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CARLTON — The Paramount people say they made extraordinary efforts to give a nautical flavour to "Two Years Before the Mast." The film, which is due here all next week, was "shot" in the sequence of the story. The gradually deteriorating effects of the gruelling voyage had to be mirrored in the appearances of the players. Hair and beards remained uncut during the filming to mark the progress of time. The unkempt locks emphasised the horrors and hardships which marked the lives of merchant seamen of the period (early 19th century). Paramount have not soft-pedalled the cruelties of sea life of this time. The flogging of sailors, the ravages of scurvy which took men away from their homes for two years at a time, the ruthless shanghaiing of hands, and the absolute autocracy with which the captain ruled his ship—all these are fully pictured. The cast boasts Alan Ladd, Brian Donlevy, William Bendix, Barry Fitzgerald, Albert Dekker and Esther Fernandez. Observe the performance of Howard de Silva as the captain. It's a wonderful job of acting.

LYRIC—From advance notices to hand I have formed the opinion that Monday's attraction here is a farcical romantic comedy with a pronounced American flavour. It's Paramount's "The Well Groomed Bride" (co-starring Ray Milland and Olivia De Havilland) and concerns the battle of wits between a naval lieutenant and an attractive girl for the sole remaining bottle of champagne in San Francisco, the first needing it for christening a new ship and the other for her wedding to a conceited football hero. It is, however, 75 minutes of rather good fun. Sonny Tufts, James Gleason, Percy Kilbride and Jean Heather support. Thursday's "They Made Me A Killer" is a gangster melodrama

### BRUFF MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. Patrick Twomey (52), of Newtown, Bruff, died suddenly in bed. It appears he was about to arise in the morning when he had a seizure and died in a few minutes. Dr. T. Woulfe, Bruff, carried out a post mortem examination and on his report to the Coroner for East Limerick, Dr. J. P. Cleary, an inquest was not deemed necessary. The late Mr. Twomey was a member of an old Bruff family, long connected with the district, and he was lucratively occupied in the business of market and fruit gardening. He was very popular with all classes and there was a large attendance at his interment, which took place at Teampullenn Cemetery.

### FLOODING OF AWBEG

The flooding of the Awbeg River continues to be a source of irritation and undoubted loss to the farmers whose land lie along its banks. This land, under normal conditions, could be most successfully tilled, and in dry seasons bumper crops of wheat and oats have been grown there. To finish the cleaning up from the county bounds to the source of the river at Mount Russell would not be a very big job, and it is hoped that this long agitated matter will be taken up and completed to the satisfaction of the residents of the Ballymac district, who have borne the grievance for many a season. In the past, and who have from time to time drawn attention to the losses they have suffered.

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Friday's "Gentle Annie" is better described as a "Western with a difference." Lovely Donna Reid gives a beautifully shaded performance. James Craig and Marjorie Main are also prominently featured. Supporting feature will be "The McGuerrins of Brooklyn," co-starring William Bendix and Grace Bradley (Mrs. William Boyd). First houses for this long programme will be at 6.30.

TIVOLI—Six of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's leading stars will appear in the three fine attractions booked for this house next week.

Monday's "Waterloo Bridge" co-stars Robert Taylor and Vivien Leigh in a tender love story of World War One. Miss Leigh is a ballerina who meets Taylor accidentally during a raid on London. Romance develops and soon afterwards they are to be married. Tragedy enters her life as she reads in the newspapers that he has been killed. He is alive and well, however, and returns to find that... This film is beautifully done, and one of the scenes which stands out in my memory is the episode in "The Candlelight Club," with the music of "Auld Lang Syne" to make it more vivid still.

Wednesday's "Bad Bascomb" will probably go down in movie history for the unusual teaming of Wallace Beery and little Margaret O'Brien. The scenes with the two together are amusing and not without a slight touch of genius. The film itself is more or less a biography of the tough bandit, Bascomb, whose heart of stone was melted by the innocence and appeal of a little girl.

Friday's "Above Suspicion" relates the adventures of a honeymoon couple in pre-war Germany. Doing a little espionage on their own, their battle of wits with some tough agents, led by Conrad Veidt and Basil Rathbone, provide some thrilling moments. The couple is portrayed by Fred MacMurray and Joan Crawford.

### "THE GONDOLIERS"

What promises to be the most ambitious and perfect C.B.S. presentation so far will be staged at the Lyric Theatre for one week, commencing January 13th. This time the pupils will be seen in "The Gondoliers," with all its lilting tunes and little gems of comedy.

Mr. Lionel A. Cranfield will act as producer for the final rehearsals, and on this score its success is assured. Mr. Cranfield's abilities with Gilbert and Sullivan being known throughout the nation. The scenery for this occasion is said to surpass previous efforts and, indeed, the entire show seems to possess an almost professional appearance.

Added to this is the surprise, and welcome announcement that for the first time there will be a full orchestra in the pit. Booking is now open and for further details attention is directed to advertisement on page one of this issue.

### FOYNES HARBOUR LIGHTING

The lighting of the pier and harbour buildings at Foynes was discussed at the monthly meeting of Foynes Harbour Board, Mr. H. M. V. O'Brien, Foynes Island, presiding.

It was recommended that the old system of carrying the current on overhead wires be abolished, as there was always a danger of these being blown down by strong winds and also of being struck by the derricks of cranes unloading ships at the quayside, and that the current be carried by underground cable.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed with Lady Monteaige on the death of Lord Monteaige.

ing of the Society on 8th June, 1944, by Mr. Eoin O'Kelly. This is a really enlightening and interesting contribution. It describes the private banking system as it operated in Limerick before the Joint Stock Banks as we now know them were founded. Mr. O'Kelly gives illuminating details of the very large number of private banks formerly operating in Limerick and of the conditions prevailing when they were in existence. Incidentally, he gives in an "Author's Note" a very pleasing hint that it is hoped, one day, to publish in book form the large amount of information he has collected about the old Irish private banks and the people who conducted them. Such a volume would be valuable and welcome, as the notes at Mr. O'Kelly's disposal, as he says himself, "afford an interesting picture of one aspect of our history."

### THE OLD THEATRE ROYAL.

In "Memories of the Old Theatre Royal," Mr. J. F. Walsh, Honorary Secretary of the Society, gives an interesting account of that very pleasant home of entertainment down the years between its construction in 1841 and its destruction by accidental fire on the afternoon of Monday, 23rd of January, 1922. The subject is one of special fascination for local readers and it is dealt with very capably, a great deal of entertaining matter being compressed into small space. Details are given of the leading companies and great artists who played or sang in the Old Royal, local concerts and other functions being also dealt with, the whole making a very readable article indeed.

### THE ARTHUR FAMILY.

Mr. E. H. Bennis, a great worker for the Society since it was established, gives a most entertaining survey of the history of Arthur's Quay. Pointing out that for over 400 years prior to 1840 the destinies of Limerick were ruled and its civic life administered by an oligarchy of merchants, he mentions that the family of Arthur "took the lead in both commercial enterprise and civic administration." Forty-four times, he says, an Arthur occupied the position of Mayor of Limerick. It was after the Williamite Siege of 1691 that the Arthurs built the Quay still bearing their name, and the fine row of residential houses erected by them looking out on the Shannon "were built to get the full benefit of the afternoon sun." Mr. Bennis has a wonderful knowledge of Old Limerick, and he makes excellent use of it in very appropriate language in this particular article on Arthur's Quay.

### ARTICLE IN IRISH.

The Irish Language is not forgotten in the Journal. In "Ceard-Chuluchta na Sean-Aimsire i Luimneach" Mr. Gerard Spencer, M.A., a very brilliant Limerick Gaelic scholar and educationist, deals in our native tongue with the very effective system of "comhairing" ("coreing") used by County Limerick farmers and tradesmen in the "Middle Ages," which, he said, compared with the 1946 save the harvest drive. At one time Limerick had fifteen "comhairs" or "colucta," each working independently, but held together by a common council. These "comhairs" sometimes fought fiercely as revealed by the old poem, "Cath Chloch an Mheara," while they were under foreign rule and influence. With Irish independence, however, the foreign hold on the "comhairs" loosened and the national spirit returned to encourage in 1946 the finest campaign of the deceased, who, he said, was a "comhairing" ever heard of.

Mr. Alma G. Fitt gives a list of Societies existing in Limerick in the period 1840-1850, taken from old records of the Limerick Savings Bank. No fewer than 38 Societies are mentioned and their very names are interesting as showing the variety of groups and associations catering for their members in those days.

### A USEFUL RECORD.

Under the heading "Proceedings

### DEATH OF MRS. BRIDGET NAUGHTON

The death of Mrs. Bridget Naughton, "Wimercux," Janesboro', which took place in St. John's Hospital on 27th December, following a brief illness, has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow.

The deceased lady, a daughter of the late Mr. Stephen Malone, was wife of Mr. Richard Naughton, Inspector, National Health Department. A very estimable woman, she was held in high esteem and regard and deep sympathy is tendered to her husband, children and other relatives in their great bereavement.

The funeral on Sunday, 29th December, from Janesboro' Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was of very large proportions.

The clergy present were:—Very Rev. Father Rice, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev. C. Wall, C.C., do.; Very Rev. Father Roche, S.J., Rector; Rev. J. Barragry, S.J.; Rev. V. J. Dennehy, S.J., and Rev. C. J. Naughton, S.J.

The chief mourners were:—Richard Naughton (husband), Raymond Naughton (son), Clare and Doreen Naughton (daughters), Mrs. H. Malone (mother), John, Stephen, Vincent and Christopher Malone (brothers), Mrs. T. Naughton, Galway (mother-in-law); Mrs. J. Malone, Cork; Mrs. S. and Mrs. V. Malone, Limerick; Mrs. P. F. Quinlan, Limerick, and Mrs. W. Burke, Thurles (sisters-in-law); Rev. C. J. Naughton, S.J., and Messrs. Gerald, William and Hugh Naughton, Galway (brothers-in-law).

### REDEMPTORIST FATHER BEREAVED

The death took place on Christmas Eve at his residence, Chancellor'sland, Emly, of Mr. Edmond Harty, after a brief illness (writes our Hospital correspondent). The late Mr. Harty, who came of a well-known and long-established family in the district, was an extensive and successful farmer and was a highly-respected member of that community. He was brother of Rev. John Harty, C.S.S.R., Atherry, Co. Galway.

His remains were removed to St. Ailbe's Church, Emly, accompanied by a large gathering of mourners and friends and the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery after Office and Requiem Mass. The officiating clergy were:—Rev. John Harty, C.S.S.R. (brother), Rev. Father Fitzgerald, C.S.S.R., Limerick; Very Rev. L. Meaney, P.P., Emly; Very Rev. Dr. Slattery, D.D., P.P., Lattin; Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Emly; Rev. T. McGrath, C.C., Ballybricken, and Rev. T. Kennedy, C.C., Knocklong.

of the Society," a singularly useful record is given of what has been done by the Society from its foundation to the end of the season 1943-44. It is hoped, by the way, to have the record brought up to date in future issues.

The final item—and a very well written one it is—is a review by "F. F." of Mr. Robert Herbert's "Worthies of Thomond," Third Series.

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