

OBITUARY

MRS. GLEESON, RAILWAY BAR, NENAGH.

It was with feelings of profound sorrow and regret that the sad news of the death of Mrs. Catherine Gleeson, dearly beloved wife of Martin Gleeson, Railway Bar, 42, Kenyon St., Nenagh, was received on Sunday morning last, July 28th. The deceased had been seriously ill for just two weeks, and though an improvement in her condition was apparent during the early part of last week, an unexpected relapse towards the week-end made the most fervent hopes of recovery fade.

The deceased lady, who was only 31 years, was a member of a highly respected and widely known County Limerick family, being third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hourigan, The Hill, Murroe. She was niece of the late Very Rev. P. R. Hourigan, M.R., Glasgow, and of Mother Mary Agnes, F.C.J., Paisley, Scotland, and grand-niece of Very Rev. Michael Canon Hourigan, P.P., Uppercurch, Co. Tipperary, and of Very Rev. Daniel Hourigan, P.P., Kilbehenny, Mitchelstown.

Since coming to Nenagh seven years ago, the late Mrs. Gleeson endeared herself to all by her charming manner and extreme good nature. Every heart in the district was moved by the sad circumstances of her passing, and genuine sympathy is felt for her heartbroken husband and three little children in their irreparable loss.

Her remains were removed from St. Joseph's Hospital, Nenagh, to St. Mary's of the Rosary, on Sunday evening. Requiem Mass was celebrated on Monday morning for the happy repose of her soul. Venerable Archdeacon Slattery, P.P., V.F., Nenagh, presided; celebrant, Rev. J. Cuddy, B.D., St. Flannan's College, Emis; deacon, Rev. E. Murphy, C.C., Nenagh; sub-deacon, Rev. M. O'Donoghue; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Hayes, C.C., Nenagh. In the choir Very Rev. D. O'Donoghue, P.P., Ferryglass; Very Rev. H. Spain, P.P., Duluth, U.S.A.; Rev. J. Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe; Rev. Fr. Placid, O.S.E., Glenstal Priory; Rev. T. Gleeson, C.C., Kilkishen; Rev. D. Woods, C.C., Silvermines; Rev. J. Minihan, C.C., Ballywilliam.

The funeral, which took place later to Tyone, was one of the largest and most representative seen in Nenagh for many years—a fitting tribute to the popularity of deceased and her family. The above named clergy officiated at the graveside.

The immediate chief mourners were:—Martin Gleeson (husband), Michael, Philomena, Kathleen (children); John and Mrs. Hourigan (parents); Paddy Hourigan (brother); Mrs. Morrissy, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Gilmartin and Miss E. Hourigan (sisters); Messrs. James and Pat Gleeson (uncles); Mrs. B. Gill, Miss Margaret Hourigan and Mrs. J. Gleeson (aunts); Mrs. M. Gleeson (mother-in-law); Dr. D. F. Morrissy, Messrs. T. O'Malley, J. Gilmartin, H. J. Spain and Dr. G. Walsh (brothers-in-law); Mrs. H. Spain and Mrs. G. Walsh (sisters-in-law).

MR. R. CLEARY, BALLINARD.

The death occurred, unexpectedly, on the 21st inst., of Mr. Richard Cleary, Ballinard, Herbertstown. Deceased, a member of an old and highly esteemed East Limerick family, was immensely popular, and his death, at an advanced age, is deeply regretted over a wide area.

The remains were removed to the Sacred Heart Church, Herbertstown, on Sunday evening, and the funeral took place after Requiem Mass to the family burial ground, Knockainey, on Monday.

The officiating clergy were: Very Rev. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., Hospital; Father Bergin, C.C., Hospital; Fr. Foley, P.P., Knockainey; Father O'Meara, C.C., Knockainey; Father Bannon, C.C., Killeely; Father Kelly, Ballinamona; Father O'Riordan, Ballyrobin, and Father Barry, Elton (cousin).

The chief mourners were:—William, Richard and Michael Cleary (sons); Sister M. De Sales, Illinois, U.S.A.; Sister M. Brendan, Presentation Convent, Mooncoin; Mrs. Martin Scanlan, Caherconry (daughters); Sister M. Kostka, St. Mary's Convent, Limerick; Michael, Richard and Christy Scanlan, and Gerard Keogh (grand-children); Mrs. Thos. Cleary, Gallaboula (sister-in-law), Martin Scanlan (son-in-law); Mrs. William Cleary (daughter-in-law), Dr. John and Earlo Cleary, Hospital; Richard Cleary, Galaboula; Richard Cleary, Rathjordan; Michael Cleary, Dublin; John O'Neill, Ballyvouden, and Robert Coll, Limerick (nephews); Teresa M. Cleary, Hospital; Mary B. Cleary, Galaboula; Mrs. Ml. Condon, Herbertstown; Mrs. O'Rourke, Ballygrennan; Mrs. Ryan, Cromhill; Madeline Noonan, Knockea; Mrs. Morrissey, Killeacke, and Mrs. O'Brien, Tipperary (nieces); Paddy Barry, Cloughervillar; Willie and Mrs. Barry, Rathjordan; Paddy Barry, Garden Hill; Robert and Owen Coll, Limerick; Tom Crowe, Hospital; Stephen Crosse, Tipperary; Mr. Martin O'Dwyer, Herbertstown; Mrs. Breen, Ballybrood; Willie and Daisy Dunworth, Cahir; James and Katie Leo, Holy-cross; John and Josie Collins, Tom and Mrs. Cooke, Bulgaden; Mrs. O'Donoghue, Herbertstown; Mrs. Carroll, Killeely; Mrs. Dunworth, Knockainey; Daniel Barry, Cloverfield; Frank Barry, Friarstown; David Barry, Cloughervillar; Willie Barry, Elton; Power, family, Knockea; Peg English, Oola; Foley family, Coolyhenan; Rourke family, Ballygrennan; Willie Joe Madden, Hospital, and Mrs. Maurice Quinn, Lough Gur (cousins).

It would be impossible to give a list of all those who attended the funeral, as it was representative of all sections of the community, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

SITE FOR CITY HOUSING

The Ballinanty Beg Scheme

MATTER AGAIN BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL

Engineer's Important Report

Limerick County Council on Saturday, Mr. Sean Hayes, vice-chairman, presiding, again discussed at length the application by Limerick Corporation for permission to build 450 houses on a site outside the city boundary, at Ballynanty Beg.

Submitting a report from the Co. Engineer, Mr. P. J. Sheahan, Mr. T. F. Broe, Deputy County Manager, said that as a result of a discussion at the Council's meeting a fortnight previously, when it was stated that permission had been given on a former occasion to the Corporation to build outside the borough boundary, he had gone through the minutes and found that at a meeting held on September 25th, 1943, an application was received from the Deputy City Manager for permission to build 11 houses, either wholly or partly outside the boundary, on a site at Pennywell. These houses represented portion of a 90 house scheme the remaining 79 of which would be inside the boundary.

The application was adjourned at the time, but was discussed and refused at a further meeting on October 23rd, 1943. A deputation consisting of the Mayor and City Engineer came before the Council on December 18th, 1943, in support of the application, after which the Council decided that, if the owner of the land concerned (Mr. Cusack) consented, the Council would not oppose the application further. Finally, at a meeting held on September 23rd, 1944, a report from the County Manager, dealing with the question of a general extension of the city boundary, was considered and the Council unanimously approved the Corporation's application for permission to build eleven houses at Pennywell in the county area.

REPORT FROM CO. ENGINEER

The Deputy Manager now submitted the following report from the County Engineer:—

"Dear Sir—I desire to report that, as instructed, I have taken up the matter of utilisation of sites inside the Limerick Co. Borough Boundary for the building of slum clearance dwellings by the Corporation and have prepared a map showing the present position inside the city boundary, which map is forwarded herewith for your consideration and for the consideration of the Council. Taking first the area inside the Borough Boundary, the lands indicated are as follows:—

(1) Yellow, Hatched Black. These are sites which have already been acquired and developed by the Corporation for housing and necessary ancillary development and for parks. They do not include the Island Field, Distillery or Killalee schemes, which were completed prior to the revision of the ordnance sheet on which my map is prepared, and which are consequently shown thereon as built-up areas.

(2) Green. The lands coloured green are unsuitable for housing development, either as a result of being liable to flooding, or having subsoil unsuitable for building. They include the slob lands, and low-lying meadows and grazing lands on the Shannon and Abbey River banks, also the former Corporation dumping ground at Park and existing Corkanree dump, and the land bordering the railway line between Jamesboro' and Prospect scheme.

CLEARANCE AREAS

(3) Red. The lands shown coloured red are clearance areas, in which the clearance has either already been effected or is proposed, as soon as the present inhabitants can be re-housed. These and other smaller sites at Castle Street, Nicholas Street, Mary Street, Mungret Street, Old Francis Street, Charlotte Quay, Rossa Avenue, Quarry Road, Lock Quay, Clare Street, Clancy Strand and Francis Abbey, will eventually provide sites for approximately 614 slum clearance dwellings, with appropriate developments.

(4) Brown—These lands, located in the area known as Park, to which I will refer later in more detail, are intensively cultivated as market gardens, by small holders, many of whom reside in the area.

(5) Grey.—This is farm land, also situated in Park.

(6) Purple.—These lands, again located in Park, are developed or to be developed as highly residential areas.

"Outside the Borough Boundary, I have indicated further lands as follows:—

(7) Blue.—This parcel of land in Killalee is being acquired with the Council's permission, by the Corporation for proper development of the Pennywell slum clearance area.

(8) Yellow. This is land situated at Ballynanty Beg, and immediately adjacent to the existing Killeely Scheme, which the Corporation has asked permission to acquire, for the building of 450 to 500 slum clearance dwellings.

THE LANDS OF PARK

"Referring in detail to the area known as 'Park,' being that area located between Corbally Road, and the centre lines of the Abbey River, Canal and River Shannon, all shown edged on my map with a blue line, the total area of the lands and water inside these bound-

together with the farm to which reference has been made, and the lands between the Corbally Road and the Mill Road, left uncoloured on my map, are zoned in the City Plan as highly residential, and may consequently not be used for the construction of slum clearance dwellings by the Corporation.

SITES FOR SLUM CLEARANCE DWELLINGS

"In general, the position would appear to be that there are now available inside the County Borough Boundary sites for, approximately, 290 slum clearance dwellings, and that there will eventually be a further 320 sites made available in areas now scheduled for clearance, provided that alternative accommodation can be found for the present inhabitants of these several areas, to permit of the demolition of their present houses; and that no land which can be developed inside the city boundary for slum clearance dwellings is going to be overlooked.

"In furtherance of this point, I understand that a recent Public Health Department survey in the city area showed that, approximately 2,500 new slum clearance dwellings will be required to re-house the slum dwellers of the city.

—Yours faithfully,  
PATRICK J. SHEAHAN.

NOT SETTING A PRECEDENT.

Mr. Dore pointed out that he had previously proposed the granting of sites to the Corporation in the county area, because the Council would not be setting a precedent by doing so; according to the minutes, they had given the required accommodation to the Corporation in September, 1944, on the proposition of Senator Madden, seconded by Mr. McCormack, and unanimously approved by the Council. When asking questions on that matter at the Council's last meeting, members were told to be careful. He had personally taken the trouble to look up the minutes of the meetings of the previous Council to try and find out who had attended the meeting which approved the Corporation's request. He had asked that the relevant minutes should be before the meeting that day for fear anybody

"It was a figment of your imagination," interrupted Senator Madden.

Mr. Dore—I asked to clear up this matter because it was suggested at the last meeting that I was making untrue statements on a serious matter.

Mr. Dore continued that if the Council refused to give the facilities required by the Corporation, they were merely presenting the City Council with an excuse to extend the boundary. At their last meeting the Council had a letter from the Corporation seeking extra sites. He thought that application should be adjourned since they didn't know where these sites were required or whether they were outside the present sites at Ballinacorra. If so, the proposed scheme would appear to be a manoeuvre by the City Manager or somebody else to surround the suburban areas with slum clearance houses, thus affording the Corporation a cause to extend the present city boundary and automatically to pull down the value of the County Council's property. Certainly, Mr. Dore thought, this scheme appeared to be aimed at pulling down the value of Council property at Ballinacorra.

He didn't see any reason why the County Council should not give the Corporation any space they required to build on, provided all sites were located in one area. They had Mr. Sheahan's expert report, and they should accept that document as the Council's true position as regards the Corporation application.

LETTER FROM CITY MANAGER.

The Deputy Manager now read the following letter, dated July 24th, from the City Manager:—

"Dear Sir, I desire to inform you that the Corporation have under consideration a proposal to acquire the lands of the Misses Blake at Ballinacorra Weston, containing some 27 acres. I am advised that these lands, which are close to the Corporation housing estate at Prospect, and can be connected to city services of drainage and water, would form a suitable site for development under the Housing Acts, to accommodate 150 to 160 houses. The development of this site would enable the Corporation to clear the Carey's Road area with a view to rebuilding. You will see by the enclosed map thereof that the lands are entirely without the county borough boundary. The Corporation are anxious to proceed with the matter, and submit the offer for sanction to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as soon as possible. I, therefore, formally apply for the consent of the County Council of Limerick, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908, and would be much obliged for your early reply to this application.

—Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) M. MACKEN,  
"City Manager."

"DRIBS AND DRABS."  
Mr. Quaid proposed that the Council refer all the City Manager's applications back to the Corporation.

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