

HARBOUR BOARD

Startling Proposal

EXTRA SHIPPING RATE

Mr. M. W. McGuire, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day. The other members present were—Senator M. O'Dwyer, Co.C.; Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, Messrs. A. O'Dwyer, T. J. Loughrey, P. Meskell, T. Walsh, P. Whelan, B.C.; P. J. Donnellan, B.C.; P. E. O'Malley, M. J. Keyes, T.D.; James O'Keeffe, Liam Forde and J. P. Frost.

Mr. D. O'Brien, Manager; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer, and Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master, were the officials in attendance.

On behalf of the Old I.R.A., Ald. M. Hartney wrote inviting the members and officials to take part in the Easter Week procession on Easter Sunday.

Ald. Bourke proposed that the invitation be accepted and Mr. Whelan seconded.

POLITICAL ISSUES.

Mr. O'Malley said that the Harbour Board as a body should not be identified with political issues.

Chairman—Do you propose an amendment?

Mr. O'Malley—I do. Personally, I have no objection to the procession, but I don't want the Board as a body to be identified with any political issue.

Mr. A. O'Dwyer seconded the amendment.

Ald. Bourke—This is non-political. Mr. Keyes—I believe, too, this is non-political. It is national rather than political.

Chairman—That is my view, too.

Mr. O'Malley—If it were an invitation to the members as individuals I have no objection.

Ald. Bourke—It is an invitation to the members as individuals.

Mr. O'Malley—In that case I withdraw.

It was then unanimously decided to accept the invitation as one addressed to the members individually.

STARTLING PROPOSAL.

The Manager read a letter from Irish Wire Products, Ltd., stating that they had been informed by Irish Shipping, Ltd., that they proposed to charge 16/- per ton extra on existing rates for bringing to Limerick wire products from the American Continent.

Chairman—This is extraordinary. I understand that there is a flat rate to all Irish ports, but now Shipping, Ltd., propose to charge Irish Wire Products 16/- per ton extra. That relegates Limerick to a back place.

Mr. Whelan—It would appear to me that Irish Shipping, Ltd., want to penalise Irish Wire Products, Ltd.

Chairman—I would not like to come to conclusions until we have all the facts before us.

Mr. Forde—Are the rates to the other ports being increased?

MAKING IT A SUBSIDIARY PORT.

Chairman—That we don't know. Up to now there was a flat rate to Dublin, Cork and Limerick, but according to this letter 16/- per ton is to be charged Irish Wire Products, Ltd. That places Limerick as a sort of subsidiary port.

Mr. Keyes—Has Wire Products brought direct cargoes before to Limerick?

Ald. Carew—Yes. We are bringing a cargo here next June, but the ship carrying our goods will also have grain. Yet, Irish Wire Products is to be charged 16/- per ton above existing rates.

TO WRITE ASKING FOR EXPLANATION.

Mr. O'Keeffe—I think we should write to Irish Shipping, Ltd., asking for an explanation of this proposed increase. When we get this information we will be in a position to come to a conclusion if there is no alteration in the rates to Dublin and Cork.

After some discussion it was agreed to act on Mr. O'Keeffe's suggestion.

MURDER CHARGE

TRIAL OF WOMAN

ADJOURNED

In the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, to-day, Mrs. Mary Agnes Daly, Ballymun Road, Dublin, was charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Gubbins, aged 81 years, in a Dublin church.

Mrs. Daly had been sentenced to death, but her conviction was quashed and a new trial ordered.

At to-day's sitting, Sir J. Esmond, S.C., for the State, applied for an adjournment as Dr. McGrath, State Pathologist, was unable to attend owing to illness. He would not be able to attend before 20th April.

Mr. R. McLaughlin, S.C., for the defence, applied for bail.

The Judge said that if Dr. McGrath was not able to attend Court on 20th April the application for bail could be reviewed. In the meantime Mrs. Daly would be remanded in custody.

MOTOR CAR AS QUIZ PRIZE

The prize in the final of a new series of "Double or Nothing" quiz contests in the Theatre Royal, Dublin, will be a new Vauxhall motor car valued at over £500. The competition will run for six weeks, the winner in each contest going forward to the final.

NO BOTHER!

Mr. Norton, Minister for Social Welfare, told a Labour meeting at Kilcock yesterday that in the next ten years the Government will spend £250,000,000 in the provision of houses, hospitals, sanatoria and schools.

DRAMA CONTESTS

Results Announced

ADJUDICATOR'S REVIEW

A crowded audience at The Playhouse last night heard Mr. Michael O hAodha announce his awards in the Feile Luimnighe Dramatic Competitions. The competitions, which had continued for the past fortnight, aroused considerable interest. Dramatic groups from almost every Munster county entered for the various sections, and the general standard of the presentations showed a marked improvement on previous years, while a few of the plays were below average competency.

ADJUDICATOR'S REVIEW

Before announcing his awards last night, Mr. O hAodha gave a lengthy review of each play entered for the festival and, speaking in general, said that there had been a good all-round standard, including some excellent performances from one or two of the rural groups. There was, he said, an exciting choice of plays ranging from "Hamlet" to Eugene O'Neill's "Ile" and in the open competition it was grand to see most of the groups producing worth-while plays. His only regret was that their performances did not quite live up to their ambitions in all cases.

RESULTS:—

OPEN COMPETITION

- 1—"Independent" Cup.
- 1—Cork Dramatic Society in "Night Must Fall" (88).
- 2—College Players, Limerick, in "Mourn The Ivy Leaf" (83).
- 3—Tie between The Poetry Circle in "Hamlet" and the Catholic Institute Players in "Margaret Gillan" (79).

MUINTIR NA TIRE CUP (Rural Groups).

- 1—Knockalney Dramatic Society in "The Black Stranger" (89).
- 2—Ballyunion Theatre Society in "Margaret Gillan" (84).
- 3—Ardnacrusa Players in "The Whip Hand" (80).

ONE-ACT PLAYS.

- 1—Ballyunion Players in "Ile" (83).
- 2—College Players in "The Stag at Bay" (90).
- 3—The Poetry Circle in "The Waxen Man" (89).

The adjudicator awarded the Producer's Gold Medal to Mr. Tadgh O Ceallaigh for his production of "Ca bFuil an Glor," winner of the Dalaigh Cup for Irish drama.

Miss Eily Fitzmaurice was recommended for its individual prize for her excellent playing in the title role of "Margaret Gillan."

GRATEFUL TO THE VARIOUS GROUPS

Mrs. Michael O'Callaghan, Chairman of the Drama Committee of the Feile, who presented the awards, said at the outset that the Committee was deeply grateful to the various groups that had honoured them by entering for the festival. They had all gone to great trouble and inconvenience in supporting the undertaking, especially the groups that came long distances. She hoped to see them all again at the next festival and they would have a very hearty welcome. The College Players deserved the thanks of the Committee for the assistance they had given and had done everything possible to assist in making the undertaking a success.

Mrs. O'Callaghan also thanked the audiences for their support throughout the past fortnight.

ADJUDICATOR THANKED

At the conclusion of the presentation of awards, the Co. Manager, Mr. P. J. Meghen, Chairman of Feile Luimnighe, said that he desired to thank the adjudicator, Mr. O hAodha, for his very careful and painstaking work. His review of the various plays was masterly, and it was quite obvious that he had been of great help and assistance to the competing groups (applause).

DOUBLE-DECK

'PLANE

TO CARRY 75 PASSENGERS

Pan American's new 71-ton Boeing Stratocruiser, the "Clipper America," the world's largest passenger 'plane, will reach Shannon Airport at approximately between 4 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday next, April 3rd. This giant, double-deck, seventy-five passenger aircraft, is one of twenty which have been ordered and are to be operated on the trans-Atlantic service early this summer. When the full Stratocruiser fleet has been delivered, sufficient equipment will be available for the first time to provide low cost tourist class service from Europe to the United States, the Orient and South America.

Mr. Juan Trippe, Pan American's President, said: "Tourist class fares to and from the United States can be at least one-third below first class rates. There is no reason, therefore, why a tourist class air trip from Europe to the United States should cost more than £55. This is our objective. This we will seek to do if other governments concerned permit, and we are very hopeful that they will."

STRIKE CONTINUES

EFFORTS AT SETTLEMENT FAIL

The efforts made during the weekend to effect a settlement of the strike on the sewerage scheme being carried out in connection with the Regional Hospital project at Doora-doyle have failed. Mr. Christopher Smith, an official of the Labour Court, held a prolonged conference on Friday in the offices of the County Council but as his endeavours proved unsuccessful the strike continues.

A GREAT OARSMAN

The Late "Mick" O'Brien

AN OLD COLLEAGUE LOOKS BACK

The following "In Memoriam" of the late "Mick" O'Brien, famous former oarsman of the Shannon Rowing Club, has been specially written for the "Limerick Leader" by an old colleague of the lamented deceased:—

The announcement of the death of Mick O'Brien, of the great Healy four in Shannon Rowing Club in the end of last century (about 1898) roused my memory and I visualised Mick, Jack Hall, Matt Russell, Paddy Wall, Bill Smith, P. J. O'Brien, J. Lynch, D. Madigan, E. Bermingham, J. J. Healy, W. Walpole, the great cox of S.R.C. and Patsy, the boatman. All these can be remembered by the old members.

VISIT TO THE OLD CLUB.

I paid a visit last year to the old Club, and oh! how I rambled from room to room and down to the boathouse and slip where I one evening saw Jack Hall in his skiff arriving at the slip—the skiff overturned and Jack was hanging by his legs for a few moments, then we pushed off in a boat and just grabbed him as old man death was reaching for him.

I was one of the first of that Club to put the oar for the first time into O'Brien's hands and he was the makings of a good man.

I remember the year we had our first "At Home" in aid of the building of the new boathouse. Jack Hall stroked one four and J. J. Healy stroked the other. It was a successful "At Home" and we got the first few pounds towards the building of the new boathouse.

A Mr. Piggot, Mr. Fitzgibbon, a very long man, Mr. Ryan, who owned the hotel in Glentworth St.; Luke Scanlon, M. O'Loughlin, Tom Keating—most of our members were at McBirneys and Cannocks.

I remember Mick and his big reach and hefty pull and drive on stretcher.

I rowed with Paddy Healy in Waterford. The S.R.C. wanted a man to replace his brother and Paddy asked my club in Waterford on that regatta day, 1904 (I believe), as I belonged to Commercial Rowing Club, Dublin; then I rowed with them and we won.

I rowed against Paddy and Mick about 1904-5 in a coxwainless pair oar. It was a great race from Snuff Box to Russell's Quay at 10 p.m., and Archie Murray, in his motor boat, coming after us blowing the siren.

A LOVELY SCENE.

What a lovely scene the lordly Shannon from Curragower Weir to Barrington's Pier, or from Sarsfield Bridge right up to Parteen! I visualise the time when 8 or 9 boats lined across the river awaiting the starter's "go" and then the dip and rise of the oars as they rattled the rowlocks, making music in our ears, coupled with the cheers of the crowd.

Another of those men has gone from our midst and I must repeat—"God be with you, Mick." His friends in Limerick and the places around are legion. Maybe some of them shall see these few verses and treasure them up in memory and in honour of a "good old sport."

Lines on the death of Mick O'Brien, one of Shannon Rowing Club's great oarsmen (By James J. Healy, Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary):—

Oh, Mick, have you now got your old oar with you?

My old comrade gone for ever asleep.

Do you still wear the same old rowing togs

You oft rowed in on Shannon's blue deep?

Oh, what is it like there across the cruel styx

Now that you've taken the last long row?

Do you start with the words "Get Ready?"

As you used in the grand long ago?

Ah, Mick, sweet was your smile when starting:

But we'll never again see those bright eyes

As you handed in your oar at the parting

To God's Club beyond the blue skies.

Oh, I'd like to be there then to meet you.

With the Heavenly Cap. at the door,

As you rowed across to meet Him,

To land on sweet Paradise shore.

Old comrade, the boys will miss you at even—

You were always a very good sort

TOWN

NEW BUS FARE

The new bus operation to-day increase the number was not much to It was thought that any rate, the penny be continued, have somewhat short run of the "penny" n be justified on Perhaps, it should at the outset. fare for children years of age will o over all routes. minimum fare is some instances in one instance— to Corbally, and fare is fourpence

FARES AND ST

For the benefit give hereunder the stations—Ball route—Ballinacurr William Street, Pu from Custom I School to or fro Crescent to or f William Street to 2nd. each way. E from Athlunkard School to or from way. Ballinacurr bally, 4d. each w Rose Avenue route or from William School to or fro William St. to or f 2d. each way. B from Rose Avenue Killeely route—Jan William St., Jail E Treaty Stone, Fou School House, W from Killeely, 2d. from Killeely, 3d. Killeely route—Fa from William St., from School Hous or from Killeely, 2d Green to or from Avenue to Reviv Avenue to or fr Wolfe Tone St. to Cross, Railway St Rose Avenue, Will Revington Park, Rosbrien to or Park, 3d. As children under 14 get the benefit of over all routes.

BUILDING PROG

The Minister for ment has issued a City Council as authorities prging of a housing drive two years. In Minister has aske with information requirements of pa Limerick, 2,340 ho be built before o blem is solved. 285 houses have be course of comple balance of 2,055. gramme for the houses during the been prepared, a to show that Lin stalled the Ministe this programme ha a little over 400 h end of this pressi so far as this cit

A GRAND SITE.

Apart altogether poration's housing City Council has acres of land at sites for houses individuals who h under the Small These are ideal s ground rents fixed Corporation are quires from inter tinue to pour int The only snag abo scheme is the dif loans. Many peo borrow, but, as a must satisfy the they are in a pos annual charges i not so simple as a few would-be disappointed and

ART EXHIBITIO

The generous tr Lord Bishop, Mos to the works of at the Exhibition Art Gallery unde Feile Luimnighe served. When open on Saturday h encouraged amateur pointing out tha beginning man ha express himself in visit to the Galler will more than ca time devoted to it nction—a special due to the Hon. Art Section of th Downing, for the arrangement of t include canvases most celebrated