

the citizens as a whole. I am with a few of our members, ring on twenty years as public representative, and looking back them I am very glad to have associated, even in a small way, with the progress Limerick made in those years.

Young people, possibly, do not appreciate all that has been done, consequently I may mention progress that has been made in building and roads and public health services. Many problems remain and there are projects for further development in the minds of many members, but I feel that we should take our most pressing problem first, and that is housing. I put all our energies into its solution. For my own part, I am keeping this matter before the Mayor and the Department until a start is made to get housing schemes started for which materials are available.

I now want to pay tribute to the outgoing Mayor for his unfailing courtesy, consideration and efficiency and fair play during his period of office. I also wish to join with him in his tribute to the Mayor and his staff.

In conclusion, let me thank you once again for your generosity to me to-day, and also allow me to thank the citizens as a whole for their many kindnesses to me in the twenty years.

Mr. P. J. Donnellan, congratulating the new Mayor, said he was happy that he had been elected unanimously to the office. It was a praiseworthy gesture and one not unreserved. He wished also to congratulate the outgoing Mayor, who performed his duties with such efficiency, dignity and impartiality. **Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.**, said he felt the Council had made a very happy election, and on behalf of the Labour Party he congratulated the new Mayor and assured him of all possible co-operation and support. He wished also to pay tribute to Councillor McQuane, who had performed his duties as Mayor magnificently.

Mr. D. Bourke, T.D., congratulated the Mayor on his election and assured him of the full co-operation of the Fianna Fail Party.

"ONLY FITTING."

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, joined in the congratulations extended to Alderman Reidy, and said it was only fitting he should at least have the honour which had previously fallen to the two other Aldermen. Alderman Reidy was equipped with high capabilities and would bring much talent and efficiency to the office of Mayor.

Mr. Hartney and **Mr. J. McQuane** joined in the tributes to the outgoing Mayor, as did **Mr. D. Reddan**, **Mr. McGuire** and **Mr. J. M. Keyes**.

The Mayor said he was very happy to receive such assurances of support and co-operation from all parties in the Council. He was deeply grateful to all the members who were glad that the outstanding work done by his predecessor, Councillor McQuane, had been recognized by them.

The remaining business on the agenda was adjourned, in accordance with custom.

A large crowd waited to congratulate the new Mayor.

sions, backed by a whole tank army, are attacking the German positions on a 60-mile front in the central sector.

An Allied despatch reports that the Russians are pressing forward on a 250-mile front. It adds that Red Army thrusts threaten Vitebsk, Orsha and Bobruisk, which are the first objectives.

The Vitebsk bridgehead has been cut off from rear communications, according to the German Overseas News Agency.

Messages from Allied sources in Italy state that the Allies continue to apply pressure and have advanced in many places. Troops of the 5th Army have captured the port town of Dionbino, while further inland armoured tanks have made substantial gains.

Paris Radio said to-day that the presence of a fleet of two to three hundred vessels which has been cruising off the Seine Estuary for the past 24 hours, would indicate that preparations are being made for another landing.

SAD TRAGEDY

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DRIVER PINNED UNDER LORRY

A sad tragedy occurred on Saturday night, when a motor driver employed by the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland, Ltd., received fatal injuries as a result of his lorry, which was proceeding from Limerick to Tipperary, overturning at Ballysimon. The dead man is James Coffey (50), of Lacy Street, Tipperary. He leaves a wife and a large family.

As far as can be ascertained by the authorities there were no witnesses to the accident, and it is presumed that the unfortunate man remained pinned under the cab of the overturned lorry for some time before being released by passers-by. He was removed in an unconscious condition to the Co. Infirmery, where he died during the early hours of Sunday morning.

An inquest will be held at the County Infirmery by Deputy Coroner J. S. McNeice, solicitor, on Wednesday.

CALLED TO INNER BAR

Mr. T. K. Liston, B.L., a prominent member of the Bar practising in the South-Western Circuit, and who has appeared in numerous High Court cases, was called to the Inner Bar this morning by Chief Justice Sullivan.

Mr. Liston is a son of the late **Mr. Terence Liston**, State Solicitor, Tralee, and nephew of the late **Mr. P. T. Liston**, solicitor, Rathkeale. His numerous friends in Limerick, and particularly his colleagues of the profession, will learn with pleasure of **Mr. Liston's** advancement to senior counsel, a distinction which has been well merited by the integrity and astuteness which he has always shown in his conduct of legal argument in the Circuit Court. A brilliant lawyer and a man of pleasing and charming personality, **Mr. Liston** has been one of the most popular members of the Bar in this district, and his friends in the profession are

ted that the Conciliation Board was now a body of standing in the city and one that was rendering useful service. At the same time he felt that they should put their own house in order, and for that reason he thought the suggestion made by the Mayor would be the most equitable method of approach. He would propose that they act on that suggestion.

Mr. C. V. O'Malley seconded and said that in his opinion they would be putting "the cart before the horse" if they went to the Conciliation Board without first trying to settle their own dispute. If they failed they could then go to the Conciliation Board.

Mr. J. McQuane said the Conciliation Board was set up to intervene only when all other methods failed and negotiations had broken down. In this instance negotiations had not broken down and he agreed with the views of **Mr. Reddan**.

Mr. McGuire said it did not matter to him how a strike was settled so long as it was settled with justice and equity. For that reason he would withdraw his proposition.

Mr. Hartney said he had seconded the proposition because he believed that the workers would get a better deal from the Conciliation Board.

It was decided that a committee consisting of the Mayor, Messrs. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; M. Hartney, J. McQuane and D. Reddan, would meet to-night with a view to intervening to avert a strike.

BRANCH TRIBUTE

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LIMERICK JOURNALIST'S APPOINTMENT

At the quarterly meeting of the Limerick and District Branch of the National Union of Journalists, held in Limerick on Saturday, **Mr. J. Degnan**, Ennis, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. Keogh ("Nenagh Guardian") moved that the congratulations of the branch be tendered to **Mr. T. P. Cleary** ("Limerick Leader"), their hon. secretary, on his appointment as a sub-editor on the staff of the "Irish Independent."

Mr. Keogh paid tribute to **Mr. Cleary** for the services he had rendered and said it was almost wholly due to **Mr. Cleary's** initiative and tireless energy that the Irish Journalists' Association came into being, while he had also played a prominent part in the development of the National Union of Journalists in the provinces. He would be a big loss to the Branch but they wished him every success and prosperity in his new appointment.

Mr. O'Reilly ("Tipperary Star") seconded and said that **Mr. Cleary** had rendered invaluable services to their Associations.

Mr. Roberts ("Limerick Leader") associated himself with the remarks of the previous speakers on behalf of the Limerick journalists.

Returning thanks, **Mr. Cleary** expressed his appreciation of the co-operation he had received from the members of the Branch.

SET FIRE TO CART HOUSE