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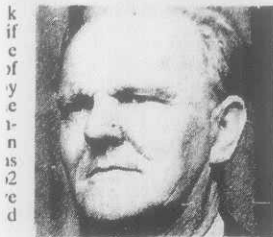

Deputy O'Brien: FG praise for FF chairman.

With diaries out, they explored dates for a meeting at Castletroy — as Cllr. Carroll informed them that some local residents had a problem they'd like to discuss with their area councillors the day of the meeting. It seemed one date was okay, but the hour mighth't suit Cllr. Wheeler, as it wouldn't let her be back home in Knockainey in time for cow milking. However, she agreed to circa 3 p.m., as she'd be back home in time.

At last, rates and area meeting agreed on, the meeting really got down to business. Towards the end (after 1.30 p.m.) the additional time, due to the early-on speechifying, began to tell on the councillors. Only 18 remained. And even that number gradually reduced as the clock jerked up towards 2 p.m.

They were on housing schemes (for the areas listed earlier in this piece) around this time. Cllr. Cregan got in observations about houses in his Dromcollogher and hinterland constituency. Then he quickly left.

Cllr. John Kelly got up and (smilingly) claimed that he was influential in getting the Broadford, Tournafulla houses. Some councillor expressed jocose scepticism about Cllr. Kelly's housing claims.

And added that Cllr. Cregan was the influential man. Cllr. Sheehy cracked that when the absent Cllr. Cregan would read Cllr. Kelly's claims in the Limerick Leader, there would be war!

Founding Father's funeral at Glenstal

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

FATHER HUBERT Janssens de Varebeke, O.S.B., died on Holy Saturday at the age of 84 in Glenstal Abbey, Murroe.

He was the youngest member of a group of six who came there in 1927 to found a monastery from the Abbey of Maredsous in Belgium.

The Irish abbey was to be founded in memory of Abbot Columba Marmion, a Dublin curate (previously a professor in Clonliffe College), who had left Ireland for Belgium to enter the Benedictine Abbey of Maredsous. He eventually became Abbot of this monastery and always wanted to bring the Benedictine Order, which had been suppressed in penal times, back to Ireland.

At Louvain

Fr. Hubert, who had been a student at Louvain University and a sergeant in the Belgian Army during the 1918 war, joined the Maredsous community in 1921. He came to Ireland as a founder member of the Glenstal community in 1927 and remained here ever since.

His degrees in history and archaeology from Louvain gave him an interest and a competence which he put to good use in a lifelong study of the remains of many old Benedictine monasteries which had flourished in Ireland before the Reformation. He was a member of the Irish Archaeological Society and, for many years, the monastery annalist and archivist.

Fr. Hubert will be remembered most of all by those many visitors to the monastery who came for confession and blessings. For him this was a labour of love.

The remains of Fr. Hubert were received at the Abbey Church on Easter Sunday evening by the Most Reverend Thomas Morris, D.D., Archbishop of Cashel and Emly. The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Easter Monday at noon.

The Lord Abbot of Glenstal, the Rt. Reverend Celestine Cullen, was principal celebrant and preached the panegyric. The assistant priest was Fr. Athanasius de Coninck, O.S.B., formerly of Maredsous Abbey. The master of ceremonies was Fr. Dominic Johnson, O.S.B. The monks' Gregorian chant was conducted by Bro. Ciaran Forbes, O.S.B., and Fr. Henry O'Shea, O.S.B.
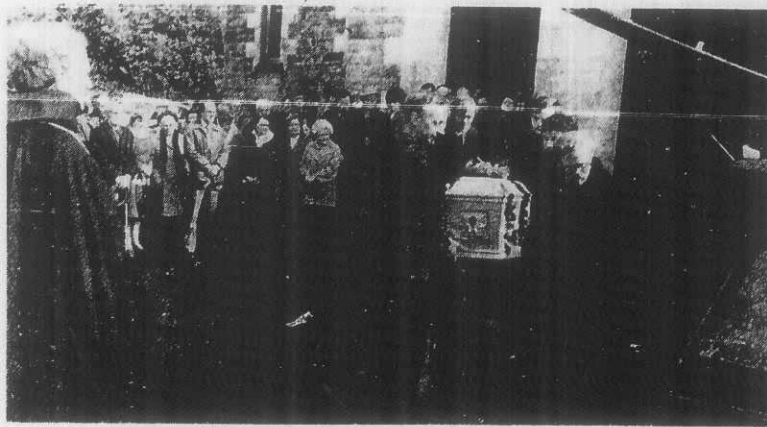
The organist was Fr. Kevin Healy, O.S.B.

Many priests from the diocese and religious orders concelebrated the Mass with the monks.

Amongst them were Ven Archdeacon F. Ryan, P.P., V.G., Tipperary, and Very Rev. Denis Canon O'Meara, P.P., V.F., Murroe.

The late Fr. Hubert was buried in the Abbey cemetery after the Mass.

Rt. Rev. Fr. Abbot Celestine Cullen blessing the coffin of Fr. Hubert on Monday last during concelebrated Mass at the Abbey.

Fr. Hubert's last journey.

The Lakeside Hotel.

By LEADER REPORTER

ONLY ONE hotel in the picturesque Killaloe area is listed in the Bord Failte guide this year — compared with six hotels and guesthouses last year.

Ballyvalley is the sole survivor on the list. The Lakeside Hotel is no longer registered , though, of course, still open to the public.

Four guesthouses in the area are also no longer on the register.

The guesthouses, it seems, for one reason or another did not seek to register this year with Bord

Mr. Bried and his Hotel Ballyvalley.

Why Bord Failte's 1983 tourism list

are making a lot of money from this book", the irate hotelier added.

He was also incensed that he had not received a 'B' star rating. The qualifications in the book are: "Hotels which are well furnished, offering comfortable accommodation and good service. Bedrooms with private bathrooms available. Good cuisine".

Hotel Ballyvalley seems to meet all these requirements, as all rooms have bathrooms en suite and are

Ballina, said that the reason the Lakeside was not in the official book was a "postal slip-up".

"We posted the forms to Bord Failte, but they never got to them", she said. The Lakeside had since made a further application, Mrs. Costello added.

Mrs. Costello said that Bord Failte carried out a full inspection again and she is hoping to hear from them in the near future.

A spokesman for Bord Failte