

Death of Mr. Dan Bourke



Mr. Dan Bourke (47), who has died was chairman of the Oxford and Limerickmen's Association. He was very well known in Oxford especially in the Sacred Heart parish in which he lived, and where he gave a lot of his time to charitable work. Over the past 17 years in Oxford he was chairman of the many committees including the Oxford and District Limerick Association.

There was a large attendance at the removal of the remains and the following day at the Requiem Mass which was celebrated by V. Rev. Father Lloyd, P.P. Sacred Heart Parish, and Rev. Father O'Connor, S.D.E. The funeral was to Rose Hill Cemetery. Among the many wreaths was one from the Oxford Association and one from the London Limerick Association. The latter was represented at the funeral by Mr. Joe Bulfin and Mr. Michael Feely, both from Grange, Don's home town. Don left a wife and four children. His wife was formerly Mary Reynolds, from Rathcannon, Athlaca.

The rearranged committee is as follows—president, Jim Flanagan, Ballygran; chairman, Dan Kissane, Bruff; vice chairman, Dennis O'Donoghue, Killfinn; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Ballygran; assistant secretary, Mrs. K. Inseal, Grange, Bruff; treasurer Nicholas Dore, Ballygran; entertainments secretary, Dan Lordan, Banogue; committee, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mitchell, Fedamore; Mrs. Nora Kelly, Fedamore.

Sister Rita White

The death of Sister Rita White, late of Abbeyfeale, after a brief illness, was a great shock to her community, relatives and friends. She was thirty eight years a Sister of Mercy and ever in her work was devoted and unselfish. Of a mild and gentle disposition, she endeared herself to all, especially to the Sisters, who were so good to her. The large attendance at her obsequies was a tribute to her sincerity and universal friendliness.

Appointment

Florence Helen Fitzgerald, Smith's Street, Charleville, Co. Cork, daughter of Maureen and the late Des. Fitzgerald, has been appointed to Bruff branch of Allied Irish Banks Ltd.

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Inspired by Limerick priest-historian

A COMPREHENSIVE book by Mr. John Hunt on the art of Mediaeval Ireland owes its inspiration to the late Monsignor Michael Moloney, a scholarly Limerick priest and historian, who introduced Mr. John Hunt to examples of medieval Irish art on the grave memorials of Limerick and Clare, about thirty years ago, when Mr. John Hunt, a distinguished medieval art historian, resided at Lough Gur. Mr. John Hunt said at the Clare Archaeological and Historical Society's Conference on Medieval Ireland, at Ennis, last weekend.

"In those days, my friend Monsignor Moloney, an authority on every feature of the history of Thomond, and a distinguished contributor to the Thomond Archaeological Society's journal, was my guide to the ancient churchyards of Limerick and Clare, where the tombs were embellished with fascinating examples of the unique art idiom of the Mediaeval Irish sculptors," Mr. John Hunt added.

Reflected

Mr. Hunt's book will be published shortly by the Irish University Press (Dublin), and it will show the art and sculpture of Mediaeval Ireland, as it is reflected on the grave memorials of Limerick and Clare and elsewhere in Ireland. While resident at Lough Gur, Mr. Hunt constructed a Stone Age House and its art style (of 2,500 B.C.) and he is the author of a book on the O'Dea Crozier and Mitre—made by a mediaeval Irish craftsman for Bishop O'Dea of St. Mary's Cathedral—which are now in the custody of the Good Shepherd Nuns, Clare St., and are considered to be two of the finest examples of the skill of Irish mediaeval craftsmen.

Mr. Hunt who gave lectures during the Conference on Mediaeval Ireland tour of Ennis Friary, Bunratty Castle (where he met SFADCO's Art and Furniture Consultant when it was restored as a Mediaeval Banquets venue in the late 1950), and Craggaunowen Castle (near Kilkishen), which he is currently developing with Bord Fáilte's and SFADCO's assistance as a Mediaeval Art Centre and an Open-Air Museum complex, mentioned a plan to bring the art of ancient Ireland to the school-children.

Mini-museum

It will be a mini-museum on wheels. Examples of Irish art from the Stone Age to Mediaeval times, from my Craggaunowen Open-Air Museum and Mediaeval Art Centre, will be housed in a caravan, which will go on tour to the schools, and enable our students to see all aspects of Ireland's art heritage, thus making them less dependent on visits to Dublin, where most of our art and historic finds are centralised, Mr. Hunt concluded.

The Clare Archaeological and Historical Society's Weekend Conference on Mediaeval Ireland, which was attended by over 200 history enthusiasts, was an informative and enjoyable week-end for everybody including the large number of history enthusiasts from Lime-

rick. Before Mr. John Hunt's lecture in the Great Hall of Bunratty Castle, on Saturday afternoon last, Mr. Christopher Lynch, Manager of Bunratty Castle and Folk Village, greeted the Mediaeval Ireland Conference tourists and entertained them to a Mediaeval Mead Reception.

Assisting

Assisting Mr. Lynch at this Mediaeval Mead Reception, were Mr. Tom Sheedy (Assistant Manager Bunratty Folk Village), Miss Mary Anglim (of Janesboro) and Mrs. Phil Madsen, Receptionists at Bunratty Castle and Folk Village.

The other lecturers on the art, castles and life style of Mediaeval Ireland during the week-end at the West County Hotel, Ennis, were: Mr. E. Talbot (University of Glasgow), Mr. Roger Stalley (Trinity College, Dublin), Mr. Liam de Paor (U.C.D.), Mr. David Johnson (Inspector of National Monuments, Office of Public Works, Dublin), Mr. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G., and Professor M. J. O'Kelly, U.C.C.

The Limerick participants at the Clare Society's Conference on Mediaeval Ireland included: Dr. Sarah O'Malley (president of the Thomond Archaeological Society), Very Rev. Fr. J. Culhane, P.P., St. Peter and Paul's; Mrs. Patsy Harrod, Miss Eileen Egan, Surgud and Mrs. George Cantillon, Miss Marie Crowe, Acting City Librarian; Miss Brid Hayes, Limerick Corporation Information Officer; Miss Anne Holiday, Sec. Limerick-Clare Georgian Society; an tUasal Liam O hEidean, Mrs. Mary Hanley, president of the Kiltartan Yeats Society; Mr. and Mrs. O. Marnain, Miss Elizabeth Leahy, of Newcastle West, now a Radiographer at Clare County Hospital; The Knight of Glin (Desmond Fitzgerald) and his wife, Olda Fitzgerald, and Mr. Marais McMahon.

Thanks

Speaking at the conclusion of the Mediaeval Ireland week-end, at the West County Hotel, Mr. Gerard O'Connell, secretary of the Clare Society, thanked the Limerick-based Thomond Archaeological Society and the many other Limerick participants for their support of the Clare Society's week-end devoted to the study of Mediaeval Ireland.



...l Hill, who won the 'Choral Verse LL photo

Death of Mr. Joe Ryan

One of the most respectable and a lovable man, whose wonderful qualities made a truly great Irishman, died in the Regional Hospital, Limerick. He was Joseph (Joe) Ryan, Abington, Murroe, Co. Limerick, eldest brother of Rev. Fr. Edward Ryan, S.C.A., Thurles, well-known for his ten years of religious work in Rome.

Between Limerick and many parts of County Tipperary, Joe was admired—with his late brother, Captain John Ryan—as a young fighter with the Mid-Limerick Brigade of I.R.A. against the Black-and-Tans. A qualified mechanical fitter, he was, at one time, an employee of Messrs. Hayes Brothers, Davis Street, Limerick, and afterwards worked in the local creamery where he had retired. An excellent hurler, in his young days, with the Murroe H.C., he was a very good athlete, winning prizes in the four mile event. Some fifteen months ago he was bereaved by the death of his wife.

Many clergy

Most Rev. Dr. Winters, S.C.A. Africa; Very Rev. Fr. Frank Ryan, P.P., Archdeacon, Tipperary; Very Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, P.P., Ballinahinch; Very Rev. J. Brown, P.P., Caherdivin, Limerick; Rev. Fr. M. Neville, C.C., Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Limerick, attended at the removal of the remains from the Regional Hospital.

Before the interment, Rev. Fr. Edward Ryan, S.C.A., celebrated Requiem Mass in Murroe Church, attended by many priests and mourners.

At the funeral from Murroe Church to Abington Cemetery, the coffin was draped with the tri-colour, and fronting the hearse were many of his old comrades, marching with rifles. Mr. Jim "Bud" Clancy, sounded the Last Post.

Some of the mourners were: Mrs. J. Roche, Uganda; Misses Mary Ryan and Nellie Ryan, both living in New York (daughters); William, Manchester (son); Michael, Patrick and Matthew Ryan (brothers), and Mrs. P. Foley, Mrs. Nora Chune and Mrs. Kitty Murphy (sisters).

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