

taken at the public meeting held at the Gaelic League Hall Headquarters, to devise ways and means to raise funds to put the League on a sound

—Ald. S. Coughlan; Rev. E. Casey, C.C.; Dolrin 'Ni Duilghbhin, Sean Hall-Losgaidh, B.C.; S. McTighe.  
—Mr. J. O'Keefe, Cork; Cligire M. O'Murchu; Ald. G. E. Russell, T.D.; W. Brazier, B.C.; Rev. T. Culhane, Diocesan Organiser; Mr. Tadgh O'Ceal-MacCormack.

## AND GENERAL S IN BRIEF

### NEW SCHOOL.

Preliminary work on the construction of a new National School at Ballina, Killaloe, started during the week. The contractors are Messrs. Hayes and Hayes, Killaloe.

### MEAT EXPORT.

On Sunday last, the 10th inst., the Dutch vessel m.v. "Zeehaan" left the port of Foynes with 150 tons of chilled meat for Bilbao, Spain, from Shannon Meats Ltd., Rathkeale.

### GARDENING LECTURES.

The first of a series of weekly lectures organised by the Askeaton Branch of the I.C.A. was held in the Muintir na Tire Hall, Askeaton, on Tuesday night of last week. The lectures are on gardening and are being conducted by Mr. Meighan, Horticultural Instructor, Askeaton. Many members from neighbouring Guilds of the I.C.A. are also attending.

### APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Patrick Durack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Durack, Cullina, Ballina, Killaloe, has taken up a position in the Research Department of the Thurles Beet Factory. An ex-pupil of Limerick C.B.S., Sexton Street, where he passed his Leaving last June, he is also a keen G.A.A. enthusiast. He played in the senior hurling team for C.B.S. and played in all grades for the local Ballina Hurling Club.

### SPIRIT CARGOES.

The following spirit cargoes arrived in Foynes Harbour during the week: The German vessel m.v. "Anna Catharina" arrived bringing 3,000 tons of spirits for the Esso Petroleum Oil Co., Ltd; the British vessel s.s. "Anteriority" arrived bringing 2,000 tons of spirits, also for the Esso Petroleum Oil Co. Ltd. Another British vessel, the s.s. "Peter M." arrived bringing 1,500 tons of spirits for the Irish Shell Oil Co. Ltd.

### NEW POSTMAN.

Deep satisfaction is felt in the Ballylanders area at the appointment of Mr. Thomas Mullane as local postman (writes our Ballylanders correspondent). It was a just and appropriate appointment, as his father, Edmund Mullane, gave over 50 years faithful service in the Department. Tom Mullane and all his brothers were very prominent in the football arena and the family is a very old and established one.

### REGRETTED DEPARTURE.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. A. Telford from Adare after 20 years at the Dunraven Estate is regret-

## WHEN IRISH FLAG WAS RAISED AT OLYMPIC GAMES

THE death during the week of Mr. Peter O'Connor, solicitor, Waterford, who was for 20 years holder of the world's championship in the long jump at 24 ft. 11½ ins., recalls an interesting incident in which he and the late Con Leahy, of Cregane, figured at the Olympic Games at Athens in 1906. At that time Irishmen were not allowed to compete as representatives of their own country. On arrival at Athens the two great athletes mentioned endeavoured to persuade the Olympic Committee to give direct representation to Ireland.

### SYMPATHETIC—BUT

O'Connor had a conversation with Prince George of Greece who, while sympathetic with the Irish viewpoint, told him it was not possible for the Committee to accede to their request, as separate representation could not be given to Ireland until she attained her independence. Mr. O'Connor went on to win an Olympic Crown in the hop, step and jump event, and Mr. Leahy also gained a laurel wreath by winning the high jump. Officials of the British Olympic team claimed that these successes represented British victories since Ireland could not claim independent representation at the games. On the announcement of these results the Union Jack was raised on the official flag pole.

### THE IRISH FLAG WAS RAISED.

But O'Connor had with him an Irish flag embossed in gold, with the words "Eire Go Brath" on one side and a large harp on the other side. There happened to be a flagless pole near him, and immediately after the hoisting of the Union Jack, O'Connor climbed this pole, being lifted up on the shoulders of Con Leahy, and unfurled the Irish flag. Con Leahy, at the same time, paraded around the venue holding and waving aloft a smaller flag of similar pattern.

And some people would have us believe there was no national spirit in Ireland in those days!

## Book Review : Charming Story Admirably Told

"So Much Love, So Little Money."  
By Lyn Irvine. Published by  
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ing the period of convalescence. In addition, those who are given light employment in the workshops of the Committee are paid a regular wage, though, of course, their hours are short. Needless to say, this great humanitarian endeavour costs money and, so, the public are asked to buy Christmas seals—a half-penny for each seal—to aid the good work. No one should fail to affix seals to their Christmas mail. The extra cost to the individual is trifling, but every mite helps.

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### THE PRESS BALL.

THE Press Ball Committee, despite many appeals from patrons to hold this great annual social function earlier in the season, has again decided to adhere to the original decision—to be the last dress dance before Lent. Accordingly, the Press Ball for 1958 will be held in Cruise's Hotel on Friday night, 14th February. In choosing this time year after year the Committee is actuated by a single motive—not to interfere with the plans of other organisations engaged in the promotion of dress dances, an undertaking that is attended with many risks. The forthcoming Press Ball will be as good as, if not better than, their previous reunions—and that is no idle boast. Full details of the prizes (to be disposed of by raffle) will be given in due course in the advertising columns of the newspapers, but this much can be stated now—that the list will be a revelation. The Committee has resisted the urge to increase the admission charge to the Ball—it will remain as before—25/-.

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### MARKET PLACES.

WITH the approach of the Christmas markets, the trustees of the market places of the city should endeavour to provide some amenities in the fowl and egg market. From now on this market will be packed on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when vendors and purchasers will be engaged in a continuous rugby scrum. To make matters worse, fowl, in the absence of display stands, are placed on the cobble stones, though some extra strong people manage to hold turkeys in their arms. Others provide themselves with vans, but vehicles inside the market only add to the general congestion and confusion. What are the trustees going to do to remedy this state