

A big rush for the TV men

SNOW HINDERS TEST

"Sunday Independent" Reporter
ALL the suspense, all the heart-breaking last-minute efforts that ever went into the biggest stage production in Ireland are small compared to to-night's opening of Telefis Eireann at 7 p.m.

Look at what happened yesterday. For two hours engineers tried to get to the summit of Kippure through six-foot-deep snow drifts to begin yesterday's test transmission. They dug their way through and the test card was beamed at 1 p.m. and continued through the day.

Last night five technicians stayed on Kippure in the comfortable accommodation provided especially for extreme winter weather.

At Montrose studios I saw some of the great difficulties under which the service is being started.

In a tiny studio—the only one completed—two technicians were preparing an oratory in which Most Rev. Dr. J. C. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, will give benediction at 7.08 this evening.

To get to and from the studio they move through a corridor in which painters and electricians are still working. They have had to rush so much that the protective dacking round the camera cables has not yet been removed.

In many ways the men and women of Telefis Eireann are preparing to put out a program that is being broadcast in conditions as if the Theatre Royal were to put on a show in a half-built building.

Decorations ablaze
Apparently the outbreak occurred when an oil heater overturned and the flowing oil caught fire and set fire to the Christmas decorations. In their efforts to bring the family to safety, the parents were burned.

Screams from the house brought neighbours rushing to help, and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived, the volunteers had the blaze extinguished by throwing snow and slush on it.

The arrival of the brigade at the scene was delayed by the icy conditions of the roads.

icy work at this fire

WATER froze into icicles when Dundalk Fire Brigade yesterday evening fought a fire in a partly-enclosed farmhouse owned by Mrs. J. King at Grange, Knockbridge.

The brigade, taking water 200 yards with two hoses, confined the fire to a workman's bedroom and a number of rooms in a two-storey building adjoining. The fire was under control in an hour.

POLICE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT
A road bridge over a disused railway track near the border was blown up by gelignite yesterday afternoon—but it was done with full approval of the police. It was on the main Drogheda to Carrickmacross Road two miles on Derry side of the border and was part of a road improvement scheme.

BOY (7) SPENT NIGHT IN LIFT
Reported missing by his parents on Friday night Martin Walker (7) of Plane Walk, West Bromwich, was found by a workman yesterday in a lift at a block of eight-story flats near his home.

Martin had apparently wandered into the flats, entered the lift late at night and was unable to release himself. He was unharmed.

Police and his parents had searched for him during the night.

AGENTS REQUIRED TO SELL AND SERVICE Milking Machines
Other times available if required. Preference given to Creameries, Co-operative Societies, Agricultural Machinery Dealers or those already engaged with the Farming community. Apply immediately to—
BOX 37448.

FIRST GO AT THE 1962 SALMON
Hardy Dublin rodmen will be early afloat to-morrow when salmon angling opens on the Liffey. Other rivers to open to-morrow are the Garavogue (from Leigh Gill to the bridge at Co. Sligo); Drowes (from Lough Melroy to the sea); Co. Donegal; Lackagh and Lennon (at Rathmelton R.); do.



TESTING... THE CITY'S NEW SNOW PLOUGH

Last night the Cleansing Department of Dublin Corporation tried out this new snow plough. It is being held in readiness to deal with heavy falls of snow on the city's thoroughfares.

Helped write fighting story
A veteran of East Cork's Fight for Independence, Mr. John Darcy Wolfe, 70, of St. John's, Dublin, helped write the fighting story in the "Sunday Independent" which was published in the issue of December 24, 1961.

Funeral of well known Dublin businessman
MR. JOHN H. FALLON, 60, of Balcarres, Serpentine Ave., Ballsbridge, Dublin, whose death has occurred, was managing director of the Leinster Woollen Co. Ltd., Talbot St., and one of the best known members of the drapery trade in the city.

"Floodlit" skating
Skaters on the frozen lake at Loughmore, near Limerick, found themselves under "floodlights" last night.

IN MEMORIAM
AHERNE—First Anniversary—Prayer for the repose of the soul of Thomas John Ahern, died Dec. 31, 1960. May his soul rest in peace.

BEIRNE—In loving memory of Ellen Beirne, who died Dec. 31, 1961. Also her husband, John Beirne, who died Dec. 31, 1961. Inserted by John and family.

BOLGER—Loving remembrance of our dear sister, Julia, late 31 Pease St., who died Dec. 31, 1961. Mass offered—Inserted by Lily, Mary and Joe.

CARROLL—Fourth Anniversary—In loving memory of Mary Carroll, French Park, who died Dec. 31, 1957. Mass offered—Inserted by Lily, Mary and Joe.

CONNELLY—Seventh Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Connelly, who died Dec. 31, 1954. Mass offered—Inserted by his loving wife, family and grandchildren.

CUNNINGHAM—Fiftieth Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear father, John Cunningham, who died Dec. 31, 1911. Mass offered—Inserted by his loving wife, family and grandchildren.

FOURD—In loving memory of Edward Fourd, late Sergeant, Garda Síochána, who died Dec. 31, 1961. Mass offered—Inserted by his loving family.

GUINÉE—Eighth Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear mother, Hannah Guinée, late 10 Clarendon St., who died Dec. 31, 1953. Mass offered—Inserted by her loving family.

HANLON—First Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Hanlon, ex-D.M.P., late 110 St. James's St., who died Dec. 31, 1960. Mass offered—Inserted by his loving wife, family and grandchildren.

HOGAN—Second Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband, Richard (Dick), who died Dec. 31, 1959. Mass offered—Inserted by his loving wife, family and grandchildren.

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