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CO. ANTRIM COTTAGES.

PRIZE SCHEME AWARDS.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE JUDGE.

The list of awards and judge's report in connection with the annual competition promoted by the County Antrim Committee of Agriculture are to hand. Once again the competition has broken all records, the entries being the largest yet recorded. It is wonderful, when one considers the bad spring and summer, that the competition should have been such a wonderful success.

The outstanding feature of the competition this year was the splendid work of the ex-Service men, who, as on the famous July 1, were out for glory, spurring neither sorrow nor muscular labour. The monopolise the championship class at the expense of the other longer established County Council cottagers, winning three prizes out of four offered in the championship class.

The success of the competition is largely due to the very sympathetic consideration of the County Committee and the Chairman (under Sec. Chairmanship of Colonel John Patrick, D.L.). They fully recognise that in encouraging the rural cottagers to help themselves they are doing something that has made County Antrim fantage gardens famous throughout the British Isles.

Mr. A. B. Clarke, B.A., secretary to the County Committee, is to be heartily congratulated on the working, not only of this but of the many helpful schemes promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture in County Antrim. The awards are:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.

1st, William Allen, New Cottages, Belfast Road, Antrim. 2nd, John Hogg, Belfast Road, Antrim. 3rd, Samuel Sittington, Drosgh Cottages, Templepatrick. Robert Kennedy, Cambria Park, Whitehabbey.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLASS.

1st, James Hunter, Vimy Ridge, Newhill, Ballymoney, and James Steele, Ocean Villa, Dunadry. 2nd, Robert J. Dunn, New Cottages, Whiteabbey, and Samuel M'Allister, 4 Menin Road, Antrim. 3rd, James Creaney, 13 Ypres Park, Whiteabbey. Milford, Ballymena. Ypres Road, Ballymena; Charles M'Guile, No. 1 Colerraine Road, Ballycastle, and Robert Agnew, 70 Upper Waterloo Road, Belfast. 4th, Henry Mooney, Vimy Ridge, Newhill, Ballymoney; John Gordon, Ex-Service-men's Cottages, Whiteabbey; James Corry, Aughnaclegh, Ballymena, and George Richardson, Kemmel Hill, Randalstown.

ANTRIM RURAL DISTRICT.

1st, W. J. Whiteside, Gortnagallon, Crumlin. 2nd, James Houston, Feeagrue, Randalstown. 3rd, Mrs. Margaret M'Cloy, Crosshill, Crumlin, and John Liggett, Council Cottages, Dunadry. 4th, James Dalton, Ballytromery, Crumlin, and James Taggart, Towparks, Antrim.

BALLYMONEY RURAL DISTRICT.

1st, Daniel Morrison, Seacon, Ballykeel, Ballymoney. 2nd, Andrew Kinnaird, Newbuildings N, Ballymoney. 3rd, Patrick Mullan, Moyarver, Armoy, and John Caldwell, Ballymacormick, Ballymoney. 4th, Mrs. M. Herd, Leaney, Ballymoney, and Edward M'Closkey, Corkey P.O., Cloughmills.

BALLYCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT.

1st, Thos. Watson, Carnseatley, Ballycastle. 2nd, Patrick Cahan, Turnacastle, Armoy. 3rd, Daniel M'Elroy, Carcullis, Ballycastle, and Archie Hunter, Acrevilla, Ballycastle. 4th, John M'Cambridge, Broughanlea, Ballycastle, and Andrew M'Neill, Sleans, Cushendun.

BELFAST AND LISBURN RURAL DISTRICTS.

1st, Mrs. S. M. J. Higginson, Skilganahan, Ballyclare. 2nd, B. O'Lynn, Cloughfin, Glenavy. 3rd, James Kennedy, Gallan Islandmagee, and James M'Auley, Colagh, Carnlough. 4th, James Kane, Portlitta, Greenisland, and Thomas Hill, Kilcoan, Islandmagee.

BALLYMENA RURAL DISTRICT.

1st, A. M'Clelland, Carnicry, Ballymena. 2nd, Samuel Sloan, Knockenconlagh, Humphrey's Brae, Thornhill, Galgorm Parks, Ballymena, and J. Ireland, Ballygarvey, Ballymena. 3rd, Wm. Barr, Derrycrin, Ballymena, and William Greer, Greenlaney, Aughnaboy, Portglenone.

LISBURN RURAL DISTRICT.

1st, Jos. Evans, Cottages, Knockmore, Lisburn. 2nd, H. Mulholland, Cottages, Knockmore, Lisburn. 3rd, S. Ross, Ballyhorvally, Glenavy, and Matthew Glover, Council Cottages, Ballinderry. 4th, Robert M'Cleland, Poleglass Cottages, Dunmurry, and Shem Duborddeau, Ballymacash, Lisburn.

JUDGE'S REPORT.

The report of Mr. J. Johnston, the Judge, is as follows:—I commenced judging on July 17 and finished on the 30th. The awards were made in each class in accordance with the scale of marks agreed upon by the County Committee of Antrim.

Cottages.—Co. Antrim richly endowed by nature with a landscape as entrancing as any to be found in the British Isles, owes not a little of its rural beauty to its tastefully-kept cottages. The cleanliness and interior of the majority of the cottages visited were scrupulously tidy and clean, and, in many cases, great skill and good taste was shown by the way the walls of the interior were papered and painted, reflecting most creditable on the occupiers. The outside of the cottages, too, were made to look their best.

Garden.—As might be expected from a floral point of view, these were not up to the standard of former years, though, in some instances, in this branch, the display was exceedingly good. Generally speaking, considering the very unfavourable, the garden were well kept and free of weeds. Good stocks of winter and summer vegetables were in evidence of a most creditable, considerable under the circumstances. In a few cases competitors lost useful time by not giving attention to a supply of winter vegetables. Apart from the ornamental point of view, these vegetables are essential to the health and welfare of the household. Potatoes evidently form the most favourite share in the cottage garden. In some districts the unprecedented rainfall seriously affected spraying the crop. This is regrettable, especially during a season like this, when many varieties have little chance of maturing.

Soft Fruits.—Almost every garden entered had its supply of these fruits. Quantities of home-grown fruit were available over the months were to be seen in many of the homes visited, and in not a few instances surplus fruit was offered for sale. In a number of cases almost all the garden was given up to the cultivation of soft fruit for market purposes. This applies, too, to vegetable growing in some districts, where handsome awards are given to the lot of the industrious workers.

BEE-KEEPING.

Bee-keeping.—The present year will be remembered by bee-keepers in these parts as one of the worst on record. Though many of the cottagers had stocks of bees which appeared quite healthy, the honey crop was nil. The county horticultural instructor has already issued timely warning and given the necessary instruction to prevent stocks dying for want of stores during the coming winter.

Live Stock.—Pigs and poultry were kept in the majority of the places visited. These were mostly well housed and, apparently, made to be a paying concern. Since again it is necessary to call attention to cases where such animals are kept they should be housed at a reasonable distance from the dwelling-house.

Ex-Servicemen's Class.—As in previous years, competition in this class was very keen. Most of the cottages and gardens reached a very high standard and a full crop of winter and summer vegetables as well as fruit were in evidence. Quite a number of entrants in this class this year were beginners and deserve praise for the way in which they have laid down paths, planted hedges and for the general arrangement of the fruit, flower and vegetable plots.

Championship Class—The prize-winners in this class richly deserve their awards. Their cottages, inside and out, was beyond all praise. Every available space in the garden was occupied to the full with an assortment of fruit, flowers and vegetables of a quality which would have done credit to many a professional gardener. Indeed, these cottages and plots are well worth a visit by anyone interested.

I wish to thank the secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture and the horticultural instructors for their valuable assistance which enabled me to complete the judging in the stated time.

BALLYMENA BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

PUSHING EMPIRE GOODS.

CHARGES FOR LARNE INMATES.

A meeting of Ballymena Board of Guardians was held on Saturday, Mr. Samuel Watson, Co.C. (chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Miss Thompson M'Connell, J.P.; James Graham, Hugh Hill, James Hamilton, Samuel M'Knight, Wm. Ramsay, Robert Clarke, and S. Carmichael.

Mr. James L. Clarke, M.B.E. (clerk), and other officials were in attendance.

MEMBER'S ILLNESS.

Expressions of sympathy were voiced by the Guardians concerning Mr. W. J. Beggs, J.P., who was ill and in hospital, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to his usual health.

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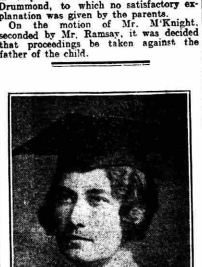

At the recent Examinations held in Belfast by the Incorporated College of Music, London Miss Mooney, Kells, Co. Antrim, was successful in gaining the Diploma of Associate (A.T.C.L.) in Pianoforte Playing. Set of Teaching, etc., obtaining the high percentage of 93 in the 1st of Teaching. Miss Mooney commenced her entire musical training from Miss Meta Wilson, L.T.S.M., Ballymena. (Advt.)

BALLYMENA MARKETS.

Ballymena Cattle Market, Saturday:—Store cattle, calves (under 9 months), 23 to £11; one-year-olds, £10 to £12; large stores (two years and over), £9 to £14; springers (in milk or in calf), £17 to £22; milch cows, £15 to £23; young pigs (eight to twelve weeks old), 17s to 25s; store pigs (twelve weeks old and under four months), 25s to 32s 6d.

Ballymena Produce Market, Saturday:—Note sales, per ½ cwt.; oats 7s 8d to 7s 6d per cwt.; desiccated, 5s 6d to 5s 4d per cwt.; potatoes, 1s to 1s 3d per ½ stone; straw, 2s to 2s 3d per cwt.; rush bands, 1d to 2d per bundle; butter, 1/ per lb.; duck eggs, 9d per dozen.

BROUGHSHANE NURSING.

The second annual general meeting of the Broughshane and District Nursing Association was held on Monday last at Ballykeel Lodge, the Hon. Anne O'Neill being in the chair.

The hon. secretary's report showed that the work of the Association had been proceeding in a very satisfactory manner, the visits paid by Nurse Fullerton being 2,947, and showing a substantial increase over last year. The hon. treasurer reported a balance in hand of £3 in round figures.

The thanks of the Association were expressed to all the subscribers, collectors and officials who had helped in the work. The following were elected to office for the year:—President, The Hon. Anne O'Neill; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. P. Wilson and Mrs. Magill; hon. secretary, Mrs. Barnett Wilson; hon. treasurer, Rev. T. J. Patrick, and to serve on Executive Committee together with the above—The Misses Redmond, Johnston, Kenny, J. Montgomery, and Mr. Guy L. Wilson.

IN THE FOOTBALL FIELD. THE IRISH LEAGUE.

BALLYMENA DEFEATED

IN BIG SCORING GAME.

Cliftonville	5 goals.
Ballymena	3 goals.

Owing to the County Black demonstration in Ballymena on Saturday last the start of this game was delayed until 6-30, and with the evening beautifully fine there was a good attendance in anticipation of an interesting clash between these old rivals. Ballymena made several changes on the side that lost to Portadown on the preceding Saturday. Cox, Cameron and Haddow being replaced in the front line by Hodge, M'Cready and Lamont, while Stewart was moved to centre-half, M'Candless to left-half, and the latter's place at full back was taken by Davison, the local amateur. Mr. A. Fogg (Bolton) had charge, and the teams were:—

Ballymena—King; M'Ninch, Davison; Stewart, M'Candless, Hodge; Nelson, Stewart, M'Creadey, Stoddart, Mitchell, Lamont, M'Cready.

Cliftonville—Gardiner; Skelton, Maguire; M'Neill, Falloon, M'Clatchey; Mitchell, M'Cartney, Millar, S. M'Caw, N. M'Caw.

There was little of note in the opening minutes, neither side being particularly dangerous, but with seven minutes gone the home goal had a narrow escape. King, however, was at his best before he could get into position again M'Cartney lobbed into an apparently empty goal only to see Davison clear from the goal line with an overhead kick. At the other end Hodge had hard lines with a great shot which Gardiner deflected on to the upright and past for an abortive corner. In the subsequent play the home side showed much more cohesion forward than the home lot, but were prone to take long pots at goal, and these, being directionless, led to nothing tangible. Then, after Stoddart had been only inches wide with a great drive, Nelson, being put down, put M'Cready in possession, and the latter sent to Lamont, who beat Gardiner all the way with an express delivery. This was twenty-four minutes from the start. Immediately on resuming Gardiner was called upon to save a high shot from Mitchell, and in the next minute Nelson had a chance, but sent high over. Ballymena continued to do most of the attacking in a game in which the play predominated, and a free kick placed by M'Candless to the head of the visitors' goal. Gardiner eventually emerged in possession and clung close. Some over-anxious work in the home end brought S. M'Caw under the notice of the referee, but Cliftonville persisted in their attack, and after King had stopped but failed to hold a high shot from Millar, N. M'Caw rushed in and found the back of the net for the equaliser. Inside two minutes Mitchell, of the Reds, sent straight across the home goal after sliding Davison, for S. M'Caw to give the Amateurs the lead. Thus encouraged, the visitors went at it again hammer and tongs, and when the ball passed between M'Candless's legs Millar promptly connected and sent in a grounder which the home keeper had no chance. Half-time:—

CLIFTONVILLE	2
BALLYMENA	1

On resuming it was noticed that Ballymena had slightly re-arranged their middle line, Candless and Stewart having exchanged places, but four minutes from the re-start their goal had another narrow escape when a header by M'Caw struck the upright and King had to save from Millar, who had connected from the rebound. Then Lamont from the re-start M'Ninch essayed a lusty clearance with S. M'Caw almost on top of him, with the result that the ball rebounded down, and M'Caw following on had no difficulty in putting the Amateurs further ahead. Ballymena became rattled subsequently, and Cliftonville, now getting the worst of it, were penalised several times in their own end, but Skelton and Maguire backed by Gardiner kept their lines intact. Nelson was in the wars, but after repairs on the line was able to resume, and Ballymena renewed their attack to such good purpose that the visitors' defence when partially relieved gave away a penalty, which M'Ninch converted this with 33 minutes of this period gone. On the call of the play the half Ballymena were well worth this goal, and also a further one in the next couple of minutes, but for the linesman's flag after Gardiner had stopped but failed to hold a piledriver from Stoddart. Home supporters in the vicinity of a divine almost came a few minutes later when Gardiner was lucky to scrape clear in the course of a hot melee right on his goal-line. The visitors were quicker in the uptake, however, and the issue practically settled when Millar, following up a long kick ahead, cut through for his fourth goal of the second half, a rather soft goal. Ballymena fought back spiritedly right to the close, but could not improve their position. Result:—

Cliftonville	5
Ballymena	3

Other results on Saturday were:—
Linfield 2, Portadown 0.
Distillery 2, Newry Town 2.
Bangor 0, Larne 0.
Coleraine 6, Distillery 3.
Derry City 3, Ards 1.
Belfast Celtic 2, Glenavon 0.

IRISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Ps.
Belfast Celtic	5	2	0	1	8	4	5
Cliftonville	5	2	0	1	7	4	5
Linfield	5	2	0	1	7	4	5
Derry City	5	2	1	0	5	4	4
Glenavon	5	2	1	0	5	4	4
Glentoran	5	2	1	0	14	8	4
Bangor	5	1	1	1	5	3	3
Coleraine	5	1	1	1	10	15	3
Portadown	5	1	1	1	7	7	3
Ards	5	1	2	0	6	9	2
Larne	5	0	2	3	2	6	2
Distillery	5	1	2	0	6	10	2
Ballymena	5	0	2	3	5	11	0
Newry Town	5	0	2	3	6	11	0

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

LINFIELD RGRS. V. SUMMERFIELD.

At Throne Park Linfield Rangers and Summerfield met. There was a good crowd present to witness the second match within a few days between them. The home team won on the former occasion by 2 goals to 1. Teams:—Rangers—Todd; Brown, Orr; Allen, Walker, Bell; Dalrymple, Davis, Foy, Pentleton, Megrath, Summerfield—Kyle; Wilson, Scott, M'Donald, Dalrymple. Wiseman; O'Neill, Greer, H. M'Quillan. Kernoghan, S. M'Quillan.

The visitors were minus A. Todd a charge when he had to clear from Kernoghan. Brown transferred play to the other end, and a good run by Dalrymple gave Foy a chance, but he sent over the bar. Summerfield took the ball a few minutes later, M'Quillan beating Todd from close in. Both teams were playing good football, but the defences were sound.

Rangers had a good opportunity, but he shot over. Half-time:—Linfield Rangers 1, Summerfield 1.

Rangers attacked, and Foy had a shot, a corner resulting, and it was cleared. They still kept up the pressure, and were rewarded when Allen put them ahead. The Summerfield forwards were combining well, but poor shooting spoiled many chances. Brown added No. 3 for the home team. Summerfield tried desperately to reduce the deficit, but the Rangers' defence held out. Result:—Linfield Rangers, 3 goals; Summerfield, 1 goal.

NORTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE—2nd DIVISION.

BALLYMENA T.F.P. v. PARKDRIVE.

Ballymena T.F.P. met Parkdrive at Flixton Park on Saturday last in their opening fixture. Fine weather favoured the game, and the teams under Mr. M'Alister, were as follow:—

Ballymena—Rainey; Coulter, Davison, Montgomery, M'Carroll M'Ilhagga, Henny, Gilliland, Kernohan, Law, Agnew.

Parkdrive—Hamilton, Burnside, Whyte, Jones, Veighy, Ross, M'Cormack, Johnston, Murdock Mayne, M'Callum.

The opening exchanges were brisk, each side adopting the policy of playing first-time football. Ballymena were then first to prove dangerous, Kernohan testing Hamilton with a stiff shot. For a considerable period after this the game lacked interest, chiefly owing to poor finishing on both sides. Of the two custodians, Rainey was the least troubled, while the full backs on each team were very steady. The score sheet at the interval was blank.

Fifteen minutes from the re-start, Murdock opened the scoring for Parkdrive. The homesters retaliated and obtained the equaliser per Montgomery, who had been transferred to the forward line, Gilliland dropping into the halves. Parkdrive continued to hold territorial advantage, and eventually took the lead, Montgomery netting from a penalty kick. Play to the end was keen, but no further scoring took place. Result:—

PARKDRIVE	1 Goal.
BALLYMENA T.F.P.	2 Goals.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

Clubs.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Ps.
Dunmurry	2	2	0	0	4
Linfield Rangers	2	2	0	0	4
Carrickfergus Rangers	2	2	0	0	4
Broadway United	2	1	0	1	3
Linfield Swifts	2	1	0	1	3
Summerfield	2	1	0	1	3
Ballymacash Olympic	2	1	0	1	3
Carrickfergus	2	1	1	0	2
Larne Olympic	2	1	1	0	2
Celtic Institute	2	1	1	0	2
Glencraan End	2	0	1	1	1
Ards United	2	0	1	1	1
Ballyclare Comrades	2	0	1	1	1
Distillery End	2	0	1	1	1
Crusaders	2	0	1	1	1
St. Mary's	2	0	2	0	0
Blackmountain	2	0	2	0	0
Dundela	2	0	1	0	0

NOTES ON THE GAME.

BY "SEVEN TOWERS."

That Cliftonville is Ballymena's bogey club of the League was demonstrated again on Saturday last when the Amateurs travelled all the way here and won by the odd goal in five of 5-3. And on the whole they deserved their win, though at one stage of the game, when they only held a goal advantage, they were hard put to it to hold what they had got.

M'Ninch, however, was a more thrustful lot forward and more accurate in their finishing, and on Saturday's showing will beat the Reds a number of times.

It was not a great game judged by the usual standards. Cliftonville were not at all convincing in their travelling, and with their forwards following up a long kick ahead the home defence, which was not seen at its best, was rarely at ease. Their task, so far this season, was often in difficulties and frequently hindered instead of helped the goalie.

When Ballymena scored first at the end of twenty-four minutes the outlook became fairly bright, but the Amateurs were now only quickly on level terms but took the lead and then added a third to retire at the end with a comfortable margin in their favour.

Any hopes that the home side would pull the game out of the fire were apparently shattered early in the second period when they added a fourth. Ballymena, however, rallied in the concluding stages and fully earned two goals which came in quick succession, and with a little more steadiness, or a little more luck, might well have had on level terms at this stage so well were they on to the actual play. But a long kick ahead, a quick follow on, and a concentrated sending between the home backs gave Millar his opening, and his rather soft goal at this critical stage settled the issue for all time. Even although Ballymena made great efforts towards the close and showed many hard knocks at times as an over-robust defence they could not improve their position.

Reviewing the game afterwards, many were inclined to blame the Ballymena attack. It is true that their finishing was hardly bright, but the Amateurs' weakness was in the middle line, where a competent successor to Davey Reid is badly needed. Tempers became frayed subsequently, and Cliftonville, now getting the worst of it, were penalised several times in their own end, but Skelton and Maguire backed by Gardiner kept their lines intact. Nelson was in the wars, but after repairs on the line was able to resume, and Ballymena renewed their attack to such good purpose that the visitors' defence when partially relieved gave away a penalty, which M'Ninch converted this with 33 minutes of this period gone. On the call of the play the half Ballymena were well worth this goal, and also a further one in the next couple of minutes, but for the linesman's flag after Gardiner had stopped but failed to hold a piledriver from Stoddart. Home supporters in the vicinity of a divine almost came a few minutes later when Gardiner was lucky to scrape clear in the course of a hot melee right on his goal-line.

The visitors were quicker in the uptake, however, and the issue practically settled when Millar, following up a long kick ahead, cut through for his fourth goal of the second half, a rather soft goal. Ballymena fought back spiritedly right to the close, but could not improve their position. Result:—

Cliftonville	5
Ballymena	3

Other results on Saturday were:—
Linfield 2, Portadown 0.
Distillery 2, Newry Town 2.
Bangor 0, Larne 0.
Coleraine 6, Distillery 3.
Derry City 3, Ards 1.
Belfast Celtic 2, Glenavon 0.

IRISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Ps.
Belfast Celtic	5	2	0	1	8	4	5
Cliftonville	5	2	0	1	7	4	5
Linfield	5	2	0	1	7	4	5
Derry City	5	2	1	0	5	4	4
Glenavon	5	2	1	0	5	4	4
Glentoran	5	2	1	0	14	8	4
Bangor	5	1	1	1	5	3	3
Coleraine	5	1	1	1	10	15	3
Portadown	5	1	1	1	7	7	3
Ards	5	1	2	0	6	9	2
Larne	5	0	2	3	2	6	2
Distillery	5	1	2	0	6	10	2
Ballymena	5	0	2	3	5	11	0
Newry Town	5	0	2	3	6	11	0

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

LINFIELD RGRS. V. SUMMERFIELD.

At Throne Park Linfield Rangers and Summerfield met. There was a good crowd present to witness the second match within a few days between them. The home team won on the former occasion by 2 goals to 1. Teams:—Rangers—Todd; Brown, Orr; Allen, Walker, Bell; Dalrymple, Davis, Foy, Pentleton, Megrath, Summerfield—Kyle; Wilson, Scott, M'Donald, Dalrymple. Wiseman; O'Neill, Greer, H. M'Quillan. Kernoghan, S. M'Quillan.

The visitors were minus A. Todd a charge when he had to clear from Kernoghan. Brown transferred play to the other end, and a good run by Dalrymple gave Foy a chance, but he sent over the bar. Summerfield took the ball a few minutes later, M'Quillan beating Todd from close in. Both teams were playing good football, but the defences were sound.

Rangers had a good opportunity, but he shot over. Half-time:—Linfield Rangers 1, Summerfield 1.

Rangers attacked, and Foy had a shot, a corner resulting, and it was cleared. They still kept up the pressure, and were rewarded when Allen put them ahead. The Summerfield forwards were combining well, but poor shooting spoiled many chances. Brown added No. 3 for the home team. Summerfield tried desperately to reduce the deficit, but the Rangers' defence held out. Result:—Linfield Rangers, 3 goals; Summerfield, 1 goal.

NORTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE—2nd DIVISION.

BALLYMENA T.F.P. v. PARKDRIVE.

Ballymena T.F.P. met Parkdrive at Flixton Park on Saturday last in their opening fixture. Fine weather favoured the game, and the teams under Mr. M'Alister, were as follow:—

Ballymena—Rainey; Coulter, Davison, Montgomery, M'Carroll M'Ilhagga, Henny, Gilliland, Kernohan, Law, Agnew.

Parkdrive—Hamilton, Burnside, Whyte, Jones, Veighy, Ross, M'Cormack, Johnston, Murdock Mayne, M'Callum.

The opening exchanges were brisk, each side adopting the policy of playing first-time football. Ballymena were then first to prove dangerous, Kernohan testing Hamilton with a stiff shot. For a considerable

MEN IN A TENT.

BALLYMENA CHARGE.

ONE SENTENCED, OTHER CAUTIONED

At a special court of petty sessions, at Ballymena, on Monday, before Mr. Thomas Kerr, J.P., Head-Constable Nesbitt charged two young men named George Perrott and Edw. Johnston, both of no fixed abode, with loitering with intent to commit a felony, at 12 o'clock on Saturday night.

Constable Lynch gave evidence of locating the defendants in a tent composed of bags, at the back of Prince's Street, on Saturday night. They had a brasier which, he believed, was taken from the railway premises adjoining, filled with coal, and burning brightly, and they informed him that an engine-driver gave them the coal. Witness learned that defendants had been in Ballymena since the previous Thursday evening.

Head-Constable Nesbitt said he was afraid he would not be able to substantiate the charge again Perrott, who arrived in Belfast a couple of weeks ago, looking for work. He met Johnston, who was a native of Derry, in Belfast, and they came to Ballymena. Johnston acted as a decoy in the streets.

The defendant Johnston admitted serving a month in jail under the Vagrancy Act, and two months for joining the Army under a false name.

Perrott said the brazier and coal were given to them. He added that he was discharged from work in Chippingham two years ago, and, after looking for a job unsuccessfully in several countries he came to Ireland in search of work. He joined the Salvation Army in Belfast until the previous Wednesday. When he came to Ballymena. He had names in Belfast, Dublin, and would try to get employment. Failing this, he would return to England.

Head Constable said Perrott had an unemployment book in his possession.

His Worship sentenced Johnston to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Addressing Perrott, he observed that if he had little chance of work in England, he had less in Ireland, and he advised him to pull himself together and get back to England. Perrott was discharged with a caution.

BOWLING NOTES.

(By "THE SKIP.")

Ballymena travelled to Belfast on Friday last to meet Falls in the Private Greens League, and as a start could not be made until seven o'clock only 18 ends could be played and even some of these were contested in what was practically pitch darkness. As usual Ballymena had difficulty in raising a team and consequently travelled with a weak side and were "out of it" almost from the start. The first count Falls led by 24-10 and half-way by 27-18. At the fifteenth they had increased their lead to 36 shots, the score then standing 50-14 in favour and they finished 29 up, the final score being Falls 83 shots, Ballymena 54 shots.

All the Ballymena rinks were down, but the skipped by T. Boyd suffered the biggest reverse, losing 6 shots on each of three separate ends and finishing 18 down. Teams and rink scores:—

Rink 1.—Falls—J. Davison, J. M'Laverty, E. Brennan, J. K. Dunlop (skip)—21. Ballymena—J. Christie, W. Coe, W. O'Neill, J. N. Lamont (skip)—7.

Rink 2.—Falls—Hopkins, Howe, jun., Fitzpatrick, G. Howe, sen. (skip)—21. Ballymena—A. Grant, J. Reid, R. Montgomery, J. Kernohan (skip)—11.

Rink 3.—Falls—J. Brennan, J. O'Neill, D. Dempsey, Jack M'Cann (skip)—21. Ballymena—W. O'Neill, jun., T. Mulholland, R. M'Kane, T. Boyd (skip)—7.

Rink 4.—Falls—T. Flannigan, J. M'Given, C. O'Callaghan, J. M'Partland (skip)—12. Ballymena—J. Perry, M. R. Vaughan, J. M. Ballentine, J. P. Gallagher (skip)—13.

IN THE CRICKET FIELD.

BALLYMENA v. DONACLONEY.

Ballymena sustained their most crushing defeat of the season at Donacloney last Saturday in the Senior Qualifying League when against a total of 63 Donacloney knocked up 122 for the loss of only one wicket. S. S. Ferguson was Ballymena's only successful bat, scoring 26 to his credit, while J. M'Cartney contributed 10.

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