LIMERICK LEADER
SATURDAY, NOV. 19, 1949

Things That Matter

DURING the West Donegal by-election, it was rightly emphasised that Partition was not an issue in the contest. This was another way for saying that no matter how they may differ otherwise all parties are unanimous in vehement condemnation of the Border. The dismemberment of our nation by an outside power was infamous in its origin, and its maintenance is as great a crime as any country could carry on against another.. The undoing of this flagrant wrong remains our most urgent national problem and demands the unflagging attention of all who have Ireland's true interests sincerely at heart.

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When the All-Party Anti-Partition Conference first came together in the Mansion House, Dublin, several months ago, our people of all shades of nationalist thought rejoiced. This closing up of the ranks on such a vital question was of importance and value in itself and showed the outside world how strong and determined was the feeling in Ireland against Britain's disgraceful violation of our territory. Though much has not been heard of it in any public way for some time, the Conference has by no means ceased to exist. It has in fact been actively and usefully interesting itself towards educating public opinion at home and abroad as to the nature and evil consequences of the outrage perpetrated against us when six of our counties were arbitrarily severed from the other twenty-six.

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Under the heading, "Ireland's Right to Unity," the Conference has issued a sixteen page pamphlet setting out in telling detail the facts of the Partition problem in all their nakedness. The statements in this publication can challenge and defy contradiction and they constitute as damaging a charge of infamy as any country could level against another. This presentation of the truth is all the more effective because it avoids anything in the nature of exaggeration or vituperation. Without any special pleading or adornment it marshalls the facts and circumstances and leaves them to speak for themselves. In that way it states a case so intrinsically strong as to preclude any attempt at a reasonable answer.

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The fact that Ireland was a national unit was never questioned until a British Government for its own purposes decided to cut the country into two parts—five-sixths and one-sixth. Pointing this out, the Conference in its pamphlet proceeds to give a wealth of illuminating information as to why Britain decided on that outrageous course and the horrible consequences produced by such a step. To carve our nation as has been done would be indefensible and wholly objectionable even if the Stormont Parliament followed strict justice in all its dealings. The junta carrying on as a Government there, however, with the sanction and encouragement of the ruling influences at Westminster, has stopped at nothing in its efforts to trample on the rights of its political opponents in the "North East Corner."

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The hypocrisy of British statesmen in regard to this whole question is truly nauseating. When heckled on the matter at a London meeting the other day, Mr. Ernest Bevin said "he thought Irish affairs should be settled between the people of Northern and Southern Ireland and that Britain would not use force to effect a settlement." He knows perfectly well that what is preventing a settlement is the presence of his armed forces in our national territory. If these troops were withdrawn the question would automatically settle itself. Dishonest statements like that of the British Foreign Secretary ought further steel our people in their fight against Partition. The Border not only hurts our national pride but injuriously affects our economic interests as well. It means a want of healthy internal balance, and until it is removed a full rate of general development for our country will be impossible.

GREAT LOSS

Noted Missioner's Death

VERY REV. JOHN TREACY, C.SS.R.

THE news of the death of Very Rev. John Treacy, C.SS.R., Provincial of the Redemptorist Order, which took place in Iloilo, Philippine Islands, on Tuesday came as a profound shock to the people of Limerick, amongst whom he grew up. Though born in Birr 60 years ago, he lived with his parents in Limerick since his infancy and came to be regarded as one of Limerick's most distinguished citizens.

Six weeks ago, Father Treacy, accompanied by Rev. P. O'Connell, (a Newcastle West man), set out for the Philippine Islands on one of his periodic visitations to the Redemptorist Missions there. At the time of his departure he was not in robust health, but he could not be persuaded to postpone his trip. Soon after his arrival he developed a severe attack of asthma and as a result was compelled to suspend his visitations. His illness became steadily worse and despite the best medical attention and nursing care he passed away in hospital in Iloilo on Tuesday.

The future Provincial received his secondary education in the Redemptorist College, Limerick, and having passed his public examinations with distinction he entered the Novitiate of the Order at Dundalk, having, in the meantime, taken his B.A. degree at the National University. He was professed in in 1912 and six years later he was ordained priest.

A GREAT MISSIONER

Following his ordination he conducted missions in different parts of Ireland for a short period before going to Australia, where he was to remain for sixteen years. While in the Antipodes he was appointed Rector at Ballarat and Sydney, and through his zeal foundations of the Order were set up in many parts of the Continent.

On his return home he was appointed Spiritual Director of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, an office he relinquished after two years on his transference to the Superiorship of the Redemptorist College at Limerick. After nine years as Superior of the College he was appointed Rector at Galway and just two years ago he was created Provincial of the Irish Province of the Redemptorist Order.

The late Father Treacy had two brothers Redemptorist priests—the late Rev. Wm. Treacy, who died about 10 years ago, and Rev. Brendan Treacy, who is at present attached to the Dublin House of the Order.

The late Father Provincial, a most zealous priest, died, as he had lived, in the service of God and man. His quiet, unassuming, gentle manner endeared him to the people and his premature demise is not only mourned in Limerick, but throughout the country.

OFFICE AND REQUIEM MASS

To-day, in the Redemptorist Church, at 11 o'clock, Solemn Office and Requiem High Mass were celebrated for the happy repose of his soul. Upwards of sixty priests assisted in the ceremonies.

Very Rev. M. Curran, C.SS.R. Vice-Provincial, presided at the Office.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. B. Treacy, C.SS.R. (brother); deacon, Very Rev. Michael Curran, C.SS.R., Vice-Provincial; sub-deacon, Very Rev. P. Kelly, C.SS.R., Rector, Mount St. Alphonsus; master of ceremonies, Rev. W. Murphy, C.SS.R.

The chanters were: Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's, and Rev. E. O'Dea, C.C., St. Michael's.

The clergy in the sanctuary were:—Most Rev. P. Murray, C.SS.R.; Very Rev. G. Reynolds, C.SS.R., Rector, Belfast; Very Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C.SS.R., Rector, Galway; Very Rev. J. Wright, C.SS.R., Rector, Ardglass; Rev. J. Doyle, C.SS.R., Dundalk; Rev. C. McNiffe, C.SS.R., Esker; Rev. J. J. Murray, C.SS.R., Dublin; Very Rev. A. Egan, C.S.Sp., President, Rockwell College; Rev. P. B. Meaney, C.S.Sp., do.; Rev. J. Foley, C.S.Sp., Kimmage; Very Rev. T. Mulcahy, S.J., Rector, Sacred Heart Church; Rev. B. O'Donnell, O.P. (representing Very Rev. R. O'Donoghue, O.P., Vicar-Provincial, Dublin); Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Venerable Archdeacon O'Brien, P.P., Patrickswell; Very Rev. Canon Rice, P.P., Shanagolden; Very Rev. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev. R. M. Harrington, O.P., Prior, Limerick; Very Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Very Rev. J. Brassill, P.P., Donoughmore; Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Mungret; Very Rev. D. Rea, P.P., Parteen; Very Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P., Fedamore; Very Rev. M. Quinlan, P.P., Cratloe; Very Rev. B. O'Dea, O.S.B., Prior, Glenstal; Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J., Rector, Mungret College, Very Rev. E. Condon, P.P., Banogue; Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C.; Rev. T. J. Lyons, C.C.; Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's; Rev. J. Moran, do.; Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. M. Glynn, S.J.; Rev. C. F. Heron, S.J., Mungret College; Rev. J. Shinnors, C.F.; Rev. Father Jarlath, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Theophilus, O.F.M.; Very Rev. R. McElligott, S.D.B., Rector, Copsewood College; Rev. P. Hanna, S.D.B.; Rev. R. Gleeson, O.M.I.; Rev. J. Barragry, S.J.; Rev. C. J. Teahan, O.P.; Rev. J. A. Hooper, O.S.A.; Rev. E. Harrington, S.M.A., Cork; Rev. H. McKeown, S.M.A.; Rev. Father Ephrem, O.F.M. (Ennis); Rev. J. Phelan, O.S.A.; Rev. M. Tynan, D.I.; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C.; Rev. G. Wall, C.C.; Rev. W. Creed, C.C.

All the members of the Comunity at Mount St. Alphonsus took part in the obsequies.

The chief mourners were:—Rev. B. Treacy, C.SS.R., Mr. Alphonsus Treacy (brothers); Miss Mary Treacy (sister); Miss Delaney (aunt).

The Mayor (Mr. G. B. Dillon) and City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.) attended as representing the citizens, while a number of officers and men from Sarsfield Barracks represented the Army.

At the conclusion of the obsequies, the Mayor called on the Rector to whom he expressed sympathy on behalf of the citizens.

NUN BEREAVED

The death has taken place of Mrs. Ellen Curtin, Coolruss, Newport. Deceased was mother of Sister M. Antonia, Convent of Mercy, Wexford.

CINEMA INCIDENT

Assault Described

PATRON BEFORE DISTRICT COURT

AN allegation that two young men whistled after girls while they were proceeding to the balcony in the Coliseum Cinema, led to an employee being assaulted by one of the men and he was prosecuted for the offence in the City Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson.

The defendant was Joseph McNally, 13 Cregan Avenue, Killeely, Limerick, and he was prosecuted by James O'Brien, 31 Pearse Avenue, Janesboro'.

Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor, was for James O'Brien, while Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, defended.

James O'Brien, assistant operator in the Coliseum Cinema, said that part of his duties were to keep the passage-way clear before the performance. On the 7th November, at 8.45 p.m., he was in the vestibule and he saw two men there. Witness then saw the men whistling after girls going up to the balcony and one of the men was the defendant. When he saw that conduct going on he went over to check them and asked them to stop, and he said to the defendant that if he had got his ticket to go into the cinema, and if he had not got it to go outside the cinema door. The defendant then went into the cinema. About five minutes afterwards the defendant came up from the front of the hall and he proceeded to the usherette, Miss Walsh, and asked if he could see the boss, Mr. Gough. The defendant pointed to witness and said that witness accused him wrongfully.

ACCUSED OF WHISTLING.

Witness then said to the defendant that he accused him because he was whistling after girls going to the balcony. The defendant replied: "Have you proof?" Witness said he had his own two eyes. The defendant then struck witnes twice, and the defendant had a metal ring on the index finger of the hand which he struck witness. Mr. Coffey, the operator, then sent the defendant down the cinema and a Guard came afterwards and got the defendant's name.

Cross-examined, witness said he never accused the defendant previously of causing an annoyance in the cinema. The defendant was a good patron of the cinema except for the incident in question. The defendant was quite sober on the occasion.

Kitty Walsh, usherette, and William Coffey, operator, gave evidence of the assault having been committed by the defendant on the complainant. Miss Walsh said that the complainant's face was covered with blood as a result of being struck twice by the defendant.

DEFENDANT'S STORY.

Joseph McNally, defendant, said that he was accompanied by Jimmy Griffin on the occasion. They were standing in the vestibule and Mr. O'Brien came over and accused him of whistling after girls, which he denied. He agreed, however, that his pal whistled after the girls. After witness went into the hall he felt annoyed over the accusation and he came out to see Mr. Gough. In the subsequent argument which he had with the complainant he agreed that he struck him, but he did so only once and witness was in a temper at the time. He was never in Court before in a summons of the present kind and he was now sorry for striking Mr. O'Brien. He had spent 4 years in the Defence Forces and had come out with a very good record.

Cross-examined—Witness agreed that he had a metal ring on the occasion on his hand.

James Griffin gave evidence that it was he who whistled after the girls and not the defendant.

Justice—Well, if you don't give over whistling after girls you will be here in court again and not as a witness.

Sergeant O'Mahony gave evidence that he had never heard complaints about the defendant as to disorderly conduct.

COMMENTS BY JUSTICE.

The Justice said the assault was a most indefensible one, and he thought that the defendant should go to jail. An official or employee who was in touch with the public, added the Justice, would not be safe from a vicious gentleman like the defendant, as the evidence had showed in the case. He would impose a fine of £3, with 28/- costs, on the defendant, and would give him a month to pay. In default the defendant would go to jail for a month.

EVIDENCE OF SPEED MUST BE CORROBORATED

Arising out of a prosecution against the owner of a motor lorry for driving at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour (writes our Ennis correspondent), Justice Gordon Hurley, in dismissing the case, pointed out at Kildysert District Court that the evidence of the prosecuting Guard was not sufficient in such cases. Corroboration was required.

Supt. J. Dawson agreed, and said it was laid down in the Traffic Act that there must be corroboration in any prosecution for speed.

AGAINST GREYHOUND TRACKS

At the sitting in London yesterday, of the British Royal Commission on Gambling, Sir Laurence Dunne, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, said he would like to see the abolition of all greyhound tracks. "They are a social evil," he said. "They are there solely," he added, "to provide the public, particularly the poorer classes, with practically infinite opportunities for betting."

OUTSTANDING RATES

The outstanding county rates in the Twenty-Six Counties at the end of September amounted to 64 per cent of the total warrants. The proportion collected varied from 17.6 to 52 per cent. Of the southern counties, Limerick was highest with 41.8 per cent collected.

HAILSTONES AS BIG AS TENNIS BALLS.

A hailstorm over Pretoria, in South Africa, did immense damage. Some of the hailstones were as big as tennis balls.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feile Luimnighe For 1950

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE

MR. P. J. MEGHEN, Co. Manager (Chairman), presided at a meeting of Feile Luimnighe Executive held at 8, The Crescent on Wednesday evening.

Details of the 1950 Festival were under discussion and many important matters arranged.

It was reported that Mr. Richard Hayward, Belfast, the well-known stage and screen personality, will be the Drama Adjudicator for next year's Festival, which will commence at the Playhouse on March 12th next. Mr. Hayward has already adjudicated at Dundalk and Cavan Drama Festivals and he should prove an interesting judge at the coming Limerick competitions.

DRIVE FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The question of increasing the membership was gone into and a drive is to be made in the next few months to bring as many as possible into the Feile.

The following dates were arranged for the 1950 competitions:—

Irish Dancing Festival, March 8th to 11th, inclusive.

Drama Festival, March 12th to 27th, inclusive.

Labairt na Gaedhilge, March 20th to 25th.

Music Festival, March 27th to April 2nd.

It was notified at the meeting that a reply had been received from the Director, Radio Eireann, in answer to a letter sent from the Executive suggesting that the Radio Eireann Orchestra give a performance in Limerick.

A STRONG CLAIM.

The following is the contents of the Director's letter:—

"Radio Eireann,
Baile Atha Cliath.
Nov. 4th, 1949.

"A Chara—I thank you for your letter of November 1st. While it is our intention that the Orchestra will occasionally give concerts in centres outside Dublin, the extent to which this can be done is, for more than one reason, very limited. Limerick will, of course, have a strong claim to consideration. It is not a question of terms, but of securing theatres with the necessary audience capacity, of the expense involved, and of the possibility of fitting in such a concert with the work of the Orchestra.

"We shall keep your letter in mind and are glad to know that we may rely on the interest and co-operation of your Executive.

"Mise le meas,
"C. O'CEALLAIGH,
"Stiurthoir."

SYLLABUS FOR 1950.

It was thought that the syllabus for the 1950 competitions will be sent to the printers in a few weeks and it is hoped to have it sent out to prospective competitors with the least possible delay.

1916 MEMORIAL

MEETING OF COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Limerick 1916 Memorial Committee was held on Sunday, 13th inst., Mr. M. Danaher presiding. The others present were—Messrs. E. Dore, Hon. Secretary; Dave Dundon, Hon. Treasurer; P. Doyle, Joe Halpin, R. Murphy, Kevin Bradshaw, Sean Lanigan, G. O'Connor, A. J. O'Halloran, Frank Liddy, Frank Glasgow and P. Danaher.

The hon. secretary submitted financial statement, which was unanimously approved.

Satisfaction was expressed by all present that the figure of Tom Clarke, which had been recently placed on the memorial, had earned general approval, and it was decided to take steps to have the monument completed in the shortest possible time.

The committee had under consideration the best method of raising the necessary funds for the completion of the monument, and the discussion was adjourned to be held on the 20th inst., at which all members are urged to attend.

LIMERICK CITY I.N.T.O.

At the special meeting of the Limerick I.N.T.O., held at the Mechanics Institute on Saturday, November 12th, the following were selected to represent the branch at the special conference of all branches to be held in Dublin on November 25th:—

Mr. Sean F. Walsh, St. John Baptist N.S.; Mr. Liam Jones, Croom N.S.; Mr. Dermot Geaney, Mungret N.S.; Miss Margaret Godfrey, Henry St. Convent N.S.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

The Clare County Manager, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, has appointed Dr. Patrick J. Corry, of Tulla, Co. Clare, as Medical Officer, Tulla Dispensary District. Prior to obtaining this appointment, Dr. Corry was Medical Officer, Quin Dispensary District, Co. Clare.

FINES TO BE INCREASED

Imposing a fine of 20/- at Kildysert Court on Thomas Coughlan, of Froor, Lissycasey, for being found in possession of an unlicensed bull, Justice Gordon Hurley issued a warning that in future fines for such offences would be very much increased.

THE FRENCH CIRCLE.

According to a supplied official report received too late for insertion in this issue, a conference will be given by the French Minister, Count Ostorog, in Cruise's Hotel, at 8.15 on Monday night next. Report will appear in full in Monday's issue.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION APPRECIATED

As a result of orders made by Co. Manager D. Blackwell (writes our Ennis correspondent), seating accommodation, hitherto lacking in many Clare Courthouses, has been provided and is much appreciated by solicitors and litigants.

NO RERE LIGHT ON LORRY

Before Justice Gordon Hurley at Kildysert District Court, William Doyle, 11 Mungret St., Limerick, was fined £1 for having no rere light on his motor lorry.

FOYNES SHIPPING

On Tuesday evening, 15th inst., the tanker, s.s. "British Scout," arrived in Foynes Harbour, bringing 2,000 tons of motor spirit and kerosene for the Irish Shell Oil Co.

DISTRICT COURT

Sequel To Crubeen Honeymoon

MILK PROSECUTION

AT the Limerick District Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson,

John Culhane, 15, Parnell Street, Limerick, was prosecuted for keeping his shop open after hours on the 31st October.

Supt. P. Colleran prosecuted, and Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solicitor, defended.

Evidence was given by Guard Doyle that he found the premises open at 11.25 p.m. There were three men and a woman in the shop at the time, and one of the men was eating crubeens, while the woman had coppers in her hand.

Justice—I won't ask you if they were bona-fide travellers.

GOT MARRIED THAT DAY.

Continuing, witness said the proprietor told him that the people in the shop were vagrants, and one of the men and the woman got married that day.

Justice—And they were spending their honeymoon eating crubeens.

Cross-examined, witness agreed the night time was the only time for selling crubeens.

Mr. O'Malley said that the defendant was not aware of the closing order, and he had since made application for a special exemption licence.

Justice—He sells nothing else but crubeens?

Mr. O'Malley—No, sir.

Superintendent—Pigs' heads.

The Justice found the case proved but dismissed it under the Probation Act. He warned the defendant to secure the special licence if he intended selling crubeens at night.

MILK PROSECUTION.

Catherine O'Halloran, 11, Boherbuoy, Limerick, was prosecuted for selling milk which was not of the nature, substance, and quality demanded by the purchaser.

Mr. W. Dundon, solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Limerick Borough Council.

Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor (Messrs. M. Tynan & Co.), defended.

Edward Magner, Foods and Drugs Inspector, gave evidence that he purchased some milk on the 13th October. He sent a sample to the analyst in the usual manner and the subsequent certificate showed that milk fats were 2.85; milk solids, 7.80; and water, 89.35. The deficiency in milk solids was 8.23, and the deficiency in milk fats was 5.0. He had taken samples previously from the defendant and these were in order.

NO ANSWER IN LAW.

Mr. Tynan said that the defendant had no answer in law to the summons. Samples had been taken regularly from the defendant, and these were in order. Before the present summons the defendant told the supplier that the milk was not up to the mark, but it was all right since. Actually, the defendant sold the milk as it was supplied to her.

A fine of 40/-, with 15/6 costs, was imposed.

THE HOLY YEAR

MAYOR TAKES ACTION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Mr. Editor—As has already been announced, two National Pilgrimages will leave Ireland for Rome in 1950 and in addition many other parties, sponsored by local groups or by particular societies, are making their own travel arrangements.

I am informed that at the request of various groups and intending pilgrims, the ecclesiastical authorities of Killaloe and Limerick are arranging for a pilgrimage which will leave for Rome about the middle of September.

The citizens have learned with great pleasure of this proposal, and, as Mayor, I am inviting the professional, business and trade union interests of the city to meet at the Town Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 19th instant, to formally welcome the enterprise and to form a committee to deal jointly with the Diocese of Killaloe with a view to making arrangements—Yours faithfully,

G. B. DILLON, Mayor.

17th November, 1949.

TO PREVENT STRIKES

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—By now I have issued to several citizens (about 300) circulars dealing with the subject of how to stop disputes from developing into strikes. There are more to follow, and then in a short time I will write a detailed account specifying my modus-operandi.—Yours sincerely,

JNO. REDDAN,
Ex-Sec., Mechanics' Institute,
23 O'Curry Place, Limerick.

PORT OF LIMERICK

Shipping for week ended Thursday, 17th November:—

Arrivals — Shelbrit 6 (Swansea), fuel oil. Telfair Stockton (Baltimore), maize. Kilfenora (Liverpool), coal and general. Crewhill (Glasgow), coal.

Sailing—Clarina (Liverpool), livestock and general. Shelbrit 6 (Heysham), light. Telfair Stockton (Cork), maize.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

The Ambulance Units of the Knights of Malta, through the executive officers and Gemmittee, desire to thank all those good citizens who contributed so generously to their collection outside the city churches on Sunday last.

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN 'PLANE COLLISION.

Two B.29 'planes collided in fog-shrouded country at Stackton, California. Of the 21 men on board 17 were killed, the four others escaping by parachute.

IRISH LABOUR PARTY.

Mr. James Larkin has resigned the leadership of the Irish Labour Party "because of pressure of trade union work." Ald. Martin OS'ullivan was elected yesterday in his stead.

'PLANE WITH 103 ON BOARD.

A giant four-engined U.S. Air Force 'plane left Mobile yesterday for England with 103 airmen on board—90 passengers and a crew of 13.

CLUB FOR BOYS

Important Limerick Project

BISHOP'S APPROVAL AND HELP

AN important movement is on foot for the launching in Limerick of a club for boys, to be known as "Stella Maris" Boys Club. The undertaking has the hearty approval of his Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, who has written to that effect to the promoters and enclosing a subscription of £50.

It is proposed to erect a clubhouse in St. Michael's parish and a site for this purpose is available.

COST OF PROPOSAL

It is estimated that the cost of this proposal will be £3,000, and a number of persons have agreed to subscribe £50 towards this sum by yearly contributions of £5 for a period of ten years.

This is pointed out in a circular issued in the name of the following committee:—

Mr. A. McDonagh (Bedford Motor Co., Ltd.), Chairman; Mr. J. J. Sexton, solicitor, 100 O'Connell Street, and Mr. Frank O'Mahony, 120 O'Connell Street, Hon. Treasurers; Mr. John Meaney, 100 O'Connell Street, Hon. Secretary; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. M. Minihan, C.C.; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C.; Rev. T. J. Connolly, C.SS.R.; Messrs. Dermod O'Brien, A.R.I.C.S., F.F.S.; John Kneafsey, Thomas Quin, S.C. Rd.; Thomas, F. O'Sullivan, B.E.; F. K. Thomas, B.E.; M. B. O'Malley, solicitor; James O'Dwyer, Peter Monaghan, 8 The Crescent; Synan O'Mahony.

PATRONS OF THE PROJECT.

The following are patrons of the project:—His Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill; Mr. Gerard Dillon (Mayor of Limerick); Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D. (Minister for Local Government); Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Ald. Daniel Bourke, T.D.; Ald. James Reidy, T.D.; Dr. D. Corboy, Messrs. Dermot F. Gleeson (District Justice), Edward Treacy (solicitor), C. V. O'Malley, L.D.S.; G. E. Russell, B.C.; James Murphy.

The circular issued by the Committee says that Limerick with its two clubs compares most unfavourably with Dublin, which has some 140. "It is felt," it says, "there is no need to stress the importance and urgency of this work, or that it is a matter that is of immediate concern to every responsible citizen. A number of young men are available at once to take on the work of training the youth to be good citizens. Your help is urgently needed to provide the necessary accommodation to carry out this task."

BISHOP'S LETTER.

The following is the Bishop's letter expressing approval of the project on hands:—

The Palace,
Corbally,
Limerick.
October 29th, 1949

Dear Father O'Sullivan — I have learned with great satisfaction of the proposal to establish a Boy's Club in St. Michael's Parish. Indeed, I feel strongly that such a step has been long overdue.

All thoughtful people are aware of the dangers to which many boys are exposed, after leaving the primary school, because of want of occupation and absence of adequate control. Left without help and guidance at this critical stage in their lives, many of them are likely to turn out, at the best, useless and improvident members of society and, at the worst, addicted to criminal habits.

VALUABLE SERVICE.

There is no need to prove the valuable service which well-conducted Boys' Clubs can render in counteracting these dangers. Here in Limerick—I say it with gratitude and admiration — we have already abundant proof of the fact.

Therefore, I earnestly commend this project to the people of Limerick, with full confidence that all who co-operate in bringing it to fruition will be richly blessed by Almighty God.

I wish to record my deep appreciation of the generosity of that worthy citizen who has made the undertaking possible by the free grant of a valuable site.

I enclose a subscription of £50.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

✠P. O'NEILL,
Bishop of Limerick.

Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C.,
St. Michael's, Limerick.

BALLINANTY HOUSING SCHEME

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—The Committee of the Limerick 1st Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers request you to publish the following: "That we, the Committee of the Limerick 1st Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, deplore the dismissal of fifteen carpenters from the Ballinanty Housing Scheme, on the 15th inst."

Too long, and too often, have the people who so urgently need houses swallowed the bait "shortage of skilled labour" as an excuse for delay in erection of houses.

It seems to us that the appeal for the return of our exiles made by the Minister for Local Government is being somewhat sabotaged by our city officials.—Yours respectfully,

PATRICK O'FARRELL,
Branch Secretary.

LIMERICK MAN TO GET £4,250

A settlement for £4,250 and costs was announced before Mr. Justice Davitt in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, in an action brought by Robert Nix, commercial agent and traveller, Shannon Terrace, South Circular Road, Limerick, against Messrs. Edward O'Keeffe, Ltd., Mill Street, Dublin, claiming damages for personal injuries.

Mr. Nix complained that on January 4th, 1949, he was seriously injured when a motor lorry and trailer owned by the company collided with a van which he was driving at Red House Hill, Cloughakeating, Patrickswell, County Limerick.

PLENTY PIGS NOW.

During the week ended November 12th, 17,032 pigs were received at bacon factories for curing, compared with 6,689 for the corresponding week in 1948, and 6,715 in the corresponding week of 1947.

MISSING MONEY

Embezzlement Charge

ACCUSED RETURNED FOR TRIAL

GERARD O'REGAN (27), was at the Limerick District Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson, returned for trial to the Limerick Circuit Court on the 10th January, 1950, on a charge that between April, 1949, and the 19th of October, 1949, he did embezzle the sum of £254 15s. 11d., which he had received for and on account of his employers, the Limerick Corporation; or alternatively that between 1st April, 1949, and 18th October, 1 49, he did fraudulently convert to his own use and benefit the sum of £255 15s. 0d. entrusted to him by certain ratepayers of the Limerick Corporation.

The accused was defended by Mr. Martin Tynan, solr. (Messrs. M. Tynan and Co.), while Mr. M. M. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted.

The Justice fixed bails at £200 in the defendant's own bond, and two sureties of £100 each.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

John O'Donnell, 1 Park View Terrace, St. Joseph Street, Limerick, employed as City Accountant with the Limerick Corporation, said that the accused was appointed to the permanent position of rent collector and the collector of contract water rents on the 11th February, 1949. He held the position until he was suspended on the 24th October. The accused's duties involved the making of daily lodgments in the Munster and Leinster Bank of what he collected. The defendant also collected accounts which might be furnished to him for collection. On the 19th October the accused failed to turn up for work, and on the 24th October witness had the tenants' rent cards collected and checked. Witness found that the rents collected on the 17th October had not been lodged to the credit of the Corporation. These amounted to £125 13s. 3d. On the 2nd November witness received a letter from the accused, which showed that the water rate collected by the accused amounted to £129 11s. 6d., and the accused said in the letter that he converted this to his own use. The accused stated in the letter that rents collected and not lodged were £125 4s. 5d., making a total of £254 15s. 11d.

Joseph Kiely, 5 McNamara Terrace, employed as staff officer in the Corporation, said that one of his duties was to supervise the checking of rent collectors' accounts every day—there being one collector each day. The accused's accounts were last checked on the 15th October, and he carried out a check on the 24th October, on the rents which were collected on the 17th October. The amount totalled £125 4s. 5d., and witness could see no trace of any lodgment being made in respect of this sum. Witness later found an additional amount of £2 10s. 6d.—rents which had been collected but not lodged. On checking the books, the accused had entered in his book the sum of £2 1s. 8d. as having been collected, but which he had not. The amount of the deficiency then realised £123 2s. 9d., plus the sum of £2 10s. 6d. mentioned above in regard to other dates.

Michael Donnellan, "Port Arthur," O'Connell Avenue, Secretary of the Public Health Department, said the accused was collecting water rate demands for him. He also had the meter accounts to collect quarterly, and the accused was obliged to issue receipts for all monies received. Witness had examined the receipt books and found that certain amounts collected by the accused in respect of various amounts had not been lodged. The total deficiency was £130 1s. 9d. and was in respect of some of the meter accounts for the quarter ending 30th September.

Sergt. James O'Mahony, O'Curry Street, gave evidence of meeting the accused on the 2nd November at William Street Garda Station, having been conveyed from Dublin, where he gave himself up.

STATEMENT BY ACCUSED.

The accused, in the course of a statement taken by witness, said that the rents were collected in the following areas:—Pennywell, Palmerstown, and Ballinacurra Weston, and the water rates were collected by him in the city and in the County Borough.

"From April onwards," continued the statement, "I received cheques in respect of water rates from the following:—Office of Public Works, £21 5s. 2d.; County Infirmary, £18 9s. 4d.; James McMahon & Co., £27 14s. 0d.; Department of Defence, £7 8s. 0d.; Limerick Steamship Co., £54 15s. 0d. All cheques were made payable to Limerick Corporation and signed by me on behalf of the Limerick Corporation. I lodged them in the Munster & Leinster Bank, Limerick, but I did not show their accounts as being paid in the relative account books. The lodgments of these sums was to balance cash payments made to me by other debtors to the Corporation, and which cash I had retained and converted to my own use. I also collected from Corporation tenants a total of £125 4s. 5d. in cash, which I also retained and converted to my own use. I made the entries in my books in respect of this amount as being paid, and the names and addresses of the tenants concerned can be had at the Accountant's Office.

"On the night of the 1st Nov., I called at Store Street Garda Station, Dublin, and informed the Garda there about these monies, and that I have collected a total of £254 15s. 11d. money of the Limerick Corporation, which I have converted to my own use."

This concluded the taking of depositions, and accused was returned for trial, as stated.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the resumed annual general meeting of Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Mr. G. E. Russell, B.C., President, in the chair, the ballot for election of Directors took place and the following were declared elected:—Mr. G. E. Russell, B.C.; Mr. M. W. McGuire, B.C.; Alderman John Carew, Mr. J. A. McMahon, Mr. J. O'Keeffe, Mr. A. E. Goodwin, Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, Mr. T. J. Loughrey, Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C.

The present total membership of the Chamber is 124, with one honorary member.

The President's address and the annual report of the Directors will appear in full in Monday's issue.

WHAT'S ON

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