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Jurors who attended the Recorder's Court in Belfast on Monday were entitled to ten shillings for each day they attended during the sitting of the Court; under the Six Counties' new Jurors Bill. Nearly 130 jurors attended, but several were excused.

Other jurors sworn in to try cases will be entitled to £1 per day. The jurors claim their fees by giving details to the Clerk of the Crown and Peace on the back of the jurors' summons.

BANNING ALL "COMICS"

South African Minister of the Interior, Dr. D. D. F. Malan, has announced that he was seriously considering a ban on the import of all comic and similar publications.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC MAN

MR. ML. FITZSIMONS, CO.C., NAAS

We deeply regret to announce the death which took place on Thursday last week, at his residence, South Main Street, Naas, of Mr. Michael Fitzsimons. One of the best known public men in Co. Kildare, he probably set up an unique record in his length of service with local bodies, and his long association with the public life of the county. He had been ailing for about ten weeks, and although he rallied on a few occasions his great age (86 years), was against his final recovery.

A native of Rathcoffey, Co. Kildare, the late Mr. Fitzsimons commenced his business career in Dublin, coming to Naas in 1890, where he carried on the business of licensed vintner, extending this subsequently to include a cycle agency. About 1897 he established the auctioneering firm, which extended his name and reputation throughout the county as a business man of the highest integrity and acumen. His continued supervision of these concerns during the years, though of latter years he had the valuable assistance of his son, Mr. Patrick Fitzsimons, who succeeded his late father to his auctioneering and other interests. Deceased had over 30 years continuous connection with the Irish Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Association.

From his advent to Naas the late Mr. Fitzsimons took a very active part in public affairs, and as far back as 1905 he was a member of the Naas Urban Council, and he was a member up to the time of his death, an unbroken record of 48 years. He was Chairman of the Council in 1910, as the first records of the Council show, and although in the meantime he had been elected to the County Council, he continued to extend and grow in importance, and with its progress he had been intimately connected, housing, sewerage, road-making, and other improvements having his enthusiastic co-operation. Only last June when he was unanimously re-elected Chairman, glowing tributes were paid by the other members of the Council to his unselfish work and record of public service.

UNBROKEN RECORD OF SERVICE

He was a very regular and punctual attendee at meetings, never missing a meeting unless absent through illness or some matter of urgency, and he always arrived in time for the stipulated time. This trait he also applied to other public authorities. A member of the Kildare County Council since 1910, he had likewise an unbroken record of 43 years with that body and in the County Council Elections in 1950, he headed the poll for the Naas Electoral Area, the electors again showing their high esteem of his sterling services. He was Chairman of the County Council for lengthy periods, and he was also Chairman for terms with the sub-committee of the County Kildare Vocational Education Committee, and the Co. Kildare Committee of Agriculture, to all of whom he gave unreserved service. The late Mr. Fitzsimons was also a member of the County Kildare Library Committee and the old National Health Insurance Society.

He contested the Kildare Constituency in the Cumann na nGaedheal interest in the early thirties, and although he was not successful, he obtained the highest vote ever recorded for a second Cumann na nGaedheal candidate in this constituency, Mr. Sidney Minch, the sitting candidate got the seat.

His son, Mr. Jack Fitzsimons, is Town Surveyor for Naas and Newbridge.

Always extremely approachable, the late Mr. Fitzsimons was impartial in his outlook and an indication of this was provided in the fact that supporters of the parties when occasion demanded; the poor people especially came to him in their troubles and anxieties. As Chairman of various public bodies his decisions were always just, and frequently he was able to pour oil on troubled waters by his tact and sound common sense. A true Christian gentleman and a true democrat, his passing will be sincerely mourned in all parts of the county. A devout Catholic, he was probably one of the oldest members of the Sacred Heart Sodality attached to the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas. To his three sons and other relatives the deepest sympathy is extended.

THE FUNERAL

The remains were removed to the Church of Our Lady and St. David on Friday evening, and the funeral, which took place to St. Corban's Cemetery on Saturday, was one of the largest witnessed in the town for many years, and was representative of the public, professional and political life of the county, as well as the general community. Members of the Naas Urban Council acted as pall bearers.

Very Rev. P. J. Doyle, P.P., recited the prayers at the Church and officiated at the graveside. He was assisted by Rev. Fr. Hughes, C.C. Clane; Rev. Fr. O'Leary, C.C. Clane; Rev. A. S. McNally, K.C.; Rev. L. Newman, C.C. Naas; Rev. Jos. Foynes, C.C. Portlington. The choir, Messrs. George John and Patrick Fitzsimons (sons); Mrs. Kathleen Fitzsimons (daughter-in-law); Michael, Maire, Kathleen and Patricia Fitzsimons (grand-children); Miss Whelan (sister-in-law); Messrs. Michael and Thomas Doran (brothers-in-law).

In addition to the members of the Naas Urban Council, the Kildare County, as well as the officials of the public bodies. The three Deputies for the County, Messrs. T. Harris, William Norton and G. Sweetman were seen in attendance. The County Manager, Mr. Jos. O'Doherty; Rev. Precentor Clover, etc.

A wreath was placed on the coffin from Mr. and Mrs. Dermot McGilley.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL FITZSIMONS, CO.C.

the ablest men who occupied the chair. For a long number of years he sat on the Council, and for the people and although Mr. Fitzsimons survived the longer, there was no doubt that his late Chairman deserved the public appreciation for over forty years. He was a man who always did his duty with honour and integrity. There was nothing more to be said about him and he acted on the highest principles.

Mr. Wm. Daly recalled the praiseworthy action of the late Mr. Fitzsimons in taking a course during the Emergency about 1946, to save the harvest, which proved his interest in the people's welfare. Many volunteers were enrolled and the harvest was saved.

Mr. Wm. O'Callaghan stated that as a young Councillor he always found Mr. Fitzsimons helpful and encouraging in every way.

Mr. J. P. Whyte (Town Clerk) in association with himself and other officials, said that he would greatly miss their late Chairman on account of his friendliness, generosity and consideration. He had always found him honourable and upright, and was grateful when the occasion demanded it.

The "Leinster Leader" representative also associated himself with the resolution.

A letter of sympathy was also read from Mr. James Lawlor, a member of the Council, associating himself with the Council's sentiments, and expressing his sympathy in the loss of a man of such high standing, and from Mr. Laurence McGarr, a former member.

The Council and officials decided to have a Novena of Masses for the soul of the late Mr. Fitzsimons.

The following message was read from the County Manager (Mr. J. O'Doherty):

"I regret my inability to attend and join with the members of the Council in expressing my deep sense of personal loss in the death of Councillor Fitzsimons. His record in connection with the Urban Council and the County Council is unique in the length of service, and unique in a more particular manner in the courteous way in which he rendered that service. To the other members of the Council and to the officials in both the Urban and County Council he was ever courteous and obliging. For a man at such an advanced age his grasp of local affairs was very much above the ordinary and in every recommendation that I received from the Council for the advancement of the interests of the town he was first to approve.

"I want the Council to realize that I have been deeply affected by his death, and I request you when conveying to his relatives the sympathy of the Council, you will couple my name with the Council and its officials."

KILDARE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

At the meeting of the Co. Kildare Committee of Agriculture, the Chairman (Mr. P. Frayne) proposed a resolution of sympathy with the late Mr. Fitzsimons.

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GRATTAN'S HOME IN RUINS

With roof stripped off and floors removed, the walls of Henry Grattan's residence in the Wicklow County, stood this week, a gaunt reminder of its former glory, while bids were made for each of the 700 lots being offered by auction.

The present owner of the property, Mr. D. Harris, finding it too costly to maintain, decided on its demolition. But at last Monday's meeting of the Wicklow County Council, it was stated that the consent of the Council should have been obtained before demolition was begun. Proceedings may now be taken against the owner under the Public Health Act, no house fit for human habitation, or that had been lived in should be demolished unless the prior consent of the local authority had been obtained.

and devout worshipper, and which she loved and served as well as her husband, and two daughters, Yvonne, B.A., teacher in Collegiate School, Celbridge, and Christine, undergraduate, and to whom widespread sympathy is extended.

There was a very large number of exquisite floral tributes to one held in such high esteem and many messages of sympathy were received.

MR. JAMES BUGGLE, BARONATH, STRAFFAN

Mr. James Buggle, Baronath, Straffan, who took place in Kildare Hospital on the 11th August, was brother of Sister M. Lasevine, Dominican Convent, Cabra. His death, regretted by his relatives and a large circle of friends. He was very popular in the district, as was amply testified by the large and representative funeral from St. Varial Church to St. Corban's Cemetery, Naas.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth Buggle (widow); Seamus (son); Phyllis and Anna (daughters); Mrs. Murray (sister); Joe and Willie Moran (nephews); Teresa Moran (niece).

Very Rev. Fr. Campion officiated at the graveside.

MR. MICHAEL A. KAVANAUGH, BALTINOLLA

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Michael Anthony Kavanagh, Holdinstown Lodge, which took place in a London Hospital after a brief illness.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. Mary Kavanagh (wife); Thomas and Henry Kavanagh (sons); Mrs. Casey Finnegan, Agnes and Lily Kavanagh (daughters); Joseph, Thomas and Patrick Kavanagh (brothers); Sr. Aloysius, Sr. Raphael, Sr. Magdalene of St. Anton, Mrs. Elizabeth Nolan, Mrs. Christina Fanning, Mrs. Josephine Fanning, Mrs. Patrick Finnegan (sister-in-law); Patrick Fanning and Peter Nolan (brothers-in-law); Mrs. Annie Kavanagh, Mrs. Kitty Kavanagh and Mrs. E. Kavanagh (sisters-in-law); Brother Jordan Kavanagh (Dermot), Paddy, Bill, Thomas, Harry, Finlan, Noel, Gerard, P. J. and Desmond Kavanagh, Turrough East, Kevin and Paddy Kavanagh and Jimmy Fanning (nephews); Mrs. Marie Byrne, Mrs. Rosie Hennessy, Mrs. Mary A. Mahon, Rita Nolan, Brenda, Rita and Rose Fanning, Mrs. James, Maureen, Angela and Imelda Kavanagh (nieces); Very Rev. Patrick Byrne, P.P., O.H.; Mrs. Brockleby, Andrew and East, Kevin, Margaret, Brid and Jane Byrne, Mrs. Sheila Cott, Margaret Sinnott, Sheila Nolan, Mrs. Mary Kehoe, John Kehoe (cousins); Patrick and Frank Kenny, Mrs. Eileen Kenny, Eileen, Kay, Mary, James Byrne, Ballyoller; Wm. Mahon, John Hennessy, Denis Kehoe, P. J. and Mrs. Griffin, Paul and Mrs. Griffin, and Mrs. Donoghue, Annie and Mary Murphy, and a large circle of friends.

MR. CATHAL NICHOLSON, CURRAGH

Mr. Cathal Nicholson, whose death occurred at the North Infirmity, Cork, on September 10th, was a native of Athgarvan, Curragh Camp, and was eldest son of the late Mr. Sean Nicholson, formerly Principal, Athgarvan N.S., and of Mrs. Catherine Nicholson, formerly Principal at Athgarvan. Deceased, who was aged only 23 years, died following a very brief illness.

The late Mr. Nicholson received his education at Athgarvan, and following a distinguished academic career, appeared destined for a brilliant career. His unexpected death came as a great shock to his many friends and former schoolmates, and the deepest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing mother, brother and sisters in their sudden and untimely loss.

The remains were removed to St. Conleth's Parish Church, Droichead Nua, on Saturday, 12th inst., for interment in the cemetery on Sunday, 13th inst. The funeral, which was attended by representatives of all classes; the size and extent of the cortege, being an impressive tribute to the high esteem in which deceased was held. Clergy present at the graveside included Most Rev. Dr. W. C. Miller, P.P., James Cox, V.F., Rev. Father O'Gorman, C.C.; Rev. J. Boylan, C.P.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. B. M. Mallick (mother); Mrs. M. O'Neill and Mrs. B. O'Neill (sisters); John and Michael Mallick, Johnny Mallick, Jeremiah and Laurence O'Neill (nephews); Mrs. J. O'Neill (sister-in-law); Dr. J. L. O'Neill and Col. J. G. O'Ferrall (brothers-in-law); P. J. Cox, James Cox, Mr. William Miller, P.P., V.F., William and Jim Sex, Jas. Mallick (Wicklow relatives).

MRS. EVA CRAWFORD, CLANE

The sudden death of Mrs. Eva Crawford, which occurred at Hewetson School, Clane, on Wednesday last, came as a great shock to the people of Clane and of a large vicinity around it. Born in Castleblaney, she was the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Castleblaney, Co. Wicklow. In 1928 she married Mr. John J. Crawford, B.A., Principal of Hewetson School, where she became Matron, the onerous duties of which post she fulfilled with zealous exactitude, being often affectionately referred to as a "mother-from-home" to the many young boys who passed under her charge, until the day she died. She was an associate of the County Kildare Golf Club and held a number of prizes won in various competitions.

The deceased took a keen interest in all parochial affairs and was this year made President of the local branch of the Mothers' Union, in succession to Mrs. Graham, and was also an Associate member of the Girls' Friendly Society. Her lifelong hobby was horticulture, and she was justly proud of the profusion of flowers which she cultivated and studied.

The funeral, which was said to be one of the largest witnessed there, took place in the parish of St. Michael's Church, Clane, where the Service was conducted by the Rev. Fr. B. L. Handy, M.A., assisted by Rev. B. McDonnell, B.A., Presbyter of Droichead, Resurrection, Trinity College, Dublin, cousin of deceased.

Miss P. Sommers, Assistant Teacher, Hewetson School, presided at the graveside. Following a very impressive Service, Eva was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the Church, where she was a regular

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