

was sad that the dancers of Limerick, to whom I had been looking forward to so much, had not come along."

The band absolutely rocked with rhythm, the sax, the trombone and trumpet sections being a revelation. The vocalists (including newcomer Roberta Roberts from Glasgow) were most impressive in their renditions of popular hits.

Finally, those present will not forget the dignity with which the band played the National Anthem. It was like a symphony and took on a whole new meaning.

What a dreadful pity the ballroom was not packed to capacity. Miss Benson and her girls more than deserved local support.

## SPECIALLY FOR MEN

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has recently made repeated and earnest appeals to Catholics the world over, stressing that it is the plain duty of every Catholic to take some part in lay Catholic action. In this connection a short address—for men—will be delivered by Mr. Frank Duff (founder of the Legion of Mary) at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 10th October, at the Technical Institute, O'Connell Ave., Limerick, on the aims and principles of the Legion of Mary. All are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will last approximately half an hour, and attendance will not impose any obligation whatever.

## A STRONG DENIAL

Irish Shipping official described as "fantastic" the reports concerning the visit of their ship, "Irish Hazel," to Wilmington, North Carolina, and the reported finding there by the local police of cases of sweep tickets.

Reports in the Wilmington papers had stated that the police alleged a plan to unload 20 cases of sweep tickets from the "Irish Hazel"—a load which would be worth about £672,000, if the tickets were sold. The "Irish Hazel" is now back in Dublin.

## AFTER 43 YEARS

Mr. Francis Lynch, Ontario, Canada, visited his native Killaloe last week-end after an absence of forty-three years (writes our Killaloe correspondent). He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch, St. Lua Street, and a brother of Mr. M. J. Lynch and Mrs. T. Rafferty, N.T.s, and Mr. C. Lynch, all of whom are still resident in St. Lua Street. Mr. Lynch, who was accompanied by his wife, is on a three months tour of the Continent of Europe, and left for Holland to visit Mrs. Lynch's relations.

colourful characters.

Friday — "The Magic Box" — Robert Donat and sixty famous stars appear in a Technicolor tribute to the man who founded the cinema industry. Latest episode of serial supports.

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Sunday — "Abbott And Costello Meet The Invisible Man."

Monday — "Ski Patrol" — Philip Dorn and Luli Deste in a drama of the last war. Latest episode of serial supports.

Wednesday — "The Company She Keeps" — Elizabeth Scott and Dennis O'Keefe in a romantic drama.

Friday — "Gun Crazy" — one of the best gangster dramas for years — and it proves that "Crime Does Not Pay." Stars: Jon Dall and Peggy Cummins.

woke up to that fact and subsequently ran out easy winners of a very entertaining game. Another such display will be looked forward to in the Crescent Grounds on Sunday next.

## REVIVAL OF AMATEUR BOXING IN LIMERICK

THE following statement has been supplied to us for publication:—

The successful revival of amateur boxing in Limerick is now in the hands of a very capable County Board, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Kevin Quinn. Captain M. Breen, the Hon. Secretary, is an energetic and efficient worker who will—judging from the proposed programme—have a very busy season. Mr. Steve Coughlan is Hon. Treasurer, and all affiliated clubs in the city and county are represented on the Board.

Special attention is to be given to juvenile boxers and the Board are arranging a tourney to take place about the end of October. It is to be hoped that this year the Limerick clubs will be represented at the Irish Juvenile Championships in Dublin.

With a view to encouraging beginners, a special tournament for novice and junior boxers will be staged early in November. Competitors will be drawn from Limerick and Clare.

The Army Junior Championships will be held in Limerick on 10th, 11th and 12th November. Keen boxing fans will not miss this fixture for whatever may be lacking in skill will be compensated for by wholehearted and determined competition for titles which is always a feature of the Army Junior Championships. There is a big entry this year, and it is possible that some of the future Irish champions will be among the final winners.

A big tournament, featuring Irish and Munster champions, will be staged on the 26th November at St. John's Pavilion. A very ambitious programme is now almost completed and much credit is due to the Chairman and Secretary of the new Co. Board for their work in arranging this tourney, which will give Limerick fans an opportunity of seeing in action some of the best amateur talent in Ireland.

Incidentally, the new Board will be glad to hear from anybody interested in the sport. Any help that may be forthcoming will be greatly appreciated. The Board is doing a splendid job of work and all clubs are requested to affiliate immediately. Lists of boxers and their records should be sent to Hon. Secretary Captain M. Breen, Sarsfield Barrack, Limerick. Every help and encouragement will be given in the formation of new clubs. It is the intention of the County Board to endeavour to form clubs in every town in the county. A very special effort will be made to foster the game among juveniles.

With the co-operation of many willing helpers, the Board is now in a position to supply free transport for boxers competing in tournaments outside the city and county. This will be a big help in obtaining plenty of competitive boxing for the boys during the coming season and will, at the same time, keep down expenses for bodies promoting tournaments.

It can certainly be said that the new County Board is alive to its responsibilities and it will be a surprise if under its wise guidance Limerick boxers do not secure a few Irish titles during the 1953/54 sea-

son. Further details of fixtures etc., will be given at a later date.

## Scenes At Transfield Cup Rugby Final

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—I am by no means a rugby "fan," hence I'm walking where angels fear to tread when I describe as evading the issue "N.M.'s" reference to last Sunday's match, Shannon v. Young Munster.

It was simply a display of savagery in which rugby was a minus quantity for most of two hours. Why? Because some players were allowed to indulge in ferocity and their opponents had to defend themselves. It would not be impossible to apportion the blame and to put the two teams in the one category was most unfair. There have been a few grand junior games this season because the teams played the game, including one of last Sunday's teams.

Referees have a thankless job but they have also a responsibility; hence they are not free from fair criticism. Why was a twice suspended player allowed exhibit his savagery with fist and boots on a young player, whereas a decent lad who attempted to stop him was ordered off?

Sunday's game was a degradation of sport and if we have repetitions it may end in serious injury to some lad. Club committees can act by not selecting the low type of player. Referees might also take note.—Yours faithfully,

"SPORT"

## ANOTHER LETTER.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—Your rugby contributor dismisses last Sunday's game, Young Munster versus Shannon, by referring to it as beyond description. Such evasiveness is responsible for the general degradation of Limerick football.

On the previous Sunday, Shannon and Garryowen gave a splendid exhibition of good, clean football. They played the game and did not stoop to the savagery of last Sunday.

He wraps his arms around the referee, but not a word about a young player being kicked to dizziness and serious facial injury. For attempting to prevent this savagery a decent Shannon player was ordered off.

The natural instinct is preservation and self-defence; hence the outcome. The correct procedure on Sunday for anyone having respect for the game and cessation of the blackguardism was to abandon the match.

Finally, would your rugby correspondent let the public know why meetings of rugby legislators are not published? Is there a ban on publicity?—Yours faithfully,

"SPECTATOR"

## LANSDOWNE HOCKEY CLUB

The following team has been selected to represent Lansdowne Hockey Club, Limerick, against Wanderers, Cork, in Cork tomorrow (Saturday, 10th inst.):—B. Geary, S. O'Dea, P. O'Shea, J. Stockil, N. O'Dwyer, J. Griffin, N. Powderly, J. O'Dwyer, P. Reid, J. Murphy, L. Byrne.

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