

Notes Extra

St Nicholas

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REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

ENVELOPES are now available for anyone who wishes to have their faithfully departed remembered. Please return these as soon as possible so they will be included in Masses.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The HSE has asked that, in the interests of health and hygiene, we receive Holy Communion in the hand. Your cooperation would be appreciated until the Swine Flu pandemic has passed.

SIGN OF PEACE

Some people may have concerns regarding the sign of peace and swine flu. While we recognise the importance of the sign of peace during mass, you are reminded that there are other ways to offer the sign of peace such as bowing to the person, acknowledging prayerfully their presence or just looking at the person and wishing them peace.

RECENT DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is offered to Des Long and family from Shannon Banks on the recent death of his brother Brendan of Bawnmore Road and to Harry, Hans, Kiara and Anna Droog of Athlunkard on the death of Anna Droog during the week.

INDULGENCES

From November 1 to November 8, the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence for someone who has died. The conditions are to go to confession that week, to receive Holy Communion and pray for the pope's intentions and also to visit a church or oratory and recite the Our Father and Apostles Creed.

CHAPEL CHOIR

St Munchin's College Chapel Choir would love new members to join the group. The choir sing at the midday mass on Sundays and practice every Thursday at 8pm in St Nicholas Church. If you would like to join, come along

to practice or call John McGlynn on 346664.

PARISH VISITATION

On Monday 9, there will be a gathering for all those involved in our recent Parish Visitation at 9pm in the Pastoral Centre. A heartfelt thanks to these people for giving generously of their time and interest. Thanks also to the people of Shannon Banks and Carraig Midhe for their courtesy and welcome.

ABBAY SARSFIELD GAA

The club's 15th anniversary dinner takes place on Saturday November 21. Tickets are limited and are available from any committee member at 25 each. We look forward to seeing all past and present members on the night. Training resumes in Grove Island for the underage teams. Indoor hurling has become very popular - boys aged 8, 9 and 10 train on Thursday nights from 6pm to 7pm and boys aged 5, 6 and 7 train on Fridays from 6pm to 7pm. Gaelic4Girls aged 9, 10, and 11 years of age train in Scoil Ide every Thursday from 6pm to 7pm.

Underage jerseys are still on sale at a cost of 25. This includes shorts and socks and would make an excellent gift for Christmas. Also helmets can be purchased at just 45. All members are reminded that membership is now due for renewal and forms are available from any of the coaches. For all information on the club check out the website abbaysarsfields.limerick.gaa.ie.

CORBALLY UNITED

The club invite under 14 girls (born in 1995, 1996 and 1997) to play on a newly formed Limerick Girls League which will begin soon. see www.corballyutd.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter runs weekend events to allow couples to give their marriage some time, care and attention. The next weekend takes place in the Lake Hotel, Killarney on November 13 to 15. You can find out more by looking at their website www.marriageencounter.ie or by phoning 064 - 6644319.

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RING ROAD

THERE is still confusion among farmers regarding the Northern Distributor Road from Coonagh to Knocklisheen. Cllr Cathal Crowe said "I am in talks with the Regeneration Agency and City Council Engineers on the matter as local farmers are in limbo on the matter and are very anxious and confused". This road which was expected by many to be well underway by now was part of the Regeneration Process from the Coonagh roundabout to Knocklisheen along the Northern Boundary of Moyross and meeting up with the Watch House Cross to Windy Gap Road.

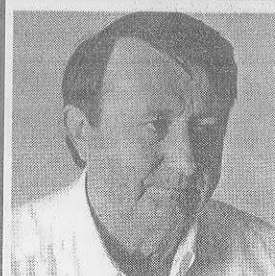
from schools all over the County and 800 poems were selected for publication in the book.

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Local history



Leader Memories

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Dark shadow of tragedy

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"The tragic death of the Duke of Grafton, one of the competitors in the great International Motor Race in Limerick on Monday, threw a dark shadow on a fixture that was in all other respects a magnificent success."

"The shocking occurrence caused the deepest sorrow, and the sympathy of all classes goes out in full measure to the relatives and friends of the deceased."

"The mother of the dead Duke arrived in Limerick from England yesterday and received many condolences on her great tribulation."

"How the fatal accident occurred was told at the inquest held in Barrington's Hospital yesterday and afterwards the remains of the deceased were conveyed by road to Dun Laoghaire to catch the mail boat for Holyhead."

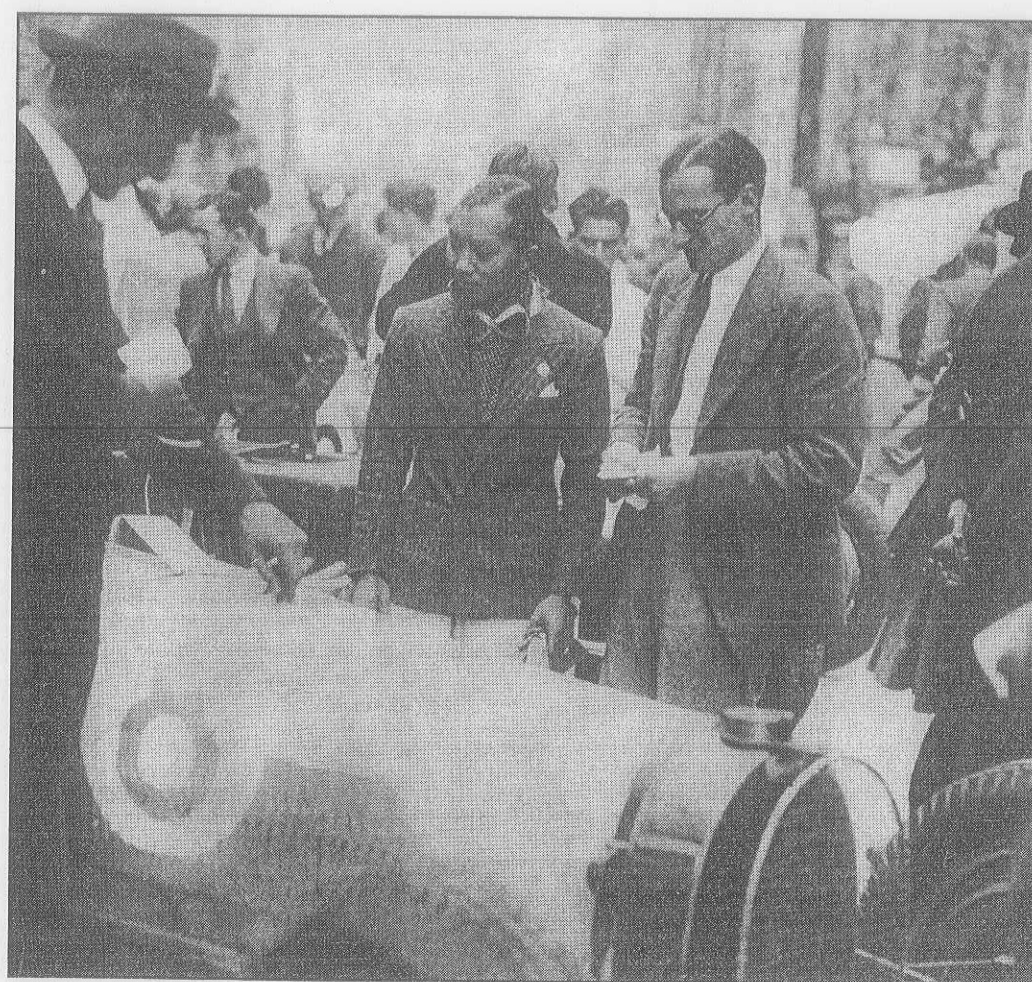
So ended the introduction to the Limerick Leader story on the death of the Duke of Grafton on August Bank Holiday Monday, August 3, 1936

The writer continued:

The Limerick International Grand Prix Race held on Monday was painfully marred by a fatal accident, the victim being the 22-year-old Duke of Grafton.

While on the 1st lap of the race the Duke's car got out of control at the junction of Roxboro and Sexton Street and skidded for a distance of sixty yards before dashing into a wall, when it burst into flames. The horrified spectators, many of whom collapsed, saw the Duke lying on the roadway, a mass of flames. The car was completely destroyed.

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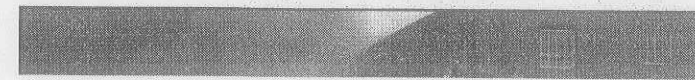
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tal. Burns completely covered his body and he was in a bad state of collapse. He remained conscious up to a short time before death. In his opinion death was due to shock and collapse following extensive petrol burns.

CAR AND DUKE IN FLAMES

T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, Limerick, said he was section marshal at Number 2 section which included the scene of the accident. He saw the Duke's car, and after coming through the bend it left the ground. After going about ten yards it went into a skid. It went 25 yards skidding slightly and the back portion struck the pier at the entrance to the Christian Schools. Simultaneously it burst into flames and then travelled 40 to 50 yards, more or less on the footpath. The footpath from the place of impact to where the car came to rest was one sheet of flame. Everything possible was done to render the deceased first aid.

Albert Bennett, 11 James Street, Limerick said he was marshal at the race, and was near the I.O.C garage in Roxboro. He saw the car come through the bend, skid and strike the wall. It then burst into flames. Witness ran up immediately and turned a fire extinguisher on it. The Duke was lying in flames about three feet from the car. He appeared to be badly burned. He said: "I am all right. I am not too bad." He had no clothes on him, as they had been burnt off. Brother Patrick K. Ennis, Christian Schools, Limerick, said he was in the school yard looking at the race. He saw the Duke's car come through the bend, travelling at from 40 to 60 miles an hour. The car jumped before taking the bend. It skidded and the driver turned to the left, when it skidded in the



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FLOODING

Following recent heavy rain there was flooding in many areas where roads were dangerous. Cllr Cathal Crowe said "I have been onto the Council about this and I have highlighted the Quinpool Road where the water is staying lodged due to lack of drainage. This is a traffic hazard as it is on a bend on the road, and I expect action on the matter shortly.

COUNTY FINAL

There was great excitement locally with two neighbouring parishes contesting the County senior hurling final.

Meelick Chairman congratulated Cratloe on their great win and paid tribute to both teams, he said "Cratloe and Clonlara are an object lesson to us all and motivation to do what is necessary to move to senior ranks". He said "Cratloe and Clonlara did wonderful work in their local schools over a long number of years and they are now reaping the rewards". In Meelick we are putting in renewed efforts at the school and holding coaching classes in both hurling and football in conjunction with Eileen Keane sports coordinator at the school and Principal Mr Dan Graham".

SCHOOL POETRY

In conjunction with World Book Day, Clare County Library organised a Book of Poems

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Meelick school held its Lenrel recycling day on Monday last where bags of old clothes, mobile phones were collected for charity. School Principal Mr Dan Graham praised all for their help in this regard.

The "Stay Safe" information meeting for parents was held recently at the school which was very helpful and informative. The School Principal also said "All Swine Flu precautions, including sanitizer, tissues are in place in all classrooms since September 1". Mr Graham also said "We have also been working on the Text-a-Parent scheme where parents will receive a text from the school in case of swine flu or any other emergency".

ART COMPETITION

"My Credit Union, My Choice" is the motto for the Caherdavin Credit Union art competition for schools.

Many pupils of Meelick school will as usual be taking part and entries must be submitted by this Friday, October 23. The school has a great record in this competition, having won many prizes over the years.

CREATIVE DANCE

Amy Kinlan and the DAGDA Dance Company in Limerick are currently giving dance classes in creative dance and movement to the older pupils at Meelick School. The classes are part of the physical education programme that are held at Meelick Community Hall.

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The race itself was the most successful ever run by the IMRC, there being an intensity of thrills from start to finish. There was only 16 seconds between the first and second cars.

The winner was A. Hutchinson of Belfast, driving Mr. J. W. Patterson's M.G. He obtained a lead shortly after the start of the race and held it to the finish. Austin Dobson, driving an E.R.A., put up a strong challenge and finished second, while the fact that he had to retire lost the Prince of Siam a reasonable chance of winning.

LAP RECORD BROKEN MANY TIMES

The lap record was broken many times by Dobson and "Bira", the former eventually setting up a new one at 73.34 m.p.h.

The Alfa-Romeo that won last year's race put up a good performance but Powys-Libbe had to retire with clutch trouble when well placed, near the end of the race. Before him went "Bira", with locking brakes and this left the race to a duel between Dobson and Hutchinson.

The thrills were mostly provided at the corners. Toohey (Ford) turned completely round in a skid, and T. P. Cholmondeley Tapper in a Maserati went up on the William Street pavement. He had a remarkable escape.

A crowd of over 40,000 witnessed the terrific and gruelling race and there could be no doubt of the success of the Grand Prix.

Mrs. Wisdom, one of the lady drivers was unlucky not to finish and qualify for a plaque for she was only 26 secs. behind when the race was declared closed. The other lady driver, Miss Ellison, handed over to here reserve driver, Mr. Tapper half way through the race.

RESULTS

1, A. Hutchinson, 939 cc MG, 2 hrs. 9 mins. 56 secs. speed, 57.14 mph. winning the Lady Helen McCalmont Trophy and replica plus £200.
2, A. C. Dobson, 1,488 cc, E.R.A., 2 hrs., 10 mins., 12 secs, 69.69 mph.
3 Percy Maclure, 1,089 cc. Riley, 2 hrs. 13 mins. 45 secs, 63.39 mph.

The other finishes were C. H. W. Manders, in a 1.645 cc Adler; Sir. A. W. McRobert, 1,087 cc, MG; Miss Ellison and Cholmondeley Tapper, 2,998 cc Maserati; P. N. Whitehead, 1,488 cc E.R.A.; J. Toohey, 972 cc CMY Special.

Outside time limit (15 minutes after first placed driver): Mrs. Wisdom in a 1.496 Riley. Maclure won the 1,100 cc class; Dobson the 2,000 cc class and Miss Ellison and Cholmondeley

Duke killed in Grand Prix

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Tapper the over 2,000 cc class. At a dance held in the Stella Ballroom on Monday night the Mayor, Ald. Dan Bourke, TD, presented the prizes to the successful competitors. As president of the race committee he congratulated each and said the event had provided great enjoyment to the citizens but he regretted the fatal accident to the Duke of Grafton, and offered on behalf of the citizens, sympathy with the relatives.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

The arrangements for the race were as perfect as they could be. Hundreds of marshals, Civic Guards, military and observers lined the entire course, ready at a moment's notice to carry out their own special jobs.

FIRST AID SECTION

Catholic Boy Scouts were everywhere on duty as first-aid men, and in this connection it must be stated that they rendered invaluable services in Sexton Street when the Duke of Grafton and five spectators were injured. Their coolness and resourcefulness on the occasion, and the promptitude with which they went to the aid of the injured, were very creditable. In O'Connell Avenue and O'Connell Street members of the St. John Ambulance Corps were on duty so that every possible facility for first aid was available should the necessity arise.

INQUEST ON DUKE

At Barrington's Hospital yesterday, Mr. J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest touching on the circumstances of the death of John Fitzroy, 9th Duke of Grafton. Inspector Brazil conducted the inquiry. Mr. R. Fox, solicitor, Kilmallock, appearing for the



Irish Motor Racing Club., and Mr. E. A. A. Ryan, solicitor, Limerick, held a watching brief on behalf of the local committee.

Samuel Thomas Robinson, 33, South King Street, Dublin, an automobile engineer, and chief technical officer to the Irish Motor Racing Club, said he had to examine every car before it could take part in the practices or races. He examined the Duke's car on Friday and paid particular attention to the brakes and steering. He examined the wrecked car that morning and found that the back part of the car on the right hand side was badly bent, roughly about 19 ins. There was a distinct mark on the hub cab, which showed it must have struck something. He examined the brake connections and linings. He thought it was pretty obvious that the petrol tank came in contact with the wall, and the fuel spilled on the red hot exhaust pipe and ignited. In such a contingency the car would become completely enveloped in

flames.

SHOCK AND HEART FAILURE

Dr. W. J. O'Sullivan said the deceased died from shock and heart failure following extensive petrol burns.

Hugh Caruthers Massey, Hazlehurst, Sway, Hampshire, England, said he was a personal friend of the deceased whom he accompanied to Limerick.

Witness was his pit representative and spoke to him before the race. Witness went to the scene of the accident and accompanied the deceased in the ambulance to the hospital. He identified the remains as those of John Fitzroy, 9th Duke of

Grafton with whom witness went to Cambridge. Deceased did not suffer from any physical disability but wore glasses. These gave him normal vision and when racing he wore the same lenses in racing goggles. His ordinary vision would not be normal.

Mr. S. McDonagh said he examined the deceased on the course and had him removed to hospital.

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Major MacNeill said he was President of the Irish Motor Racing Club and was clerk of the course for the Limerick race. He had to see that the conduct of the competition was proper in ever respect and each competitor was required to qualify in practice by doing at least three laps, one of at least 45 miles per hour. The deceased completed ten laps, eight of which were well above the qualifying speed. It was a very serious test - the qualifying test - and properly carried out. Three drivers who did not qualify were not allowed start in the race.

Inspector Brazil: So there was no doubt about the Duke being a competent driver or his car was in order? No.

What would cause the car to bump - was there any obstruction? Nothing more than the ordinary hazard motor race drivers must be prepared to meet. Unfortunately, it is inevitable that these accidents must occur occasionally in motor races.

Mr. Ryan - the conditions for the race was in fact much better than those obtained during the trial? Yes.

And the Duke had proved himself a competent driver at the trial? Yes.

Without retiring the jury gave a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and that the deceased died as a result of an accident while motor racing.

The coroner said it was a very sad case and they were all deeply sorry that the young

nobleman and sportsman should meet his death in this way. He had shown himself a sportsman to the very last, for although he was suffering intensely he did not grumble once.

After many votes of sympathy from the various parties Mr. Massey, on behalf of the family returned thanks.

The Tri-colour over City Hall was flown at half mast symbolising the sympathy of the citizens.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS

Immediately after the inquest at Barrington's Hospital the funeral of the lake Duke of Grafton left by road for Dun Laoghaire to catch the mail boat for Holyhead at nine o'clock that night.

The coffin was covered with wreaths of natural flowers.

These were from the mother of the deceased, Lady Gavin Hume Gore; Major Gavin Hume Gore, stepfather; Prince Birabongse of Siam, the Irish Motor Race Committee and several other prominent citizens.

The new Duke of Grafton is Captain Charles Alfred Euston Fitzroy, cousin of the lake Duke.

Shannon

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IN MEMORY

THE annual Mass for children who have died at any stage of life will be celebrated in Ss John & Paul church on Saturday afternoon at 3pm. An invitation is extended to parents and family members who have experienced the death of a child, brother or sister, at any stage of life.

BEAT THE STREET

A 5-aside street soccer tournament is being run for November on Friday organised by the Community Gardai in Shannon. It is for 5th/6th year students and Transition year, with squads of 8 and will take place at the Astro turf pitches in Wolfe Tones. Get a few friends from your locality together and get involved. Forms available at the Garda Station.

MATT TALBOT

Rev Ned Crosby, PP Kilfenora, will be the preacher for next Tuesday evening's session of the Matt Talbot Novena at 7pm in Ss John & Paul church.

LEISURE CENTRE

There seems to be some work being carried out at the Leisure Centre, and rumour has it that it will be up and running in the New Year. Don't hold your breath!

BACK TO EDUCATION

There are some new programmes being run in the Back to Education office at Bru na Sionna. On Friday morning a Practical Sewing class begins and will run for six weeks. The venue is the Adult Education Centre at Bru na Sionna and the class time is 10am until 12 noon.

Another event is a Book Club for the Terrified,

this sounds interesting. Anyone having difficulty preparing for their Driver's Theory test may also be able to avail of the services of the Adult Education centre in Shannon.

ALLIANCE

The Alliance of the Two Hearts will be take place in Ss John & Paul church this Friday night from 7pm to 3am on Saturday morning. The First Friday mass will be at 7pm with the First Saturday Mass at 12 midnight.

40 YEARS

Shannon Town Football club is celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year. They will hold a celebration in Darcy's Bar in SkyCourt on Friday November 27 with a live band and buffet. Tickets are available from Darcy's and Committee Members at a cost of €20.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Despite the very bad weather there was a great attendance at both Lemenagh and Illaunamanagh cemeteries for the blessing of graves on Sunday.

TOASTMASTERS

The Shannon group meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Oakwood Arms at 8pm. New members are always welcome.

DEATHS

Sympathy to Mary Forde, Dernish Law on the death of her mother Margaret Rankin, Dublin who died last Tuesday; to Joe Shortt, Cronan Gardens on the death of his brother Gerry Shortt, who died in London; to the family of Bill Lynch, Bantry, formerly of De Lacey Park and Bunratty buried in Lemenagh. May they rest in peace.