begley, M. Prendergast, M. Kirwan; J. Whyte and J. Power. C. Cunningham, B. Kirwan, M. Kirwan; John Timmons, Jim Timmons, T. Kirwan.

Geraldines: W. Ronayne; J. Kiely, T. O'Connell, E. Hallahan; S. Riordan, J. Osborne, M. Hallahan; J. Hallahan and E. Scanlon; R. Ryan, P. Kennelly, L. Lee, T. Merrin, J. Lonergan, E. Meehan.

Liam CroTTY, Brickey Rangers handled the whistle to the satisfaction of all.

Geraldines and Cappoquin clash at Lismore

RARELY can hurling folk have been so worked up about the likely outcome of a non-championship match as they are about the prospects of the rivals in Sunday's intriguing Sargent Cup semi-final between Geraldines and Cappoquin at the Castle Farm, Lismore. Over the year rivalry between the men of Aghlish and Cappoquin has been right vibrant in all forms of combat—every clash has moulded a character all of its own—but never can I recall an occasion when their meeting so stirred the imagination of gaelom at large.

Go where one will these days one will hear the rival merits debated endlessly as followers of the game endeavour to get a line on the likely outcome.

It is easy to understand the wonderful interest the pairing has worked up. Since time immemorial there has existed a rivalry of astonishing intensity, but even more to the point is the fact that this will be their first-ever clash in the field of senior hurling.

This, of course, is only Geraldines first season in senior competition, while Cappoquin's tenure among the aristocrats of hurling dates back a mere ten years.

Believe me, though, lack of a comparable precedent has only added colour to the occasion, for so uncertain are all save the most ardent rival followers of the relative merits of the contestants that many new theories have been expounded in an effort to get a slant on the clash.

Cappoquin are accepted as just about the fastest-moving combination in the game to-day. They are hurlers, too, of rare accomplishment and they have trained as earnestly as they would for a championship clash.

In recent years the wearers of the red and black had to be content with the thin end of the wedge in encounters with Sunday's rivals—their last championship victory was recorded as far back as 1953—but the hurling men and hurling followers of the Cornerstone town believe it will be Geraldines turn to taste the bitterness of defeat on Sunday evening.

But Cappoquin have just more than old scores to settle with the Aghlish men. Victory on Sunday would ensure them to another tilt at champions, Mount Sion, an opportunity they have thirsted for ever since their heavy failure in last year's championship decider, and in addition further their bid for a trophy which commemorates their fellow-townsmen, the late Willie Sargent.

In the circumstances, lack of incentive will certainly not be a contributing factor should Mick O'Connor, Jim Sargent, Billy Conway, the Lacey brothers, Tommy McCarthy, Liam Doocoy, Charlie Cullen, the Masons, Fraher's and their colleagues fail to bring the laurels home.

Geraldines, too, are prepared for a mighty battle. The Aghlish side is currently riding the crest of the wave and will face the neighbours with the morale uplift of a great football display against Kilrossanty behind them.

Like their big ball compatriots, they do not stand on ceremony. They are strong and fast and powered with a well nigh unsalable spirit; their stickwork is effective, if not spectacular, and combination—the base of their football men—on a par with anything I have seen from junior champions for years back.

What a demonstration of hurling lore it would be to name the winners. But great as is the urge to give an outright vote one way or the other wiser counsel prompts me to sidetrack the six-marker and let time alone supply the solution to the question that has been uppermost in the minds of hurling men ever since the announcement of the showdown.



BILLY CONWAY... Cappoquin

Minor Hurling One-Sided Victories marked opening round

Runaway victories marked the opening round of the minor hurling championship on Sunday last. Biggest total of the day was recorded by Abbeyside—they shot 13 goals and 8 points against a goal and point by neighbouring Dungarvan, but Ring Cappoquin and Tallow the conquerors of Cathal Brugha Ballinacoola and Ballinwillin, were all equally convincing winners.

Best individual performance of the series was turned in by Mick Keohan, the Village full forward, who shot seven of his team's goals in the rout of the Blues.

The losers tried a variety of opponents without success against the hard-pulling full forward. Keohan's task was made comparatively simple by the magnificent support he received from Phelan, Browne, Enright, Hogan, Kiely, Clancy.

On this form Abbeyside must be deemed an outstanding championship prospect. Dungarvan were a very big disappointment to the supporters and were but a shadow of the side that contested the final of the division last year.

Ring experienced little or no difficulty in marching on to the second round at the expense of Cathal Brugha's. They were much stronger throughout the field and were never out of second gear to notch a facile victory. Ring, too, are a live championship proposition.

Cappoquin, fielding their best side for years, cruised to a one-sided triumph over a Ballinacoola side that did not measure up to expectations.

Superior in all departments and phases of the game, the winners gave a very imposing performance. Every boy on the team is an accomplished hurler and their teamwork and cohesion is that of a side that should go places in the competition.

They were particularly well served by Maskill, the McGraths, Kelleher, Bannon and Cahill. Ballinacoola, who displayed

The Comeragh Brigade

Pat Keating, the first Commandant of the famous Comeragh Column, during his short military career, proved himself to be one of the most daring and resourceful leaders in Munster. He was born not far from the birthplace of the great Gaelic poet, Robert Wexdon and his fame will live till Comeragh is no more. He died of wounds received in action at the Abbey-side battle of Burgery Ambush, fought March 19th, 1921, against the British Forces where another gallant Comeragh boy, John Fitzgerald also fell. With him are also laid to rest, four more gallant Irishmen, John Fitzgerald, mentioned above, Tom Keating, his brother, died of wounds received in action against Free State Forces at Coolinsmeear, April, 1923, and John Walsh of Kilmacthomas, killed in Kilkenny Jail, March 1923.

Also John Doherty, accidentally shot during the truce. Those five heroes sleep their last long sleep in the Republic. Plott, Kilrossanty Churchyard, where only true and brave can rest.

And whilst grass grows or water flows or whilst one true Irish heart beats in this land of ours, their fame and deeds will not be forgotten and when Ireland regains her Freedom, the Freedom for which Pearse, MacSwiney, Kevin Barry, Sean D. South, Fergal O'Hanlon and countless others fought and bled and died, ancient language of the Gael, then shall the tale be told and the songs be sung of the gallant boys now sleeping 'neath the shadow of the Comeragh Hills who made the supreme sacrifice that Ireland's soul might live.

Liam CroTTY, Brickey Rangers handled the whistle to the satisfaction of all. The grand old Comeragh Mountains, they're looking down with pride. On the churchyard where the heroes sleep, who for green Erin died.

We'll toast now the heroes who stand for the right, Who kept the flag flying and continued the fight, Who to stand by our dead men, were never afraid, The boys who stood true in the Comeragh Brigade.

Now some have gone back on the bold hearts who died MacSwiney, Pearse, Clarke, and the true Irish hearts in the Comeragh Brigade.

And don't you forget it, they'll stand to the last. Sons of Erin, your colours now sail to the mast. Stand straight for the Old Land and be not dismayed. For they're tried men and true in the Comeragh Brigade.

And we'll drink one more toast to the valiant and true Who stand for the Land of our love Róisín Dhú Success to each hero, each sharp shining blade. And the true Irish hearts in the Comeragh Brigade.

—M. WALSHE, Ballingown, Kilrossanty.

LISNAGREE

There's a track winding back To an old-fashioned shack Along the road to Lisnagree Where the beech trees are growing. The Blackwater flows Beneath the sunny sky, Where my Mammy and Daddy Are waiting for me, And the friends of my childhood.

Once more I will see Then no more will I roam 'Till I heading for home Along the road to Lisnagree. —By C. DALY.

P.S.—Lisnagree is the place where I was born—C.D.

Sunday's Programme

AT LISMORE—Sargent Cup (S.H.) Semi-final—Geraldines v. Cappoquin, 3 p.m., ref. M. Follard. AT WATERFORD—Phelan Cup (S.F.) Final—Kilrossanty (holders) v. De La Salle.

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De La Salle

SEAN ORMONDE... Kilrossanty

Kilrossanty should retain Phelan Cup

Football followers will train their sights on the City Sportsfield on Sunday next when the final of the Phelan Cup competition will attract big ball enthusiasts from all parts of the county and from outside for the clash between Kilrossanty, holders of the trophy and junior champions, De La Salle.

Since its inception a year ago the Phelan Cup competition has commanded a remarkable appeal, almost challenging the premier tourney in popular appeal and the signs are that a record hosting will watch the men of Kilrossanty and De La Salle do battle.

Outside of rival supporters opinion is very circumspect about the outcome. The Comeragh men, bidding for their second successive title, are the popular fancy but there has been growing support for the junior title-holders since Geraldines showing against the green and gold jerseyed fifteen last Sunday.

De La Salle have enjoyed a meteoric rise in the football world. Last November they stopped Stradbally in the junior final and in the brief interim they have taken the senior scalps of Dunhill, champions

Mount Sion and Kill, a record that entitles them to utmost respect.

The De La Salle game is similar to the holders in as much as they too rely to a great extent on combined effort. Basically that was the major difference between the Kilrossanty and Geraldines in their semi-final clash. De La Salle are on par with the Comeragh men or any other side in the county for that matter when it comes to teamwork but the question uppermost in the minds of the everyday followers is whether or not they are capable of living in the gruelling pace the holders will set.

Kilrossanty must be currently one of the fastest outfits in the county. Their teamwork is second to none and they are all footballers of exceptional merit. The team too should be all the better as a result of last Sunday's testing outing.

As I see it they should be too powerfully armed for the job combination. Good though De La Salle are I cannot see them staying an hour with the holders.

But it should be a great encounter, in fact, with both sides employing the open man-to-man game at which they are so adept, it could be a classical struggle.

McCabe—Van Splunder —The engagement is announced of Alice Dymphna McCabe, Branford, Ontario, Canada, youngest daughter of Mr. William McCabe and the late Mrs. Alice McCabe, 59 Cathal Brugha Place, Dungarvan, to Tony Van Splunder, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Van Splunder, Zealand, Holland. Wedding will take place on Saturday, May 11th, D.V.

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IN MEMORIAM GURRY (Eleventh Anniversary) —In ever loving remembrance of our dear brother, Jerome.

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB (Ladies) —The usual weekly competition (9-hole) for members' prizes will start on Friday, 26th April. Entry fee 1/- per card. Play as often as you like.

THE KILROSSANTY FOOTBALL CLUB will hold their ANNUAL COLLECTION at Kilrossanty and Fews Churches on Sunday, Next, April 26th.

TWO BUSES will leave Kilmacomas at 1 p.m. (S.T.) via Fews, Mahonbridge to Leamybrien, Leaving Leamybrien at 1.30 sharp for Waterford in connection with the Kilrossanty v. De La Salle Phelan Cup final.

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TWO BUSES will leave Kilmacomas at 1 p.m. (S.T.) via Fews, Mahonbridge to Leamybrien, Leaving Leamybrien at 1.30 sharp for Waterford in connection with the Kilrossanty v. De La Salle Phelan Cup final.

INJURED CHILD DIES As we go to Press we learn that the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. Alice Foley, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who was injured in a motor accident on Tuesday evening outside its home, had died. An inquest will be held this evening.

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