

ALL FEWER PATIENTS AFTER THE GAME

At In Limerick Mental Hospital

WORKING HOURS OF STAFF

WHILE admittances in other such institutions have doubled in the past year, the number of patients at the moment being treated in the Limerick Mental Hospital is twelve less than last year.

So, Dr. N. B. O'Higgins, R.M.S., told a meeting of the Hospital Board last Saturday.

The R.M.S. said that since the Board's meeting in May, there had been 45 admissions, 18 discharges and six deaths. That left 841 patients in residence, a decrease of 12 on the figures for the same date last year.

THE NEW CLINICS

"The new out-patients clinics are being widely availed of at the three centres—Limerick, Croom and Newcastle West—both by the medical practitioners and the general public," Dr. O'Higgins reported.

He also said that on Sunday week last 214 of the patients were taken on an excursion to Spanish Point in six C.I.E. buses. Every one of them enjoyed the trip well. He wanted to record his appreciation of the work done by the staff, some of whom would ordinarily be off duty, for looking after the patients so well. He thought also that the owner of the Marino Hotel should be thanked for the great help he gave to make the outing enjoyable.

Replying to Mr. J. J. Connery, E.C., Dr. O'Higgins said it might be possible to arrange a gala day later on for the patients who were not well enough to go on the excursion.

STAFF WORKING HOURS

Mr. J. Hayes, Co.C., asked if final agreement had been reached on the question of staff working hours.

The City Manager (Mr. M. Macken) said he had met representatives of the unions concerned in the staff's grievance about working hours. As a result of that an alternative arrangement had been drawn up. The staff's representatives and the R.M.S. had a discussion on that and Dr. O'Higgins had drawn up a report which he (Manager) had not time yet to study.

Mr. Hayes said he thought the Ecard could safely leave the matter in the Manager's hands.

EXCELLENT OUTING

On the proposition of Mr. Connery, who said Dr. O'Higgins should be congratulated on having provided such an excellent outing for the patients, the report of the R.M.S. was adopted unanimously.

Brighter days in store for warehouseman

Only by regular stock-taking can a storekeeper know how he stands. In his health, however, Mr. J. W., a Bristol warehouseman, knew only too clearly that his stock stood miserably low. Then he found "the goods."

He writes: "I had constipation on and off for quite a time. It made me feel heavy and listless. Dizzy, fainting sensations. Sometimes it seemed my legs were giving way. I felt depressed and irritable. I started with Bile Beans... soon feeling brighter and better tempered, and regular doses keep me free from constipation. Bile Beans are a fine medicine to take when one feels out of sorts."

If your system is working lazily,

Minister's Tribute

NATIONAL CUP FOR PIKE ROVERS

AT a reception held by the Pike Rovers Club in honour of their minors' F.A.I. Cup victory several tributes were paid to the Club and its officers by their President, Mr. M. J. Keyes, Minister for Local Government. Present were:—Messrs. Tom O'Donnell (Chairman), Joe McKeown (Secretary), John O'Shaughnessy (Treasurer), Mick Russell, and Joe Dillon (Committee). The victorious minor team and other club members were also in attendance.

Mr. Keyes, in a lengthy speech, congratulated the minor team which brought Limerick its first national soccer trophy. Their victory, he said, was evidence of the earnestness with which they trained and the sincere way that they heeded the trainers' and officials' advice. Two men in particular deserved mention, continued the President; they were Messrs. Dave Renwick and Tony McKeown. The former, he had been told, worked like a trojan with the minors since their competitive season opened, while the latter, with his long, first-class professional experience, had imparted expert coaching since he arrived home on holidays from his Club, Aberdeen.

HARD-WORKING BODY

He (Mr. Keyes) had found the committee a hard-working and enthusiastic group of men and credit was also due to them for the victory.

Some of the Dublin officials had commented to him during the game on the excellent arrangements for the final, and in this connection he felt a word of praise was due to the local Junior Council.

Finally, said Mr. Keyes, with the present material at their disposal, Pike Rovers would, he forecast, in time bring greater honour to the Treaty City.

Mr. Tom O'Donnell thanked the Minister for his sustained interest in the Club's affairs, and endorsed the tributes paid to the minor team and officials, by their president. Sincere training, he said, always paid dividends, and it certainly had done so in the case of their minors.

Mr. O'Donnell paid a special tribute to the Johnville players and supporters, who, he said, were one of the finest and fairest body of sportsmen with whom the Pike Rovers Club had come in contact. It had been a pleasure to meet them on and off the field of play, and he looked forward with pleasure to future encounters.

HELP OF OTHER CLUBS

It was very sporting of the other city Clubs, continued the Chairman, to lend a hand in the way they had done with the stewarding, etc., and he thanked them sincerely on behalf of his Club.

"In conclusion," said Mr. O'Donnell, "it is truly amazing the number of congratulatory messages received, and Pike Rovers thank their well-wishers one and all."

Mr. Michael Russell said that while well-deserved praise was being showered on the Club and its team, they should not forget the supporters, many of whom followed the team on their numerous treks out of the city.

A very enjoyable social followed, to which nearly all present contributed.

WANDERING AROUND WITH J.N.S.

Tom Clifford Has Made New Zealand

IN a letter received from New Zealand I am told that no forward with the British and Irish touring team has played better than Tom Clifford, of Young Munster. He has been consistently good, and one of the few scrummagers to really hold his own with the tough New Zealanders.

According to other information contained in the letter, Jim McCarthy has hardly lived up to the big reputation built up in international football on this side of the world. Incidentally, reading between the lines, the impression created at the back of my mind is that while New Zealanders have won the Test rubber, their play has not satisfied their own folk.

I can quite believe it. It seems to me that the rugby standard in New Zealand cannot be what it once was. Otherwise the tourists, skipped by Karl Mullen, would not have escaped so lightly as they have done. Incidentally, next year the South Africans will be touring this country and Britain.

SOUTH AFRICANS' TOUR

As the Springboks claim to be the leading rugby playing country in the world, then I reckon it behoves Ireland and the three British countries to concentrate on unearthing much better talent than they are commanding these days. Otherwise the four Home countries are going to get it in the neck!

In South Africa, of course, there is no other handling ball game, such as Gaelic football here, and the Rugby League professional game in New Zealand, England and Australia, to split their forces. In 1937, when the South Africans visited New Zealand and Australia they were beaten 13-7 in the first Test, but won the second 13-6 and the third 17-6, or by 5 tries to nil.

In their 26 matches in New Zealand and Australia the 1937 Springboks scored no fewer than 753 points, thus having a phenomenal average of 28.9 points a match. Even the first All Blacks of 1905, which had been hailed as the greatest combination ever to represent New Zealand, averaged no more than 26.3 points in Great Britain.

IRISH GIFT TO POPE

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—I would be obliged if you would make mention of the following in your paper:—

On her recent visit to Rome, the President of the Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary School Unions, Mrs. D. J. Bridgeman, had the privilege of presenting to Our Holy Father on behalf of her Organisation a solid silver chiborium, specially made in Celtic design, and inscribed with the name of the C.W.F. in Irish and Latin. Graciously accepting the presentation, His Holiness mentioned how impressed he was with the faith of the Catholic women of Ireland, and concluded by saying "Cead Mile Failte."

Yours faithfully,

MARVIE DONOVAN.

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APT PUPILS.
If Britain has taught the South Africans, who, as I say, are due to tour this side of the world in the 1951-52 season, they have certainly proved themselves most apt pupils. The game, of course, has long been accepted, even by the Nationalist Afrikaners, which means the Boers, as their national game.

In their 1949 trials to build up their team to meet the All Blacks, held over eight days at Pretoria, only 32 of the 114 players bore English names. And the XV chosen for the first Test was composed of 13 Afrikaners and two Jews.

IRISH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I have been told that the Irish Lawn Tennis championships are going to be a flop. And do you know why? All because the I.L.T.A., through its representative, who each year pays a visit to Wimbledon, has on this occasion not succeeded in his mission of inducing certain internationally renowned stars to come over to our championships—and walk away with the titles.

It seems that our championships this year are clashing with quite a few tournaments on the Continent—and that the call of the Continent is stronger than the call of Ireland. It is, of course, also just possible that the hospitality we may be able to offer does not come up to the same standard as that already "hawked" around Wimbledon by the representatives of these other nations.

Amateur tennis players, you know, are very fastidious people—they are also pretty shrewd business people. They have to be or they would not be able to keep going in the game. But don't misunderstand me! I have not got a bee in my bonnet, because certain famous players of other nations prefer the Continent to Ireland.

THEY NEED HOSPITALITY

Amateur tennis players, who have reached the top grade, are not daft—and like the rest of us they have to eat to live. They realise their value, and with the world being what it is, they are not going to allow themselves to be exploited.

NEWCASTLE WEST GOLF CLUB

Newcastle West will travel to Killarney on Sunday next when they will be "at home" to the local club for what has always proved to be one of their most popular and successful outings of the year. The visitors will be represented by two teams of sixteen players, who will engage the Killarney men in a singles competition in the morning and a fourball in the afternoon.

Last week's results from the Kiltaline links were:—Townspiece's Cup, final—David Kennedy (6) beat Michael McCoy (14) 10 and 9. Ladies' Aspirants Cup—Miss B. O'Connell (34), 69; runner-up, Mary Burke (31), 75.

Y.F.C. TOURS

Recently the Bruff Young Farmers' Club went on a tour to Mitchellstown Creameries Farm and to Ballyclough Insemination Station, Mallow, both of which proved very interesting and instructive.

The Club hopes to go on a further tour to Rosara farm, Mount St.