

THE TEACHING OF CIVICS

Education For Citizenship

LIMERICK MAN'S PRACTICAL ADDRESS

Work Of The Vocational Schools

An important plea for the teaching of civics, which is another word for citizenship, was made by Mr. W. M. Cleary, of Limerick Technical Institute, in his Presidential address at the annual Congress of the Vocational Education Officers' Organisation at University College, Dublin. He pointed out that no young boy or girl should be allowed to leave our schools without at least a rudimentary knowledge of such things as the activities and functions of local bodies, a knowledge of the principles underlying local and central government, and a knowledge of the rights and duties of a free citizen of a democratic nation. In the course of a tribute to the work of the vocational schools, Mr. Cleary said a proof of their success was the steady and increasing demand by employers for vocational school students.

Opening his address by remarking that during the past six years the Annual Congress has been held under varying circumstances of peril and uncertainty, Mr. Cleary said one would have thought the progress of the schools would have been retarded. He was glad to say that there was abundant evidence to the contrary, and that the period of the Emergency enhanced the reputation of the schools amongst all sections of the community. Pointing out that a proof of the success of their work was the speedy and increasing demand by employers for vocational school students, he went to say: "This is very gratifying and makes us realise that the vocational school has steadily building up a reputation for our schools and establishing what I may call a vocational school tradition. This school tradition exists in other schools and we know its powerful influence in the lives of the students who attend them. In speaking of a school tradition, I am not advocating a minor degree of snobbery, but I do suggest that we must make it possible that those who attend our classes will be absorbed more readily into industry and commerce, which are vocational occupations, and for which the training given in our schools is specifically intended. Again, having secured employment, vocational students must make progress in their trade, craft or calling more readily than those who do not attend our schools, and generally become more efficient workers and useful members of society."

EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

Coming to the question of civics, or education for citizenship, Mr. Cleary said: "I would like to say a word about what I may call the Cinderella of subjects in our schools. I refer to the teaching of civics, or good citizenship. Should there be some who doubt the necessity of instruction for our pupils in this subject, they have only to recall the many recent outbreaks by responsible public bodies regarding the wanton destruction of public and private property. Or, let a simple question be put to any boy or girl in our day classes concerning local, national or international public affairs, and the answer will be of the vaguest or most distorted kind, if not one of complete ignorance. In some of our schools, well designed and comprehensive courses in civics are already included in the curriculum, but, in the majority of them, the subject, if taught at all, is limited to haphazard or incidental references to public affairs."

DEATH OF MRS. A. RYAN, LIMERICK

The death occurred on the 2nd August, at her residence, 62 Catherine Street, Limerick, of Mrs. Alice Ryan, relict of John Ryan, and mother of Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree. The funeral took place on Saturday, 3rd August, to the family burial ground, Knockaney, after Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree (son); deacon, Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Connolly, C.C., Creora; and master of ceremonies, Rev. W. Creed, C.C., St. John's.

The clergy present were: Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. D. Kelly, P.P., Bruree and Rockhill; Rev. E. Funch, P.P., Mungret; Rev. F. Rice, P.P., Donaghmore; Rev. Dr. Cowan, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. F. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. D. Fitzgerald, St. Michael's; Rev. J. Godfrey, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. H. Fee, C.C., St. John's; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. Dr. Murphy, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Kelly, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Tynan, D.I.; Rev. J. Bluet, C.C., Ballybrown; Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Croon; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Banogue; Rev. T. Cullane, C.C., Pedmore; Rev. D. Wall, C.C., Donoughmore; Rev. J. Burke, C.C., Dromin; Rev. J. Sadler, Maynooth; Rev. James Roche, O.S.B., Glenstal; Rev. J. O'Donovan, Oregon, U.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Aloysius, O.F.M., Rev. Fr. Ebezar, O.F.M., Rev. T. O'Sullivan, C.C., Bruff; Rev. J. Carroll, C.C., Bruff; Rev. J. O'Mara, C.C., Knockaney; Major the Rev. Joseph P. Coll, U.S. Army.

ECONOMIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS

"The economic life of nations is being altered by forces within and by the repercussions of forces from outside. Governments are interfering, and have been compelled to interfere, to an ever increasing extent in the lives of the nationals. Unrest, discontent, and labour troubles are everywhere manifest. These, to mention but a few, are the aspects of life which confront the young boy or girl leaving school today. Can we say that we are doing our duty as educationists if we turn out our students into this conflicting stream of principles and ideals to find their own feet without help or guidance? How can they become good and intelligent citizens capable of independent judgment and the formation of sound opinions on the many critical problems with which their own nation and the world in general are at present faced? How can they be expected to co-operate and labour for the common good when they have no means of determining what the common good represents. We can and must train them before they leave our schools to play their part as good citizens of their own country and good citizens of the world by bringing before their notice, whilst still under our care, the problems which await them when they enter the workaday world. This training can be given in our schools in two ways—(a) Directly, by formal instruction in the civics class. (b) Indirectly, during the teaching of all subjects in the curriculum. I do not propose to lay down here a syllabus of what should be taught in a civics class."

RENDERING A VALUABLE SERVICE

Mr. Cleary then went on to show that in the educational field the vocational schools are rendering a valuable service to the community. "Our schools," he said, "have justified themselves but our purpose must be to keep on improving on what we have already accomplished." Other matters dealt with in the address were the value of local conferences of teachers, inspectors and Chief Executive Officers, the training of teachers and the question of salaries. In conclusion Mr. Cleary said: "The finest tribute which we could pay to those pioneers who made Vocational Education possible, and one which they would most dearly desire, is that we would continue unflinchingly our loyalty to our organisation, thereby showing our appreciation for benefits enjoyed through their exertions, many of which they themselves were denied. In this way our standing as an organisation will be enhanced and the protection of our members' interests, which is our primary function, will be more easy of solution and we shall enjoy the privilege of being an active force in the important sphere of Vocational Education."

WHAT SHOULD BE TAUGHT

This is not the time or place to lay down such a programme. But I would say that no young boy or girl should be allowed leave our schools without at least a rudimentary knowledge of the activities and functions of local bodies, a knowledge of the principles underlying local and central government, a knowledge of the rights and duties of a free citizen of a democratic nation, a knowledge of his rights and duties towards his neighbours, a knowledge of his rights and his fellow citizens, a knowledge of his obligations towards the citizens of other states; a knowledge of the simpler economic laws; and at least, an elementary knowledge of current national and international affairs. This knowledge could be imparted through weekly half-hourly talks between teachers and students, the subject matter being dealt with in such a way as to suit the intellectual ability of the different classes in the school.

NEED FOR SUCH STUDIES RECOGNISED

As for the need for studies for the promotion of citizenship, that need had been recognised for some years past, not merely in Ireland, but in every country. The Vocational School, which dealt with young men and women at that critical period when they were facing problems of life for the first time was a lever of special power for making an impression in this direction. They must aim in all education I repeat in all education—at fitting a man in every way for the duties of his condition in life, whatever that condition might be; and when his condition obliges him to work for his livelihood, they must so equip him that he would be able to win his livelihood in his own calling, and at the same time be able to make an intelligent and conscientious use of the rights and liberties of a citizen with which he has been so fully endowed in the modern democratic state.

APPRENTICE TRAINING

Coming to day apprentice classes, he said: "During the past session there was a very welcome development in our larger schools (urban and city) by the introduction of day apprenticeship classes. The apprentices principally involved were those of the engineering groups—motor and mechanical. I am optimistic enough, even at this early stage of the scheme, to prophesy that it will become an unqualified success and will result in raising appreciably the standard of the affected trades, which is not alone desirable but necessary. I spoke last year at such length on this question of apprentice training that I do not intend to dwell on it now. We wholeheartedly welcome this innovation and trust that in the very near future it will not be confined to engineering apprentices but will at least include those of the building trades. To the employers who co-operated so magnificently with the vocational committees in the formation of the scheme I offer the sincere thanks of Congress, and assure them that we are at all times more than willing to assist in the training of young people in industry and commerce, as we regard this as one of the primary functions of our schools."

TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

Telegrams and messages of sympathy were received from the following:—John, Nellie and Patricia, Wrexham; uncle Paddy, Birmingham; P. Madigan and family, London; John O'Brien, London; Ger Ryan, London; Frank, Phyllis and Limerick friends, London; John Joe and Bee, do; Pa Joe, London; Tim Finn, London; Cris and Tom Richards, Waterford; Tom and Oily, Blanchardstown; Violet and Paddy, Blanchardstown; George Bowles, Dublin; Elsie Butler, Ballybunion; Mr. Reid, Ennis; Fred J. Barbour, Portadown; Rev. Father Guinan, C.S.S.P., Roscrea; Patrick Madden, Clones; Mary Murphy, Newcastle West; Mr. John Griffin, Sheila O'Sullivan, Cork; Kitty O'Neill, Dublin; Mrs. Barbour and family, Cork; Eugene Quilligan, O.S.T.D., Dublin; Mrs. Eileen Quilligan, Dublin; William Ratcliffe, Dublin; Moll and Vera Roantere, Dublin; Maiste Ware, North Peppard; Maria Bourke and family, Nenagh; Christy Bourke, Nenagh. Letters of sympathy—Mrs. Bourke and Paddy, Nenagh; Mrs. Flannery and family, Nenagh; the O'Neill family, Nenagh.

MR. J. HENNESSY, KILLEEDY

It is with feelings of profound regret we announce the death of Mr. John Hennessy, Killeedy, Ballagh, County Limerick, which occurred after a short illness at the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, on Tuesday, 20th July. Aged 62 years, deceased was a highly esteemed and widely respected member of a well-known West Limerick farming family. He was for nearly forty years the energetic and painstaking Secretary of Kantoher Co-operative Dairy and

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL FROST

With sincere regret we record the death of Mr. Michael Frost, son of Mr. Solomon Frost, City Sanitary Inspector. This sad event took place at the City Hospital on Sunday, 28th July. Deceased was a young man of the finest qualities, gentle and manly, he had endeared himself to young and old, and his passing caused a profound shock amongst his friends in the city and throughout the country. In their sad bereavement the whole-hearted sympathy of the citizens goes out to his father and family. A fine tribute to the memory of deceased was paid by the huge concourse of mourners who accompanied the remains from the City Hospital to St. Michael's Church, Requiem Mass for the deceased's soul was celebrated by Rev. S. O'Hanrahan, C.S.S.P., on Tuesday morning, 30th July, at 10 o'clock, and the funeral on that afternoon was a further manifestation of sympathy and respect. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. C. Hickey) and members and officials of the Borough Council attended, together with a large and representative gathering of mourners.

The remains were borne to the graveyard by members of the Third Limerick Troop (St. John's Catholic Boy Scouts, of whom he was a founder member).

St. John's Troop, C.I.E.S.L. formed a guard of honour, and paid their last respects to the memory of deceased.

The clergy present were: Rev. Father White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C., do; Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C., do; Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, C.C., do; Rev. Father Collins, C.P.; Rev. Father S. O'Hanrahan, C.S.S.P.; Rev. Father T. Carter, C.S.S.P.; Rev. Father T. O'Byrne, C.S.S.P.; Rev. Mr. Hanman, C.S.S.P.

Relatives: Mr. Solomon Frost (father); Misses Betty, Christina and Rosalind Frost and Mrs. E. Simington (sisters); John Simington (brother-in-law); Mrs. J. Doyle, Mrs. M. O'Brien, Miss K. Frost (aunt); G. Hanlon, M. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, C. O'Brien, G. O'Brien, Mrs. M. MacNamara, Mrs. Halvey, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Gabbett, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. O'Hara, J. A. Dalton, E. Kevin, P. Doyle, Mrs. M. Buckner, Mrs. M. Casack, Mrs. J. O'Brien (relatives).

Mass cards were sent by the following:—Dad, John, Nellie and Patricia; Betty, Christina, Rosalind, Jack and Bridget; Sisters Marie Louise and Bernadine, India; Paddy Buckner, uncle, Birmingham; auntie Tina and Paddy; auntie Ellie; auntie Maria and family; auntie Emma; Mary Mayne, auntie Annie and Nellie; Lizzie, Michael and Margaret; Mary Murphy, Newcastle West; Mr. Simington and family; Bridie Clancy and family; Joe Kennedy and wife, Foyens; Tony Doyle, Mrs. O'Connell and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Boland; Miss Ita Locke, Bridie, Jimmie and family; O'Brien family (Towerview); Rev. Chaplain and members of St. John's Troop, C.I.E.S.L.; Mrs. Bourke, Bishop St.; Sheila O'Sullivan, Cork; Bridget and Mary Barry; Bonnie, Patsy and Gerlie; Paddy and Mrs. Sheehan; Mr. and Mrs. P. Molloy; Jack and Mary O'Donovan; May and Paddy King; Mary Holmes and family; Joe and Bee Dalton; Garrett and Claisie; Mrs. Mullany and family; Rev. Fr. S. O'Hanrahan, C.S.S.P.; Mrs. Condon, Pat and Tom Browne; Pat and Adie O'Sullivan; E. M. Fitzgibbon and A. Nolan; Una, Patsy and Maureen; Sheehan family, Lansdowne Park; Mary O'Brien, James and Bridie McCarthy; Marian and Jack Savage, Donald Earle, John Earle, Paddy and Betty Griffin; Mrs. John Griffin, Mary Walsh, Mary Hurley, O'Brien family, Standard Stores; Josephine Finn, Madden family (Downey St., Killeedy); Duffey Cooney, James Doyle, the Poetry Circle; Kitty Bredin, Kitty O'Neill, M. J. O'Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Madigan (London); Mrs. O'Neill and family; Finn family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hanley, Island Road; Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard, Walsh family; Gilligan; Kitty Walsh (Killeedy); Lily Setright; Mrs. Ann, Edith, Edith and family; The Mantle Girls L.C.F.; Hugh A. Hayes, Alph and Mary Flannery; Eileen, Sadie Nash, family; Gretta Ryan, Sadie Nash, Castleconnell; James, Eva and Rita Kenneavy; Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and family; Edward Sheehy and family; L. McKenna and family; family; E. Elsie, B. and N. Kirby; Jack Molloy, Christy and Martha; Mr. and Mrs. John Deegan; Mick and Mary Guinan; Nellie Henihan and family; Madge and Kevin Dinneen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Madden, Hartstonge St.; Mrs. O'Sullivan, Hartstonge St.; Michael and Mrs. Collins, Mrs. M. Ringrose and family; Paddy and Annie O'Connell (victualer); Gerry McMahoon, Mollie, Selina and Pat; Mary and Frank White, Peg and Patsy, Mrs. O'Halloran and May; Mrs. B. Buckner and family; Maura McGowan, employees, Irish Wire Products, Ltd., Novena of Masses; O'Sullivan family, Ballysimon; Connie and Paddy.

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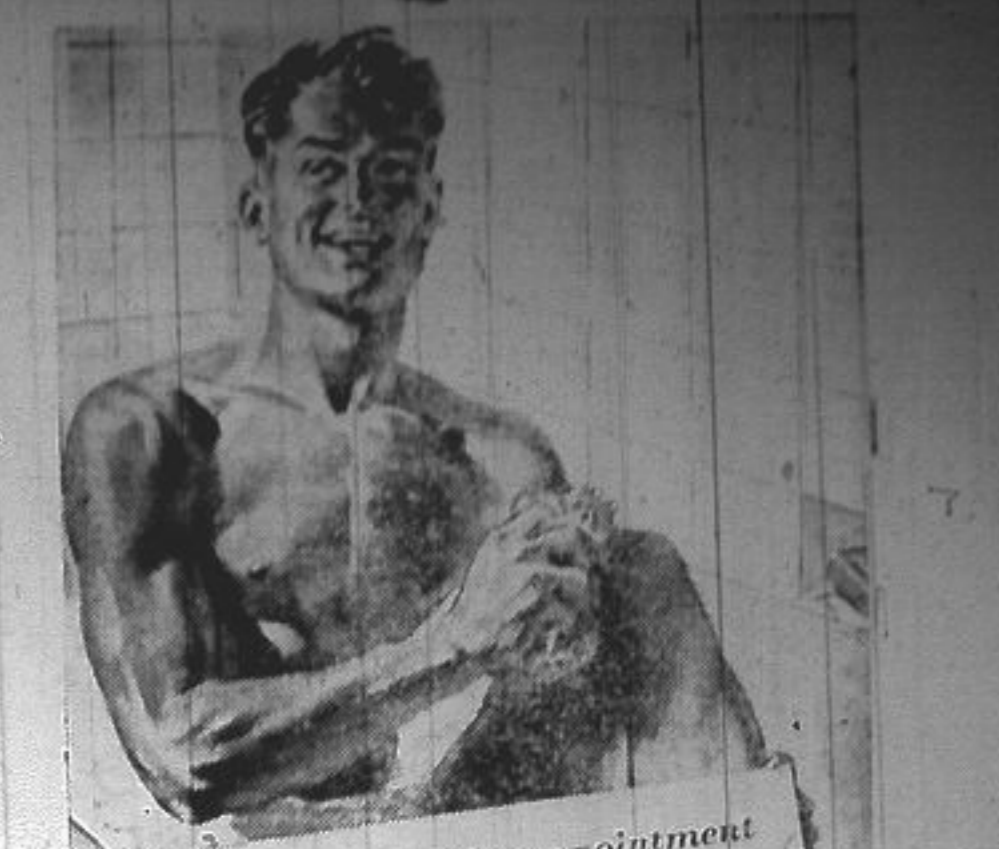
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MR. TOMMIE SCANLAN, BALLYBROWN

The death of Tommie Scanlan Ballybrown, Knockaderry, took place at St. John's Hospital, Limerick, on the 22nd July. He was a young man of the most exemplary character. His gentle and unassuming nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was one of the first to join the Local Defence Force, and was a most zealous member, never missing a parade or meeting. He was a constant attendant at the Irish classes, and was a member of the Harrier Club and G.A.A. His old comrades of the L.D.F. and members of the new force formed a guard of honour and bore the coffin, which was draped with the tricolour, a part of the way from Knockaderry Church, and to the cemetery, the coffin was borne by his comrades to the graveside. When the last rites were completed there were many manifestations of grief, and the large attendance present bore ample testimony to the deep sympathy felt for his bereaved mother, sister, brothers and relatives.

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Chief mourners: Mrs. Hennessy (widow); Tim, John, Patrick, Denis, Donald and Carol Hennessy (sons); Kathleen, Brenda, Maura and Ina (daughters); Mrs. Casson, Mrs. Rice, Miss Hennessy (sisters); Ed. and Tim Casson, Fred and Gussie Rice (nephews); Mr. Murphy (uncle); John McCarthy (brother-in-law); Mrs. J. O'Keefe, Mrs. McCarthy; Jim Hennessy, Jack Hennessy, Seamus and John Joe Hennessy, Joe Hennessy (relatives).

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DEATH OF MRS. A. RYAN, LIMERICK

The death occurred on the 2nd August, at her residence, 62 Catherine Street, Limerick, of Mrs. Alice Ryan, relict of John Ryan, and mother of Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree. The funeral took place on Saturday, 3rd August, to the family burial ground, Knockaney, after Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree (son); deacon, Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Connolly, C.C., Creora; and master of ceremonies, Rev. W. Creed, C.C., St. John's.

The clergy present were: Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. D. Kelly, P.P., Bruree and Rockhill; Rev. E. Funch, P.P., Mungret; Rev. F. Rice, P.P., Donaghmore; Rev. Dr. Cowan, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. F. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. D. Fitzgerald, St. Michael's; Rev. J. Godfrey, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. H. Fee, C.C., St. John's; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. Dr. Murphy, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Kelly, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Tynan, D.I.; Rev. J. Bluet, C.C., Ballybrown; Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Croon; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Banogue; Rev. T. Cullane, C.C., Pedmore; Rev. D. Wall, C.C., Donoughmore; Rev. J. Burke, C.C., Dromin; Rev. J. Sadler, Maynooth; Rev. James Roche, O.S.B., Glenstal; Rev. J. O'Donovan, Oregon, U.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Aloysius, O.F.M., Rev. Fr. Ebezar, O.F.M., Rev. T. O'Sullivan, C.C., Bruff; Rev. J. Carroll, C.C., Bruff; Rev. J. O'Mara, C.C., Knockaney; Major the Rev. Joseph P. Coll, U.S. Army.

The chief mourners were: Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., William and John Ryan (sons); Miss M. O'Brien, Mrs. Haddock, Cappawhite (sisters); John O'Brien, Tipperary (brother); Thos. Haddock, Cappawhite (nephew); Mrs. Mullins, Clonmel