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But Cannot Be Got

LIMERICK AND ALLOTMENTS

Mr. J. J. Berkery, City Manager, when asked by a "Limerick Leader" representative if he would have sufficient land to meet all the applications received for allotments, said he was afraid he would not, though plenty land was available.

"If we only had the machinery to acquire the land no one need be without a plot. The agents of absentee landlords are not disposed to give land for conacre, though they have no objection to letting for grazing."

"EXTRAORDINARY."

"This is extraordinary and in a time of national emergency, I think all available land should be utilised for the production of food for the public."

"I hope very sincerely," the Manager concluded, "that the Government will act on the resolution passed by the Limerick Corporation requesting that powers of acquisition of land for tillage be given to local authorities by the issuing of an Emergency Powers Order. If that is done the area under cultivation next spring will be increased very considerably."

UNDER THE ORDINARY LAW

"Under the ordinary law it would take local authorities three months to acquire land and spring would be almost over then. I consider that absentee landlords, or for that matter resident landlords, should not be permitted to stand in the way of working class people getting allotments for the cultivation of food-stuffs and I trust that any obstacles, legal or otherwise, that may present themselves to the acquisition of sufficient land for conacre will be got over by an Emergency Powers Order."

DISASTROUS FLOOD

RECALLED BY RECENT DEATH

The most destructive flood in the Feale for a century (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) was recalled by the death of Mrs. Naho Stack of Moynasha, Abbeyfeale, which took place in her 90th year after some weeks illness. About the middle of the fifties of the last century Mrs. Stack, when a child of about six years old, was saved by her brother, the late Daniel O'Connor, of Church St., Abbeyfeale, who took her in his arms, and climbing a wall of their house at Islandanny, which the big Feale flood had isolated, remained so until the flood subsided. This flood, which occurred in August, broke down the Feale Valley with tremendous depth and force and swept to their death eleven persons. Sweeping numerous cocks of hay in its course over the meadows, the hay blocked the arches at Frave Bridge and diverted the flood over the Killarney road so quickly that the inmates of a number of humble homes then beyond the bridge were trapped. Some climbed on to the roofs of the houses, but the walls crumbled before the rush of the waters, and one by one the people were swept away and drowned. Others were saved at the time by the late Timothy O'Connor, of Kilmanihan, whose intrepid action was honoured by the Humane Society.

A very large funeral accompanied the remains of Mrs. Stack to St. Mary's Cemetery, Abbeyfeale, where the prayers at the graveside were read by Rev. Father Browne, C.C., Duagh, and Rev. W. J. Meade, C.C.

Chief relatives were Michael, John, Stephen Stack (sons), Mrs. Dan O'Connor, Mrs. Keane (sisters-in-law), Mrs. M. Stack, Mrs. S. Stack, John O'Connor, etc.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

OUTBREAK OF INFLUENZA

As a result of the continuance of influenza, Dr. James McPolin, S.M.O.H. for the City, has made an order under the public Health Acts closing the following schools until 3rd February—St. John's, St. Mary's, Presentation, St. Joseph's, Convent, Mount St. Vincent N.S., St. Vincent de Paul N.S., Henry Street, Leamy's, and St. Michael's N.S.

Dr. McPolin, in his capacity as County S.M.O.H., has also made an order closing the following schools in the county area—Athea N.S., Fedamore N.S., Eyon N.S., Bottomstown N.S., Gurtavalla N.S., Monaleen N.S., Mungret N.S., Donoughmore N.S., Knocken N.S., Dromcollogher N.S., Clash N.S., Oola B's and G's, Brackille N.S., Barna N.S., Carnane N.S., Nicker B's and G's, Kilcolman N.S., Murroe B's and G's, Garrydoon N.S., Roxboro N.S., Feale View N.S., Glengart N.S., Folladara N.S., Knocktoosh N.S., Cookappa N.S.

It is stated that the wave of influenza passing over the city and county is of a mild character. As a precautionary measure, however, it was considered advisable to close a number of primary schools as infection amongst young children is rather severe.

A MACKAY LINK

FAMOUS GAELS BEREAVED

An old Gael writer—Four sons, John ("Tyler"), Pat, Mick and Anthony Mackey, all old hurlers, were bearers of the remains of their mother, Mrs. Bridget Mackey (84), grandmother of the present Limerick captain (Patrick Mackey), from the old home at

DRIVER'S DEATH

Cyclist Describes Accident

EXONERATED FROM BLAME

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and exonerating the cyclist involved from all blame was returned at an inquest held at the Co. Infirmary, Limerick, to-day, by Mr. J. S. McNiece, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, and a jury into the circumstances surrounding the death of Arthur O'Leary (46), Rathbane, engine driver employed by the G.S.R., who died yesterday.

Supt. Michael Dennehy appeared for the State.

Dr. Michael Feely deposed that he examined the body of the deceased on Monday morning and he was then alive. He was apparently a man recovering from concussion at the time he saw him. He was semi-conscious but later in the evening when he again saw him he was unconscious. He died yesterday morning and in his (witness's) opinion death was due to fracture of the skull and intracranial haemorrhage. His injuries would be consistent with being knocked down by some instrument or machine.

October O'Leary, brother of deceased, said he last saw his brother alive on Saturday, 18th inst. He was employed as an engine driver by the G.S.R. He was always healthy and was 46 years of age. He was unmarried. He again saw him on Monday morning at the hospital. He saw the body in the morgue and identified it as being the body of his brother.

SHADOW OF MAN

John Noonan, Ballysheedy East, Limerick, after being duly cautioned by the Coroner, said he was 19 years of age and was a member of the L.D.F. At about 12 mid-night on Sunday, 19th January, he reported at Edward Street Garda Station with Thomas Cosgrave that they both performed a patrol. At about 3 o'clock they reported off duty. They were both cycling. Witness parted with Cosgrave at the latter's house, about 150 yards from the scene of the accident. Cosgrave had a light on his bicycle but witness had not. Witness continued cycling. There was a strong wind against him and it was snowing. Witness could see about 20 yards in front of him. When between Barry's gate and the Quarry gate at Southill there were very long shadows cast by the trees on the road. Witness was on his correct side and he saw the shadow of a man about two yards in front of him walking from him. Deponent swerved to the left but he struck the man with the right handlebar of the bicycle. The man fell on his face and witness fell off the bicycle on his back. Witness got up immediately and found the man lying on the road on his face. He was breathing heavily as witness picked him up and put him in a sitting position on the left hand side of the road. Witness went to Michael Fogarty's house and told what had happened. Michael Fogarty came with him and they brought the man, whom he then knew to be the deceased, down as far as Fogarty's house. Witness knew that the deceased used to stop at Thomas Cahill's, Rathbane. He went to Cahill's and informed them of what happened. While at Cahill's Fogarty and his two sons brought the injured man to Cahill's. They put him sitting in a chair.

CONSCIOUS AFTER ACCIDENT

He seemed to be conscious and said something, but witness could not understand what he said. Cahill's house was about 100 yards from Fogarty's. Witness called Dr. Feely and returned to Cahill's. Witness went home about 5 a.m. and called back to Cahill's at 10 a.m. He then went for the ambulance and had the deceased conveyed to the County Infirmary. Witness called at 10.30 yesterday morning and met his (deceased's) brother. He told him the injured man had a good chance of pulling through, and he later called and found that the deceased was dead.

"PATH NOT SUITABLE"

In reply to the foreman of the jury, witness said that the path from Cosgrave's house to where the accident occurred was not suitable for pedestrians.

Michael Hayes, 10 Cathedral Place, Limerick, said he was a locomotive fireman. He knew the deceased very well. They used both work together. He last saw him alive about 6.40 p.m. on Sunday when they parted outside Rathbane Kiosk. He did not see him again after that. Deceased was then on his way to Cahill's. Witness worked with him for the past twenty years and knew he used not take drink to excess. On the night in question he was quite capable. Deceased's health was perfect and he was never known to be off sick.

This concluded the evidence and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and exonerated the cyclist from all blame.

The Coroner, foreman of the jury, Superintendent Dennehy and John Noonan, the cyclist, expressed sympathy with the bereaved family.

The Coroner expressed the opinion that the County Council should do something to put the footpath near the scene of the accident in a proper state of repair in order to insure that it could be used with greater safety by pedestrians.

A DIFFICULT YEAR

Licensed Trade Hit

BURDEN OF TAXATION

Mr. G. O'Brien, Chairman, presided at the annual meeting of Limerick City and County Licensed Grocers and Vintners' Association in the Desmond Hall, Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on Monday.

The other members present were Messrs. T. Murphy, J. Gleeson, W. A. Gleeson, C. Numan, J. Gallagher, W. Gleeson, P. M. Quilty, L. Reynolds, T. Humphreys, M. J. Gleeson, L. Ryan, M. Moloney, R. Logue, D. Dennehy, E. Greene, Mrs. G. Hayes, Mrs. M. McInerney, Mrs. J. Ryan.

An apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. D. O'Driscoll.

Messrs. P. J. Locke, Secretary, and R. D. O'Brien, Hon. Treasurer, were in attendance.

The retiring Chairman, in the course of his annual address, said that the year just was a year filled with sorrow and difficulties for millions of people owing to the scourge of war, which, happily, had not yet involved our country. We had of course to a great extent been affected by difficulties of procuring many commodities used in the various industries, and had felt the loss of not having our own mercantile marine, as well as the general depression consequent on the war and loss of tourist traffic, etc. It was to be hoped that some time during the coming year the blessing of peace would again be enjoyed by all nations, and that our own country would enter a new era of prosperity.

TOURIST TRAFFIC LOSS

He thanked the members for showing such a lively interest in the organisation at all times. He appealed to all traders, however, who had not yet become members of the Association to do so without delay and so help to further the interests of the licensed trade.

He regretted to say that the year just past had been one of great difficulty for the trade in consequence of increased taxation, higher cost of living, as well as the great loss of trade through there being no tourist traffic.

CALL FOR MORE MEMBERS

The Secretary, in the course of his report, stated that since the last general meeting of the Association there were 17 committee meetings. The attendance at these meetings was excellent, and the interest displayed by the committee on all matters affecting the trade left nothing to be desired. They were untiring in their efforts at all times and it was a real pleasure to work with them.

The membership of the Association was 109 members, but there were still members of the trade remaining outside the organisation, and this was to be regretted. They were always welcome to join the ranks of the trade and it was to be hoped that they would do so in the very near future and so give added strength to the organisation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for the year ending December 31st last showed that the total income from all sources amounted to £139 1s. 1d., which showed an increase of £4 5s. 8d. on the previous year. Total expenditure during the year amounted to £152, showing a decrease of £15 on the previous year. Income during the period exceeded expenditure by £37 0s. 3d. The balance sheet showed the net assets to be £178 1s. 9d.

Mr. M. Gleeson, in proposing the adoption of the report, said that they should consider themselves very fortunate to be on the right side of the book. That was no small compliment to Mr. O'Brien, who had given them very complete details of the whole financial position, and who had gone to a lot of trouble to prepare the balance sheet.

Mr. J. Gleeson, in seconding, paid tribute to the hon. treasurer and secretary for their work.

The report was adopted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The retiring Chairman, in proposing the election of Mr. T. Murphy as Chairman for the coming year, said that in him they would have a very able man.

Mr. Greene seconded the proposition, which was passed unanimously.

The Chairman's address appears under a separate heading.

For the vice-chair, Mr. M. Gleeson was elected on the proposition of Mr. T. Murphy, seconded by Mr. R. D. O'Brien. Messrs. O'Brien and Locke were unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer and secretary, respectively. Tributes were paid to their efficiency and to the interest they took in the Association.

The following committee were elected for the coming year:—Messrs. D. O'Driscoll, J. Gleeson, Mrs. J. Ryan, Messrs. D. Dennehy, E. Greene, P. M. Quilty, J. Humphreys, G. O'Brien, D. Reynolds, L. Ryan, J. Gallagher, M. Moloney, W. Gleeson, C. Numan, R. Logue.

TOWN TOPICS

NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr. Michael Coleman, N.T., has been the recipient of hearty congratulations and felicitations on his appointment as Principal of St. Patrick's National School. Mr. Coleman, apart from his high academic distinctions, is eminently qualified for the position, as he possesses an abundance of commonsense. Having a keen sense of humour, he realises full well that it is not just possible to place an old head on young shoulders. As a member of the C.E.C., Mr. Coleman has rendered signal services to the Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

BEHAVING WELL!

The automatic stamp vending machine at the G.P.O. is behaving very well of late. No allegations are being made now as to the egregious behaviour, and, generally speaking, it would seem as if the device is giving great satisfaction to the public. Perhaps, the poor did not machine was not really at fault all the time—possibly the public contributed in no small way to putting it off the mark, as it were. It is now demonstrated, at any rate, that if the apparatus is not abused by the use of "dud" coins it will not refuse to emit stamps. A nod is as good as a wink.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A special meeting of the Municipal Council will be held to-morrow evening, when a miscellaneous agenda will be disposed of. The Department has now sanctioned the acceptance by the City Manager of the tender of Messrs. John Kenny and Sons for carrying out the development works in connection with the Prospect housing scheme. The actual figure is £29,648 and Messrs. Kenny beat the City Surveyor's estimate by over £2,000. By the way, there was very keen competition for the job between firms from all parts of the country.

MAKING TESTS

Tests are now being carried out in the suburbs of the city for the purpose of ascertaining the water pressure in the mains. For a considerable time past pressure has been very weak in some of the outlying areas, notably in Ballinacurra, and residents have had occasion to make vigorous protests at the Town Hall. Consumers outside the Borough boundary are paying a very high price for water—at the rate of 3/6 in the £ on their valuations—and they feel that the Corporation should fulfil its contract by making available an abundant water supply for all domestic purposes.

DESERVED TRIBUTE

At the annual meeting of the Limerick Branch of the I.N.T.O. Mr. Ciaran O'Kelly was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. O'Kelly has held this dual office for over twenty years now and the confidence reposed in him year after year by his colleagues is a very striking, but richly deserved tribute. There is scarcely a more energetic and enthusiastic worker now in the I.N.T.O. than Mr. O'Kelly and in the circumstances it is not surprising that his colleagues should have singled him out for an executive post. It is scarcely necessary to add that Mr. O'Kelly is a very efficient Secretary.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS

It is understood that it is the intention of the Post Office authorities to provide one or two more telephone kiosks in the city when conditions become more or less normal. This question has been under consideration for a long time and in all probability progress would have been made had not hostilities broken out. Just now the engineering staff of the G.P.O. are very busy in providing and maintaining national services and it would seem that the erection of additional kiosks must be left in abeyance for the present.

CORKANREE LANDS

NOT SUITABLE FOR ALLOTMENTS

(To The Editor "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—In reference to Mr. Casey's remark at a Corporation meeting, in which he stated that the land at Corkanree should be handed over for tillage to the unemployed in Limerick, I consider it an insult to the unemployed of Limerick to suggest any land which is unfit for tillage. I have 18 years experience of land. I held a half-acre at Ballinacurra, known as the Baggot estate. I also held a plot at Corkanree, and I know the difference between good and bad soil. The land at Corkanree is very poor and is very wet all the year round, and, therefore, is unsuitable for potatoes, Mangolds or turnips can be grown there, provided the land is well manured. If the unemployed man is to get land to till, surely it should be understood that he must get land that is worth cultivating. There is another reason, also, why Corkanree should not be mentioned, and that is, it is too near to the fumes of the Corporation.

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