

Heard In The Gloaming: An Extraordinary Race

(STORY RE-TOLD BY J. A. NIX)

A COSY corner around a farmer's fire on a chill night, where a few choiced neighbours drop in, is a delectable experience. Looking into the living wood and turf and the glowing embers of the hearth, it seems as though the year-stricken tend to delve into the dim and distant past and yet it has a modern message for all. That is the story told by a famous shanachie of above ninety years of age who was asked to tell the story of the racing which witnessed by himself in the County Clare in the modern pig is not associated with the story of the "Flying Fox," the fastest Derby winner ever, but the tale of the best-footed pig in the world.

Hogs is only a name, and hogs are not to be confused with the pig. Hogs are many latent traits as there are in the pig. The mediaeval pig was a lean, leggy, fast-moving fellow, the result of living on grass, acorns and roots. Its flesh, lean and streaky and dry, held longer in the pot than the greasy fly-blown descendant of today. They grew to great size and were then castrated and fattened simultaneously, and turned into bacon in a fraction of a year.

HOGS VERSUS HORSES.

Now to the story of a saviour of hogs that reared a harris of horses. Pinnon's stage coach, Galway and Limerick, is 57 miles. Yet their era of public utility was fast waning to a close with the coming of the railways.

Tom Kelly, the coachdriver, used to pull up at Kelly's pub, in Newmarket, very occasionally. There he met one fair day a number of farmers who had come to market to sell their hogs. They were there to see the coachman who had a reputation for his speed. They were there to see the coachman who had a reputation for his speed. They were there to see the coachman who had a reputation for his speed.

THE MAN-KILLING DOG.

And now for another tale. Just a few decades before this, a horror, a tale of a man-killing dog, happened in the morning. Robbers were blamed, and the aid invoked, military from Ennis met with a like fate. The tenth and last victim was a farmer, who sat atop of a creel of turf. Every a victim's bones were crushed to a pulp. The parish priest of Corish, who was on his way to the market, saw the dog and shot him dead. The dog was a black dog of terrible round and round eyes, and he was trying to gobble up the priest. They fired several shots at it, but they took no effect. After a lapse of some time, the dog was shot dead, and the priest was saved.

A PRIENTLY INSPIRATION

There used to be races held near Newmarket up till fifty years ago. One young girl, just out of her teens, was the cynosure of all eyes at one of the last races. She was a girl of about fifteen years of age, and she was very beautiful. She was very beautiful. She was very beautiful.

AN UNPRECEDENTED RACE.

At that red-letter day arrived, and it was a day of great excitement. The race was a great excitement. The race was a great excitement. The race was a great excitement.

WELCOME RETURN

Lord Longford and his talented company of actors had returned during the week with their presentation of "Candida," which will continue until Sunday night.

FAMOUS HIGHWAYMAN'S GENEALOGY.

Another yarn, Dromolard turned out to be a famous landmark. It was a famous landmark. It was a famous landmark.

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RUGBY Review Of Season To Date

(BY N.M.)

WITH the visit of the Roma very near future, Nial will be going places, provided he holds his present day form.

The Juniors. Old Crescent are keeping up their motto of bright and spectacular football. With recent victories over Old Belvedere (Dublin) and Old Christians (Cork) they look like being the local force that will be felt when the Munster Junior Cup competition comes round. Another junior combination who are beginning to be a force to be reckoned with are the Shamrocks. They have a fine team, but the form that was theirs in the years of their heyday. The best junior match played so far was that between Young Munster and Shannon in the Junior League, and the game was started some twenty years ago in the Roman Unit. It is only within the last few years that the game has really taken a firm grip and is becoming more popular. A very strong team, the Shamrocks, who attended headquarters on Wednesday last were highly pleased with the splendid exhibition given by the Shamrocks. Shannon selection were put to the pins of their collars to overcome this splendid combination of speed and strength. An interesting feature appears in another column.

The Seniors. Our three local senior teams have been in action almost every week and though it can be said that none of them has shown any form above the average, they are doing very well and when a strong contender for the premier trophy, Biggest Score, was defeated by Garryowen in the final of the Senior Cup. The meeting of those two teams in the final of the Limerick Charity Cup will be a treat in store. Young Munster beat Garryowen in two out of three games, but the latter team just tipped the holders in the Charity Cup. Young Munster are unbeaten in the Senior League.

The Club. Tom Clifford established the team that were defeated by the Shamrocks, and so smashed the old saying, "It is harder to get off the ground than to come into the line." Saturday, Bohemians v. Dolphins in Cork. Garryowen v. Corish in Galway. Sunday, Shannon v. Garryowen in the Golden Cup. Shamrock v. Bohemians in the Golden Cup. Shamrock v. Bohemians in the Golden Cup.

Was Native Of County Limerick

The interment of Sister Amelia Ryan, who died some days ago, took place in the Bon Secours Convent, Cork.

The deceased nun, who was a native of Shanagolden, Co. Limerick, celebrated her Golden Jubilee on the 29th of this month. Her religious life, including thirty years in Cork, was devoted to nursing duties, from which she retired some five years ago to care for the poor who visited the convent.

County That Has No Rate Collectors

Kerry is the only county in Ireland that has no rate collectors. The rates are paid through the post or direct into the rates office.

The Local Government Auditor, Mr. P. Fraber, has reported that this system is unsatisfactory. It has led, he has pointed out, to a policy by the Council of undervaluing property, which cannot be justified. Coupled with the very backward state of the rate collection, the Council was unable to meet its liabilities without recourse to overdraft accommodation.

IN THE REALM OF RUGBY.

In the rugby sphere, history was made in earnest. The great Springboks—gigantic men of brawn and muscle—came to Limerick, where they hit against fifteen of the greatest triers ever to don a Munster set of jerseys. That narrow win of the South Africans was well earned. Broadcasts of the match over Radio Eireann and the South African network stressed the importance of the occasion, and the announcers also noted the great numbers of the Munster men in going within an ace of tumbling the Springboks from their monarchs-of-Limerick territory. Yes, it was a terrific struggle on that Tuesday afternoon. The individual triumph of history was taken by Nial Quaid, the Old Crescent and Garryowen player. It was a remarkable performance on the part of a junior player to merit recognition by the Munster selectors when they gathered to pick the Munster senior side to face the Springboks.

POPULAR SKIPPER

On the lawn tennis court, Mrs. D. B. O'Sullivan, as usual graced the scene in the South of Ireland championships with captivating displays of tennis without much ado and her all-round brilliance during the season made her number one among the ladies devotees. Everyone will agree that Mrs. O'Sullivan hit the high spots once again.

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Limerick's Highlights Of The 1951 Sports Arena

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SOME HURLING FEATS.

Perhaps, one of the greatest feats was that of the Treaty-Sarsfield G.A.A. Club. Nestled across the Shannon, within the precincts of the famous Treaty Stone, are five hurling clubs. They are the Shamrock, the Bohemians, the Dolphins, the Shamrocks and the Shamrocks. They are the Shamrock, the Bohemians, the Dolphins, the Shamrocks and the Shamrocks.

A GREAT RECORD

Tom Clifford has a great record. He has played against South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Wales, England, Scotland, an Italian team, Rome, and a French team (Lourdes).

CHRISTMAS ITALIAN PARTY AND TEA

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(By "G.R.")

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HOKEY, AQUATICS AND SOCCER STARS.

In the hockey arena, Stanley de Lacy and Noel O'Donoghue were the long in their memories. They accepted invitations to tour South Africa with the British and Irish hockey team in the test matches, the majority of which were won. The Mayor (Councillor Steve Coughlan) and Mr. W. R. Miller, Chairman of the Touring Team Selection Committee, were in the city to bid them good luck on their journey. Miss Daphne Brisland (L.P.Y.M.A.) and Miss M. O'Sullivan were in the city to bid them good luck on their journey. Miss Daphne Brisland (L.P.Y.M.A.) and Miss M. O'Sullivan were in the city to bid them good luck on their journey.

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