

## Death of well known author

THE DEATH has occurred in Cork of author, book reviewer, columnist and painter Mrs. Joan Wynne-Jones.

Her latest book, "*In Ruin Reconciled*", a memoir of Anglo-Ireland and abroad which tells her lifestory, will be published in November by the Lilliput Press.

She also wrote, *The Abiding Enchantment of Curragh Chase*, a history and guide of the state-owned Co. Limerick estate of the same name.

The 800-acre estate which was owned by her late father, Stephen de Vere, has been a national park. It was one of the great Anglo-Irish estates.

Her father was a Chief Justice in the British Colonial service.

Her great abiding interest as a writer was in nature and the protection of the environment and its creatures.

For many years the deceased, who died at the Bon Secours hospital early on Sunday morning, educated and enter-

tained readers of *The Examiner* and the now defunct *Irish Weekly Examiner* on these topics.

A person of indomitable courage and unfailing energy she worked on the proofs of her final book which will carry a foreword by Cork author Mary Leland until the final week of her illness.

She had the great satisfaction of, shortly before her death, seeing her book featured in Lilliputs autumn catalogue.

Joan Wynne-Jones, the only child of Stephen and Isobel de Vere was born in 1911.

Her father's work took her to many countries and it was while he was stationed in Grenada as Chief Justice that she was to meet her future husband, Martin Alban Wynne-Jones, then Director of Education in that country.

The couple were married in London in 1936. Mr. Wynne Jones later studied for the priesthood and for many years served as a Church of Ireland clergyman in Co. Limerick. He retired in 1976.

In addition to her husband the deceased who lived at The Bungalow, Brookfield, College Road, is survived by sons David, Patrick, Aubrey and Vere, the well known RTE newscaster, and daughter Grace, also with RTE.

The funeral service takes place on Saturday at 11.30 a.m. at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. The burial will be to Douglas Cemetery.