

L.P.Y.M.A. PLAYER ON IRISH TEAM . . . BUT What has become of Cricket in Limerick

WATCHING a game of cricket recently in the spacious and picturesque College Park, situated in Dublin University, I could not but think of the decline in the sport in Limerick. Some years back, it was as popular as any, and was very much on a par with tennis and golf in playing numbers. Now, however, this most relaxing and pleasant of games takes a back seat, so to speak, and at present the city has only one active club.

A surprising feature of the position is that L.P.Y.M.A. now have a representative—W.I. Lewis (Ian)—on the Irish team. In the halcyon days of cricket it was an absolute rarity for a Limerick man to gain an international place.

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To the present decline in all the more difficult to understand, as Lewis is a glorious batsman, and always prepared to pass on his knowledge to the not so talented. Only last Saturday, he hit a brilliant 116 for L.P.Y.M.A. in the Senior League against Constitution, and even those most disdainful of the game would surely have derived pleasure and appreciate the class of the "knock."

Cricket of this standard is always a joy to watch, and accordingly, play. Down through the years, there have been batsmen in Limerick who were an absolute joy to behold. And there have been highly accomplished bowlers trying all they knew to break through their guard. Nothing can be more intriguing than to watch a "battle" between a good "bat" and bowler, and on sunny Saturday afternoons for years, Limerick players and supporters have revelled in it. But now, all the interest in the game seems to have disappeared and even Young Men's are finding difficulty in fielding their full sides in the Munster Senior League.

EXPLANATION
One explanation for the decline in that pitches here are not up to the standard of College Park in Dublin, Ormeau in Belfast and the Mardyke in Cork. One would dearly love to play in the "Park," with its high fences, trees, and the magnificent pavilion and Mowne Institute of Preventive Medicine to add further authority to the ground. Unlike those in Limerick, the wicket is covered with the most up to date equipment, and indeed everything is in order to have a premier grade right up to Test match standard.

But Limerick never has had these facilities, why should it suspend her activities because of the deficiency now? True the present age expects bigger and better opportunities for their efforts, but surely a little effort and enthusiasm could bridge the gap.

LEADING CLUBS
L.P.Y.M.A. as stated are keeping the flag flying here in Limerick, but it is indeed sad to relate that there is not now one club to provide opposition here for them. Glenstal Abbey never went through such a lean season, although there obviously are some very promising cricketers among them.

Catholic Institute, who in recent years had been doing very well, surprisingly "cut" this season, after being for many years the leading club in town with Y.M. Institute have provided many excellent cricketers, not least of whom in recent times were Freddie Flood, Frank Mallin, Ronnie Hurley, Bertie Foy, Jim Geary, John McDermott and many others. Geary, along with other very fine youngsters like the Egley brothers, Tom and Jim, Hugh Elliott and quite a few more of their period are capable cricketers who, unfortunately, are being denied the facilities to display their talents. Many of the above players turned out with Unknowns a very good side some years back, who, alas, also "folded up."

Young Men's, headed by the brilliant Lewis, are making their presence felt in the senior league, and some of their players, notably Roger Cutland, Henry Ellis, R. Mason, E. Stanley have ability and the will to put the club on the map. In the more recent past, Young Men's had three big men and big hitters in Robin Bolster, Jack Tegan and Caleb Powell who, when in form, could be a truly devastating trio.

FURTHER BACK
Further back, there were many fine players in Limerick. Around 1910, Rev. Fr. Keane was a stalwart of the code, and did much for the game in Munster College.

Catholic Institute could boast of some fine players, Ivan Harris, Harry Johnstone, M. J. Lynch, Dr. Jim Roberts, L.P.Y.M.A. of the Wallace brothers, Sean and Barney, Willie Metcalfe, Jim Dunne and Jack McNabb and many others. Of lesser known clubs like Park Rangers, many will have memories of the play of Bill Keane of the Rangers, and Brother McSheera, Con Casey and Barry O'Sheara of Crusaders. Many of the above, unfortunately,

have passed on. In more recent times, Hillaries, under the able management of Jimmy Harris, made a bold effort to make their mark on the game, but after purchasing bats, pads and so forth, found the disadvantage of not having a ground of their own too big a handicap, and reluctantly faded from the scene.

The passing of Catholic Institute club came as a big shock to cricket lovers. It is rumoured that they intend making a come-back next year, and it is to be hoped that this is true.

Cricket is a game of great variety and provides great pleasure, and it would be a pity indeed if it were not to regain its popularity.

HINTS FOR THE HOME

IN an emergency, when no proper treatment is available, a burned hand or leg can be immersed in water at blood heat. This will exclude air and relieve pain to some extent, and it will not make it more difficult for a doctor to treat the burn later. The water must be tepid, however, as if it is cold it will add to the shock and if it is too warm it will add to the pain.

A great tonic for tired feet can be made by dissolving three ounces of epsom salts in a bowl of warm water and adding the juice of a lemon. Soak the feet for 15 minutes, dry carefully and then powder.

Bananas are a health-giving food, full of minerals and vitamins. If you buy them under-ripe do not put them in the refrigerator, as this will prevent them ripening properly. They may also lose some of their vitamin content. Keep in a normal room temperature and they will reach their best condition.

If you are leaving your pet cat in boarding kennels while you are on holiday, consider having it inoculated against cat flu before you go. These are the danger months, and you will ensure the cat's health and your own peace of mind if you take this precautionary step.

Buy a length of three yards of terry towelling in the sales and make a practical but smart dress that would be expensive to buy readymade. Design it with no sleeves, square neck, back, and front and darted at the waist to fit easily. Make a sash belt, add a fringe trim and a huge patch pocket on one side. It won't look crumpled after a morning on the beach and can be slipped on after a swim while you are still wet.

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Rev. T. Cullhane, D.O., greeting Mrs. Manning on her arrival at Shannon Airport at 6 a.m. on last Sunday morning.

Titanic survivor makes first trip home

Scholarship scheme

LIMERICK County Council, at its meeting on Friday, adjourned consideration of its scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools for 1963.

The Acting Secretary (Mr. J. O'Riyan) pointed out that there were two changes in the scheme as compared with former years. For the examination in 1963 the age limit would be changed from 14 years in August to a limit of 13-13 years on the 1st of January on the year of examination. There was also a change in the Vocational Scholarships. The Minister considered it desirable that scholarship holders who obtained the Intermediate Certificate with honours should have the option of following a course in Technology in an approved school.

On the proposition of Mr. J. C. Harrett it was agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposals until the September meeting.

The Secretary informed the Council that the results of the current year's Scholarships examinations had been received during the week but would not be ready for circulation amongst the members until early next week.

AN Irishwoman who survived the Titanic disaster in the Atlantic fifty years ago said at Shannon Sunday last that she had never put a foot in a boat since, and did not intend to do so in future.

She was Mrs. Catherine Manning, a native of Gilmagh, Killee, Co. Longford, who was making her first trip home in half a century in the company of 137 other members of St. Munchin's Auxiliary Guild of New York, all of whom are on a six weeks' visit.

Mrs. Manning was a girl of 16 when she left Cobh for the U.S. on the Titanic on that famous day in April, 1912.

Interviewed at the Airport she recalled the disaster and said: "The night was very cold and extremely dark. There was no panic amongst the 50 people in our lifeboat. In fact, none of us realised the danger. Most of us thought that we were on the tender taking us into New York, just as we had left Cobh."

"Later, however, when we heard the screaming and shouting we realised that there was something

wrong, and then knew that the Titanic was sinking." Mrs. Manning said she had never been on a boat since and never intended to put her foot on one again. For that reason she had not visited Ireland in the past half-century. Yesterday morning she said she was happy flying the Atlantic in an Irish Airline's Boeing jet.

Mrs. Manning was given a big ovation by the crowds who were at Shannon to meet the specially chartered flight.

Director and organiser was Rev. Samuel Winters, a native of Ashford, Killeedy, Co. Limerick, who has been attached to the Brooklyn Diocese for the past five years. A prominent member of the Limerickmen's Association in New York, he has been doing considerable work for the fund-raising campaign for the new Limerick Diocesan College. The official reception party at Shannon was led by Rev. T. Cullhane, Diocesan Organiser, and Mr. M. C. Toomey, President, St. Munchin's College P.P.U.

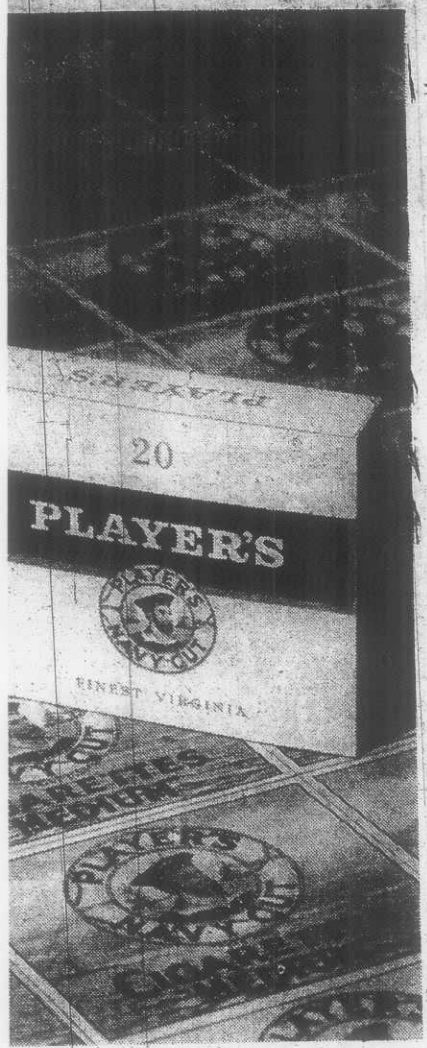
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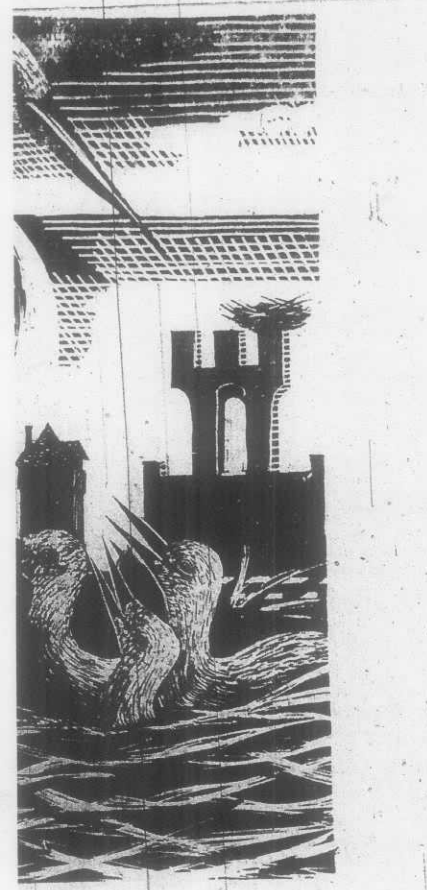
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