

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES LYNCH, GARRUNA-COONA, EFFIN.

The death of this highly esteemed gentleman, which took place at his residence recently, has evoked feelings of deep regret over a wide area in East and South Limerick. Mr. Lynch had a record as an Irish Nationalist second to none, being one of the pioneers of the Sinn Féin movement and opposing strongly the right of any foreign Power to conscript the young manhood of the country. He earned the respect and admiration of all who came in touch with him during the Conscription scare in the 1914-1918 war for his blunt and direct refusal to entertain the idea, which he said at the time should not be referred to at any meeting except with scorn. He took an active part in organising the district in 1917, and there can be no doubt but success was largely due to the untiring efforts of the group of enthusiasts of whom he was one. Courteous and refined in manner, he made many friends, and his popularity was evidenced in the size of the funeral cortege to Eflin Country, where he was laid to rest.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Mary Lynch (widow), the Misses Molly and Nellie Lynch (daughters), Patrick Lynch (brother), Mrs. Chawke and Mrs. Ryan (sisters), Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Margaret Lynch (sisters-in-law), Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Carr, the Misses Kitty Chawke and Annie Lynch (nieces), Pat, Joe, James and Michael Lynch, John, William and James Chawke, Con, Tom and Jimmy Ryan (nephews), Neil McDonnell, Jimmy Ryan, Willie Lynch, James Cullinane, Pat Joe Cullinane, and Michael Cullinane (great-nephews).

The officiating priests at the funeral were—The Venerable Archdeacon O'Brien, P.P., D.D., Eflin, and Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., Eflin—R.I.P.

THE LATE MR. M. J. BYRNE

With sincere regret we announce the death of Mr. Michael J. Byrne, Manager of the National Bank, Ltd., at Kilkee, which occurred at his residence on 19th inst. The deceased had been at Kilkee for slightly over 12 months, on transfer from the Managership at Falls Road, Belfast, and the fact that during such a comparatively short period he made numerous friends is an eloquent tribute to his personality. The late Mr. Byrne had not been long in Kilkee until he had been acclaimed a gentleman, and perhaps there is no more desirable distinction. As a banker, he had an excellent career and was a trusted servant, both of the public and the Bank. Alike a friend to the rich and a champion of the poor, Mr. Byrne's esteem was amongst every section of the community. It was a pleasure to do business with the deceased gentleman, and it is a matter of the greatest regret to the people of Kilkee that he should be taken from them under such tragic circumstances.

Mr. Byrne had been at the pictures on the Tuesday night, when he became ill and was taken to his home, where he died at 1.30 the following morning. His sudden death was a terrible shock to the people of Kilkee, many of whom had been with him and joked with him but a few hours previously, when he was then in his usual good humour.

The funeral took place to the family burial ground at Knockaney, Hospital, Co. Limerick, after Solemn Requiem High Mass at the Parish Church, Kilkee, on Thursday.

Mr. Byrne is survived by his brother, John, and six sisters, one of whom is Sr. M. Declan of the Convent of Mercy, Callan.

To them and to all his friends, we extend our profound sympathy on the loss of a perfect gentleman. May he rest in peace.

WEEK OF STAGE PLAYS

ANEW MCMASTER'S WELCOME VISIT

Co. Monaghan-born Anew McMaster makes another welcome return visit to the Coliseum, commencing Monday next, for one week only.

Those who saw the film version of "Pink String and Sealing Wax" will be interested in the stage version which Anew is putting on exactly as he presented it at the Gate Theatre, Dublin, for, we think, four weeks. He opens his week's stay with this play on Monday night.

On Tuesday Anew will play the role of "The Cardinal" in an entirely new production.

CITY CINEMAS

(BY E.C.)

SWOY—Justly claimed to be an all-round triumph for the director, the producer, the cast, and especially the Irish players, "Odd Man Out" comes here on Monday next as one of the most highly publicised films ever shown in Ireland. The main interest from the point of view of the Limerick picture-goer will be the film debut of Kathleen Ryan, now resident in this city. Her acting had to be of a very high quality, considering the distinguished company with whom she was appearing, and I am happy to say that she emerged with flying colours. She is excellent in this British picture, hailed as the "best ever" made in England. Splendidly cast and brilliantly acted, it is certainly James Mason's finest picture to date. Robert Godly, W. G. Fay, F. J. McCormack, and Robert Newton give magnificent portrayals of their varied roles. Many prominent Dublin stage stars are also cast. Kathleen Ryan has made a conspicuous debut and more than holds her own share of the spotlight with such a famous collection of "scene-stealers."

LYRIC—Those who put a little on a horse now and again will enjoy "She Went To The Races" very much indeed. Due on Monday, this is a light-hearted racing comedy with a new angle. The laughs, and there are a lot of them, are supplied by a group of professors who have taken to the turf as a means of raising money, and to see them seriously employed in working out a fool-proof formula is worth the price of a seat.

It is ideal fare for those in search of thrills and laughter. James Craig, Frances Gifford, Ava Gardner, Edmund Gwenn, Sig Ruman, Reginald Owen and J. M. Kerrigan head the competent cast.

Thursday's "Her Adventurous Night" takes its unusual motivation from the fantastic imagination of a small boy who unwittingly involves his parents in an unsolved murder mystery. Dennis O'Keefe and Helen Walker are the stars.

Johnny Mack Brown is on the trail of a group of gold bandits. The story of his exploits will be told in the support, "Land of The Outlaws."

GRAND CENTRAL—The "Hue-Dunits" (due all next week) is definitely one of the outstanding murder-mystery films of the year.

The story tells of a naval officer who returns home from overseas. Shortly afterwards his wife is murdered under unusual circumstances and he is suspected and forced to dodge the police. A really first-class cast is headed by Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake, William Bendix, Howard Da Silva and Doris Dowling.

TIVOLI—This house will screen "A Shower Of Roses" on Monday and Tuesday next. This is an excellent film dealing with the Little Flower and the miraculous cures wrought by her. The support will be "The Call."

Wednesday's "Welcome Home" is a bright comedy about a young soldier who is misunderstood from the moment he comes home on leave until the day he returns to his unit. This is great fun. Robert Benchley (the late) is the star.

Friday will see Errol Flynn in Charlotte Quay again, this time as a criminal about to be executed in France, but who escapes as an air raid begins. Paul Lukas finally catches up with Flynn and the film winds to an unexpected climax. This is gripping fare. Episode eleven of serial support.

THOMOND—Samuel Goldwyn's "North Star" tells of the epic resistance of a small Russian village to the German invasion. Dana Andrews, Anne Baxter, Erich Von Stroheim and Walter Huston are the stars.

Wednesday's "That Night With You" stars Susanna Foster and Franchot Tone in an amusing musical comedy which boasts some very spectacular dream sequences. An excerpt from the "The Barber Of Seville" is very well put over.

Friday's "Dakota" is a first-class western, lavishly embellished with a number of dramatic high lights which keep the pace at fever pitch. John Wayne, Vera Hrabo Ralston, Walter Brennan, Ward Bond, Osa Munson and Mike Mazurki are the players in a well told story.

CARLTON—"Rhapsody In Blue" ends its run on Saturday. Packed into the 127 minutes running time are some of the greatest events in the life of George Gershwin, the great composer, as well as feature presentations of some of his biggest songs and music successes. Robert Alda is excellent as Gershwin and a really first-class supporting cast includes Joan Lockhart.

TUBERCULIN TEST

Reply To County M.O.H.

LETTER FROM VETERINARY COUNCIL

In the city edition of our last week-end issue we published a summary of a letter forwarded to Limerick County Manager by Mr. T. J. Cronin, hon. secretary of the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland, in reply to a statement made at a recent meeting of the County Council by Dr. James McPolin, County Medical Officer of Health, in reference to bovine tuberculosis. Mr. Cronin has since forwarded us a copy of the letter for publication in full in our columns. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir—The Council of this Association had before it at a meeting on March 27th, press reports of a statement in regard to bovine tuberculosis, alleged to have been made by Dr. J. McPolin, Medical Officer of Health, Limerick, at a meeting of your Council on March 22nd.

Portions of the statement as reported were considered by this Council to be grossly and seriously inaccurate and likely to mislead public opinion and to harm the interests of the agricultural community if left unchallenged.

Members of this Council, by virtue of their special knowledge of the subject and of their responsibilities in matters connected with it are particularly perturbed that such inaccurate and misleading statements should emanate from a Medical Officer of Health, whose views on such a subject as tuberculosis are likely to be considered by the public as being at least substantially correct. In consequence, the Council feels compelled to contradict publicly the inaccuracies in Dr. McPolin's statement as reported in the Press, and with that purpose in view it has decided to send a copy of this communication to the Press, the Medical Registration Council, the Ministers for Public Health and Agriculture, and to the Secretary of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture.

THE TUBERCULIN TEST

Firstly, Dr. McPolin is reported as having said "that the finding of positive tuberculin test in cattle or human beings was valueless as a proof of the existence of the disease." This Council does not claim the right to express an authoritative denial of this remark as it applies to the human subject, but it does claim the right and authority, based on universal as well as local veterinary experience and official statistics covering many millions of animals, to contradict it emphatically in respect of cattle. The position, in fact, is that the tuberculin test is the most reliable and the only practical means of diagnosing tuberculosis among animals on a large scale and it has been officially approved and applied as such by our Government as well as by many other Governments throughout the world. By its application, tuberculosis has been practically eradicated from the 90,000,000 head of cattle in the U.S.A., from the cattle population of much of Canada, and from many herds throughout Europe and the other Continents. In Great Britain, over 26,000 herds, comprising almost a million animals, have recently been cleansed of tuberculosis through the medium of this test and the expansion of tuberculin testing there is developing rapidly at present a fact which the Council considers of prime importance for this country, in view of our future cattle trade relations with Great Britain. Any influence likely to discredit the application of this test here, such as the statement attributed to Dr. McPolin, would, therefore, be a most regrettable occurrence, especially at the present time.

HUMAN TUBERCULOSIS

Secondly, Dr. McPolin is reported as having stated that "since the animal nature in man and cow had similar tropical laws, disease could spread from one to the other. Common sense would tell that the evidence in tuberculosis in man and cow in Limerick should be similar." This, of course, is not so, since there is abundant evidence to show that tuberculosis among cattle bears no material relationship to the extent of human tuberculosis and vice versa.

"Dr. McPolin is further reported to have said that 'in Limerick four persons out of every 1,000 were infected with tuberculosis and it would be astonishing if the evidence of the disease in cattle was greater than that figure.' It is not the wish