Plans to restore building and live there

American buys Castlemat

Army colonel new owner of historic castle

CASTLEMATRIX, the 500-year-old once powerful Desmond castle on the bank of the River Deel, near Rathkeale, has changed hands for the third time in quarter of a century.

The new owner is Colonel John J. O'Driscoll, 47-year-old U.S. Officer serving with the N.A.T.O. Forces in France, who completed the purchase of the historic old property shortly before the public auction was due to commence on Saturday afternoon.

Col. O'Driscoll also bought the attractive two-storey residence adjoining the castle with approximately eight acres of land for a sum that was not disclosed but was described as "substantial."

A quiet-spoken bachelor of medium-height and attired only in flannels and blue sports shirt, Colonel O'Driscoll calmly discussed his purchase with a representative of the "Leader" and other Pressmen as he strolled leisurely around the grounds of his newly acquired property.

DREAM HOUSE.

When it was suggested that he was obviously of Irish descent he proudly recalled that his grandfather emigrated from Cork. How did he come to be interested in the acquisition of his 90-foot high castle?

Col. O'Driscoll

"Well," he replied with a winning smile, "I have been looking around many parts of Ireland for something like this for the past couple of years and I think I have found the castle and home of my dreams."

A frequent visitor to his country, he told the newsmen present that he liked Ireland. "I love its people," he declared, "and I regard their philosophy of living as the best in the world."

Col. O'Driscoll hopes when he retires from the forces in the not too distant future to settle down in his newly-acquired West Limerick property. He plans to restore the secluded old castle which has fallen into a pretty bad state of disrepair since it was last occupied around 1930. In addition to the castle and residence the property includes a spacious courtyard with large quaintly designed outoffices that lend a mediaeval colour to the picturesque scene.

Built in the time of Elizabeth I, the castle was completely renovated in 1837 and was occupied until 1931. It has had many historic associations with the turbulent history of the sixteenth century when it was one of the many Desmond strongholds in West Limerick. Sir Walter Raleigh, then an officer in the Elizabethan forces, is reputed to have first won favour with the court when while occupying the castle he carried out a successful ambush on Irish soldiers who attempted to capture the camp. As a reward he was presented with the freedom of Rathkeale and he repaired the castle which was also plundered by Cromwell.

LAND SALE.

The widely discussed auction of the property arranged for Saturday evening proved a disappointment for the small but representative gathering that assembled for the sale. Mr. Padraic Hassett, of Messrs Hassett & Fitzsimons, auctioneers, Dublin, who conducted the sale, announced at the outset that the two lots comprising the castle and residence had been privately disposed of shortly before the sale was due to commence. As a result there was only left for disposal by public auction the third lot consisting of approximately 18 acres of land adjacent. Bidding started for this property on a slow note at £1,000 and was withdrawn at £1,310, but subsequently sold by private treaty.

Castlematrix is a fine picture in its frame of trees.

MIDNIGHT MATINEE RAFFLE AT SAVOY

Owing to the show running later than anticipated, the draw was made after a number of people had left the Theatre and the Committee wish to announce the following ticket number, drew prizes:—

1, Pink 442; 2, Blue 486; 3, Red 42; 4, White 36; 5, Green 92; 6, Yellow, 319; 7, Pink 2.

Holders of above tickets please contact Mrs. Grier, "Cooleen," Castletroy, or telephone 46127.

Unclaimed Pick-the-Lock prizes may also be obtained from the above.

Game Council

The newly-formed Clare Regional Game Council have decided to send their constitution to the N.F.A. Game Council, and the National Sporting Association for comment. Mr. Sean Kierse, Killaloe, presided, and Mr. Sean Casey, Secretary, Clare N.F.A. was present at the meeting.

Instalment order granted

Rita McElligott, rate collector to Limerick County Council, applied at Rathkeale for an instalment order against **John J. Murphy**, tradesman, Main St., Rathkeale, on foot of a decree for £75 for arrears of poor rates.

Mr. M. E. Cussen, solicitor, for plaintiff, said that defendant was a tradesman who did a lot of work on house repairs. A previous order had been made against defendant for £2 a month in another case and as he had paid nothing on foot of that order a commital order would be sought against him in due course. There seemed to be no excuse for the non-payment and in the present case he (Mr. Cussen) was asking for an order for £2 a month as well.

The Justice said that as defendant had made no appearance he would make the order for £2 a month. It was open to him at any time to apply for a variation order if he thought it fit to do so.

Visit by beauty expert

VERY few women—perhaps one or two in a generation — are fortunate enough to have the gift of natural beauty. But with the right shades of make-up, applied correctly, a woman can highlight her good points and disguise those not-so-good.

The odd spot that always seems to appear just before an important occasion need not be cause for distress. A cover-up preparation — appropriately called ERACE — smoothed into the skin covers the blemish and makes it invisible.

Any woman can have a pretty smile and the careful application of lipstick can alter the shape of the mouth so that it becomes an enchanting feature of the face.

Eyes are probably the most important of all, yet many women still regard eye make-up as something for evenings only! For those who wear spectacles constantly eyes need special attention to give added sparkle to an attractive face.

Advice on how to make your face look its most beautiful as well as many useful hints on skin care and grooming will be freely given by the Max Factor beauty expert, Miss Maureen Walsh, who will be at Messrs Power and Mangan Limited, 129 O'Connell Street, Limerick, from July 23 for two weeks.

Mexican girl to compete in 'South' tests

(By "FOOT-FAULT")

A MEXICAN lady, a leading English junior girl and two English county players are included in the entry for the South of Ireland Tennis Championships, the highlight of the tennis season, which commence at Limerick L.T.C. Grounds on Monday.

Miss J. M. Alvarez, one of the top players in Mexico, and Miss Heather Allen, an English schoolgirl, who is holder of the Irish Junior title, will compete in the ladies' singles event, holder of which is Miss Ann Hackett (Catholic Institute).

Miss Alverez will be making her first trip to the South of Ireland, while Miss Allen, who lost in the semi-final of the Irish Open Championships at Fitzwilliam yesterday after defeating the top seed, Carole Caldwell, of California, is on a vacation in Ireland.

Charles Callaghan, former holder of the Limerick Junior title and the Irish Close, Under-18 Championship, and his partner, Tim Kerridge, both of whom play for Birkinhead, will be favourites for the men's singles event, in which all four provinces will be represented.

WILL DEFEND DOUBLES TITLE

Interprovincial John O'Brien and his club partner, John de Courcy (Limerick and Lansdowne), are definite starters, too, and they will also defend their doubles title.

Travelling from the North are Harry McConnell, ranked number six in the province, and the popular partnership of Colin Dick and Trevor Jamieson, while the "West" will be represented by inter-provincial Michael Walsh and Derrick McColdrick.

Heading the local entry is Limerick senior champion, Tony O'Shea, and interprovincials Tom Cleary and Jim Foynes. Frank Furney, the towering Mallow player, and Peter Mockler, of Cork, who did so well in the Irish Open championships, are also expected to compete.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

This year the Limerick committee have prepared a full-scale schedule of events to entertain their guests, when the tennis is completed.

Three dances have been arranged, a giant barbecue is also planned, while the committee are also considering a cruise on the peaceful Lough Derg on the C.I.E. motor launch.

The triangular friendly between Shannon Airport, Catholic Institute and Limerick, held at Limerick Tennis Club on Tuesday, proved an outstanding success.

The newly-formed Shannon Airport Club, which has no less than seven nationalities included in its membership, were defeated 8-3 by Limerick—one game unfinished—while Catholic Institute and Limerick were level at the end of play.

A most enjoyable tea and social followed.

IN BRIEF . . .

Winners of the Limerick Junior American Tournament held last week were Michael O'Malley and Olivia Doyle, who ousted Pat Logue and Yvonne Lynch in an exciting three-set final, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Entries are pouring in for the Limerick Junior Open championship, which this year promises to be the most successful ever held. The events commence on Monday week.

Limerick ICA to organise outing

THE Limerick Town Associates Guild, Irish Countrywomen's Association, held its July meeting at the Gaelic League Hall, Thomas Street. Mrs. Raleigh presided and other officers present were Mrs. Enright, vice-president; Miss Kennedy, hon. treasurer, and Mrs. Catrey, hon. secretary.

There was a good attendance and, when the business of the meeting was concluded, Mrs. Raleigh gave a demonstration on how to make a fireside brush out of rope. Mrs. Angel gave a talk on the work of U.N.I.C.E.F. and urged members to help to sell flags for this worthy cause at the show.

HORSE SHOW

There will be a meeting at the Gaelic League Hall on Wednesday, August 22, at 8 p.m. to make final arrangements for the running of the Crafts Section at the Horse Show, and all who can help in any way are requested to attend.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. O'Farrell on the death of her husband Mr. Kevin O'Farrell.

Mrs. Mary McMahon gave a talk on French polishing and showed the guild members a very nice piece of woodwork which she had made at the Technical School in the carpentry class.

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