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LIMERICK I.C.A.

Federation Meeting

HOLIDAY HOMES FOR CHILDREN

AT a meeting of Limerick Federation of the Irish Countrywomen's Association the following Guilds were represented:—Adare, Abbeyfeale, Ballingarry, Bruff, Ballyneety, Bohermore, Ballysimon, Ballyhahill, Croom, Charleville, Dromkeen, Glin, Galbally, Kilfinane, Kilmallock, Monagea, Newport, Limerick Liberties and Rockhill.

Mrs. Frawley, who presided, announced that the Country Fair would be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 8th and 9th November. She congratulated the Guilds on the standard of articles displayed, but hoped that the display would be very much bigger at the next meeting (October 7th).

Mrs. Frawley suggested that the Federation could help the Country Fair by publicity through the local Press. She had written to head office regarding a one-day school for Guild officers in Limerick.

HOLIDAY HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

There was a big discussion on this matter, but no decision was taken as it was such a big problem for the I.C.A. to tackle.

A suggestion was made to have the agenda posted to the Guilds before Federation meeting. One Guild required it fourteen days before date of meeting.

This was thought quite impossible.

It was decided that if any very important question was to be discussed at meetings in future, Guilds would be notified through the Gazette or else by letter.

DRAW FOR PHOTOS.

Mrs. McNeill sent three of her photographs taken at Council meeting, Limerick, to be given to three Guilds in appreciation of the wonderful reception the Limerick Guilds gave her during her recent visit.

Mrs. Frawley proposed that Adare get one and the remaining Guilds present drew for the other two. Kilfinane and Kilmallock securing them.

Proceeds of "bring and buy" sale were handed to the Treasurer. Guilds not represented were asked to bring same along to next meeting.

Treasurer's and Organiser's reports were read.

Next meeting, October 7th.

KILMALLOCK FAMILY

DOUBLY BEREAVED

Mr. Patrick Campion, who died recently in Chicago, was a native of Kilmallock, and was brother of Mr. Stephen Campion, victualler, Kilmallock, and of the late Mr. Thomas Campion, merchant, Kilmallock.

The family suffered a second bereavement by the death last week of Mr. James Campion, Ashill, Kilmallock, a nephew of the late Mr. Patrick Campion, who died in Chicago.

The late Mr. James Campion was a member of a family long connected with the business and farming life of the district. He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campion, Kilmallock.

There was a very large and most representative attendance at his interment, which took place at Ballingaddy Cemetery.

CREAMERY FACILITY FOR OGONNOLLOE

The farmers of Ogonnolloe have now a flourishing branch of the Scariff Creamery at the "Monument," where Rev. R. Burke, P.P., acquired a site from Mr. P. Conway (writes our Killaloe correspondent). This confers a great boon

VENERABLE LIMERICK RUIN

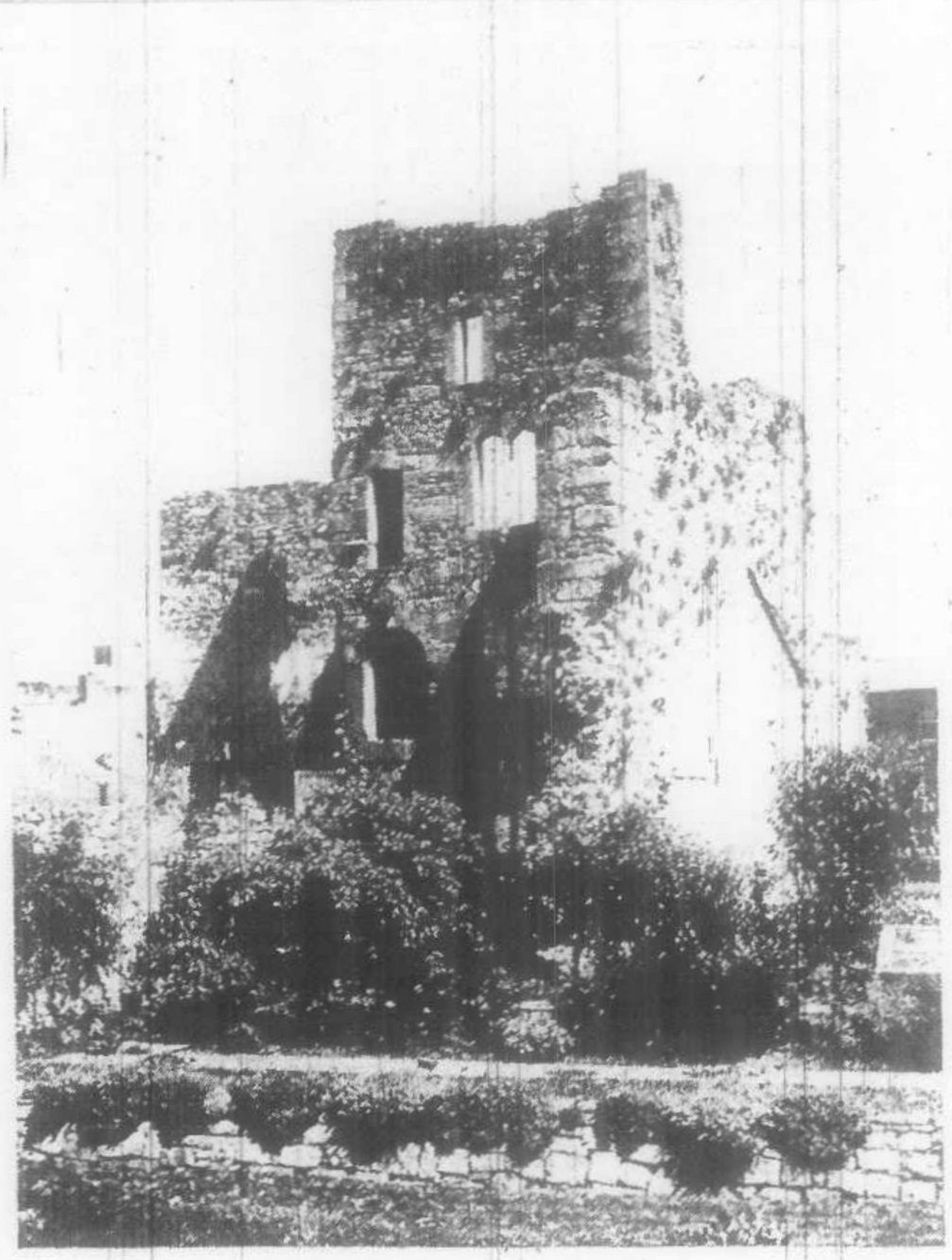
Remains Of Historic Castle

THE STORY OF WHITAMORE'S INN

IN our "Town Topics" column recently reference was made to the ruins behind St. Anne's Technical School, Limerick, of an ancient castle generally referred to locally as Whitamore's Castle. Mention was made of the fact that a young American journalist who called to the "Limerick Leader" office said his mother claimed relationship with the Whitamores of Limerick. Bearing on the history of this venerable and storied ruin, a photograph of which we give hereunder, the following article has been specially written for the "Limerick Leader" by a recognised authority on the subject:—

WHITAMORE'S INN.

The remains of a great stone house stand beside the pleasant gardens at the rere of St. Anne's School. Recent generations are inclined to name it as Whitamore's Castle because of a late seventeenth century reference to Whitamore's inn described as facing the Town Hall. The old Tholsel in Mary Street was, indeed, almost opposite the back entrance to St. Anne's gardens, and a modern shop still bears the name. But in the days of the Whitamore Inn, the Town Hall was housed in the Exchange, of which the portico still survives behind the chancel of St. Mary's Cathedral. The recent American visitor, kinsman of the Whitamores, should direct his footsteps thither even if the excellent claret of the sixteen-eighties be no longer on tap.



THE PROPERTY OF EDMUND FANNING.

At the Cromwellian conquest the tall house behind St. Anne's was the property of Edmund Fanning, as is clear from the house list in the Civil Survey, which was published in 1938. The site of the old house was purchased by a public-spirited citizen at the time that the Technical School was acquiring the space now laid out in gardens. He conveyed the site to the State and the Department of Public Works carried out repair and maintenance work at Fanning Castle about ten years ago.

DATES FROM ABOUT 1500.

The house dates from about 1500. It fronted originally on Mary Street, and the present conspicuous remains really represent the hind portion with fire-place, doorway, Tudor windows, and a garderobe. North of the ruin a stump of ancient masonry behind the Creagh Lane houses marks the former home of the most notable of the Fannings, Dominic. He took a prominent part in the resistence to Ireton, was taken after the fall of the city and executed early in November, 1651.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT.

The National Monuments Act authorises local bodies to set up local advisory committees for consultation on such matters, such committees to consist of not more than five nor less than three members. Members may be chosen from the membership of the local body or from competent sources outside it. It is understood that Limerick once had such a committee but that it was summoned on only one occasion and is now in abeyance. Such a committee might be usefully revived. We have two active antiquarian societies who could easily provide most of the personnel.

ADMIRABLE SYSTEM.

Drogheda has an admirable system by which the more important monuments carry tablets with simple explanatory matter. The recording and marking of some of Limerick's more important antiquities would render a fine service to city people and visitors.

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(Leis "an Mangaire").

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