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The Local Government Board has reported to Limerick County Council on the Sworn Inquiry held at Newcastle West last September into cases of alleged "political victimisation in connection with road work" under the Council and "into all other irregularities complained of in the spending of public moneys and the employment of the Council's servants."

The report, which had been circulated to the members, was before a meeting of the Council held on Saturday last in accordance with the agenda and was the subject of a discussion.

According to the report the Minister for Local Government has advised the County Council to terminate the employment of Gangers Copse, Greany, Harnett, Hayes and Woulfe, and censures two assistant engineers, Mr. J. F. Ambrose and Mr. J. Reidy, for not, as alleged, seeing that employment of men proceeded on a fair and proper basis.

A special meeting of the County Council will be held on Thursday next to consider the report in detail and arrive at decisions regarding the Minister's recommendations.

When the findings came officially before Limerick County Council on Saturday, at which Mr. John Carty, Chairman, presided.

Mr. D. McAuliffe immediately proposed that their consideration be postponed pending the presence at a meeting later on of Co. Manager P. J. McEgheen, now unavoidably absent. The Council could then also consider the question of the costs of the Inquiry, a very important item.

Chairman—What have they got to do with it anyway, since we are the people who asked for the Inquiry. The costs do not seem to be very important for us now, since we called for the Inquiry.

Mr. T. O'Connell seconded Mr. McAuliffe's proposition. There was no use rushing the matter, he said.

AN OBJECTION. Mr. Dore objected to the proposition, saying that at a number of meetings past, members had deplored the delay in the issuing of the Minister's findings. Now that they had them, there seemed to be a desire to shirk consideration of them. He could not see what prompted the proposition to have consideration of the Minister's findings deferred.

"I take it," said Mr. Dore, "that it is due to the usual desire of propaganda to the effect that the Inquiry has cost the ratepayers a lot of money. If only for the reason of vindicating two men mentioned in the report, we should consider it now. There are two men mentioned—Mr. Ambrose, the then Acting Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Reidy, his assistant—and no matter what the report says, I am convinced, had the back passed to them, and successfully passed, too, I don't think we should ask either of them for an explanation. All we should do in their cases is send back to the Minister an unanimous vote of this Council stating that we have complete confidence in them, and that they are completely innocent. In all fairness to these two men we should acquit them without further ado. I am perfectly satisfied they are innocent. If there was any fault to find with these two men, it was that they were absolutely impartial. Believing that it would not be right for us to ask them here before a meeting for an explanation, because by doing so, we would really be contributing to the belief that there was something wrong with them."

A SPECIAL MEETING SUGGESTED. Mr. D. P. Quish said that the one man responsible for the administration of the County was the Manager, and he should be there that day. Pending the Manager's presence, he thought the Council should adjourn consideration of the Minister's findings, because it was necessary that all the files and papers in connection with the Inquiry should be also there before them. The Council had no responsibility for the administration since the advent of the Co. Manager, and it was accordingly necessary that he should be there before they discussed the findings. He suggested that a special meeting, at which the manager would be present should be arranged.

Mr. O'Donnell supported Mr. Quish's suggestion, agreeing that it was nearly imperative that the manager should be present when the Council dealt with the findings. Mr. J. Hayes said he, too, was in favour of Mr. Quish's suggestion, because he considered the matter too big and too important for the Council to discuss without the services of its chief executive officer. "I would not agree with Mr. Dore," he added, "that we should have our sympathy for the higher officials of the Council without saying anything about the lower workers. I consider the higher officials nothing but a bunch of culprits any more than the gangers."

WHY MANAGER WAS ABSENT. The Acting Co. Manager (Mr. T. F. Reilly) told the Council that he was taking portion of his annual leave before there was any indication whatever that the report of the Inspector would be forthcoming that day. "In view of the seriousness of the report," he said, "I naturally had copies of it from the

PATRIOT FIGURE LAID TO REST

DEATH OF LIMERICK VOLUNTEER

An esteemed and widely respected citizen passed away on Easter Saturday in the person of Mr. John Pigott, 8 Glen View Terrace, Farranone, Limerick. The deceased, who had been employed in the establishment of Messrs. Cannon and Co., had been suffering from arthritis for many years and of late his illness took a turn for the worse with fatal consequences. A kindly, sincere and sociable figure, he was the possessor of several excellent characteristics that had won him the widest measures of confidence and popularity. Of a strongly nationalist leaning since a boy, he was one of the first to join the Irish Volunteers when that body was established in Limerick in 1913 and to his republican principles. To his mourning widow, son and the other bereaved relatives we extend our very sincere sympathy.

The remains were removed to St. Elizabeth's Church, Sunday 17th inst., and the funeral took place to Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery, Mount St. On each occasion the attendance was both large and representative.

AN APPRECIATION (By A. J. O'Halloran). On Easter Monday, 1916, a small detachment of armed men might have been seen entering the city by way of Blackbox Pike and Mulranny Street. They were there to be seen, because these thoroughfares, as well as the other streets, were as deserted as if Limerick were plague-stricken. The news that the "Sinn Feiners" had gone into insurrection in Dublin, and so the citizens stayed indoors, not knowing what the next minute might bring forth.

On the day the story has been told as to why the Volunteers in Limerick and other centres did not act. But the little group of men to whom I refer, and who formed the advance guard of the City Battalion, believed that they were marching into action, and that they were certain to be attacked by British military forces, so they marched with rifles "at the ready" as they would say. They were as ready as possible. They were all Volunteers from A. Company, and were under the command of Section Leader (afterwards Lieutenant) Jack Pigott. No better selection could have been made for the post of advance guard of every National movement in Ireland. Jack was a skilled artisan, a cabinet maker by trade, and was a man of calm and most determined character. He was an Irish Republican by conviction. In that body grandiloquently termed the 1st Battalion, Limerick City Regiment, Jack Pigott was a member, and he was a man who more than a company, there may have been more sincere and straightforward men than Jack Pigott, but if there were, I never met them.

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AFTER. On last Easter Monday the earthly remains of Jack Pigott were conveyed up through Mulgrave Street and Blackbox Pike to their last resting place in Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery, exactly thirty-three years since he led the advance guard of the men who marched down these thoroughfares in all the pride and vigour of young manhood, a soldier of Ireland.

Jack's activities during the troubles of 1916 will never be a member of his own Company to tell, but I may mention that he was chosen as one of those who acted as body-guard to Michael O'Callaghan the year of his martyrdom. For twenty years before his death Jack had been an invalid, stricken by that dreadful scourge arthritis, but he always maintained a perpetual fight against his crippling powers. It was an indication of his character that some years ago, conceiving that if he could get the forefinger of his right hand into use, it would be of great service to him, he went to a fancy boys' setter and asked him to break that finger at the joint. The man tried his best to do so, and then desisted in sheer pity, though Jack asked him to break it. He had a right to God and Ireland true.

TO GOD AND IRELAND TRUE. Like nearly all the deceased members of the City Regiment, Jack Pigott was conveyed to his grave without any outward manifestation of grief, but he was a true soldier of the Irish Republic; no Tricolour draped his coffin and no medal lay on it to show that his services had been recognised, but his remains were placed in a brown habit of his Third Order of St. Francis, and on his breast lay an Easter Lily, emblem symbolising that in life he had been "to God and Ireland true."

PORT OF LIMERICK. Returns for shipping for week ended 22/4/49.—Arrivals—Tora (Newcastle-on-Tyne), local. Wild Rose (Gardiner), local. Dagmar Bratt (Gefle), timber. Departures—Consul Bratt (Cork), timber. Shelbirt 7 (Swansea), light. Lanahore (Liverpool), local. Wild Rose (Gardiner), timber. Dagmar Bratt (Cork), timber. Wild Rose (Port Talbot), light.

LIMERICK MAY RACE FIXTURE. It is stated authoritatively that the race meeting fixed for Limerick on Thursday, 6th May, will be held over the Greenpark course, as usual.

NEWPORT PIONEERS. Mass has been offered at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Newport, at the request of the members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart, for Cardinal Mendizty and the persecuted priests of Hungary.

THE UNEMPLOYED. The number registered in the Twenty-Six Counties Unemployment Office on April 14th was 76,995. This was 2,040 less than for the previous week, but 2,670 more than for the corresponding week of last year.

POLISH COAL. A cargo of 3,000 tons of Polish coal is expected to arrive in Cork from the port of Gdynia early in May. It is likely to be followed by at least another similar cargo.

HARBOUR BOARD THREE DROWNED

BOAT CAPSIZES ON RIVER MAIGUE

The drowning tragedy that took place in the river Maigue, near Adare, on Friday evening, was the result of which three young lives were lost, has caused a profound shock. The victims of the tragedy were James Fitzgerald, aged 21 years, his brother, Michael, aged 16 years, and Nora Kennedy, aged 16 years. The three, with others, were working in a tillage field at Clorane, near Adare, on Friday evening. In the evening, when the toil of the day was over, they saw a boat, popularly known as a "cot," tied up by the bank of the river. They had a conversation about going for a row in the boat—just for a little relaxation.

There were six in the party on the bank altogether—the three who were to lose their lives, and John Fitzgerald (brother of the deceased James and Michael), Daniel Griffin and Michael Neylon. As the boat was not big enough to contain the six, all did not go rowing. At first only two got in—James and Michael Fitzgerald. They rowed the boat into the river, which was in tide at the time, but returned to the bank after a short time. Then Nora Kennedy got in, as did James Fitzgerald and Daniel Griffin. The two last-named, however, returned to the bank, as they were of the opinion that the craft was not capable of holding the full party. The three in the boat then pulled away from the bank and crossed over to the other side, evidently enjoying their experience, but their glee was to be short-lived. On the return journey something went wrong, for suddenly, the boat turned over on its side, and in the confusion the three occupants were struggling in mid-stream for their lives.

POWERLESS TO HELP. The onlookers standing on the bank, one being a brother of the two Fitzgeralds, were spellbound and horrified at the awful spectacle before them. Powerless to render assistance, they ran for help, but on their return no trace was to be seen of the two boys and girl, who a short time before, were deriving innocent pleasure and happiness from an experience that was new to them.

The news of the tragedy created a profound sensation over the countryside. The fishermen from the Ferrybridge brought their gear to the scene of the tragedy and proceeded to drag the river to recover the bodies, which they succeeded in doing after long hours of incessant labour.

On Saturday all shops in Adare were shuttered as a mark of mourning and hundreds attended the removal of the remains. When the funerals took place yesterday, that of the brothers Fitzgerald and Nantanan and of Miss Kennedy to Adare Cemetery—there were many striking manifestations of deep respect and sympathy with the bereaved parents.

The Fitzgerald family came from Pallaskey to live in their farm at Clorane, Adare, within the past year. The family consisted of three boys and three girls. The father of the family, now aged 80 years, was unable to attend the funeral of his two sons—the eldest and youngest—as he is an invalid, having broken a limb quite recently. The late Miss Kennedy was also one of a family of six—three boys and three girls.

THE INQUEST. Dr. J. P. Clery, Coroner for East Limerick, held an inquest on Saturday evening at Clorane, inquiring into the circumstances of the tragedy. Mr. P. Lillis, Co.C., was foreman of the jury.

The proceedings were conducted by Supt. Cooney, Adare. John Fitzgerald, aged 17 years, identified the bodies of his two brothers. He stated that he was working with them in a tillage field adjoining the River Maigue. Nora Kennedy and two other youths, Denis Griffin and Michael Neylon, were also with them. "My brother and I suggested going for a row in a small boat, which was tied to the river bank close by," he said. "My brothers, Michael and James, got into the boat first, and rowed it out a small bit and then returned. Nora Kennedy, Denis Griffin and I then got into the boat, and sealing there was not enough room, and I got out and the other three rowed to the opposite bank. When coming back the boat turned over on its side and the three occupants were thrown into the water, which was very deep at the time. I ran for help, and when I returned there was no trace of them in the water."

Michael Neylon gave corroborative evidence. The body of Nora Kennedy was identified by her brother, Patrick Kennedy. Sergeant Reidy and Guard Kiely, Adare, said they were present on the bank of the river when the bodies were recovered.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Daniel Costello, Adare, who said that death in each case was from asphyxia, due to drowning. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

SYMPATHY. The Coroner said it was an extremely sad case that these three young people should have lost their lives under such tragic circumstances. He extended sympathy to the relatives of both families.

Mr. P. Lillis, on behalf of the jury, and Supt. Cooney associated themselves with the Coroner's remarks. The Coroner also said he wished to pay special tribute to the Ferrybridge fishermen, who had brought their boats and recovered the bodies. Supt. Cooney joined in the tribute to the fishermen.

ALMOST PERFECT. At Derry Fels, Ted Cavanagh, a local competitor, received 297 marks out of a possible 300 in the senior dancing competition. The adjudicators described his dancing as almost perfect.

COMMUNISTS INSPIRE STRIKE. Mr. Morrison, British Deputy Prime Minister, has accused a "small group of Communists" of inspiring the recent London dock strike as a means of "facilitating violent revolution."

FELL 120 FEET. Jossie Ernst, 21-year-old light rope walker, fell 120 feet to his death during a performance in Hannover, Germany, yesterday.

STRONG COMMENTS

LAST YEAR'S TRADE

REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR

Mr. M. W. McGuire, B.C., chairman, presided at a meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day. The other members present were:—Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Senator M. Dwyer, Co.C.; Messrs. P. Whelan, B.C., G. R. Dillon, B.C., P. J. Donnellan, B.C., E. Browne, B.C., O'Keefe, T. J. Loughrey, J. P. Frost, P. Meskel, T. Walsh, M. Sheahan. The officials in attendance were: Mr. D. O'Brien, General Manager; Mr. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Engineer; and Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master.

Mr. E. Browne informed the meeting that the conference arranged by the Chairman, between representatives of the Hired Carmen's Society and the employers relative to labour questions, had not yet been fixed for Thursday next.

Chairman—We are very grateful to Mr. Browne for that information. The Manager submitted the audited statement of accounts for the year 1948, and said that 60 to 70 vessels entering the port had been recovered. The first four months of the present year's trading compared favourably with the same period last year.

Chairman—We need all the ships we can get if the port is to continue to improve. Mr. Donnellan referred to the cold stores account, and said that he thought the stores were a uneconomic proposition. The Engineer said that the question of cold stores had been the subject of several meetings, and he had pointed out the position referred to by Mr. Donnellan. The stores were operated on a base costings, and no allowance was made for capital charges or depreciation.

Mr. Donnellan—What is the capacity of the stores? Engineer—300 tons. SURPLUS LAST YEAR. The Manager said that the general trade had shown a substantial surplus last year. He did not think there was any cause for concern while there was surplus in the port. Mr. Donnellan said he would raise the matter again at a future meeting.

The statement of accounts was unanimously adopted. Mr. Sheahan said that the present year's period. Supplies of cattle would not be plentiful until July. By then sufficient supplies would be available to fulfil the necessary quotas. Mr. Dillon—Where are the cattle likely to be shipped from here? Mr. Sheahan—To Belgium. Mr. Loughrey—I think we can safely leave this matter in the hands of Mr. Frost and Mr. Sheahan. There was no further discussion.

TRADE OF PORT

SOME PERTINENT QUERIES

Dear Sir,—It has been reported in the daily Press that a Cork coal merchant has secured a cargo of Polish coal for delivery, at Cork, of course. The coal won't be any cheaper than English coal, but will be of better quality. Is there as much enterprise in any Limerick coal merchant? If a Corkman can get coal from Poland surely a Limerickman can do likewise? But maybe that is asking too much. In spite of the boomlet in shipping last week not a single vessel arrived in port this week, and the quays continue to wear their deserted appearance, which seems to be becoming a chronic state of affairs. Those in the habit of scanning the shipping lists in the daily papers will notice a steady stream of vessels into Cork and Waterford carrying artificial manure, much of which is distributed in the Limerick district.

WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FOR LONG of Limerick being a great distributing centre, but for what? The distributing all seems to be done by Waterford and Cork and, latterly, Foynes. It is considered that Limerick has lost the importation of fertilisers, because of the attitude of the hired carmen who demand the carriage of nearly all the cargo from ship's side at ridiculously high rates, whether it be for the railway or for country destinations. If the cargo is for country destinations only 20 per cent. may be taken away by country lorries, after which a motor lorry from the country can load unless the hired carmen are paid for what they do not carry. In all other ports except Limerick the whole or part of a cargo can be taken from the ship's side by rail or lorry without restriction. The dockers are not much more helpful.

ONE AT A TIME. The last cargo of manure discharged here had an army of dockers working on it with one bag at a time coming up on a sling out of the fifth or sixth storey. A half ton at a time is lifted. No port can survive which has to face such handicaps, and it is no wonder that a substantial slice of our trade has gone to Cork, Waterford and Foynes, and even to Kilrush, where this season is due to arrive. Just how much money has been lost to the dockers, merchants and the Harbour Commissioners by a comparatively small section of workers insisting on ancient and costly methods of cargo handling in the middle of the twentieth century, is a matter for conjecture, but it must come to many thousands of pounds.—Yours faithfully, 22/4/49.

DIRECT LABOUR

A motion by Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solicitor, calling for the re-surfacing of some of County Limerick's roads by contract instead of direct labour, was defeated on a vote at a meeting of Limerick County Council last Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Carty, Chairman, presided at the meeting. Pursuant to notice, Mr. Dore proposed that the tar and stone dressing of some suitable stretches of County Limerick roads be given out by contract for the purpose of comparing costs as between Council operations and contract work. With the present volume of heavy traffic on roads, he thought the Council would be very wise to adopt his suggestion if only as an experiment. It was not his suggestion that all the roads should be done by contract at any time.

Mr. D. P. Quish, seconding, said the suggestion should be adopted for the sake of progress. He also stressed that they were not seeking to give all the work on roads by contract. Mr. J. Hayes proposed a direct vote on the matter, and the Council's first duty to the workers and the ratepayers. Mr. M. Hickey seconded. The Co. Engineer (Mr. G. Aherne) did not think that technically there was any preference for the carrying out of road work by contract as against direct labour. Mr. Hayes's amendment was put to the house then and was adopted by 15 votes to 5. Mr. Dore's proposition was defeated by the same margin.

MAGIC AT CARNIVAL

The Grand Easter Carnival at Jansboro' is proving highly successful, and the breath-taking feats of Kadir, the world-famous Indian magician and illusionist, are the high-light of a great fete. A native of Cawpuri, India, this renowned magician caused a stir yesterday in his special theatre at the Carnival when he performed his amazing disappearing trick on one of the visitors to the fete. Those who had not seen this great act performed previously were loud in their praise of an equally great magician.

There are all forms of grand enjoyment at the Carnival, and the proceeds are being devoted to a very worthy cause.

INDIAN'S FEATS ATTRACT THE CROWDS

Referring to the building of houses in Cork by direct labour, Mr. Murphy, Minister for Local Government, stated in that city on Friday that he felt very satisfied with his advocacy of direct labour in house building.

STRIKE GOES ON

Though the Labour Court promised a speedy decision when he sat in Limerick a month ago on a labour dispute in the suburbs, no report has yet come to hand, and the strike continues. The strike affects a number of labourers employed in the excavation of the South Circular Road for a water main to connect up with the Regional Hospital site at Doora Doyle. The men, who were working outside the Borough Boundary, struck for the rate being paid to builders' labourers in the city. They were being paid 1/9 per hour; the city rate is 2/3 per hour.

NO REPORT FROM LABOUR COURT

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

FOUNDING OF THE A.B.C.

By way of an enjoyable reception and an excellent dinner, the Athlunkard Boat Club celebrated, in the Hotel on Saturday night last, its Golden Jubilee of its foundation.

Mr. Jack Cowhey, Club President, presided at the function, at which Very Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P. St. Mary's, presided as guest of honour.

Proposing the toast of the Club, Mr. Morgan Costello dwelt for some time on reminiscences of the Club's activities during the half century of its existence, and said that the example set by the Club members forty years ago, when he joined it, had been of extensive assistance to him in the meantime. It was only when moral and spiritual values were at such a low ebb, that the example set by those men of whom were now gone to their eternal reward, could be fully appreciated. He sincerely hoped that this valuable tradition would be retained.

TWO OF ORIGINAL FOUNDERS. Only two of the original founders of the Club—Messrs. Tom Bynard and Jack O'Connor—were with the guests at night on Saturday, who paid these two men high tributes for their great work on behalf of A.B.C. He paid a special tribute to Mr. Tom Early, one of the oldest members who, in his heyday, was the rowing champion of Ireland. Athlunkard Boat Club, concluded Mr. Costello, deserved well of Limerick. They had won every trophy which was available and for which their circumstances enabled them to compete.

Mr. Tom Early, responding, said it was a grand thing to see any club so virile in the fiftieth year of its life. Athlunkard Boat Club, he said, had been built up on a basis of work of honest, genuine sportsmen. "Rowing in Ireland at present is at a low ebb," he said, "All the clubs in Limerick are struggling; and it is in need of some special facilities, such as special rates of transport to competitions, and I think joint representations should be made to the railway people with a view to the lowering of rates by year to meet increased transport costs."

ALL CREWS REPRESENTED. Mr. James O'Donovan congratulated the Club on having celebrated its fiftieth year and conveyed to the members the congratulations of the Munster Referees' Association. Ald. James Reidy, T.D., proposing the toast of the guests, mentioning the individual who had been specially welcomed Rev. Father Lee, and said that the different pastors of St. Mary's had always been of much assistance to the Club. He also proposed the toast of the Press of Limerick for their excellent support of all forms of sport.

Replying, Father Lee said he hoped that the fine unity which had always existed between the members of the Club would continue. Everybody in the city, he said, was acquainted with some of the men who had founded the Athlunkard Boat Club and who were its members. He wished the Club every success in the years between its Golden and Diamond Jubilee.

Other members and guests also spoke and the evening concluded with the rendering of numerous vocal items by members and guests.

ASTUTE APPROACH

When a child was charged at the Children's Court at Ennis with begging on the public street, Justice Gordon Hurley said he was going down an Ennis street the other day when he was approached by a little boy, who told him it was a special day. There was no suggestion of begging—the approach was more astute—and he was expected to react properly to the occasion of the boy's rendering of numerous vocal items by members and guests.

BEGGING BY BIRTHDAY!

In a bad way. The residents of the Circular Road from Fen corner to Shaw's gate are late under a genuine grievance. Months ago this stretch of roadway was excavated for the purpose of laying water main at the site of the Regional Hospital. As this was unable, the residents resigned themselves to be seriously inconvenienced for a period. But when the work was in progress for a time a developed with the result that the side of the roadway—the fronting the houses—is cluttered with the conditions prevailing in consequence are deplorable as might be expected, the holders concerned are in no humour.

NARROW ROAD

The South Circular Road narrow artery, so narrow particular care must be taken driving of vehicles when that about to pass each other travelling in opposite directions, when one side of the "up" traffic conditions are so tively dangerous. It is felt that County Council, as a precaution measure, should confine the of the road affected to of traffic until the excavation covered in. Something ought done to ease the situation for residents who, under existing conditions, are living in a sort "no-man's land."

MAY EVE

Urchins are to be seen about streets these evenings collecting for what they call "bonfire." This form of tuning should be discouraged general public. It is well that the peace collected, support for the perpetuation of a custom, are not applied to purpose. But whether they not, young children should be permitted to be on the street night carrying on a bonfire. Too much of this thing is going on in Limerick. It is not the "bonfire." It is thing else, such as the selling of tickets. Traffic like this calculated to make children honest, it certainly robs their childlike modesty, it replaced by a dangerous procession.

GOOD SUGGESTION

The suggestion—a very—was made recently by Reidy, T.D., that a reward be offered by the Corporation information that would lead to prosecution and conviction who specialise in damaging public property, at the meeting of the Corporation Committee of the Council. The Alderman's recommendation will be under consideration time ago, it will be recalled. Harbour Board was forced a reward of £5 for information regarding damage being lifebuoys placed at points a quays. This move on the the Board had the desire for ever since the boat escaped the unwelcome of a hoilgans.

STRIKING THE RATE

A special meeting of Council will be held to the purpose of passing a resolution authorising the of the rate for the service financial year ending on 31st 1950. As everyone now knows new rate will inflict a burden 34/6 in the £ on all rated on. This levy is an increase of compared with last year's. The citizens would love to they can ever hope for a downward trend in municipal expenditure. There is a belief that the Borough Boundary is extended operation that must surely be completed before the next rating comes round—the rate will be down by reason of the "annexation" of county territory. Time will tell whether this belief is founded or not.

A GREAT SPORTSMAN

Mr. D. B. O'Loughlin, B., of the most-outstanding of the history of Irish rugby, his last match at Clontarf Tipperary, yesterday, when, way, his selection vanquish of Mr. Con Murphy in easy "Dave," who captained Garry during the past two seasons his debut with Blackrock away back in 1928. He was U.C.C. from 1934 until he the Garrywold colours for the '39 season. It was in this that he was "capped" for and there need be no doubt would have represented his many times had not war broken the news that he is hanging boots will cause a pang of throughout the length and of the land.

DISGUISED WALLS

Many newly painted walls are being wantonly damaged by children who seem to take delight in using up large quantities of chalk by drawing on them. It might be termed allegations. Householders are complaining bitterly but the disfigurements. People having special beautifying their houses, the judicious use of paint gives a shock when they find their walls daubed with chalk marks. Parents don't seem to be protecting their children do to the neighbours. If they did, a bit of vandalism complaints would stop.