

IN ONE
Of City
MUNICIPAL
IONS

COLLAPSE OF TENEMENTS
Backs Separate From Fronts
CHILDREN RESCUED FROM DEBRIS

Early Morning Crash In Broad St.

THE rere of two tenements—Nos. 12 and 13, Broad Street, Limerick—collapsed from roof to basement in the early hours of this morning. There was no loss of life, the occupants escaping most miraculously. Two injured children, who got buried in the debris, were taken to hospital.

The houses split in two as if cut with a huge guillotine. The people occupying rooms in the front of the tenements escaped. The crash of the masonry awakened the whole neighbourhood.

THREE families nearly lost their lives in Nos. 12 and 13 Broad Street, Limerick, this mornnig when the rere of the two houses collapsed from the roofs right down to the basements.

All the floors between top and bottom, and every bit of furniture and property they held, were carried away with the debris from the top right down to the basements below. Three children were buried for some time, until the Fire Brigade and the children's parents, in frantic rescue efforts, dug them out.

At 6.30 Mrs. Edmond Madden got up to prepare her husband's breakfast in the single room the family occupied as livingroom and bedroom. The husband was awake, just getting up to go to work, when the collapse began. They were on the top floor.

CRACKED IN TWO.

"I saw the chimney-piece crack in two," Mr. Madden told the "Limerick Leader." "My wife made a grab for one of the kiddies; I went for the other. We were all pulled down with the debris from the top."

Mr. John O'Connell, who occupied the floor below that of the Madden family, said he noticed the danger first when he saw the ceiling of his room crack and Mr. Madden, with one of his children in his arms, fell through. Then his floor crumpled under him too and he was pulled down with the Maddens and the increasing piles of debris, right down to the basement.

BACK OF HOUSES FELL AWAY.

"The back of the houses fell away from the front as if cut by a

monster guillotine," Mr. O'Connell said. "It was a miracle that we weren't all killed. Everything we had was destroyed."

Mr. Michael Quinlivan, living in the front of the tenement, suffered no loss.

The Fire Brigade was called to the scene almost immediately and found Maura and John Madden, both very young children, buried in the basement, shrieking from fear, pain and the very cold morning air.

COVERED WITH DEBRIS.

"Two of the children were badly covered up," an officer of the Brigade said afterwards. "The only way we could find them was by listening for their whimpering. Eventually, helped by the parents, we managed to get them out. Little Maura Madden was fairly badly hurt. Her brother, John, had his head cut and we took them both to the City Home."

He added: "It was really remarkable how anybody escaped being trapped in the huge mounds of debris that fell from top to bottom of the building. The front of the houses were left standing; the entire back of the tenement fell away completely from the middle."

ONE DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

The "Limerick Leader" learned later that young John Madden was discharged from the City Home after treatment for his head injuries. Maura, however, was detained because her injuries were slightly more severe. She is progressing satisfactorily and is suffering more from shock than from physical injury.

KILFINANE COURT

TWO PUBLICANS FINED

At Kilfinane District Court, before Mr. H. L. Conner, B.L. D.J., Patrick Ryan, Park, Gaibally, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws.

Superintendent H. J. Keegan prosecuted and Mr. L. Walsh, solr. (Messrs. Bennett & Walsh, solrs.), defended.

Mr. Walsh, for the defence, stated that the day was very wet and that the defendant did not like to turn out the three men who were found on the premises. He had only recently become owner of the property and this was the first case against him.

The Justice imposed a fine of 11/-.

Mr. Gerald Shannahan, Kilfinane, was prosecuted for a breach of the licensing laws.

Superintendent H. J. Keegan prosecuted and Mr. E. M. Power, solr., defended.

Mr. Power stated that the occasion in question was the day of a hurling match and the men who were found on the premises became thirsty returning from same. The Justice imposed a fine of £2.

John Lynch, Hospital, who was summoned for unlawful use of a

LIQUOR PRICES

THE PRESENT POSITION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—Your readers must be pleased at the report made by the Chairman of the Limerick Licensed Trade at the annual general meeting on last Thursday. It shows that our city publicans are still enjoying the prosperity brought about by the world war, but I should like to ask him is this going to last? The Chairman, in his address, made what I consider an extraordinary statement: he said the only place where the average man got pre-war value for his money is in the public house, and, he continued, "The price in public houses have risen very little since pre-war: wine and spirits are practically the same price now as they were then." If there is no difference in prices, as he alleges, how comes it that the price of a bottle of whiskey to-day is 28/-, when before the war it was only 18/-? Again, the price of a bottle of wine to-day is 16/8 and 10/- before the war. Stout was then 9d. a pint, to-day it is 10d. The increases I mention are very substantial and the chairman of the licensed trade must surely know of them. The brewers in England are be-

LOSS TO DIOCESE

Death Of Great Pastor

PASSING OF CANON WALL, P.P., CROOM

WITH deep and sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Very Rev. James Canon Wall, P.P., which took place in the Parochial House, Croom, in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Born in the parish of Dromcollogher 72 years ago, he entered, at an early age, St. Munchin's College, where he passed all his public examinations with distinction. In 1897 he went to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and was ordained priest in 1903. After his ordination he served for a period in the dioceses of Kildare and Liverpool, and, being recalled home, he was appointed curate at Croom.

In 1907 he was appointed on the staff of St. Munchin's College, of which he was President from 1925 to 1934, when he was given the pastoral charge of Bulgaden. After two years there he was appointed Parish Priest of Croom and in 1941 he was created a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

The late Canon Wall was a member of the Co. Vocational Education Committee since 1936. He took a great interest in the work of this body and his contributions to discussions, always marked by sound judgment, showed a sincere appreciation of the issues at stake.

GREAT ERUDITION.

A man of great erudition and an educationist of a high order, Canon Wall always identified himself with movements of a cultural character. It was during his regime as President of St. Munchin's College that the late Father Colbert founded the College Players, in the progress and development of which Canon Wall never ceased to take a practical interest. The Catholic Boy Scout Organisation had in him a most enthusiastic advocate. He was Diocesan Chairman from 1929 to 1934, and largely through his untiring activities the movement got a firm hold in the city and in other parts of the diocese.

For some years before his appointment to Bulgaden, he was President of the Catholic Literary Institute and during his regime he encouraged amateur stage productions and other activities of a cultural and educational character.

DID NOT COURT POPULARITY.

Of a retiring disposition, he did not court popularity; yet his personality was such as to command not only the respect that was due to his station in life, but the love and affection of the people. His urbane manner and natural refinement were characteristics that endeared him to all, especially to his parishioners, who had in him a pastor of outstanding qualities and merits. He carried out a number of improvements in Croom, including the lighting of the church and the installation of proper sanitation arrangements in Croom School and repairs to the Parochial House. He was keenly interested in the Red Cross, and formed a branch of the Pioneer Association in Croom, as well as being responsible for the formation of the Croom Muintir na Tire Guild.

Canon Wall was brother of Rev. Mather Leonard, Rev. Mother of the Little Company of Mary Community in Carlow, and was uncle of Rev. David Wall, C.C., Donoughmore and of Rev. Sister Emmanuel of the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul, Kilmallock.

This remains were removed from the Parochial House yesterday evening to the Parish Church amidst many manifestations of regret and sorrow. All houses in Croom were shuttered and this outward mark of mourning will continue until after the obsequies to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock, and at which the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill will preside.

A GAELIC NIGHT

INTERESTING FUNCTION AT FEOHENAGH

Last week-end, under the auspices of the Feohenagh Guild of Cumana Gaolach, a Gaelic night was held at the Hall, Feohenagh (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). A very large crowd at-

WARM TRIBUTES

To Great Worker

RECEPTION FUNCTION

ATTIRED in the smart uniform of the Irish Red Cross Society, Mrs. F. P. Condell, recently appointed Area Officer for Leinster and part Munster, attended a reception in her honour at the Glentworth Hotel on Monday night. She was the guest of the Limerick City Anti-T.B. Committee. The members of the Committee presented her with a beautiful hand-sewn conference case in appreciation of the voluntary service she so willingly gave the Society in Limerick since its inception in 1940, and as a token of its good wishes for her future success as Area Officer. Mrs. N. Geary and Mr. J. H. O'Brien were in charge of the arrangements.

VALUABLE SERVICE.

Rev. H. Fee, C.C., Chairman of the Limerick City Anti-T.B. Committee, in making the presentation, recalled the valuable voluntary service Mrs. Condell had given the Society in all its activities during the past ten years and stated that she was one of the few lady officers in Ireland during the emergency that had the honour of being a Brigade O.C., having under her command five divisions of First Aid personnel. The establishment of Area Officers or Organisers was a necessity during peace time when there was a tendency towards decline unless active steps were taken to arouse the interest of the people. The Irish Red Cross Society had a peace time future in this country if the charitable work of the Society was forcibly put before the public.

Voluntary organisations were vital at the present time as they were the only guarantee against further State encroachment, which would ultimately lead to a totalitarian system characteristic of recent Fascist and present Communist countries—a system alien to our ideals. Wishing Mrs. Condell every success in her new venture, he expressed the hope that she would instil into the public mind the same spirit of self-sacrifice and charity that she herself had so admirably displayed during her associations with the Society in Limerick.

MRS. CONDELL'S REPLY.

Replying, Mrs. Condell stated that she would always hold in grateful remembrance the tribute paid her on that occasion. Some day she hoped to have the privilege of organising her native city and county, where so much pioneer work had been successfully undertaken by her former colleagues in the Society. Outlining some of the peace-time plans of the Organisation, she referred to co-operation with existing voluntary organisations, such as the District Nursing Association and the Lady Dudley Nurses Association. It was proposed to place at the disposal of such organisations trained unit personnel and sick room requisites, so that the sick and poor even in the most remote areas would have the benefit of a modern invalid requisite service. The Red Cross was actively interested and co-operating in the recently established clinic in Dublin, dealing with cerebral palsy. She hoped to arrange during February for a lecture in Limerick by Dr. Warnants, a specialist attached to the clinic, who was anxious that the public would be educated in recognising the symptoms of this disease, and so take advantage of the curative treatment available before the malady reached an advanced stage.

Concluding, she said—"My mission from Headquarters is to radiate throughout Ireland all that the Red Cross symbol means. I hope to open a gate of good will in every county, town, village and hamlet through which will pass people of every creed and class, who, in turn, will extend to their fellow-men Christian charity and good will despite any differences of opinion that may exist."

CO. DIRECTOR'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. F. D. Carroll, Co. Director, paid tribute to the new Area Officer's efficiency and loyalty as a former officer of the Limerick Units. He had never known the Ladies Units to fail him in any work demanded and he felt that Mrs. Condell would continue to set the same high standard throughout her area. Her help and advice would be missed but he hoped she would return to lead and guide them as she had so capably done in the past. Wishing her every success, Mr. Carroll said there would be always a welcome for her among the members of Limerick Units, who owed her so much.

WILLING WORKER.

Rev. T. Hurley, S.J., Chairman of the Co. Committee, recalled the

TOWN TOPICS

AFTER MANY YEARS.

AFTER an agitation extending over many years, Limerick is to have a School of Music for orchestral and theory work. It is to be attached to the City Technical Institute and will, of course, be under the control of the City Vocational Education Committee. Two part-time teachers have yet to be appointed and in all probability some little time will elapse before the class will be in full swing. Years gone by an effort was made to have a School of Music set up by a group of well-meaning citizens who got going a fund which came to be known as the Organ Fund. As a matter of fact, the organ was purchased and erected in the Athenaeum Hall, now the Royal Cinema. After a time, a comparatively brief time at that, the organ was sold, the proceeds being lodged in bank in the names of trustees.



SENATOR DUFFY.

Senator Luke Duffy, one of the members of the Industrial Development Authority, was in Limerick during the week-end on official business. He had a lengthy conversation with the City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.) concerning the installation of a special heating system in Corporation housing schemes. There is a heavy duty on this particular equipment, the removal of which would have an appreciable effect on the ultimate cost of the houses. Senator Duffy is, of course, in a position to make a recommendation to the Industrial Authority as to whether this duty should be removed altogether or considerably reduced in favour of the Corporation houses. Time will tell what course the Senator adopted.



UNION ORGANISER.

Senator Duffy is not as well known in Limerick now as he was formerly. He first came here away back in 1916 as Organiser of the Distributive Workers' Union; he was then plain Mr. Luke Duffy. For many years subsequently he paid annual visits to the city for the annual meetings of the Distributive Workers' Union, and, being a forceful speaker, his pungent criticisms always aroused interest. During his association with the Union he was instrumental in effecting many reforms in the drapery and allied trades. As a member of the Industrial Development Authority he has occasion to visit many parts of the country to investigate on the spot numerous inquiries concerning matters relating to trade and commerce.



VALUABLE DOG.

An advertisement in our last week-end issue announced that a wire-haired fox terrier, which answers to the name of "Romeo," had been lost. Few reading the brief particulars given could guess that the dog in question is none other than "Romeo Mountain," a prize winner at several shows in Ireland and England. It has carried off many coveted trophies, including green stars at Cork and Limerick Shows and challenge certificates at Manchester and Edinburgh. As might be expected, the owner is most anxious to recover this most valuable species and any information as to its whereabouts would be gratefully received.



SINGLE UNIT.

The city is to remain a single unit for municipal election purposes. A decision to that effect was reached, following a discussion, at the meeting of the Corporation on Monday night. There was a feeling that when the city became extended as a result of the boundary being pushed out it should be divided into