

BALLINA URBAN COUNCIL.

Tyrawley Park Houses

Release of Political Prisoners.

Mr. Sean McGuire, N.T., presided at a meeting of the Urban Council on Tuesday night, and the other members present were Messrs. D. Hopkins, J. Berry, Jas. Clarke and P. Gallagher.

Tyrawley Park Houses.

The Postmaster, Ballina, wrote asking to be informed when it was proposed to let houses in Tyrawley Park.

Mr. Hopkins—What is holding it up? Some of us have an idea what is holding it up, but still it is time to let them.

Clerk—They have not been taken over yet from the contractors.

Mr. Clarke—Something should be done for the unfortunate poor people who are to go into them or they will be swamped out by the rain.

Mr. Berry—They should be put into them before November.

Clerk—We are trying to get a certain matter done in order to make the rents cheaper.

Bunree Houses.

Dr. Walsh reported on the insanitary condition of a large number of houses in Bunree and it was decided to serve notice on the landlords.

Chairman—As we went to the cost of putting in a new sewerage the landlords should be compelled to put in lavatories. This was agreed to.

Brook Street Houses.

Mr. Carrigg, solicitor to the Council, wrote acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution on the acquisition of the Brook St. site for the purpose of erecting more cottages, and stating he was taking the necessary steps in the matter.

Road Traffic Act.

The Department wrote enclosing copy of the traffic regulations under the Road Traffic Act.

Chairman—Who is to put the Act into force?

Clerk—The Guards.

Republican Prisoners.

Mallow Urban Council sent forward the following resolution: "That this Council calls for the immediate unconditional release of all Republican prisoners held in jails in Northern Ireland and the Free State, and that copies of this demand be sent to the Heads of the 26 Counties and the 6 Counties Administrations, for their immediate attention, and to all Public Bodies in Ireland for their adoption."

Chairman—This is hardly political.

Mr. Hopkins—There is no harm in adopting it.

Chairman—Not the least.

The resolution was adopted.

Anonymous Letter.

The Chairman referred to an anonymous letter which appeared in the "Western People" with reference to the valuation of Tyrawley Park houses, and said it appeared that the Council, through its Chairman, acquiesced to the valuing before the valuator came. He would like to have that refuted.

Clerk—I will reply to people who are competent to judge and not a person who refuses to sign his name. He does not know what he is talking about. I would like to know where he got the figure of £830. He would want to go to school again.

Chairman—I am satisfied that you did everything in a legal way according to the Act but it is the Chairman and the members of the Council that he attacked.

Mr. James Clarke—Why does he not come out in the open like a man and sign his name.

Chairman—What I want to know is: did the Council acquiesce in the valuation of Tyrawley Park before they were valued?

Clerk—They were not even considered when the lists were being sent up.

Chairman—That finishes the matter.

Recent Deaths.

Votes of sympathy were passed to the families and the relatives of the late Miss Jordan, King St.; Mrs. Judge, Ardarae, and Mr. Browne, Water Lane.

Milk And Buns.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, Cloona, tendered to supply all the milk required for the school meals at 1/8 per gallon, and Mrs. Duffy, Ardarae, 10d per doz. for sweetened buns.

The Clerk said that both tenders had to be sanctioned by the Minister.

Waterworks Caretaker.

Mr. Gallagher asked if there was any reply from the Department as to the proposed increase of salary to the waterworks caretaker.

Clerk—I got a request from the Department for further particulars and I referred it to the Town Surveyor for a report which I understand he sent forward.

Mr. Gallagher—They are delaying it a long time.

In Committee.

The Council next went into Committee and this concluded the public business.

LATE CANON HOWLEY, P.P

Disposal of His Assets.

The late Very Rev. P. Canon Howley, P.P., Aughose, Pullathomas, Ballina, whose estate has been valued at £1,263 left all his property to the Bishop and Chapter of the Diocese of Killala, on condition that they dispose of the yearly income as follows:—An annuity of £70 to his sister, Annie K. Howley; an annuity of £20 to his brother, Thomas; annuities of £5 each to his brother Martin and his sister, Mrs. Duffy; an annuity of £20 to his niece, Nellie Howley; an annuity of £16 to Annie Gaughan, if still in his service; £2 each year to each member of the Chapter for Masses, and the balance to be disposed of by the Chapter on what they consider the best interests of religion.

Ballina Rent Case.

At Ballina District Court on Tuesday, the Justice granted £2 10s expenses with £1 Court costs in the case of Mr. G. Treacy, Garden St., against Dr. J. H. Coolican, Dublin, in respect of an application by the tenant heard at the last Court fixing the standard rent.

Mr. Mulligan for the applicant and Mr. Corr for the respondent.

Alleged Stealing of Timber.

While Garda Sheehan and Det. Officer Devaney were on duty at one o'clock on Saturday morning they caught two Ardarae boys, William Shaw (5) and John Joe Shaw (10) in the act of stealing timber from the premises of Mr. John Mollor, Ardarae.

BALLINA ABDUCTION

A Circus Romance

Shattered At The Border

Shortly after Heckenberg's circus arrived in Ballina on Wednesday, Bernhard Neumair, one of the performers, and a native of Bavaria, Germany, reported to the Guards that his daughter, Laura, had disappeared and asked that inquiries be instituted.

Shortly after, the Guards, armed with photographs of the girl, made inquiries and later the father of the girl, a pretty blonde, made the following information: "I am a citizen of Bavaria, Germany, at present residing at Ballina, Co. Mayo. I am employed by Heckenberg's circus, and travel around the country with it accompanied by my wife, Laura Neumair, and my daughter, Laura Neumair, who was born at Hamburg, Germany, on the 27th July, 1924. I arrived in this country accompanied by my wife and daughter on the 20th March, 1937. At about 2 p.m., on this date (to-day) my daughter disappeared from the market yard, Ballina, where she resided with me, and has not returned. I believe she has been abducted by Harry Hensley, an employee of Heckenberg's circus, and that she has been taken away without my consent or the consent of my wife, by the said Harry Hensley, with the object of marrying her or carnally knowing her."

On this information Mr. Guy, D.J., issued a warrant, the girl being only 13 years of age, and Sergt. Lynch with other Guards were quickly making further inquiries. They learned that the parties walked towards Enniscrone and probably got a lift on the road eventually taking the bus at Enniscrone for Sligo. Phone inquiries were next made and a watch kept out, and towards evening a message came that Hensley and the girl had reached Blacklion, which is on the Northern Border and near Belcoo. A midnight dash by Sergt. Lynch followed, and he arrived in time before the parties could reach their objective the getting over the Border. Thus was a romance of the circus shattered, and back to Ballina again came the lovers. The parents of the girl were sent for on Thursday morning and a touching scene was witnessed in the barrack when the girl was handed over once more to the care of her parents and Harry Hensley was charged as follows: "That you the said Harry Hensley with an address at Loreau Lodge, Taylors Hill, Galway, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., on the 20th of October, did unlawfully take or cause to be taken an unmarried girl under the age of 16 years named Laura Neumair, out of the possession of her parent or guardian, Bernhard Neumair."

When charged later in the day at Foxford Court, the defendant, aged about 25 years, said he would make no statement.

Supt. Kilroy said that as the defendant had no fixed residence he would oppose bail and there would have to be a remand. Another difficulty in the case was that the parents of the girl were to leave Ireland on Tuesday for Germany and he asked that a special day be fixed for the hearing of the case.

Justice, Will, next Tuesday at Ballina at 12 o'clock suit?

Supt.—Yes.

Justice—Very well. The accused was then remanded in custody to Sligo jail and at Enniscrone as he passed, he might have once again seen the circus as it left Ballina for the latter place.

Death of Miss M. Jordan, King Street, Ballina.

With deep regret we announce the death of Miss Maureen Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jordan, King St., Ballina, which occurred on Friday evening last at the early age of 15 years. She had been ailing for some months and with the best medical care and nursing skill hopes were entertained for her recovery, but God ordained otherwise, and she passed away to the great grief of her parents and members of the family. On Saturday the remains were removed to the Cathedral, being received by Very Rev. Canon O'Connor, and on Sunday the funeral took place to Leigue when there was every manifestation of sorrow for this popular Ballina family in their bereavement. The prayers at the graveside were said by Rev. M. J. Feeney, C.C. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Jordan (parents); Paddy (brother); Mrs. Orme, Kathleen, Nellie, Georgie (sisters); Paddy and Tommy Jordan, Thomas Connors (uncles); Patk. Jordan (grandfather); Bernie Orme (brother-in-law). To her bereaved parents and other members of the family we tender the expression of our profound regret and sympathy.

Messrs. Hewson had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Acknowledgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan desired to return their sincere thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy, called, or were present at the obsequies, and trust this acknowledgment will be accepted in grateful thanks.

VISITOR FROM BALLINA

Arrives in New York.

Looking as youthful as ever, Mrs. H. Ruddy of Ballina, has arrived in New York, crossing with her daughter, Mrs. Feeney, and her son-in-law, John Feeney, famous Irish tenor, says the "Irish Echo." Three years have passed since this popular lady last visited these shores and during that period Mrs. Ruddy seems to have turned back the hands of time for she looks even younger to-day than on her last visit. During her stay here she will be the honoured guest of the Feeney family and hopes to call on all her former friends in New York and they are legion for during her previous stay in the city the Ballina lady endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact.

Ballina I.N.T.O

Ballina Branch, I.N.T.O. congratulated Mr. Michael Connolly, Owenbeg N.S., former chairman of the branch, on his retirement after more than forty years' highly efficient service. They voted sympathy to Miss E. Reidy, Quighar N.S.; Mr. Peadar O Cathain, N.T.; the Murray family, Ballina, and Mrs. Sheerin Ardagh N.S., in their recent bereavements.

When drying woollens shake them from time to time. This helps to keep them fluffy and soft.

"MY SON OF ERIN."

Drunk in Charge

Of Motor Lorry.

At the District Court in Ballina on Tuesday, before Mr. Guy, D.J., Supt. Kilroy charged James Harte, Faust, Sligo, lorry owner, with being drunk in charge of a lorry and with causing an obstruction with said lorry on the public street.

Mr. P. J. Loftus defended.

Sergt. Lynch said that on the evening of the 8th October as the result of a complaint made to the barrack he proceeded to Knox St. and found a Morris commercial lorry across the street and partly towards the garden wall of the Provincial Bank. It was a busy part of the town and this was about 7.20 p.m. When speaking to defendant he formed the opinion that he was under the influence of drink and brought him to the barrack. When questioned he said he had 4 halves of port and a bottle of stout. He told the defendant he would charge him with being under the influence of drink in charge of a lorry and asked him if he wished to see a doctor and he said he did not. In reply to the charge the defendant said "Righto, me son of Erin" (laughter).

Cross-examined by Mr. Loftus—He did not know how the lorry got into that position except what the man told him. It was up on the footpath and partly on the street. The man appeared to have drink taken.

Mr. Loftus—How would you know when a man was drunk, as it is a thing I would like to know myself?

Witness—His eyes were glassy and heavy.

Mr. Loftus—And you would regard that as the infallible test. It is one of the elements I suppose?

Witness—It is one of the symptoms. The defendant in evidence said he drove his lorry from Sligo on the evening in question and left Sligo about 2.30 p.m. He was accompanied by his helper, T. Slevin. He had a number of packets of goods to deliver in King St., and to get dockets signed by the parties. When he left in goods to the shop of Mr. Davis he had a drink with his helper. He met a man there whom he knew by eyesight and they had another drink. The lorry was driven to Lower Knox St. where his helper was delivering some bacon. As witness was putting up the tail end of the lorry it started to move and mounted the path. It hit the wall and then came to a stop. He was quite capable of driving the lorry and transacting his business. When the lorry began to move he jumped on the running board and guided the lorry towards the path. If he did not do that the lorry would have gained speed and anything might have happened.

By Supt.—Slevin drove the lorry down the hill from Mr. Davis' shop to Mr. Ruddy's in Lower Knox St., as witness had business to do in other shops at that time.

Supt.—The Sergt. told you that he was charging you with being drunk?

Witness—Yes.

Supt.—Why did you not get a doctor then?

Witness—I thought I would chance it.

Supt.—You don't think the State should supply free medical services for you?

Witness—No.

Mr. Loftus—That was a sign of his sobriety.

Supt.—How many drinks had you that day?

Witness—Four small whiskies.

Supt.—And you told the Sergt. it was small ports or had?

Justice—Do you know that if I am to convict you for being drunk in charge of a lorry that your licence is automatically suspended for 12 months?

Witness—No, sir.

Justice—That is so.

Supt.—I do not want to unduly press the charge for being drunk.

Justice—Very well. Under the circumstances I will adjourn the case for six months.

Death of Mrs. M. Gaughan, Rathbane, Ballina.

The death took place on Friday night of the above, wife of Mr. Martin Gaughan to whom, as well as the members of the family at home and abroad, much sympathy has been tendered on the great loss they have sustained. The late Mrs. Gaughan was of a gentle disposition, kind and charitable and an ideal mother who succeeded in placing members of her family in responsible positions in America. The remains were removed on Sunday morning to Christ the King Church, Knockmore, and later the funeral, which was very largely attended, took place to Ballinahaglish Cemetery when the last prayers were said by Rev. M. O'Donnell, Adm. On the grave were placed a number of beautiful floral tributes. The family mourners were Martin (husband); Michael John and Patrick (sons); James O'Dowd (brother); John O'Dowd (nephew); Mrs. M. J. Gaughan (daughter-in-law); M. and P. O'Dowd, Mrs. Mary Gaughan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunne (cousins) and a large number of grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Hewson, Ballina.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Mayo in Action.

In the National League football competition on Sunday, the following is the Mayo team to play Longford: T. Burke (Castlebar); J. McGowan (Castlebar); P. Quinn (Castlebar); P. Kelly (Westport); T. Regan (Charlestown); G. Ormsby (Sligo); P. Brett (Tuam); P. Flannelly (Castlebar); H. Kenny (Castlebar); J. Carney (Ballina); P. Moclair (Ballina); P. Laffey (Sligo); J. Munnally (Castlebar); A. O'Toole (Louisburgh); and M. O'Malley (Louisburgh).

Subs—M. Burke (Ballinrobe); W. Durkan (Swinford); J. Laffey (Univ. College Galway); D. McNamara (Ballycastle); T. Hoban (Westport).

Quinn (full back) and Kelly (full back) who were off through injury in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cavan are resuming. Moclair has been changed from full forward, his usual position, to centre forward (40 yards) and is replaced by O'Toole, who filled the position on the Mayo junior side, which ran Longford to a point in the home final of the Junior Championship. O'Malley replaces P. Munnally as left wing forward.

BALLINA CONSERVATORS

Appointment of Bailiffs

A Bangor Resolution

Mr. F. H. Knox presided at a meeting of Ballina Conservators on Monday and the other members present were Major Pratt, D.S.O.; Messrs. G. O'Malley Ormsby, A. Petrie, F. Dowd, R. Blennerhasset, J. W. McLean, A. Beacom, C. A. Ormsby, B. McKinley and D. Knox.

Report From Clerk.

The Clerk (Mr. Joe McLean) reported that the revenue received since the last meeting amounted to £17 14s and that there was to their credit £985 7s 7d as against that paying orders amounting to £34 3s 4d were outstanding, leaving a net balance of £951 4s 3d. The report was adopted.

Water Bailiffs.

Capt. R. B. Aldridge wrote as follows: Mount Falcon, Ballina, 12/10/37.

The Secretary, Board of Conservators.

Dear Mr. McLean—Will you please bring the following to the notice of the Board of Conservators as soon as possible:—

Owing to the high water all the autumn there are large quantities of salmon up some of the spawning rivers already; a case in point being the Deel river. Also up this river there are a great many trout already. The river is now drying up rapidly; the salmon will be gaffed out long before the winter watch bailiffs are employed; and in the part of the river that dries completely large numbers of trout will be stranded to become food for the gulls and cormorants.

The same thing was reported to me last year regarding the Yellow river near Foxford; salmon were up this by the middle of October; by the time that the winter watch was appointed in the middle of November these salmon had all been removed from the river.

It is these early salmon spawners that are the valuable ones for the spawning beds, they breed early fish; the late arrivals breed late fish; to not put bailiffs on these rivers till late in November is criminal in a wet autumn, like this has been.

The same applies to the Lough Conn Angling Association; the river Deel should have watchers on now to remove trout to safe waters before they are left high and dry; the trout spawn earlier than the salmon, and there must be large numbers up all the rivers entering Lough Conn now.

Clerk—I do not know what he means as regards the appointment of water bailiffs.

Mr. Petrie—The salmon go up the river very early.

Mr. Beacom—Surely we all know that and it is not necessary for Capt. Aldridge to tell us. It looks as if he is dictating to the Board.

Clerk—The men are on the river from October. He does not know what he is talking about.

Chairman—Should we reply and tell Captain Aldridge that he is mistaken about the time the water bailiffs are appointed.

Clerk—I do not think it is necessary. We could just leave it a "dead ball."

Chairman—Captain Aldridge thinks that the bailiffs are not appointed until the month of November, and in that he is wrong. I do not think his letter calls for a reply.

It was decided to mark the letter "read"

Brown Trout.

A resolution was received from the Bangor Board of Conservators asking the Department of Fisheries to extend the close season for brown trout from the 1st February to the 1st March.

Chairman—Do you think this calls for any action on our part?

Major Pratt—I do not think so.

Clerk—Then we do not adopt it.

Chairman—No.

Re-Appointed.

On the proposition of Mr. Ormsby, seconded by Major Pratt, it was decided to reappoint Mr. Huggard, solr. to the Board, the Provincial Bank as treasurers and Mr. Joseph McLean as Clerk and Inspector.

This concluded the business.

BALLINA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Nurse Appointed.

At a meeting of Mayo Board of Health on Saturday, the L. G. Dept. sanctioned the following staff for Ballina Hospital: Medical Officer, Head Nurse, five nurses, two or fever hospital, general man, ambulance driver, 4 wardmaids, laundress, cook, and boiler attendant.

The Secretary said this was a reduction of one nurse fixed by the Board.

Mr. Ruane said it would be necessary to have a nurse there with maternity qualifications.

The Chairman said they could make that a condition. The general man would look after the grounds.

The Local Appointments Commissioners wrote nominating Miss Mary Marren, of Curry, Charlestown, as nurse in the Hospital, and on the proposition of Mr. T. Ruane she was formally appointed.

The Secretary said they would be appointing two other nurses there.

The Matron reported certain defects in the doors of the hospital and it was decided to refer the matter to the contractors.

FAIRS AND MARKETS

Ballina Market.

(Monday).

Potatoes, 2/9 to 3s per cwt; hay (ryegrass) 2s to 2/6 per cwt; pigs, 50s to 55s per cwt; eggs, 11s to 12s per 120; butter, 1s to 1/2 per lb; bonhams, £3 10s to £4 per pair; herrings, 21s to 22s per barrel.

Fairs for the Week.

Monday—Claremorris. Tuesday—Killala. Wednesday—Aclare, Ballycrov, Farin-harry. Thursday—Kiltimagh, Grange and Kilmaine. Friday—Achill, Ballyhaunis, Coolauy. Saturday—Murranny.

Fright For Mother.

When Mrs. John Cawley, Hill Street, Ballina, entered a bedroom in which her four months old baby was sleeping, on Friday afternoon last, she observed smoke coming from underneath the bed, and discovered that some old papers had become ignited. Except for a scorching of the mattress, no damage was done, and the baby was undisturbed.