

puzzled most people including the inhabitants, was the fact that up to now there was no trace of a mill—no evidence of how the district originally got its name.

KEEN STUDENT

However, there was one resident who determined to solve the mystery. He is Mr. Jim Heffernan, farmer and keen student of archaeology, Ballyine, and as the result of his initiative and the co-operation of Professor M. J. Kelly, Curator, Cork Museum, the Old Mill has acquired a new significance as the evidence has been unearthed of an ancient corn mill, the origin of which goes back to somewhere round the 10th century. The important discovery was made following recent excavations in the townland of Ballyine and which led to the location of the probable site of the original "old mill."

The discovery was made about twenty yards from a stream at a depth of eight feet. Stone foundations were uncovered enclosing an area of 12 feet by 6 feet.

INNER CHAMBER

A centre wall three feet thick was placed 2½ feet from the outer wall, forming a long narrow channel which housed the vertical mill wheel. In the inner chamber were found numerous parts of the works of this ancient corn mill.

The excavations were conducted by Professor O'Kelly, Curator of the Cork Museum. The fragments of the mill stone and several pivot stones and parts of the mill wheel are now preserved in the Museum in Cork.

This is the first mill of its kind found to date and despite extensive research has not yet been accurately identified.

ANOTHER SITE

Further excavations, not yet complete, have revealed still another mill site, 100 yards downstream in the same field. The second site, measuring up to 30 feet long, may well yield valuable information as to the origin of these two mills.

The discoveries pose a number of questions: When did these mills operate? When

Lightning blew TV set to bits

Hundreds of television sets in Limerick were put out of order by last Saturday's electric storm. Many set holders were watching the international athletic meeting which was being held in College Park, Dublin, and the sets ceased to function as the storm hit Limerick.

One TV dealer in Limerick told our reporter to-day that he had repaired 30 sets so far. The part of the sets damaged by the lightning was the "rectifier." Many of the dealers were busy since Saturday carrying out the necessary repairs to the sets and it is understood that nearly all the sets have now been repaired.

A television expert explained how the sets were damaged to-day. He said that when a flash of lightning is passing, we notice that the ordinary electric lights become dim. This means that there is a weakening of the current. The sudden rush back of full current causes the rectifier in the T.V. sets to blow.

As we go to Press we have just learned that one T.V. set in Co. Limerick was actually blown to bits by the lightning.

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of the O'Brien, great in war but greater still in peace as a builder of roads, bridges, schools and churches. Did he, in fact, build these old mills?

Picture shows section of the old mill race unearthed by Professor O'Kelly at Ballyine, Newcastle West.

Cecilians working hard on

'The Desert Song'

ON Sunday, October 20 next, the Cecilian curtain will rise on the Society's 34th production—Sigmund Romberg's "Desert Song," a musical which has never lost its gaiety and sparkle since it was originally produced at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on April 7, 1927.

Again the Cecilian Musical Society has kept to its long-standing tradition in keeping to its own members and in so doing making the society entirely amateur, not along in its cast but also in its orchestra and stage staff.

The "Desert Song" has already been cast as follows: Pierre Birabeau (Noel Harris), Margot Bonvalet (Maritta O'Hehir), Benjamin Kidd (John Read), Susan (Vera O'Sullivan), Paul Fontaine (Michael Byrnes), Azuri (Terry O'Kelly), Sid El Kar (Noel Mulcahy), Ali Ben Ali (Joseph Donnellan), General Birabeau (Jim Glynn).

Noel Harris, who plays the part of "Pierre" (The Red Shadow), resumes with the Cecilian Musical Society after an absence of some six years. Since his last appearance on the Cecilian stage Noel was married, and is now the Area Superintendent of Irish Shell and BP Ltd. During portion of the intervening years he lived in Athy, but for some time now has been again resident in Limerick.

Over a period of five years, Noel played in seven productions of the Cecilians. He will be particularly remembered for his excellent playing of the lead in "New Moon" (Robert) and "The Belle of New York" (Harry Bronson).

The dual role of the Red Shadow affords him excellent scope for his fine stage presence, his versatility as an actor, and for his pleasing baritone voice.

Noel, as everyone in Limerick knows, is a younger brother of Richard Harris, who recently won the award for the best actor at the Cannes Film Festival.

Richard's performances in "Mutiny On The Bounty" and "This Sporting Life" have won world-wide acclaim.

In charge of production will be Jim Sexton who proved an outstanding success in his presentation of "South Pacific" last October. On the stage side Louis de Courcy has already the sets designed on paper and is putting this work into reality and hopes to have the stage set for rehearsals in mid-August.

Terry Egleston, one of the Society's hardest working members, has already "broken the back" of the chorus work. This does not mean that Terry has by any means "taken a holiday" she is at present taking the opportunity to have all the chorus numbers ready for the continuation of rehearsals in August.

The committee wish at this point to thank all its patrons for their unfailing support down through the years and especially during the society's last production, "Die Fledermaus." Also the committee would like anyone who wishes to join the society for the next production to send their names to the Secretary as soon as possible.



NOEL HARRIS

Drove without tax, fined £5

MICHAEL O'GRADY of Baginbally, Bruff, was summonsed at Bruff Court before District Justice John P. Fegan, for driving a motor vehicle without tax on the 27th February last, and with, as alleged, making a declaration on the 3rd March which was false.

Garda T. Coleman, in reply to Supt. M. Dolan, who prosecuted, said that on the 27th February he saw the vehicle being used in the town of Bruff. The defendant, Michael O'Grady, was using it. There was no tax on the vehicle and it was not taxed on that date.

Garda Burke said that on the 3rd March, defendant produced a form to him and he witnessed the defendant's signature on it.

Mr. T. M. Mitchell, solr. for defendant, said that he did not seem to understand the matter. He had since sold the vehicle.

NOT DRIVING.

Defendant, in evidence, said he was not driving the on the occasion in February.

To Supt. Dolan—He did not have the car on the occasion in February. He lent it to a man to do repairs on it. He was not driving it on that occasion.

The Justice imposed a fine of £5, on not having the car taxed on the 27th February, and imposed a fine of £2 for making the false declaration on the 3rd March.



LIMERICK FIRMS SUBSCRIBED TO EXAM

AT present the International Apprenticeship Examination is in progress in Dublin. It is the first time the examination is being held in Ireland and numerous firms throughout the country have subscribed to help finance it.

A brochure has been printed showing the list of subscribers and the following are shown from Limerick as having made subscriptions:

Messrs. Stokes & McKiernan, Ltd.; Messrs. Shannon River Veneer Mills, Messrs. A. P. V. Desco (Ireland), Ltd.; Messrs. James O'Donnell (General Engineering Works), Messrs. Ranks (Ireland), Ltd.; Messrs. Southern Chemicals, Askeaton; Messrs. Limerick Shoes, Ltd.; Messrs. O'Mara (Limerick), Ltd.; Messrs. Anthony O'Donovan & Co. Ltd.; Messrs. D. O'Sullivan, Messrs. Condensed Milk Company, Ltd.; Messrs. Wm. Fitt & Co. Ltd.; Messrs. Denis Moran & Co. Ltd.; Mechanics Institute, Messrs. I.A.W.S., Ltd., Messrs. F. Cullen & Co. Ltd. The Limerick Employers' Federation, Messrs. Shannon Foundry, Messrs. James McMahon & Co. Ltd, The Irish National Union of Woodworkers, Messrs. Wm. Todd & Co. Ltd. The Irish Stationary Engine & Firemen's Union, The Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation, Messrs. Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd., Messrs. J. & J. O'Byrne, Ltd.; The Brick & Stonelayers Trade Union, Operatives House-painters' Union, Operatives Plasterers' Union, and Plumbers Trade Union.

Open American tournament

The annual Catholic Institute Open American Tournament was again an outstanding success with an entry of 72. After a very interesting day's tennis the winners were Paul McDonagh (Catholic Institute) and Miss Jean Laffan (Caherconlish), who overcame the strong challenge of Hugh Elliott (Catholic Institute) and Miss Elizabeth Kelly (do.), 7-5.

MARRIAGE NOTICE O'BRIEN-BLUETT

The marriage took place in the Church of the Holy Rosary, Ennis Rd., Limerick of Mr. Thomas O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, Drewscourt, Ballygran, Kilmallock, to Miss Joan Bluett, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Bluett, Ballyshonakin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. John Bluett, brother of the bride. Nuptial