

# SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

## Suggestion For Limerick

### MAYOR AND UNIVERSITY PROJECT

#### Letting Of Athenaeum Hall

The question of establishing a School of Technology in Limerick came before a meeting of the City Vocational Education Committee held last evening. It arose out of a letter from the City Executive of Muintir na Tíre enclosing a report on the matter by Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., County Manager.

The Mayor remarked that it would be well if Muintir na Tíre kept "quiet" about their proposal pending a definite decision on the project for a University College for Limerick, and it was decided to defer consideration of Mr. Meghen's report to the July meeting.

The letting of the Athenaeum Hall was also discussed on a letter from Mr. J. J. Sexton, solicitor, on behalf of the present lessees, asking for an extension of their lease for a further 25 years.

Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.E., Chairman, presided at the meeting and the other members present were: The Mayor (Ald. M. Hartney), Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's, Rev. D. O'Brien, St. Munchin's College, Rev. Canon Hewetson-Jones, Messrs. J. Cusack, B.C., P. O'Connell, B.C., P. Whelan, B.C., J. Sheehan, J. McQuane, M. O'Tuathigh, B.A., with the officials, Messrs. P. V. Twomey, C.E.O., and Assistant Secretary, P. J. Stundon.

**LATE MR. C. O'KEILY.** After voting sincere sympathy with his relatives, the Committee paid high tributes to the late Mr. C. O'Keily, N.T., who was a member of the Committee up to the time of his death.

The Chairman proposed the vote of sympathy, and said that he deeply regretted the loss of "such an esteemed member." The late Mr. O'Keily, a delegate from the Trades Council, had consistently taken a keen interest in the teaching fraternity of the Technical Institute. He had been a most valuable member of the Committee. "I would like that the Committee would extend to his wife and very young family our very deep sympathy."

The Chairman also wanted the name of the late Very Rev. Canon Abbott coupled with that of the late Mr. Kelly on the Committee's resolution of sympathy.

Mr. P. Whelan, B.C., seconded the Chairman's proposal, with which the C.E.O., Mr. P. V. Twomey, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Institute staff, wished to be associated.

The Committee then warmly welcomed Mr. James McQuane on his appointment to the Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** "Very healthy," was the Chairman's comment on a Department of Education letter sanctioning overdraft accommodation of up to £1,000 for the Committee.

A further letter from the Department, read without comment, approved the awarding of a domestic economy scholarship confined to students attending whole time day classes at St. Anne's Technical school.

The Department also approved the appointment of Miss M. Woods as part-time instructor of physical culture during the remainder of the current session.

A Departmental circular indicated that, in necessitous circumstances, the Committee could now back to the extent of £20 the Irish tourist Association £10 scholarships, awarded to girls to train as hotel cooks.

It was decided that if such a necessity existed in the Committee's jurisdiction the required addition would be attached to the T.A. scholarships.

Acting on a letter from the Vocational Education Officers' Organisation, the Committee gave Mr. W. M. Cleary, President of the Organisation and a member of their staff, permission to attend the Organisation's annual congress. The Committee also granted Miss Burke, another member of their staff, the required permission to attend the Department's Dublin course in film technique.

#### SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

A letter from the City Executive of Muintir na Tíre requested the Committee to study a report of the County Manager, Mr. P. J. Meghen (enclosed) regarding the possibility of establishing a School of Technology in Limerick. The letter stated that the Manager's report had been a consequence of the Limerick Executive's request for details of a potential scheme of technological instruction for the city, and wished to impress on the Committee that the executive would not like to interfere with the projected University for Limerick.

The Mayor (Ald. M. Hartney) thought it might have been well if Muintir na Tíre Executive remained "quiet" about their proposal pending a definite decision on the university project. So far the question of a University for Limerick had not been turned down; there would be a meeting of the promoting Committee during the week and the Committee should postpone discussion on the subject of the Muintir na Tíre letter until after this meeting.

Mr. Whelan's proposal that the Committee should convene a special meeting to consider Mr. Meghen's report on the possibility of a Limerick Technological College was defeated by a show of hands in favour of an amendment by Mr. P. Cusack, B.C., that be discussed at the Committee's July meeting.

#### THE ATHENAEUM HALL.

At great length the Committee issued a letter from Mr. J. J. Sexton, solr., on behalf of Messrs. O'Donoghue and Costelloe, of the Athenaeum Hall, the Committee's property, seeking an extension of their lease for a further 25 years.

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#### NO SITE SELECTED YET

No site has yet been selected for the proposed 100-bed room hotel which is being promoted for Limerick by the Irish Tourist Board and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

It is known that four possible sites are being examined, but it would appear that one in particular—now the location of a big concern—is most in favour. It has yet to be ascertained if this site will be sold and, if so, at what price.

# BYRNES REPLIES

## Charges By Soviet

### U.S. AND WORLD PROBLEMS

Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, in a statement made to members of the Press at a conference in the White House last night, denied charges made against America and Great Britain by Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

It was not true, Mr. Byrnes said, that the United States and Great Britain were forming a bloc against the Soviet Union. There was no such thing as a bloc, and the United States Government was willing to submit world problems to world opinion.

Marshal Stalin, Mr. Byrnes declared, gave whole-hearted support last December to the proposal for a four-Power 25 years' Treaty, with regard to the future of Germany. The statement made now by Mr. Molotov that Marshal Stalin did not give whole-hearted support for such a treaty had come as a surprise. He felt that Mr. Molotov must have been either misquoted by "Pravda" or that there was a misunderstanding.

Replying to the charge that the United States had imperialistic designs in seeking air bases in Iceland, Mr. Byrnes said that the United States Government had submitted the scheme both to the Soviet Union and Great Britain before any approach had been made to the Icelandic Government.

### FOYNES TO RINEANNA

#### NUMBER OF TRANSFERS

Radio Officers J. Monahan, J. Hammerly and D. Madden are being transferred over to Rineanna on Monday next writes our Foynes correspondent. Mr. Monahan has been stationed here for 21 years, during which time he has seen much development in the radio art of aviation. These transfers are only temporary. Mr. W. Roche has been left to carry on activities here. The Junior Meteorological Officers have not been transferred and still continue to make observations, which they transmit to Rineanna.

Inspector Maguire and Detective Officer O'Malley have been transferred to the Emigration Department in Rineanna. During the last couple of months they remained on here to deal with any Sunderland flying boats which happened to arrive.

### FAMOUS PAINTING

#### ESCAPED THE RAVAGES OF WAR

"The Last Supper," Leonardo Da Vinci's world-famous fresco in the Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, Milan, was found undamaged when the brick walls which have protected it against bomb blast since 1943 were removed recently.

Art experts feared that the corrosive action of the weather might have ruined the painting, but Professor Pacchioni, Monuments Superintendent, after close examination, was able to state that the fresco had suffered very little during the last three years.

#### HAIR TURNED WHITE WITH SHOCK!

A 45-year-old divorcee, Mrs. Linda Crowley, Sydney, told a court there that her hair turned white with shock when Leslie Dive (60), manufacturer, of Sydney, married another woman in February, 1945. She was granted £125 damages for breach of promise.

#### DAPPING ON LOUGH DERG

The dapping on Lough Derg in the early part of last week was exceptionally good (writes our Killaloe correspondent). Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Killaloe, hooked nine fine trout on Monday last. Other very successful anglers were: Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, Provincial Bank; Mrs. Lynch, Supt. Murray and Mr. J. C. O'Brien.

#### HOME-GROWN TOMATOES

Homegrown tomatoes are excluded from the fixed price of 1.4 per lb. for imported tomatoes, according to a Department of Industry and Commerce announcement. Retailers of homegrown tomatoes, according to an Order, must display legible notices indicating that the tomatoes are home-grown.

#### REPAIRS TO LIMERICK DREDGER

Limerick Harbour Commissioners on Monday accepted the tender of Cork Dockyard Co., Rushbrook, Co. Cork, for £95 10s. for repairs to the Commissioners' dredger. The Dockyard Company's tender was the sole one submitted.

#### LITTLE THEATRE PROJECT.

Limerick City Vocational Education Committee last night decided to furnish (on request) all available information on the letting terms of the Athenaeum Hall to the committee which is endeavouring to provide Limerick with a little theatre and concert hall.

#### HEW TO CANADA AT 86

Eighty-six years old Mrs. H. A. Cooke, who for the past month has been living at Peakstown Mills, Thurles, flew from Rineanna to Ontario, Canada, to join her married daughter.

#### BONUSES FOR ROAD WORKERS

Kerry road workers are to receive weekly bonuses of 3/- retrospective to May 13, according to an order of Kerry Co. Manager, Mr. W. F. Quinlan.

#### PAINTING HUSTLE

Thirty-five members of a painters' union painted a new five-room cottage in Schenectady, New York, in 3 minutes 13.2 seconds, and claimed a world's record. The cottage is for an ex-serviceman's family.

#### MORE BANANAS

Eighty tons of bananas arrived in Dublin on Monday night. As they have to be ripened in the stores they will not be on sale until the beginning of next week.

On Monday night 25,000 boxes of tomatoes arrived in Dublin. They will be on sale in the shops throughout the country before the end of the week.

# THE PRISONERS

## Late Sean McCaughey

### DISCUSSION AT CO. COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting of the Limerick County Council on Saturday, Mr. M. O'Dwyer, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. P. Fitzsimons referred to the death of Sean McCaughey and proposed a vote of sympathy with his relatives. It was the opinion of his Party—Clann na Talmhan—that McCaughey did not get fair treatment while in prison.

Mr. Dore seconded and said that it was a very good thing when they had men who were prepared to die for their principles. It may be said that McCaughey and his comrades were misguided, but it should not be forgotten that these men were prepared to make the supreme sacrifice for their beliefs. The evidence given at the inquest on McCaughey showed that the conditions under which he existed in Portlaoine were "worse than at Belsen." He had formed that opinion on the evidence given by the medical officer of the prison.

Continuing, Mr. Dore referred to the Special Criminal Court and said that under the Constitution the people had rights which should be protected. The Mayor of Limerick had said that if a man wanted to die he could not be prevented from doing so. The Mayor should feel ashamed to have said such a thing and Mr. Dore dissociated himself from such "tripe."

Mr. Hayes said that an inquiry into conditions in the prisons should be held. He associated himself with the expressions of sympathy to the family of the late Sean McCaughey.

Mr. Donegan said that the whole blame for having men like McCaughey in jail could be attributed to Mr. de Valera. Mr. de Valera climbed over the backs of those men into power and when once in office he forgot all about them and their principles. Mr. de Valera had set a bad example when he waged war against the voice of the people.

Mr. McCarthy said that he was extremely sorry for the death of such a stirring Irishman as McCaughey, a man who loved Ireland not wisely, but too well. Partition was the curse of the nation. It was the cause of all their trouble, and every effort should be made to get rid of it.

The Chairman said that he had deep sympathy for the bereaved family. He could not, however, agree with some of the views expressed. The position to-day was very different from the days when they were dominated by a foreign Government. Now they had their own Government, elected by the people and subject to the people.

It was the duty of the Government to rule and to maintain law and order. If to-day that Council blamed the Government for anything, then they were blaming the Irish people who elected that Government. The present Minister for Justice would not do an injustice to any man. He (Chairman) did not believe that the conditions in the prisons were as bad as they were alleged to be.

Mr. Hayes in 1922 we had also a Government that was elected by the people.

Chairman—I was referring to the British Government.

Mr. Donegan And the will of the people was then attacked. Now we must respect the Government, but Mr. de Valera did not do it. There are not so many rebels here to-day, and if de Valera went back to England to-morrow you would all vote for him.

A Voice—Sit down.

The vote of sympathy was then declared passed.

### PRIESTS BEREAVED

#### RATHKEALE LADY'S DEATH

Two deservedly very popular priests of the Limerick Diocese—Rev. W. O'Grady, C.C. St. John's, and Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C. Newcastle West—are bereaved by the death of their mother, Mrs. Nora O'Grady, Rathkeale, who passed away on Sunday last. The deceased, who was wife of the late John M. O'Grady, a prominent and highly-respected Rathkeale merchant, who passed away some years ago, was a lady of great refinement and charm of manner. She was a member of a widely-esteemed family, being a daughter of the late William Costelloe, who was one of the best and most favourably known auctioneers in Munster many years ago. Of a very kindly, sociable and charitable disposition, she was a great friend of the poor and was never happier than when doing a kindly act for someone who needed it. Her demise is deeply regretted not merely by her immediate relatives but by numerous friends and acquaintances all over the country. Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was offered up in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, on Monday, and the funeral took place immediately afterwards. The attendances at the Mass and funeral were of huge proportions and most representative in character.

#### BADEN POWELL SCOUTS

#### CHIEF VISITS LIMERICK

Lord Kwallan, M.C., Chief Scout of the Baden Powell Boy Scouts, visited Limerick yesterday on his tour of inspection of the Eire Scout Association.

The Chief Scout held an inspection of the 1st Limerick (Trinity Church) Troop and Girl Guides at Quinsboro', the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. K. Roycroft. He was accompanied by District Commissioner W. S. Dorman, Cork; Messrs. W. M. Carter (Assistant Commissioner of Training), E. E. Spence (Assistant District Commissioner, Dublin), P. C. Scott (Deputy Camp Chief), and Mrs. Shelswell White (Cork County Commissioner of the Girl Guides).

#### NEW TEA RATION NEXT SATURDAY

The new tea ration—an ounce and a half per person per week instead of one ounce at present—will come into operation next Saturday, June 1st.

#### NEW POTATOES

Mr. Patrick Kealy, Carrowgar, O'Connell's, has put new potatoes (Epicurea) on the market, and they received a ready sale at 6/- per stone (writes our Killaloe correspondent).

# TOWN TOPICS

## IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

A big importing petroleum company has made application to the Harbour Board for permission to erect a mooring or wharf on the river at Rineanna. This would facilitate the discharge of petrol into the Shannon Airport, but, of course, the Board will be concerned with the financial aspect of the proposal, apart altogether from navigation interests. The matter has, however, been referred to the Harbour Master, Captain C. J. Harshan for a report and it can be taken for granted that he will see to it that the project—if carried out—will not affect the port in any way—from the point of view of navigation, of trade with the port and of income.

### NORTH CHANNEL.

This proposed wharf would be located on the north channel, which is not at present used for navigation, though it is considerably deeper than the south channel. In port circles, however, it is taken for granted that the north channel will be utilised for shipping when the new western entrance to the dock is completed. In that event a wharf at Rineanna may be a source of obstruction. As the Harbour Master has a thorough knowledge of the river—he is regarded as the greatest living authority on its vagaries—he can be relied upon to ensure that the future of the port will be in no way jeopardised.

### OUR DAILY BREAD.

At the moment it looks as if all the bakeries in the city will close down on Saturday evening next in consequence of a trade dispute in relation to the question of annual holidays. It is scarcely necessary to say that such a development would have very serious repercussions in many directions. In these days of fuel scarcity very few families are in a position to bake bread for their own use. It follows, therefore, that if the bakeries close a situation too serious to contemplate will arise. Consequently, no efforts should be spared to effect a compromise. All concerned should remember that every man, woman and child in the city will be affected directly should the strike take place.

### ABATTOIR SCHEME.

The proposed abattoir scheme for the city has met with so many ups and downs that it is rather difficult to know whether it is still a live issue or not. Yet, there are indications that the scheme will, some time or other, materialise. The selection of a suitable site has, up to the present, proved a formidable problem, but it is learned that an ideal location has at last been found for the abattoir. This is stated to be adjacent to the Fair Green, outside the Borough boundary. It is likely that more will be heard on this question at the next meeting of the City Council.

### EXCURSIONS.

The announcement that Coras Iompair Eireann proposes to run an excursion train on Sunday to Foynes, beginning at Whit, is generally welcomed. It is a facility that will be extensively availed of and the citizens appreciate this forward move on the part of C.I.E. But the local public would like a little variety in the matter of scenery and for that reason it is felt that trips to Castleconnell might also be arranged. As it is fairly certain that one excursion train each Sunday will not be able to accommodate all those who desire to get away from the city for a few hours, perhaps the Company may yet include Castleconnell in the itinerary.

### BUS TRIPS.

Now that the railway branch line to Killaloe is out of commission it will not be possible to run trains to this once very popular resort. But there is no reason why a Sunday bus service, via Clonlara and Doonass, could not be put on this route. Credit must be given to C.I.E. for its progressive policy in the matter of Sunday trips and there need be no doubt that the Company would be prepared to do a little more if the public expressed a desire for a return of the "mystery tours." It is a good thing to know at any rate that we are leaving the emergency period far behind us.

### LONG SILENCE.

The public are wondering if the proposed University project for the city has been relegated to the limbo of lost causes. Some time ago it was announced that the authorities in Dublin were not very enthusiastic about the proposal. It was then decided to put the question direct to the Minister for Education—if he were prepared to support the claims of Limerick to a Constituent College of the National University. Whether the Minister has given an answer or not to this query we cannot say, as a complete silence has fallen on the University movement. After all, the citizens have a perfect right to know if their city is to be raised to the dignity of a University centre.