

## WEDDING: MR. W. LLOYD AND MISS M. GRAHAM



Wedding ceremony at the Holy Trinity Church of William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lloyd, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Graham, of Castlelyons, was conducted by the Very Rev. Dr. James Cowper, P.P., of Regan, C.C., and the Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C. The bride, who was wearing an ivory, French lace gown, with a tulle veil, and carried a bouquet led by three bridesmaids—Misses Nora and Finola Graham (sisters of the groom), Miss Sarah Graham, cousin of the bridesmaids wore pale, pink organza dresses over mauve taffeta, with white hair, and carried bouquets of pink roses. Mr. Patrick Lloyd was best man, Mr. Conal O'Sullivan and Mr. Gerard O'Grady, Mr. William were ushers. A reception was held in Shannon Airport and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

## Limerick Association in London: Meeting And Film Show

A general meeting of the Limerick Association in London and film show will be held on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Emerald Hall, Hammersmith (says a supplied report). Members will be informed of forthcoming events and they will also be given the opportunity of putting forward suggestions for the more effective running of the organisation, and, of course, should they desire, to make constructive criticisms of past activities. The Association has been formed for Limerick men and women and it is desired that they play an active part in its organisation, etc.

### FILM SHOW

The meeting will be followed by a first-class film show, which will include a film of the 1957 All-Ireland hurling final, Waterford v. Kilkenny; the 1956 football final, Galway v. Cork, and a number of films on Ireland, such as "Ireland, Land of Welcomes"; "Holidays in Ireland," etc.

### RECRUITMENT DRIVE

We are using this meeting to start a big recruitment drive in the Hammersmith area. All those people with sons, daughters, brothers, sisters or friends in that area are asked to inform them of this very important meeting, so that they can come along and join the Association that night. We appeal to all Limerick people in the Hammersmith area to join their County Association.

### OUTING TO HERNE BAY.

Members will go on their second outing this year to Herne Bay on Sunday, Sept. 15th. It is

## Gaelic League: County Clare Convention

The annual Convention of the Co. Clare Gaelic League was held in Killaloe on Sunday (writes our Killaloe correspondent). It was presided over by Ven. Archdeacon T. F. Molloy, P.P., V.F., Killaloe. The following officials were present:—Mr. Donnachadh O'Sullivan (General Sec. Gaelic League), Mr. Sean O'Kelly (County Sec.), Mrs. Nora Lynch, N.T., and Mr. Michael Grimes (Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the local branch); as well as delegates from the various branches of the recently formed Gasra of An Fainne.

Opening the Convention, Ven. Archdeacon Molloy said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the delegates from the various branches but in particular the newly elected General Secretary, Donnachadh O'Sullivan.

In his address to the meeting, Mr. O'Sullivan said that was his first official visit to Killaloe since his appointment as General Secretary and although the number of League Branches was small in the County at the moment, the Gaelic spirit of Clare was never higher. He urged the delegates present to spread the policy of the Gaelic League of not only a "Nation Free but Gaelic as well."

It was decided to try and found new branches throughout the County.

The following officers were elected for 1958:—President, Ven. Archdeacon Molloy; Vice-President, Mrs. N. Lynch, N.T., Killaloe; Chairman, Mr. E. Edmonds, M.A. H.Dip.Ed., Killaloe; Treasurer, Mr. James McMahon, N.T., Ogonnell; Secretary, Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Ogonnell; Hon. Secy, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Ogonnell.

## TRAGIC CHAPTER IN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE RECALLED

THE burning of Dromcollogher Courthouse on the 20th of June, 1920, when three young I.R.A. men lost their lives under tragic circumstances was recalled during last week-end by the death of 62-year-old Mr. John Farrell, Church St., Dromcollogher, only survivor of the four volunteers engaged in the operation. Mr. Farrell, who carried on a hair-dressing business in his native town in later years, had a miraculous escape from death on the occasion but he never fully recovered from the serious injuries he received and was more or less an invalid throughout his life. Old comrades of the I.R.A. came from all parts of West Limerick on Friday to pay a final tribute to deceased when the remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery and a graveside oration was delivered by Mr. Donnachadh O Briain, T.D., Parliamentary Sec. to An Taoiseach.

### TRAGIC CHAPTER

The destruction of Dromcollogher Courthouse, although successfully carried out on that fatal night some thirty-seven years ago, was one of the most tragic chapters in the history of the West Limerick Brigade operations during the darkest days of the War of Independence. On that night, acting on orders from Brigade Headquarters, four local volunteers set out to destroy the building as part of a general plan of campaign against the enemy forces of occupation. In charge of the party was Lieut. David Brennan, and the other three men acting under his command were Volunteers Liam Danaher, Pdraig Buckley and John Farrell. Armed with home made bombs and tins of petrol, they entered the rough, cutstone building which, it was anticipated, was about to be occupied by British forces. The four volunteers set about their task with a thoroughness that was characteristic of the movement they represented and in preparation for the job petrol was judiciously sprinkled about the interior of the building, which has only one entrance—the main front door. They were still engaged in preparing for the burning when, by some tragic mischance, a premature explosion occurred and before they realised what was happening they were trapped in a blazing inferno with their only means of escape cut off by a raging fire inside the doorway.

### THREE PERISH IN FLAMES

Lieut. Brennan and Volunteers Danaher and Buckley perished in the flames but the late Mr. Farrell succeeded in getting out of the building. How he managed to do so seems to have largely remained a mystery, as he himself had only a hazy recollection of what really happened and he was so shocked and horrified by the deaths of his three comrades that he was never disposed to discuss details of the tragic affair. When he got out of the blazing building he was suffering from very severe burns and for a time his condition was so critical and painful that little hope was entertained for his recovery. Eventually, however, he was nursed back to health or, at least, to a reasonable state of health, as he never really fully recovered from his injuries and was throughout most

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### HELP T.B. REHABILITATION.

Mrs. Agnes Dolan, pools organiser on behalf of the National T.B. Rehabilitation centres in Limerick, Cork and Dublin, is at present in the city. The purpose of her visit is to secure the services of promoters for the weekly pools draw, the income from which, after the weekly prize fund of £1,000 is deducted, goes to the maintenance and development of the rehabilitation centres. Limerick is very fortunate in having two such centres—one for women and the other for men. What are these centres? They are places in which discharged sanatoria patients may obtain light work during their convalescence—while they are regaining sufficient strength to take up their original occupations. It should be mentioned, too, that the patients are paid a standard rate of wages for the work they do.



### SEEKING PROMOTERS.

During her stay in the city, Mrs. Dolan will visit factories, mills and other industrial concerns to seek the co-operation of the workers. Limerick has already got some promoters for the pools, but the number is altogether insufficient for Limerick to play its due part in the raising of funds. There need be little doubt that Mrs. Dolan will succeed in getting all the active volunteers required to push the R.T.B. Pools sales, though, truth to tell, the public is finding it not too easy to cope with the many demands being made for help of one kind or another. Yet, as the T.B. Rehabilitation Centres are serving a great humanitarian cause and as the prize fund—£1,000 per week for a contribution of one shilling—is exceptionally attractive, the citizens will not fail to make the additional effort now asked.



### DENTISTRY.

For a considerable time past, the public dentistry scheme in the city has not been working satisfactorily, because the two dentists engaged are not able to cope with all the work. This was made clear by Dr. R. Hayes, M.O.H., in the course of a statement he made at the meeting of the Corporation on Monday night. He stressed the point that the services of a third dentist were urgently required, if more conservative treatment was to be done—that is work calculated to preserve teeth, such as filling. At present, it would seem the dentists can do little more than extractions; H