

THE EXPERIENCE OF SEEING THEMSELVES ON THE SCREEN!

HOLLYWOOD is not having entirely its own way in West Limerick, where local film productions have been screened in recent weeks (writes a Staff Reporter of the "Leader"). The productions, it is true, are not on a very ambitious or extravagant scale and the films are confined to brief cinematic records of many of the leading public events in the area during the past twelve months. Nevertheless the simple but nonetheless impressive screen "productions" have delighted hundreds of patrons, many of whom shared the unique experience of seeing themselves on the screen for the first time.

COMPETENT JOB OF CAMERA WORK

The films, it should be noted at the outset, are entirely the work of the C.Q.M.S. Richard Maguire, of the West Limerick F.C.A. Battalion, who is to be warmly complimented on having done a very competent job of camera work with the very limited resources at his disposal. Armed with nothing more formidable than an 8 mm. cine camera, a limited supply of film and a modest electric light meter, Sgt. Maguire attended most of the bigger social events in West Limerick during 1953. But what he lacked in the way of equipment was more than compensated for by a high degree of skill revealed in the finished screen production now being shown in the area under the auspices of the F.C.A.

MEMORABLE LOCAL EVENTS. He has thus succeeded in placing on record, as nothing else could, the highlights of such memorable events as the Feenagh Historical Pageant, which was unquestionably one of the most epoch-making events of its nature in the province. In Technicolor, these would have done justice to any pageant; he has re-created several of the most striking scenes from the Pageant and if there were no sound effects or musical synchronisation to add to the glamour and appeal of the occasion, the true atmosphere and realistic nature and background of the artists and natural scenery were delightfully preserved.

SCENES FROM OTHER HAPPENINGS.

The Pageant, however, was but one of the numerous local happenings recorded by Mr. Maguire's busy camera. There were also some graphically clear scenes from the annual Corpus Christi Procession at Castlemahan, an event that is evidently growing more and more impressive and expansive every year. Certainly it must have been a unique and happy experience for the residents of the village to have an event such as this recorded and preserved on the live screen with a realism that possessed all the qualities of the professional screen. Other local events that were skillfully recorded on Mr. Maguire's ever active camera included the annual Field Day of the Feenagh Young Farmers' Club, an annual event of much local interest and importance, the annual Aerloch at Kilmee, where a small but enthusiastic group of Irish Ireland workers are doing their best in the face of many difficulties to keep the Gaelic spirit alive in the parish; the annual Tennis Club Tournament at Killeedy, where the games have evidently helped to bring much social brightness into the lives of the parishioners; and the Lawn Tennis Club Carnival at Newcastle West, where the Club members did a real good job of work. At each of these events, Sgt. Maguire succeeded in capturing the true spirit and atmosphere of the occasion with a skill that makes one wonder what he might well have achieved if he had been equipped with more elaborate apparatus.

POTENTIALITIES.

Incidentally, he has also succeeded in capturing the almost unlimited potential in the countryside for the development of screen photography as a means of bringing brightness into the lives of the people residing in the remoter rural areas, and so helping perhaps in some small measure to arrest the much deplored flight from the land. Our directors of tourism, who are so generous in distributing their finances in other and often questionable directions might well

Famous Limerick Painter Is "Going Places" In The World Of Art

MR. FERGUS O'RYAN, A.R.H.A., the famous Limerick painter, is "going places" these days in the world of art. Several of his paintings have of late been on exhibition in the United States and Canada, and a number of them have been presented to universities, art museums, libraries and colleges in the former country. Mr. O'Ryan, a former student of the School of Art in the Technical Institute in this city, is son of Mr. Sean and Mrs. O'Ryan, Charlotte Quay, Limerick.

The following announcement in relation to the foregoing has been supplied us for publication by Mr. John MacSweeney, Press Officer, Fogra Fáilte, 58 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin:

"At the regular monthly meeting of The Eire Society of Boston in Boston on Sunday last, the Society made presentations of paintings by Fergus O'Ryan, A.R.H.A., to Harvard University, the Boston Public Library and the new Boston College High School.

FOR UNIVERSITY AND LIBRARY. "Mr. John Coolidge, Director, Fogra Art Museum, accepted a painting of Christ Church Cathed-



MR. FERGUS O'RYAN.

ral, Dublin, on behalf of Harvard University.

"Mr. Milton Lord, Director, Boston Public Library, accepted on behalf of the library a landscape of Keel, Achill, Co. Mayo. The painting was presented in commemoration of the library's centennial celebration.

"Very Rev. James J. Kelley, Rector, Boston College High School, accepted a picture of St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork, in memory of Gerald F. Coughlan, originally of Cork, and a former Vice-President of the Eire Society of Boston.

"These and other paintings by Fergus O'Ryan have been on exhibition in the United States and Canada under the auspices of Fogra Fáilte (the National Tourist Publicity Organisation for Ireland).

ONE-MAN EXHIBITIONS.

"Mr. O'Ryan is a native of Limerick and has regular one-man exhibitions in Dublin and Limerick, and is represented in the Dublin Municipal Gallery of Modern Art and in the City Galleries of Limerick, Cork, Waterford and Kilkenny.

NICE JOB FOR

NEWPORT FIANNA FAIL: ADDRESS BY LADY DEPUTY

MR. EDMOND FOLEY, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Newport Fianna Fail Comhairle Ceannairé held in the Parochial Hall, Newport (writes our Newport correspondent).

The following were also present: Mrs. M. B. Ryan, T.D.; Mr. Seamus O'Hanrahan, Organiser; Mr. M. McGrath, solicitor, Nenagh, a member of the National Executive; Mr. John Ryan, Secretary; Messrs. J. Cragh and T. Arnshaw, Treasurers.

The following Cumann were represented: Newport, Rearcross, Birchhill, Lacamore, Killoscully, Tour, Foiduff, Ballymahinch.

Mr. J. Ryan welcomed the delegates and also extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. M. B. Ryan, T.D.; Mr. O'Hanrahan, Organiser, and Mr. M. McGrath, solicitor.

ADDRESS BY MRS. RYAN, T.D. Mrs. M. B. Ryan, T.D., said that since the last general election the Fianna Fail organisation was growing in strength every day.

The people were beginning to realise that the present Government was the only one that could be relied on to put the interests of the whole people before that of the individual group and to do equal justice to all without distinction of class. Fianna Fail was a movement above party, impervious to pressure groups, and representing not a class, but a nation. The people have no longer any doubt that the Fianna Fail policy is the best both for the farmer and the country in general.

ORGANISER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Seamus O'Hanrahan expressed his delight at the extent of the meeting. He was glad to see so many young members present. The young people should be encouraged to join the organisation. The strength of the organisation was plainly evident in Tipperary after the last general election, when a vital seat was won and was responsible for returning de Valera to power. He appealed to the members to learn the Irish language, which, in the words of Davis, was "the badge of our nationhood." Newport, he said, was one of the best Comhairle Ceannairé areas in the constituency. Mr. M. McGrath, solicitor, said that the organisation was very strong in the area. It was heartening to see over 50 delegates representative of all the clubs present.

PUBLIC MEETING LATER.

Arrangements were made for the holding of a public meeting in the town to be addressed by one of the Ministers. After the public meeting a dance would be held in the Parochial Hall. Particulars of this function would be advertised in the local Press.

Communist Russia Wants A Five-Power Conference

Russia has asked the Western Powers to clarify their declaration that they are ready to examine the German situation at the Conference table.

This was the request in a reply by Russia to the suggestion of the Western Powers to have a four-Power Conference.

Russia's note was to-day being studied carefully in Washington, Paris and London. In the note was an allegation that the setting up of military bases contiguous to the Russian border and other Communist states constituted a great menace to the Soviet Union and a number of other states.

The Communists also mentioned in the note that they wanted a 5-Power Conference composed of the United States, Britain, France, Russia and Communist China.

Lord Longford Productions At

Youngest In The Mass A

THE youngest Archbishop Most Rev. Eugene Killaloe on Sunday last.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Eud. D. Souza, Archbishop of Nag (M.P.) India, celebrated first Mass in St. Flannan's Church, Killaloe last Sunday (writes our Killaloe correspondent). Dr. D. Souza visited Killaloe last August, when he was the guest of Mr. and C. Lynch, St. Luea Street, who relatives of one of his missions.

AGAIN HONOURED.

The Lynch family were honoured by his Grace on occasion. When Dr. D. Souza Killaloe he travelled by air to U.S.A., where he made an extensive tour of the American Continent during which period he was raised to the dignity of Archbishop. Whilst on a visit to Chicago he was the guest of honour at a function given by a former Killaloe lady, Miss Ada Hayes, who is resident in that city. She personal school friend of Lynch, N.T.

MUSICIAN CONFIDENT

STILL going strong at Newport Union Hall, Marie," the marathon pianist.

NEW RECORD ATTEMPT. "Marie" is attempting to establish a new record for non-stop playing of the piano. She set her endurance test at 11 o'clock Monday morning and hopes to continue playing until 12 midnight Saturday. If successful, she will have played non-stop for 72 hours, which will beat the record established by a German pianist, who played for 132 hours.

WRIST AND ANKLES SWOLLEN.

At 4 p.m. this afternoon "Marie" had played for 53 hours non-stop. Her left wrist and ankle were swollen and she also complained of stomach ache. To sustain her in her "Marie" has so far consumed jars of honey and thirty quarts of brandy, and two bottles of stout. In addition to this, she has drunk a half gallon of tea and two bottles of milk throughout the 24 hours.

NURSES IN ATTENTION.

Two nurses are standing by continuously in case "Marie" becomes ill. A bed has also been prepared for her in a Limerick home as an additional precaution. A special physical instructor, Arthur Lea, is also in attendance. "Marie" herself is quite content with the new record of establishing the new record.

Former Jockey Now Secretary Local Race Company

Mr. Harry Harty, Limerick, has been appointed to the vacant position of Secretary of the Local Race Company in succession to the late Mr. P. B. Clune. The new Secretary of the company is a son of the popular rickswell trainer, Mr. Henry Harty, and a nephew of Captain Harty, who was well-known member of the Irish Army and who also served under the rules of Irish racing.

Mr. Harry Harty was a professional jockey and has many winners for patrons of the racing establishment.