



### HARBOUR BOARD

#### REMARKS AT RECENT MEETING

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 21st, Ald. John Carew sees fit to reply to Mr. D. J. O'Malley in reference to his remarks at the Harbour Board, where, in his welcome to the Mayor, Ald. Carew expressed his regret at the action of the Corporation in excluding Deputies Reidy and Keyes from membership of the Harbour Board. As I am not acquainted with the customs of our worthy City Council, I shall leave this aspect of the case to the more enlightened intelligence of Mr. O'Malley himself, but with regard to the statement contained in Ald. Carew's remarks that "neither Ald. Reidy nor Deputy Keyes were men to beg privileges," I would ask Ald. Carew how he can reconcile this statement with the statement of Councillor P. J. Donnellan at the meeting of the Corporation held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., to the effect that Deputy Reidy mentioned to him in private conversation on the day of the inauguration of the Mayor (Ald. M. Hartney) that of all the subsidiary bodies of the City Council he would prefer to have representation on the Mental Hospital Committee. Councillor Donnellan, taking this as a "nod to a blind horse," promised to vote for him in so far as getting representation on this committee was concerned. Is this begging privileges? So much for that. Now for Deputy Keyes's side of the protest. His grievance was the omission from representation on the City Vocational Education Committee of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, of which he is Vice-President, and which he claims represents five thousand organised workers. Deputy Keyes knows as well as I do that the Limerick Trades and Labour Council does not represent a fraction of this number. Of course I am not trying to say that it has not five thousand members on its register, but as this Council purports to represent its members politically and industrially we must exclude those of them who have a different view to Deputy Keyes in the political sense of the word, and in the industrial side of their functions their actions have been so lifeless that it could be calculated to mere hypocrisy. In conclusion, I wish to draw the attention of the members of the Trades Unions affiliated to this Council to a clause in the Constitution under the heading—"Objects, Clause D," which reads—"To co-operate with the E.C. of the Irish Trades Union Congress and Labour Party in joint political action, in harmony with the Party Constitution and Standing Orders." As a parting word of advice to all trades unionists affiliated to this body, attend your next society meeting, change your delegates to the Council, and let the new delegates remove this objectionable political odour, and then we may be able to take joint action in the industrial field of functions.—Yours faithfully, J. A. McDONNELL, Ex-President, Limerick No. 1 Branch, A.S.W. Cloughkeating, Patrickswell, 24th July, 1945.

### BOROUGH COUNCIL HOUSES

#### QUESTION OF REPAIRS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—Regarding your recent report of the proceedings of the Corporation meeting, I was much interested in the discussion having reference to the present bad condition of many municipal owned houses, and this in view of the fact, as publicly stated, that such property is valued at £1,000,000. The members of the Council are to be commended in demanding that prompt attention be given to carrying out the necessary repairs. As one of the Corporation tenants for many years, I can truthfully state that in my locality little consideration has been given in this respect, with the result that eave-gutters, down-pipes, railings, etc., are rapidly deteriorating for lack of paint; and were it not for the tenants themselves the external woodwork would long since have fallen into decay. I note the City Engineer has intimated his intention of preparing an estimate for painting. It is high time that such work was put in hand. From time to time we read of the Council instituting legal proceedings against house-owners to have repairs carried out, whilst they have been more remiss themselves in their obligations in that respect. Council tenants should bestir themselves by forming associations for their protection. Dublin, Cork and other large centres have vinted

### LOSS TO MUSIC

#### DEATH OF MR. "GUS" O'BRIEN

Widespread regret was occasioned in Limerick on Saturday last when it was learned that Mr. Augustine O'Brien, caretaker of the Municipal Technical Institute, had died suddenly while on a visit to his daughter, a member of the Presentation Order in Bandon. Mr. O'Brien was a keen musician and for many years organiser of the Technical Institute Ceilidhe Band. His work in this direction was repeatedly commended and was warmly praised by An Taoiseach when he opened the Schools Drama Festival in Limerick two years ago. No greater tribute can be paid to him than the fact that practically all who partook of his knowledge of music are now considered among the leading musicians in the city. His father, the late Tom O'Brien, was well known and respected and was for years bandmaster of the famous Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band.

"Gus" was a founder member of the Munster Branch, Irish Rugby Union. He leaves a widow and family, to whom deep sympathy is extended.

The funeral took place on Monday last from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The coffin, draped in the tri-colour and surmounted by wreaths, was accompanied en route by a huge cortege. At either side of the bier marched a guard of honour drawn from members of the Old I.R.A. and Young Munster R.F.C. The funeral was of imposing dimensions and testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. E. O'Brien (widow); Mr. Gerard O'Brien (son); Miss J. O'Brien (daughter); Messrs. Tom and Jack O'Brien (brothers), and numerous other relatives.

Mass Cards were received from:—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Purcell; Cumman Dramuidheachta Luimnighe; John and Bridie Griffin; The Staff Girls Vocational School; May and Ned Neiland; Members of the Technical Orchestra; Bridget Murphy; Brother John O'Brien and Gus; Mrs. Gretta Kennedy; The Staff St. Anne's School; His Loving Niece May; Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Prospect; The Moloney Family; John Kiely; Nora O'Brien and Family; Delia Geary and Family; Michael and Sara Moloney; Mrs. McGrath and Family; The Smyth Family, Bandon; Tom and Mrs. Keyes; Staff of Technical Institute; Lilah Colbert; Bernie O'Brien; Annie and Delia McMahon; Tadhg Smalle and Family; The Higgins Family; Mary Condon; The Members of the Catholic Institute; Tommy Hickey; Mrs. Whelan and Family; Tom and Mrs. Power; The Walsh Family; The Toomey Family; "Maura," Bandon Convent; Paddy Stundon; Mr. and Mrs. Hersey; Harry and Helga; Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Family; Pa and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barry, Cork; His Loving Brother Tom and Family; Nellie, Bernie and Jim; Mickey Corr; Frank and Bridie Dunne; Young Munster R.F.C.; Garryowen R.F.C.; Shannon R.F.C.; Boherbuoy Band; Nancy and Mickey Kelly; Sergeant and Mrs. Barry, Gort; Jerry Ryan; Daisy McNulty and Family; Celine Collins; Maura and Eithne; Mick and Betty Keyes; Nancy; P. V. Twomey and Family; Jane McCarthy and Mother; Pat Scanlan; Dom and Brid. Clancy; St. Patrick's Ceilidhe Band; M. Keane and Family; C. Carey; Mrs. Fahy and Family; Dan and Mrs. Bourke; Cornelius Sheehan and Family; Claire Hanrahan; The O'Connor Family; Mrs. McGann and Gertie.

Wreaths:—Young Munster R.F.C. Dolphin R.F.C., Cork; Community Bandon Convent.

Letters of sympathy were received from—Rev. David Rea, C.C., Askeaton; Rose and Harry Long, Belfast; Nancy Hickey, Waterford; John Hartnett, Ballyhahill; Mrs. E. Twomey, Limerick; G. E. Russell, Limerick; W. J. O'Brien, Cork; Jimmy O'Donovan, "Limerick Leader" Office; Mrs. Dore, Shanagolden; Mrs. Crowley, Askeaton.

Telegrams were received from:—May Lawlor; Tucker, Dublin; John and Kathleen Dore, Shanagolden; Sergeant and Mrs. Barry, Gort; Tom Scanlan, Waterford; Munster Branch, Rugby Union; Kitty Callan, Lisdoonvarna; Scallan, Kilkeel; Seamus and Paddy Leyden, Kilkee; Kathleen Barry, Dublin; Mrs. Moloney and Gerard O'Brien's Bridge; Brian O'Shea, Glenbeigh; Tim and Dick O'Shea, Dublin; Denis O'Connor, Dublin; John Hersey, Limerick; Tony Mulcahy, Limerick; Charlie Hanrahan, Cork; Keogh family, Adare; Mrs. Murphy, Castletroy, J. J. Scallan, Dublin; J. O'Donnell, Limerick; W. Cleary, Cork; Sullivan, Pallaskerry.

lumin their J.F. engagement against Mountcollins at Strand. The Chairman said that as Mountcollins had turned out for the occasion the Board had no option but to award them the match. Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West, wrote thanking the Board for their kind expression of sympathy on the recent death of his mother. The Chairman directed that the letter be inserted in the minutes. Reporting on the Newcastle West v. Killeedy M.H. match at Strand, the referee, Mr. J. Doody, commented on the absence of flags for the goal umpires, which caused some dissatisfaction amongst the Killeedy supporters.

Mr. Fitzmaurice, N.T. (Killeedy), said his club were ageeable to accept the referee's report, although at full time some of their followers were under the impression that their team had won.

Mr. Aherne (Monegay) said the absence of flags was due to the illness of some of the local officials.

Mr. McCarthy (Secretary) complained that when returning from the above match at Strand one of the Monegay officials charged him with being against him for selection as referee for the game. When he (Mr. McCarthy) absolutely denied this charge the official in question abused and even threatened him. He now asked the Board to deal with the matter as he felt that officials must be allowed to do their duty without interference.

The Chairman said they would summon the Monegay official in question to the next meeting for an explanation.

Reporting on the minor and junior matches at Adare on Sunday, the referee, Mr. J. Brennan, Rathkeale, said that on the way home from the game he was met by one of the Croagh players who accused him of not knowing how to referee a match until told by some of the Kildimo players. When he (Mr. Brennan) replied that he knew as much, if not more, about hurling as any of the Croagh men, the player in question struck him twice and marked his face. If this thing was allowed to go on much longer they would not have a shred of public respect left for the G.A.A. Apologies were no good for him (Mr. Brennan), but he trusted the Board would deal with this case in a proper manner.

The Chairman said the matter was a very serious one in view of the feeling that a better spirit was growing up in the Association. The incident now complained of was rowdyism—pure and simple. No one in the county worked more earnestly for the good of the Association than Mr. Brennan, and no one had the welfare of the G.A.A. more zealously at heart. It was scandalous that after doing his work as referee he should have been attacked in this manner, and the Board should take a very serious view of the matter.

Mr. Reidy said the good name of the Association had been sullied by conduct such as this.

The Chairman said the offending Croagh player and officials of the club would be summoned to the next meeting, when the matter would be dealt with in a proper manner.

A letter was read from Mr. P. T. McInerney, Secretary, Limerick County Board N.A.C.A., calling attention to the formation of a branch of A.A.U.E. in Limerick, and calling on G.A.A. boards, clubs and players to make it impossible for this rival organization to flourish in view of the dangers likely to arise from its activities.

The Chairman said that while they did not wish to interfere in the dispute it was no harm that clubs should know the position.

Mr. Brown (Broadford) applied for an open date in the district for Broadford Sports meeting on 12th or 19th August, and said athletics were as important as hurling and football and should be encouraged.

The Chairman said the Board would do their best to facilitate the fixture.

Castletown Club were granted permission for a tournament on August 15th.

#### FIXTURES.

29th July, at Knockaderry—M.H.—Templeglantine v. Croagh, 3 p.m.  
29th July, at Adare—M.H.—Kildimo v. Askeaton, 3 p.m.  
5th August, at Ballygarry—J.H.—Croom v. Kilfinny, 2.30. J.H.—Newcastle West v. Dromcollogher, 3.45.  
12th August, at Rathkeale—M.H.—Newcastle West v. Knockaderry, 2.45. J.H.—Castletown v. Kildimo, 4 p.m.  
The next meeting was fixed for Rathkeale on August 6th at 7.30 p.m.

#### DAMAGE BY FLOODS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") A Chara—I wish to direct the attention of our public representatives to the grave situation which at present besets the people of this district owing to the extent of damage which is being caused by successive flooding.

Several hundreds of acres of meadowing are at present under water owing to the dire necessity of draining the stream which leads into the Mulcairy River at Eyon.

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### MICHAEL MACDONA

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader") Dear Sir—In the "Leader" week appeared an interesting account of Mr. Michael MacDonnell, well-known Limerick journalist, you state, Michael had six brothers—William, Frank, John, Thomas and George. They were all patriots, except John, the last of the committee, who helped place the monument over the site of the Bard of Thomond. Michael went there on behalf of "Freeman's Journal" and wounded in the leg. A journalist took the "copy" of him and forwarded it to the "man." He was a close friend of Parnell, and attended all his meetings, including one in Limerick at the Cruise's Hotel. He also wrote interesting sketches of the Bard of Thomond, which appeared in "Leader," and an interview with Biddy Early, the witch, which appeared in the "Freeman." He wrote—"In the House," which was published in the "London Times." He served time as a printer at Kirsh Patrick Street, and went to "Munster News" when the Ald. Jerome Counihan edited Journal. Mr. MacDonagh was a satirical journalist and a prominent member of the Irish Literary Society, London. A most interesting story appeared in the "Freeman" entitled—"A Knight of Ardacrusha." Mr. MacDonnell worked for Irish literature recognition in his native county. Yours truly, JAMES GLEESON

### DOUBLE FOR KILDIMO

M.H.—Kildimo, 2-3; Kilfinny J.H.—Kildimo, 7-6; Croagh, Kildimo succeeded in bringing