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Hickey was also on the side in the mixed doubles runner-up in the boys' championship.

ON BIG RACE IN ENGLAND

kin Kern, winner recently Irish St. Leger at Limerick, the Cloth of Gold Stake, 600 yards at Charlton, on last Saturday night.

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THE CREAGHS OF LIMERICK

(By WILLIE W. GLEESON)

THE fascinating story of the chance meeting of "The Monsignor and a little girl" (as reported in the last week-end issue of the "Leader"), made highly interesting and absorbing reading. That two such personages: a 9-year-old girl, Merle Lynch, of 3, Prospect Villas, Limerick, and an English ecclesiastic (since he is London born, with a "Parish" flavour), Right Rev. Monsignor Joseph Richard Crea, who resides in Hove, Brighton, should meet, just by mere chance, in O'Connell St., has unfolded the history of a thousand years!

When Limerick City consisted only of the Island Parish of St. Mary, the Creaghs or Crea, according to tradition, who were a branch of the O'Neills of West Clare, obtained the cognomen of Craobhach from one of their ancestors who carried a green branch in a battle fought at Limerick with the Danes in the ninth century. Other sources attribute "Creagh" to the wearing of a green cockade in their hats. Anyway, be that as it may, no one will cast doubts as to their ancient citizenry and respectability, since no fewer than 33 times their names figure in the list of Mayors of Limerick.

In the Broad Street-Mungret Street district, once a leading and prosperous thoroughfare—to-day, could easily be taken for battle-scarred Mary Street!—was contained a well-chiselled archway, formerly the entrance to the "Old Bear Inn," having on the key-stone the inscription "Pierse Creagh, 1640, rebuilt by John Creagh, 1787." This Pierse, when Mayor in 1613, was deposed for refusing to take the path of allegiance, and in 1615, when Christopher Creagh was Mayor, he was fined £100 for a similar offence.

Many of the Creaghs, too, attained to ecclesiastical distinctions. In 1459, William Creagh was Bishop of Limerick. In 1483 David Creagh was Archbishop of Cashel; a century later Richard Creagh was appointed by the Pope to the Primacy of Armagh; and at the beginning of the 18th century, Pierse Creagh was Archbishop of Dublin. All these were natives of St. Mary's Parish.

In 1737, we again find the name of yet another Pierse Creagh who, as well as being a D.D. was also P.P. of St. Mary's and Dean of the diocese; whilst a John Creagh, D.D., Dean, was Parish Priest of St. Mary's for 45 years, until his death in October, 1790.

"The Parish," then, it would seem, can rightly claim to have been the birthplace of such an illustrious a name as Creagh! I can well remember when, being hardly four years old, sharing the same long stool, in St. Mary's Convent School, with the brothers Mick, Eddie and John Creagh, of Bishop Street. And who hasn't heard of "Father Creagh's Bank" attached to the Arch-Confraternity, when it was worth 20 shillings!

In studying Limerick's ancient and chequered history, it is always well to remember that the Anglo-Normans, in a final effort to exterminate the native Irish, drove them

across Baal's Bridge, to what is now St. John's Parish—then a "no man's land," with the clear blue sky of heaven as their roof. Later, to eradicate all that savoured of Irish, they even changed the names of the lanes into English, such as Rosemary Lane, Stag Lane, Prison Lane, Red Lion Lane, Churchyard Lane and Gridiron Lane, this last named, since the past 45 years, becoming portion of St. Mary's Cathedral graveyard, flanked by Bridge Street and Nicholas Street (old Exchange end).

Despite all the transformations, conversions, annexations and transportations, over they years, however, one leading thoroughfare has, to this very day, thanks be to God, maintained its original Irish name and that is Creagh Lane, lying between the Gerald Griffin Memorial Schools and St. Anne's Vocational School and which, as far as lies within our power, no authority, foreign or domestic, will ever change.

Should you, then, dear reader, at any time be confronted by a "stranger"—whether from far-off New Zealand or nearer home—eager to trace his ancient Irish ancestry, if the name be Arthur, Creagh, Fanning, Woulfe, Stritch, or such like, treat him as you would one of our exiled kith and kin, "whose heart keeps throbbing for the dark, brown sand, where the Shannon River meets the sea."

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Over 1,000 copies of the 1957 Ford Almanac were presented by the firm's general sales manager, Mr. J. Crennan, of Cork, to Lt. Gen. M. J. Costelloe, General Manager, Irish Sugar Co., at a ceremony in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, last week. The copies of the Almanac are for distribution among competitors in the "Can You Beat It" competition of "Blatas"—the Sugar Co. Journal.

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on His Lordship was Rev. Fall Salvadore, O.P. Madrid.

In the course of a special sermon Rev. J. Gannon, O.P., referred the horrors of war, the weakening of faith and morals, the terrible delinquency among juveniles, a the large-scale trouble between employer and employee that made such depressing headlines to-day Science, which had been given God for the bettering of humankind, was prostituted and had become a thing which threatened all that was finest in life and man's existence a terrible nightmare.

The true explanation of man's misery, said Rev. Father Gannon, was that while there were many good people in the world there were not enough saints. The saint, who one who realised that we were here on earth in order to know, love and serve God.

St. Dominic, he said, was a saint who must ever hold a place in our hearts and especially Limerick where his sons had been ministering for over 700 years. There was a crowded congregation present.

IRELAND.
DISTRICT COURT OF JUSTICE
District Court Area of Limerick Liberties District No. 19.

Take Notice that I, the undersigned, Margaret Walsh, of Gillogi Clonlara, in the County of Clare Married Woman, intend to apply for the next Annual Licensing District Court to be held at Limerick in a for the District Court Area of Limerick Liberties on the 11th day of September, 1957, for a Certificate entitling me to receive a Transfer of the Licence lately held by Jo Walsh to sell Beer, Cider, Wine and Spirits by retail at and in the premises at Gillogue, Clonlara, in the County of Clare.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1957.
Signed: MARGARET WALSH, Applicant.

Signed: MICHAEL B. O'MALLEY, Solicitor for the Applicant, 126, O'Connell Street, Limerick.

To: The District Court Clerk, County of Clare.
And To: The Superintendent, Gardai Síochána, Killaloe, Co. Clare. (f10)

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AN CHUIRTE BREITHIUNAIS DUICHE.
Ceannair Cuirte Duiche: Mhuirbeach.
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Arna dhátu Cheannphort, Gardai Síochána, Pailis Greine. (f10)

RENOVATED CREAMERY
Ballylanders Creamery, a branch of the Condensed Milk Co., Limerick, is after an extensive renovation and repair and indeed the finished job is a credit to the contractors, Messrs. Halligan & Sons, Moonsfort, Co. Tipperary.

AFTER FIFTY-THREE YEAR SERVICE
Mr. Ned Mullane, Ballylander, has retired as auxiliary postman after 53 years service.