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Best nurse of the year

Miss Mary Keane, a daughter of Mr. Cornelius Keane, M.C.C., P.C., and Mrs. Keane, of Sheares St., Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, has been awarded a prize for the best nurse of the year for application and progress.

She is a third-year nurse attached to the Lambeth Hospital, London.

a letter from Mr. T. F. O'Higgins expressing appreciation for his telegram of congratulations and asking him to convey his (Mr. O'Higgins') thanks to all the Limerick members of Fine Gael.

The letter goes on: "I am very proud of the country in the vote that was given to me because I believe it was a conscious demand for new thinking and a new approach to Irish problems."

"I am equally proud of the part played by so many men and women in our organisation who set an example to their neighbours in the enthusiastic and dedicated work and support they gave."

Co. Limerick farmer charged

A Limerick farmer, Thomas Gleason, of Clondrina, Caherdavin, was charged at Limerick Rural Court this week with dangerous driving of a tractor on January 24 last, thereby causing the death of Elizabeth Considine of Upper Coonagh.

The case was adjourned to June 22, when depositions will be taken.

SAVOY CONCERT WAS BIG SUCCESS

LIMERICK went beat-mad last night when about 1,500 people packed the Savoy Cinema for the Festival of Sport's Midnight Concert. When the curtain finally came down on the Ludlow Trio at 2.15 a.m. the crowd was still cheering for more.

The concert was attended by Mayor Frank Leddin, Miss Rita Keane, the Sports Festival Queen, and Mr. Denis Nolan, Chairman of the Festival Committee.

The show, which was ably compered by Frank Corr, opened with Limerick's own group, "The Colours," which is the resident band at the Festival Club at the Royal George Hotel this week. Then came the Raparees, who got the crowd clapping with "Bonnie Shoals of Herring" and a newer one, "Lonely Banna Strand."

SWINGING

Tom Maloney and Eileen O'Loughlin, winners of the Killaloe "Search for a Balladeer" competition, thrilled the audience with some haunting American folk-songs.

Then the Jim Farley Showband came swinging on stage with vocalists Roly Daniels, Derry Mahon and Danny Pierce.

To the accompaniment of hand-clapping and foot stamping they did all the latest numbers, including their first record, "If I Cried," which reached the Irish Top Ten.

During the concert the final of the Limerick pub-singing competition was held. Competing were Maher's, the Dalcaisian, Hasset's, and the Imperial Bars. Judges Neilus O'Connell,

the Abbeyfeale manager of the Jim Farley Showband, and Don Duggan judged the Imperial Bar the winners by one point. They were presented with a cheque for £25 by the Festival Queen.

Then the tempo really livened when the Intentions stormed on stage with a really hot beat.

LUDLOWS

Munster Belt champion, Frances Fleming, gave a beautiful dancing display which put the crowd in a good mood for the Ludlow Trio, who wound up the show. Opening with "Sean South of Garryowen," they sang the poignant "Butcher Boy," "Courtin' in the Kitchen" and the record which made them famous, "The Sea Around Us."

Accompanist in the pub singing competition who got a special word of praise was Jerry O'Brien.

Mayor Frank Leddin congratulated all the artistes who took part in the show and thanked Mrs. Mai McCann, Mr. Frank Corr and Mr. Michael Crowe, who organised the concert, and Mr. Neilus O'Connell and Mr. Don Duggan, who consented to act as judges.

Mr. Denis Nolan thanked the Mayor and the Festival Queen for coming along and assured all concerned that it had been most enjoyable.

IN LIMERICK

"ACCORDING to his own testimony, His Eminence Cardinal Conway always associates Limerick with the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family," said Rev. Father Patrick Egan, C.S.S.R., during the week when about 300 new members were received into the Confraternity. Fr. Egan was referring to an address given recently by His Eminence in St. Munchin's College during the course of which he revealed the fact stated above.

"Our beloved Cardinal," the Spiritual Director continued, "is himself a member of the Holy Family Confraternity, which was extended to his native city of Belfast from Limerick, and, while Belfast Catholics may be more disposed than others to identify Limerick with the Archconfraternity, the truth is that virtually everywhere in educated Catholic circles Limerick is associated with its Archconfraternity of world renown.

ESTEEMED, RESPECTED, ADMIRED

"I am honoured," Fr. Egan continued, "on now being Spiritual Director for almost two years. During that time I have learned a great deal about your Confraternity, and the more I know of it the better I understand why it is so highly esteemed, respected and ad-

mired by good men of prudent judgment.

"It is esteemed because it does much to promote the glory of God and the sanctification of its members. It is respected because it has become an integral part of your Limerick Catholic heritage—next January twelve months we shall be celebrating the centenary of its establishment. It is admired because imbued with the spirit of Christ it does not tolerate spiritual snobbery, but welcomes to its ranks all men of good will. At the weekly meeting, the employer sits side by side with the employed, the professional man and the man of means and money sit on the same bench as the poor man, for whom life is a constant economic struggle. In your Confraternity, members come to their meetings not, a rich men and poor, but as members of God's family. Being aware of our common origin and recognising our common destiny, they come to honour our Father in heaven in Whose presence we all hope to be eternally happy.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

"The future of the Confraternity depends very much on the continuing loyalty of our young men and boys," Fr. Egan continued, "and in all fairness we must admit that confraternity-going in the 1960s demands sacrifices uncalled for in an earlier age. In the olden days the weekly meeting, as well as being a spiritual experience, was a social event of a highly attractive nature! In our more sophisticated society the man who wishes to remain loyal to his Confraternity must make a deliberate choice of chapel-night between his meeting and a host of very alluring counter attractions. In other words, he must be a man who is capable of practising genuine Christian self-denial.

GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM

"Some people say that modern young men are incapable of self-restraint or self-denial. Personally, I do not subscribe to that view. I believe that, in general, our young men are both capable and willing to make sacrifices in the interest of a worthy cause. In particular, I believe the young Limerickmen are eager to make the sacrifice necessary in order to ensure the continuing success of your renowned Confraternity. Our ceremonies this week give new grounds for optimism, because of three hundred plus new members being received, the vast majority are young men. With hundreds of young men joining the Confraternity each year the future looks bright," Fr. Egan concluded.

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