

SPORTING BREVITIES

Limelight On Local Boxers

(By "JERRY M.")

LIMERICK got another taste of boxing from the big promotion angle, when outside exponents of the fistie art helped to ensure the carrying through of last Sunday night's tournament in The Ritz.

In the Dubliners' corner for most of the night was Mick Coffey, the former Golden Gloves middle-weight champion who created a hit some

of Limerick's lost prestige in the rugby field. They earned the plaudits of the crowd for their never-say-die enthusiasm, and even with the loss of a forward they nearly snatched a draw at least.

The League and Munster Cups are now resting on the Cork sideboard. But there is the suggestion that the pots would have come back to Shannonside had Garryowen and Young Munster the marksmen to convert penalty kicks. Cork have been rampant in outdoor sport this season, as instance Harlequins win in the Munster Senior Hockey Cup and Albert Rovers success in the Munster Senior Soccer Cup.

Cyril Downes, son of Mr. John Downes, Catherine Street, Limerick, figured at the base of the scrum with U.C.C. juniors on Sunday. Cyril learned the game of rugby with Crescent College. Another ex-Crescent student, Paddy Berkery, won a Lenister Senior Cup medal with Lansdowne, last Saturday.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. W. R. Miller, Limerick, one of the Irish hockey selectors, on his re-election as Chairman of the Munster Branch, I.H.U. Mr. Miller has done great work for the advancement of hockey in Munster, and he is as well known among English, Welsh and Scottish hockey officials as he is in Limerick.

Rowing activities are beginning to move apace. Crews from Limerick B.C. and Shannon R.C. are already preparing for the events ahead. Both clubs will be represented in all grades.

Former Limerick soccer team back, "Bud" Aherne, was injured while assisting Luton Town last Saturday. As a result he finished the game on the wing. Another ex-Limerick defender, Rory Keane, did not play for the Swansea Town first team last Saturday.

The Thomond Hurling Tournament next month will herald the clashing of the ash in earnest and this preliminary to the Munster Championships should be as big an attraction as usual. There is the hint—and it will be welcomed by caterers in the city—that trains will run from outlying districts to Limerick for the Thomond festival.

A friend told me the other day that while Clare are expected to make a bold bid in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship, it is certain that Tipperary will be very determined to retain their titles this season. In a trial recently, a No. 2 Tipperary selection beat a No. 1 Tipperary selection. The winners shaped so well that my friend declared: "There isn't a hurling team in the country will beat Tipp. this year."

It was not the Ahane of old at Caherconlish last Sunday, where the Castleconnell stalwarts' come-back to the senior hurling championship met with a rebuff. Emmets, the South Board's team, won by a point, which meant the relegation of the Ahane men to the losers' group. Mick Mackey starred at full-back for his old team.

It is hoped by some "foreign games" specialists that a summer hurling league will be organised this year. It is the intention to have the teams comprising players who "indulge in "foreign" games," and it is desired that the matches will be played strictly in accordance with the rules.

The rugby, soccer and hockey players will band together next month to play their second annual hurling match in aid of charity. There are some very good hurlers among them, but the rugby folk will severely miss Tom Clifford, who can wield a hurley in the style of a past master.

It is a long lane that has not a turn. The turn this time came in the League of Ireland wheel of fortune when Limerick notched

their first win of the season in the League last Sunday. It was evident by their form against Cork Athletic that they were on the upgrade and the defeat of Sligo Rovers could not be classed as a major shock.

The victory brought Limerick's total of wins for the season to six. The team has played 38 matches this season, with next Sunday's tie against Shamrock Rovers due to put closure to the campaign for 1949-50 as far as competitive soccer is concerned. Limerick drew no fewer than 13 times, while they were on the losing side on 19 occasions.

Prominent jockeys as well as all parts of the country, as well as racing celebrities, were at Carrus

REACHED FINAL



Sean Creamer (St. Francis B.C., Limerick), runner-up in the 8st. 7lbs. youths class in the recent National Boxing Championships in The Stadium, Dublin. He showed great form in the local tournament on last Sunday night when defeating W. Lehane (Tralee) on points in the first bout of the night.

Court, Croom, on Sunday night to honour brothers Tim and Martin Molony, the respective champion steeplechase riders of England and Ireland.

It is, indeed, a proud record of achievement which the Molony brothers can claim, and in doing so they have brought distinction to their native county. It is hinted that Tim plans to travel to U.S.A. in the early autumn with Martin. The latter has been there before and ridden winners, too, on Uncle Sam's territory.

In their 14 years history Millbrook Hockey Club at last won a senior Cup by defeating Catholic Institute 2-0 in the final of the Flynn Cup the other evening. Proudest man on the Millbrook team was Alf Kirby, the goalie, who has now put away his gear and gone into well-earned retirement.

LIMERICK CINEMAS

Five New Films And Stage Show

(By Earl Connolly)

SAVOY "The Blue Lamp" (originally booked to open here last night and now scheduled to commence a week's engagement on Monday next) is the story of the uniformed policeman on the beat, and in particular the story of one constable, played by Jack Warner. The film shows what happens when a constable finds himself involved in a cinema hold-up. His arrival on the scene interrupts the crooks, one of whom kills him. The picture then traces the activities of Scotland Yard in bringing the murderer to justice, and filming took place at several police stations, particularly at Paddington Green; and a radio car was loaned to Ealing Studios so that an exact replica could be made. Policemen themselves took part in many of the scenes, and Inspector Leonard Penry, instructor at the Peel House Training School, was placed at the Studio's disposal as technical expert. Every detail in the script was passed beforehand by Scotland Yard experts, who later saw the completed picture to confirm the accuracy of the scenes. Filming on location occupied several weeks and cameramen and daredevil drivers worked on what are probably the most exciting and realistic car chase scenes ever enacted for a film. Once again, police co-operation was necessary in order to make it possible for these scenes to be shot in their authentic settings. Stars of this "film of the year" include Jimmy Hanley, Dick Bogarde, Robert Fleming and Peggy Evans. A feature of every performance will be an organ recital by John A. Enright.

On to-morrow (Saturday) at noon and on Sunday at 3.30 the usual Crazy Matinee will be held for the children, with a splendid stage and screen programme specially arranged by "Uncle Cliff" Marston.

Sunday night "Renegade Bill" and "Kelly the Second."

LYRIC Running for almost 2 1/2 hours, RKO Radio's inspiring Technicolor production "Joan of Arc" arrives here on Monday for positively one week only. This is the story of a French peasant girl who believes that she has been chosen by God to lead the French Army and raise the siege of New Orleans, the last great city of the Dauphin at Chinon. Joan convinces the army captains that she is really heaven-sent and, although wounded, leads them to victory. This spectacular historical drama was directed by Victor Fleming and produced by Walter Wanger and is said to provide stirring entertainment. Huge cast includes Ingrid Bergman, Jose Ferrer, J. Carrol Nash, Francis L. Sullivan and Cecil Kellaway.

Sunday next—"What Next, Corporal Hargrove?"—Robert Walker, Keenan Wynn and Jean Porter. Support: "The Apache Kid" Don Red Barry and Lynn Merrick.

CARLTON Emily Williams returns to the screen in a film in which he not only stars but is also responsible for the direction of the story. With him is Edith Evans, the biggest "find" that the English screen has discovered in years. The combination of these two great actresses in "The Last Days of Dolwyn" makes the picture a "must" for those cinemagoers who like to see a rare film now and again. This is a treat for the more discerning filmgoer, but one that should not fail to please most audiences. Andrea Lea and Richard Burton complete a quartette of brilliant stars.

Sunday next "Trail Of The Vigilantes" and "Meet Dr. Christian."

GRAND CENTRAL—James Mason will be seen here next week in "The Reckless Moment," his third American picture (the other two may be along later this year). He co-stars with Joan Bennett and Geraldine Brooks in this "Columbia" picture and portrays a blackmailier who finds it too difficult to carry

through his evil mission when the victim proves to be Miss Bennett. She is seen as a woman of impeccable reputation who is distraught when her daughter becomes involved in a killing while her husband is absent on business. How she holds her family together although beset by blackmail makes an intriguing story.

Sunday next "Over 21" Irene Dunne, Charles Coburn and Alexander Knox.

ROYAL Film fans are going to have an opportunity of seeing some of America's most beautiful country (photographed for the first time) when Paramount's Technicolor Western drama "Streets Of Laredo" arrives on Monday. It is said that no production undertaken in years has surpassed this Paramount without search for never-before-filmed locations that took the camera crews 1,000 miles from the movie capital. Against this background of rare scenic beauty is told the exciting story of three friends, outlaws in young Texas, whose affection for each other was the only law they knew. Circumstances separate them, forcing William Holden and William Bendix to become Texas Rangers against their will, McDonald Carey continuing to flout the law and expecting his erstwhile partners-in-crime to work with him. Mona Freeman is the heroine.

Sunday next "Holiday Camp"—Jack Warner, Hazel Court and Denis Price. Support: "Father Steps Out"—Frank Albertson and Lorna Grey.

THOMOND Monday's "Before I Hang" is one of those thrillers in which Boris Karloff excels himself. Evelyn Keyes is the heroine.

Wednesday's "My Own True Love" is a polished, but slow-moving drama in which Phyllis Calvert, Melvyn Douglas and Wanda Hendrix are the principals.

Friday's "Blood On My Hands" is set in London's East End and relates a most unusual story. Stars: Joan Fontaine, Burt Lancaster and Colt Newton in his Hollywood debut.

CLISEUM Sunday's "The Verdict" is a drama with Sydney Greenstreet, Joan Loring and Peter Lorre.

Monday's "The Great Victor Herbert" is the story of the famous composer told by such artistes as Allan Jones, Mary Martin and Susanna Foster.

Wednesday's "Sorry, Wrong Number" is the story of the most terrifying phone call anyone ever heard their own murder being plotted. Stars: Barbara Stanwyck, Burt Lancaster and Ann Richards.

Friday's "Silly McGee," with Donald Barry and Dale Evans, will be supported by "Bungalow 13" with Tom Conway.

RITZ The proprietors of this 1,000 seater house are to be congratulated on their enterprise in booking a season of variety, plays and concerts, commencing on Monday next with "Irish Revue," the Ben Bono show direct from their German tour. Comedy, music, singing, dancing, ventriloquism and novelty are the highlights of this entertainment in which Ben himself acts as comper. During the week he will also present an entirely new angle on hypnotism, details of which will be announced. Guest Artist: Harry Bailey will have a solo spot all to himself and it is certain that this Limerick-born comedian will receive a tremendous reception. Also cast are Hughes Sisters with their musical act, Jimmy Kennedy, "Nippy" the Television dog, Teddy Aherne, Dinah Clarke, Colette McNally, and Ben's wife, "Beenie" Bailey, who is, of course, a sister of Harry. The show will run for seven nights.

A NATIONAL CHAMPION



Frank Downes (C.B.S.L., Limerick), winner of the title in the 7st. class in the National Juvenile Boxing Championships held recently in The Stadium, Dublin. He was presented with the scroll as national title-holder by Mr. T. A. Quin, chairman, Limerick C.B. Board, I.A.B.A., in The Ritz Cinema, Limerick, on last Sunday night on the occasion of his win over E. Whelan (St. Francis B.C.) in a 7st. 7lbs. contest.

years ago in Chicago. An ex-Irish champion, Mick acted seconds to six middleweight representatives who all had the distinction of winning.

It is not generally known that Mick Coffey is a native of Limerick City. In his youth he resided in Cecil Street and was educated at the C.B. School, Sexton Street. He had the honour of boxing for Ireland in an international fixture in St. John's Pavilion, Limerick, some years ago, as well as representing his country on many other occasions.

There is no halting the boys from U.C.C.! We thought that "Munsters" would do the needful in restoring