

Joseph O'Mara: Famous Operatic Tenor And A Great Actor

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AS befits a well-known and celebrated tenor, Joseph O'Mara, the famous Irish operatic tenor, was born at Limerick. The date was 16th July, 1866, and he was the son of James O'Mara, High Sheriff of the County...

whole week to Balfe—a sort of Balfe festival of opera. However, when the Company arrived again there was no Balfe week; likely Mr. O'Mara found obstacles in the way of reviving these forgotten works...

HIS ACTING THRILLED ONE. The term "Singing-actor" was given to Calvé and likewise "Singing-actor" exactly describes Joseph O'Mara. In such roles as "Carmen" (Fagiolini), Don Juan (Carrara) and "Elixir" in Halévy's "The Jewess" his acting thrilled one...

ON THE ROAD FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS. The O'Mara Company was on the road for over twenty years always visiting Dublin, Cork and Belfast, and once or twice Limerick. After Mr. O'Mara retired in 1926 it was taken over by Cyprian Gibbs...

CHOSE MANY IRISH SINGERS. Joseph O'Mara chose many Irish singers to support him in his opera company. Among them were Henry O'Dempsey the tenor, and his soprano wife, Kathleen McCully...

LITURGY OF HOLY WEEK EXPLAINED. One of the current publications of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland is a booklet, entitled "Restored Rites and Ceremonies of Holy Week" which the author is a member of the Benedictine community of Glenstal Abbey...

WHAT HE PUT INTO HIS SINGING. One always felt that it was his singing and what he put into it rather than his voice as voice that thrilled one...

REPARATION CONVENT BUILDING FUND. Needed 3,496,080 Pennies. Subscribed This Week 6,280 " 3,489,800 "

AT LIMERICK REDEMPTORIST RETREAT HOUSE



Picture taken at the Redemptorist Retreat House, North Circular Road, Limerick, on the occasion of the Retreat for members of the Garda. Included in the picture are Rev. Father Clancy, C.S.S.R. (extreme left); Rev. Father Murphy, C.S.S.R. (extreme right), and Rev. Brother Ambrose, C.S.S.R.

Redemptorist Retreat House Fund

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader." Dear Mr. Editor, Your recent publication of a letter from one of your readers desiring to know on whom responsibility rests for the discharge of the large debt balance due on the above, calls for a reply...

CURRACH CHASE AND ITS FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

(BY ROBERT HERBERT). THE return of Currach Chase to the State this month marks exactly the three hundredth anniversary of its retention in private hands...

HOME AFTER 50 YEARS IN AMERICA

TWO nuns of the Presentation Order in New York, an aunt and niece, who have not been home for 50 years and 30 years respectively, have just completed a short holiday in Limerick, their native city...

Pope Receives Winner Of "Ideal Woman" Contest

The Holy Father has set a historic precedent by receiving the winner of a beauty contest says "Catholic Notebook," published by the Catholic Library Information Bureau, Dublin...

LIMERICK MEMORIAL TO MURDERED PATRIOTS

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader." Sir—Models of the Treaty Stone, carefully done, and of the 1916 Monument in Limerick could be sold and the proceeds handed over to the Monument Committee...

SIR VERE HUNT, THE DIARIST

We now jump a hundred years and come to the first outstanding member of the family—the first with any literary pretensions, Sir Vere Hunt, the diarist. It was probably he who instilled into his own son, Sir Aubrey de Vere, the noblest of the noble house of Oxford...

RESULT OF RED TERROR AMONG RELIGIOUS IN CHINA

According to authentic figures regarding the persecution of religious in China, the numbers of ecclesiastical personnel in that country before Mao Tse-tung took over in 1948 were: Foreigners—Bishops, 75; priests, 3,015; sisters, 2,351; brothers, 475, making a total of 5,616 Chinese Bishops, 22; priests, 2,676; sisters, 5,112; brothers, 632, giving a total of 8,442. Thus, the aggregate was 14,358. Foreign missionaries in China at present are: 1 bishop; 30 priests (6 in prison) and 11 sisters.

Limerick Dockers And Shannon Steamship Company

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader") Dear Sir—With reference to recent correspondence in your paper regarding the attitude of the Limerick Dockers in refusing to handle such traffic as cement from Coras Impair Eireann for shipment by the Shannon Steamship Company to Killrush, I wish to point out that the position in this matter remains unchanged since my last letter in your issue of the 23rd ultimo...

WINNER OF CUPS AND SILVER MEDALS



Eighteen-years-old Miss Garmel Sheeran, No. 7, Treaty Terrace, Limerick, who won the Treaty Cup for Dramatic Opera and Silver Medal for Solo in the 1956 Limerick Music Society. She also won the McCarthy Cup in 1955 and a Silver Medal in 1953. Mr. Julian Herbase, well-known Adjudicator from Enniscorthy, said: "She is an exceptional dramatic soprano and should have a marvellous future."

to match the magic of Spring

Advertisement for hats featuring a woman's face and the text 'to match the magic of Spring'. Includes a coupon for 'HATS' and 'Addis of Limerick'.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Last Saic Sp', 'THE futu Street, Murray, Ltc was discuss', 'In view of p the effec tha was to be cloi weep strengt a decision y some of the Li to Dublin—L (Aid. John Car a representati Chamber of Co It was dect to send the to Dublin for taining the ul Messrs. Murra Limerick fact Mayor, Aid. D. B. O'Ne James Reidy, B.A., City M Lyons, solici Chamber of C E. O'Neill, T. L.T. & G.W.U. LAST WOR A "Limerick tative" learne delegation h with Mr. G. B Secretary to I. Industry and C executive hea factory assur were forthcom of Spillanes, t yet been said. FURTHER Further disc to take plac and in the m mentary dele as to the trer NEW D ARCH-CJ Rev. Fr. C appointed Spl Arch-Confrate to the late R. C.S.S.R., will week's meeti by Very Rev C.S.S.R., Rect Rev. Father will condu annual Retree MISHAP Nobody, wt dition, slig Punch's Cros tractor came down" positio Sprai PLANT WO Condense Limerick, The plant which has b Christmas is will be wor course of a was installe at Lansdown A "Lime" was told to any will be c approximat milk from A manufacture powder. An export duct, it was The hope w new develop the employm the future. FC H IN NUCLEAR TEST FLIGHTS Four-engined Shackletons of the British R.A.F. Coastal Command are carrying out meteorological flights from Christmas Island, a Pacific atoll and springboard for Britain's nuclear tests this year. Among those engaged in the enterprising Flying Officer William McNamara, 26-year-old navigator, of 41 Coleraine Road, Portluth, Co. Antrim, whose parents live at "West View," Corbally Road, Limerick. In civil life Mr. McNamara was an accountant. He was educated in St. Joseph's School, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. The shooting of the first scenes of a film based on the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola will begin soon in Rome. The role of St. Ignatius will be played by the American actor, Jose Ferrer. The film, an American-Spanish production, will be filmed partly in Italy and partly in Spain. Mr. Ferrer is also directing the picture, with a Jesuit priest acting as advisor. PETROL A PENNY CHEAPER The prices of petrol and fuel oil in the Republic have been reduced by 1d. a gallon. The reduction operates from to-day. Reason for the reduction is stated to be the easing of the Suez situation. Petrol prices were increased by 3d. per gallon last December after the Suez Canal had been blocked and a further increase of 11d. a gallon was imposed last month. PUT AN E TO DRUD W Yo CORI