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Press Association.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

General Francesco Pricolo's duties as Chief of Air Staff and Under Secretary of State for Air are being terminated, according to the Rome Radio. General Pricolo is to take up another appointment.

Air Squadron General Rino has been appointed to take his place.

CITY RATEPAYERS

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MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Limerick Citizens' and Ratepayers' Society was held on Friday evening at 62, O'Connell Street, Mr. T. J. Loughrey, chairman, presiding.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman stated he had interviewed the City Manager with reference to the Society's suggestion of more adequate lighting in the city, and while he (Manager) agreed with the suggestion, he said the matter was one for the E.S.B.

Correspondence was read from the Managers of some of the city schools in reference to the suggestion of a longer lunch hour for school children.

In connection with the proposed increase in the valuation charge for electricity, the meeting expressed their strong disapproval of same, and pointed out the burden city traders had to bear by reason of the fact that while in very many cases they had not the supplies of their trade, still they were keeping their premises going, even without profit. Considering that the scheme was a national undertaking, the E.S.B. should bear their share of the burden which the present emergency imposed on the country. It was also suggested that a public meeting of all interests concerned should be called to voice their protest against this impost.

A discussion took place on the unsatisfactory manner in which the telephone service was conducted in the city, and strong comment was made as to the delays and lack of attention given to calls.

Reverting to the city lighting, Mr. M. Gleeson gave instances of abuses caused through the lack of a proper lighting system, and

SOLICITOR'S PLEA.

Mr. Bennett said that as regards the boy O'Connor his father was away in the National Army and his mother, who was a very respectable woman, was entirely unaware of his taking part in practices of this kind and he had given no evidence previously of having any vicious tendencies. He had references as regards the attendance of the two boys at school, which attendance was good. It was one of those unfortunate lapses that were only too common with juveniles at the moment. He suggested that they might get a chance and that a very grave warning be given that if ever they were brought up again they would be dealt with with the full rigour of the law.

Sergeant Kennedy said that O'Connor came under notice in 1937 when lemonade was taken from the side of the street, but since that time neither of the boys had come under the notice of the Guards. He added that when investigating the case they had suspicion on the wrong parties. The parents of the boys were most respectable people.

JUSTICE'S DECISION.

The Justice said he would allow the case to stand over for a month to allow the parties to pay 5/- each and if that were done the parents of the boys would enter into a bond for their good behaviour.

Supt. Keegan said that in making the detection the Guard had done away with any suspicion that may have been attached to Harris's staff and he thought it was right that attention should be drawn to the Guard's good work.

DEATH OF FORMER CO. COUNCILLOR

The death took place on Saturday at his residence, Spring Lodge, Kilfinane, of Dr. Maurice Connery. Deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was for years a prominent member of Limerick County Council, getting elected to that body soon after the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898.

suggested that the Society send a deputation to discuss the matter with Mr. Collier.

This was unanimously agreed to. The meeting also expressed their pleasure at the unanimous co-option of their nominee, Mr. C. V. O'Malley on the Corporation.

CLAIM AGAINST COUNCIL.

Mary Ryell, Castletown, a claim for £160 against the Wick County Council for the malicious burning of a house and its contents on day night, 5th July, or early following morning, in the Castletown.

Mr. M. F. Noonan, solicitor, on behalf of Mr. D. J. O'Malley, applied for an adjournment of the action to the next sitting of the Court. He understood the sergeant of the Guard, Castletown, who was present in Court, did not get any notice of the fact that the adjournment was being applied for, but Mr. Noonan informed him before the Court that the application was being made.

His Lordship said he would allow the sergeant would not have any objection to the adjournment.

Sergeant Keating, Castletown, said he would raise no objection.

His Lordship—Very well. adjourn the hearing of this case to the next sitting of the Court.
APPEAL AGAINST DEMOLITION ORDER.

An adjournment was also made in the case in which Brian Doon, applied to have set aside an order made by the Limerick Board of Health under the Act of 1931, for the demolition of a house situated at Main Doon, and the property of the plaintiff.

The claim was by way of appeal against a demolition order made on 5th May, 1941, purporting to have been made by the defendant pursuant to Section 2 of the Act of 1931, for the demolition of a house, the property of the plaintiff, and situated at Main Doon. Plaintiff sought to have the order quashed in its entirety on the grounds that the defendant's question was not on the merits of the order, or at present, that the house was not fit for human habitation, and, that the house was not fit for being rendered fit for habitation at reasonable expense.

SERVING OF NOTICES.

Plaintiff further asserted that notices served on him in connection with the order were not properly adequate, and that the order was not within the powers of the Act. Plaintiff also sought an order for the costs and expenses entailed by the appeal.

The application for the