KLM plane crash at Shannon

The first major disaster to befall Shannon occurred in 1954 when the Royal Dutch Constellation "Frisian" crashed into the mud minutes after take-off. The first the Tower knew of the crash was when one of the crew stumbled into the airport covered in mud to raise the alarm almost two hours after the crash. He had to swim and wade through the mud to get to safety. Of the 46 passengers and crew 23 died, mostly from petrol fumes, and one died subsequently to being rescued.

KLM plane crash ... Irish Estates build new houses and ‘buy Savings Bank’

Inquiry into Shannon plane disaster

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1954

THE PEOPLE of Limerick and, indeed, of the whole country, were shocked when the news of the air tragedy near Shannon Airport early yesterday morning became known.
Searching the debris

Airport staff and volunteers sift through the personal belongings of those injured and killed in the KLM plane crash. pictured below Shamoon staff search the river

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Today, the Mayor, Ald. G. J. Meisner, sent the following message to the chairman of Royal Air: "On behalf of the citizens of Limerick, I wish to convey to the people of the Netherlands the deepest sympathy on yesterday's tragic air disaster which has resulted in the loss of so many lives. I wish you to add my own personal sympathy on the sad occasion with the families and relatives of the victims of the appalling tragedy."

OFFICIAL INQUIRY

Mr. W. H. O'Connell, Chief Aeronautical Officer. Department of Industry and Commerce, opened an official inquiry at Shannon today with the object of ascertaining the cause of the disaster. Statements were taken from the surviving members of the crew and survivors and from personnel at Shannon.

RED CROSS ASSISTANCE

Mr. John Moloney, manager, Shannon Travel Agency, Vincent Avenue, for the Netherlands, got in touch with the senior officers of the Limerick Red Cross yesterday and requested that supplies of clothing be dispatched to the airport for the survivors of the disaster. In less than an hour two motor cars were despatched from the city to Shannon with clothing of every description. The despatch of the clothing was supervised by Mr. Frank Curley, press officer, and Mr. John Hurley, assistant area officer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1946

70-acre farm is bought for Corbally housing estate

APPROX. 140 semi-detached houses are to be built in one of Limerick's most select residential areas by Irish Estates Ltd., Dublin. The site, Mr. P. Vaughan's 70-acre farm at Lamlashmore, Corbally, overlooks one of the most picturesque stretches of the Shannon.

The houses when built will be let to tenants on a yearly rental basis, and an insurance has been taken that the rents will be reasonable and within the capacity of the ordinary middle-class housewife, for whom they are intended.

The prettiness of the property was considered for Irish Estates Ltd. by Mr. D. J. O'Malley. The price paid was not disclosed, but it is believed to be in the region of £15,000.

The plans are already being carried out on the estate and it is understood that development work will be started immediately.

As the public sewer in the Corbally area enters the junction of the Mill Road and Corbally Road, Irish Estates have laid down a special sewage pipe on the housing site. This job, together with the making of roads, footpaths, amenities, etc., is expected, will provide a good deal of local employment.

It is also learned that the company has purchased the Savings Bank Building in Glentworth Street. It is proposed to demolish the bank, built in 1840, and build on the cleared site a number of offices and flats. The Savings Bank is in the town to function as usual, occupying one of the new offices.

THREE MEN IN THE RESCUE

Twenty-one bodies were taken from the site and members of the Limerick Fire Brigade and the direction of the Harbour Master, Capt. C. F. Harnby, Capt. Harnby, interviewed by a Limerick leader representative today, said that he got a phone message at 4.30 a.m. yesterday telling them that a plane had crashed in the Shannon, and asking for assistance.

"I got to work immediately," said "I summoned members of my staff and in the course of the Dutch tug working in the port in connection with the dredging scheme proceeded to the scene. At my request, followed by the Harbour launch at 7.45, with us were Thomas McNerney, skipper, James Wallace, driver, Michael Hickey, rigger, and William Wallace.

We were joined by Patrick McNally, customs officer, and I would like to say at this juncture that Mr. McNally rendered wonderful assistance. I cannot say too high a tribute to Captain McNerney and the rest of the Harbour launch crew who worked hard at the scene.

ROWED TO THE PLANE

My crew and I got into the boat and rowed to the plane which was then perched up in the trees above the water. Jim Wallace and Michael Hickey stepped to the wind, went out to the plane. Terry McNerney got on the roof and proceeded to back holes in it to permit the escape of flames from high octane petrol.

By 6 p.m. we had twenty-one bodies removed, as well as a big quantity of luggage. My men, who were on duty from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. worked without respite. They deserve any little tribute I can pay them for their humanity, because I know they risked their lives on the job they had on hands.

Looking for NCW school picture

Mr. Patrick Roche, originally from Newcastle West but now living in Watford, has been on the lookout for a 1939 First Holy Communion picture of the Courtyard Royal School. Himself and his two brothers are in it and he desperately wants a copy. Anybody with one and willing to allow it to be copied may leave a line at the above email address or write to Sean Curran c/o of the Limerick Leader.

Registration of Title Act 1964

Dispense with production of Land Certificate

An application has been received from the registered owner mentioned in the Schedule hereto for dispensing with the production of a Land Certificate. The original or a copy thereof is issued in respect of the lands specified in the Schedule is stated to have been lost or irremediably destroyed. The production of the certificate will be dispensed with unless the original is produced within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice that the original certificate is required or in the case of another person registered. Any such notification should state the grounds on which the certificate is being held.

Date of this the 24th day of January, 2009

Register of Titles, Land Registry, Cork Road, Waterford.

SCHEDULE

Registered Owner: Killian & Majella Slattery
Folio No: LK6456L
Townland of: Treadwell
Barony of: St. Michaels

THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

At the Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Doora, Limerick wishes to invite all past patients, relatives and staff to join them in celebrating their 10 Year Anniversary Mass on Thursday, April 2nd at 7.30pm in the Hospital Chapel.