

Engagement of Limerick soccer player

THE engagement is announced of Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fitzpatrick, "Sancta Maria," Mayorstone Park, and Miss Jean Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Griffin, 17 Rossa Avenue.

Twenty-two-year-old Kevin is an all-round sportsman, but is best known for his brilliance as a soccer player. He began the game with Reds United, under Jack Tuohy, and later took up hurling and football with C.B.S.

In the 1960-'61 season his team was beaten in the Harty Cup final by North Monastery, but in the same year Kevin won a Munster Senior Colleges football medal when St. Flannan's went under to his side in a thrilling final.

Taking up soccer after that, he played with Limerick C and B teams and had his first senior game against Glasgow Celtic at the Markets Field.

Last year he gained an international "cap" against Scotland, and is at present goalkeeper for Limerick.

Kevin, who is a salesman with the Advance Tyre Centre, has three brothers and two sisters. Dynan is also prominent in soccer circles, fielding with Pike and Calcadonians, and he has also won Munster minor honours. The eldest brother, Jimmy, who is in Canada, played rugby with Bohemians, and Patrick, who is a priest in New Jersey, hurled with St. Patrick's and won county juvenile and minor championship medals.

Kevin's sisters are Jean and Noreen. Jean is married to Mr. Michael Guerin, of the post office engineering department, and Noreen is married to Mr. Pat McMahon, who is employed in the post office service in London.

Mr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, Kevin's father, is a buyer with Messrs. Wm. Todd & Co. Ltd. He was well known as a carman in his day and won a number of trophies with Shannon Rowing Club.

Kevin's fiancée, 22-year-old Jean Griffin, was educated at the Presentation Convent, Limerick, and modelled in fashion shows for Maureen Walsh. She is at present manageress of the Academy Library.

Jean is interested in reading and for outdoor recreation favours bagging. Her brothers are Cyril, Desmond, Michael and Niall.

Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick and his fiancée, Miss Jean Griffin



Back on the boards

After a long absence from the boards, the College Players will open their season with a new play by Nenagh solicitor, David Hodgins, "In His Shadow." It will be presented in the renovated Amharclann na Feile and will run from February 7 to February 14 (inclusive).

Prior to Christmas, "In His Shadow" had a very successful fortnight's run in Nenagh, and it is likely that it will soon be presented in one of the national theatres. The College Players are glad to have this opportunity of presenting it to a Limerick audience.

The play is being produced by Brendan Hoare, and he has got together one of the strongest casts in the group's history: Jimmy Queally, Biddy McGrath, Andy Butler, Ita Fitzgibbon, Don Duggan, Donal O'Brien, Mary Ryan, Michael Byrnes, Paddy Moran and Ger Fulham.

The Amharclann is being completely renovated and a big drive is on to have the work completed for the College Players' opening on February 7.

Patrons will find that their comfort has received priority in the renovation scheme and it is understood that the Directors are confident that the Amharclann will be one of the cosiest entertainment centres in the city.

The theme of "In His Shadow" deals with a conflict between two families in a rural area and the play, although a tragedy, has a number of comedy scenes.

Holiday in Limerick Golden Wedding

LAST Sunday was Golden Wedding Day for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Downes of New York. And they will hold it as a day just as that of January 17, 1915, when they were married in St. J.



FAMILY

Numbered among the 100 guests at a reception to mark the occasion in a New York Hotel were their ten children and many of their 41 grandchildren. An honoured guest was Bishop Flannery, and in the course of a pretty little ceremony the golden jubilarians walked together into the reception room "like a young bride and groom" while the organist played "Garryowen."

Subsequently, Mr. and Mrs. Downes were presented by their family with an airline ticket for a three weeks' holiday in their native Limerick.

It was their first visit home in 51 years, and they told me: "We think it is beautiful; we love every minute of it."

There was one disappointment, however, for Mrs. Madge Downes. The house at 84 Mungret Street where she was born and spent her childhood years with her parents and six sisters is not there any more.

She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lynch and her father was the proprietor of a cabinet factory in Mungret Street.

It was Nicholas Lynch's proudest boast that he had more grandchildren than any family in the country. They totalled 108, and his daughter's families were: Mrs. Rockett, 19 children; Mrs. Kiely, 17; Mrs. Fitzgibbon, 21; Mrs. King, 22; Mrs. Collopy, 11; and Mrs. Downes, 18. One of his seven daughters, Miss Molly Lynch, did not marry.

Mrs. Downes is a niece of the late J. P. Lynch, St. Columbcille's Cabinet Factory, Bedford Row. He was a former member of the City Council and a foremost authority on history and antiques.

One of J. P.'s prized possessions was a copy of what is believed to be the draft Treaty of Limerick. This he presented to the late Paddy Lynch, K.C., a member of the Nationalist Party in Clare and later Attorney-General in the Fianna Fail Government. Paddy Lynch is reputed to have given the document to Eamonn de Valera, and a number of the Articles in the Irish Constitution are said to be based on it.

CLARE ELECTION

Paddy was defeated by de Valera in the historic Clare by-election of 1917, but a firm friendship, nevertheless, existed between the two. During the election campaign, supporters of de Valera sang to the tune of "God Save Ireland":— "Claremen, vote for de Valera,

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen New York (centre) with their Limerick 1 Mr. Paddy Fitzgibbon porter, Cruise's Hotel and Mr. Paddy Kie Mr. and Mrs. Down made a present of a in Ireland on their wedding day. It is a visit to their native in over 50 year

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We may see Lynch but at present P. Clare remember this ing children's of Later on, as I have 1 Paddy Lynch oc honoured and respot tion in the Irish Go Mr. and Mrs. Stephe live at 893 3rd Ave and have ten child the eldest of whom is A grandson. M Downes, is at present medicine in Unvers Dublin.

Mrs. Downes' parents' parents of Mr. P gibbon, head porte Hotel. Her only sister here is M Kiely, 3 Exchange mother of Mr. Pe B.C.

Mr. Stephen Downes in Clare Street, wi five cousins. His New York is Mrs. 7 husband is chief Sea View Hospi Island.

One of Mr. and M: pleasant surprises was a meeting with W. Gleeson, Willi ously met Mrs. I members of her fa Limerickman's D: York on St. Patr 1962, on the occa first charter fligh land under the au: Old Limerick His iety. During their holid rick, Mr. and Mrs. staying at Cruise's