

# Court told of 61 objectors DANCE LICENCE GRANTED

## Long hearing for Caherdavin application

**AFTER** what must be one of the longest District Court hearings for some time of an application for a dance licence, Justice M. de Burca, at Limerick Rural Court, on Wednesday last, granted a dance licence in respect of the Jetland Ballroom, Caherdavin.

It was stated at the outset that there were 61 objectors to the granting of the licence, but only four of the objectors gave evidence. There was a number of people in the witness benches.

When the Justice told the solicitor for the objectors to put more of them in the witness box, none were forthcoming.

At this juncture, the Justice remarked: "Immediately it occurs to me that if they didn't come here to-day their objection cannot be very great."

It was also stated that there were originally 37 objectors. That was at the hearing of the application for a temporary licence some months ago and that the number had grown to 61 from experience since dancing commenced at the hall.

Among the objectors was Very Rev. Dean Tabet, Dean of Limerick.

At the commencement of the hearing, Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for applicant for the licence, said that his temporary licence was granted in July and all the statutory requirements in respect of the ballroom had been complied with since then.

Inspector F. Barrett said that the State had no objection to the granting of the licence.

**ONLY CONCERN**

Mr. W. Leahy, solicitor for the County Council, said that his only concern was one of the number of people to be admitted to the ballroom for dancing.

Mr. O'Malley stated that Mr. P. O'Sullivan, B.E., Chief Fire Officer of the Limerick Fire Brigade, had requested that an additional fire rescue pump be provided from the ballroom balcony. This had been complied with and in all there were now eight emergency exits—five on the ground floor and three from the balcony.

Mr. J. G. Lyons, solicitor, for the objectors, said the objections concerned the suitability of the place for a ballroom; the facilities for dancing; parking accommodation; noise from the ballroom; disturbance caused to nearby residents on nights of dances.

Terence McMahon, the first witness for the applicant, stated that the hall was capable of holding 2,507 people in his opinion. He said the hall was one of the finest he had ever seen. He had prepared the plans and had inspected the construction of it. There was very little noise coming from it, and at a distance of 50 yards from it a person could hardly hear anything while dancing was in progress. Ventilation was mechanical and not through windows. The ceiling was insulated. He was satisfied that the noise of the band could not trouble anyone in the area.

**PARKING**

There were 2½ acres of parking space in the grounds of the hall, part of which was tarmac and the remainder was covered with gravel and steamrolled. He thought there was parking accommodation for 900 to 1,000 cars.

In reply to Mr. Leahy, he said that 2,250 people could fit in the hall very comfortably, but he thought that 2,400 people could be put there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lyons, witness said that there were fountains on the other side of the road which would be 50 to 60 yards away. Ryan's house would be about 50 yards away. It would be nearly impossible to make the hall completely sound-proof.

Mr. Reynolds, nominee of Reynolds Dancing Ltd. owners of the hall, and applicant for the licence, said that the company had eight other dance halls. On dance nights there were six car park attendants—two at the entrance and four in the car park lining up the cars.

In cross-examination he said that the car park attendants had no awful authority to ensure that drivers parked their cars in the car park. He had tried out the question of noise from the hall himself but could not hear anything.

**MANAGER'S EVIDENCE**

Patrick Muldoon, manager of the ballroom, said that he was living in a house across the road adjacent to the hall. Prior to that he had lived in a caravan about 40 yards from the hall with his wife and three children. The children were never awakened by the noise of the band. Roughly 20 people were in employment at the hall

## Call for liaison in education

A suggestion that there should be liaison and co-operation between the three branches of education—Vocational, secondary and primary—was made by Mr. J. Danagher, N.T. B.O., at a meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee held in the new School of Commerce, Mulgrave Street, on Wednesday night last.

The suggestion was made arising from a reference to the minutes dealing with the appointment of a permanent whole-time teacher of music who was a Bachelor of Music, had the Higher Diploma in Education, and had four years teaching experience in the primary branch and possessed the bi-lingual certificate.

Mr. M. McCarthy, B.A., N.T., said the position was unfair that the teacher concerned, who had very high qualifications, would not get the benefit of the four years spent in the vocational school in taking up the vocational appointment.

Mr. Danagher said they should ask the Department to waive the clause. Even if a person had 25 years teaching experience outside of the vocational school, he or she would have to start at the bottom without getting credit for that service as a vocational teacher.

**CO-OPERATION**

"We want closer co-operation and liaison between the other branches of education," he said. "Liaison and co-operation is very essential between the three branches of education. It is unfair that a teacher is not allowed to go from one branch of education to another without having their past service recognised. It should be taken up at top level."

## Gardai probe robberies

Gardai are still investigating two robberies which took place during the week. On Tuesday, thieves broke into St. John the Baptist Christian Brothers' School and got away with two perpetual cups—the Limerick Leader Cup and the Olo Cup—which are competed for by the Primary Schools in the city. No arrests have been made as yet.

The other theft took place yesterday when about £40 worth of goods was taken from a wholesaler's vehicle stationed in the City Car Park.



## WORLD OF FASHION RECOGNISING IRISH DESIGNERS

### Mayor at city show

"FOR some time now it has been most encouraging to see that the broad world of fashion is recognising the great potential of Irish fashion designers and who now rank with the best in the world," said the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Frances Condell, speaking at the opening of Amee's Fashion Show, in aid of St. Patrick's Hostel for old men and the special equipment fund of Barrington's Hospital, in the Royal George Hotel, yesterday, before an overflow attendance.

"We, too," she said, "cannot but fail to congratulate Amee in her initiative to use Irish cloth, where possible, in the making of her lovely garments—but more important for us of Limerick is the fact that Amee is employing Limerick labour to achieve the many excellent results in her own exclusive fashions. Amee believes in the city in the use of Irish manufactured materials and she has assured me that it is her great desire to extend her factory for the further employment of Limerick people—if Limerick people will give her the support which I feel she wholeheartedly deserves from us in this, her endeavour for our city."

**CHARITIES**

The Mayor also said: "The proceeds, as you are aware, will be divided between the St. Patrick's Hostel for Homeless Old Men in St. John's Square, Limerick, and the Special Equipment Fund of Barrington's Hospital—both of which need your active generous thought and support in the future."

Barrington's Hospital has been an institution of mercy and service to rich and poor—but more especially to the poor of our City, since its foundation. Despite the grants available to any hospital to-day, each needs the personal support of interested people to help it carry on, financially, where the red-tape ends—and, if possible, to join at that seam, a tape of elasticity of kind thought, willing help and well-needed support in an endeavour to meet the ever-stretching and never-ending demands of an hospital of the people for the people—which Barrington's has been.

**EXCELLENT**

"The more I see of the excellent work done in St. Patrick's Hostel by those tireless small band of men and women (and of the Penny Diners Committee, too, who now use this venue for their work) the more I am convinced how their work and the unhappy lot of the people for whom they work so unflinchingly could be eased if only more of us pulled our weight and did our own little bit. The poor of our city are your fellow-citizens and mine, your neighbours and mine, and we must think of them. But thought in itself is not enough. Thought can be very transient and unfounded without the solidity of constructive action behind it."

(Report and pictures of this fashion show will appear in next week-end's issue.)

**Raffle Result—Ticket No. 20 (pink) was the lucky ticket in the draw at Amee's Fashion Shows yesterday. The prize, a pair of shoes, kindly presented by O'Sullivan's, remain unclaimed, and the lucky winner should call to Amee's, 4 Lower Cecil Street, Limerick. (28p)**

**DANCE CORRECTION**

The dance advertised for the Royal George Hotel on Wednesday next has been cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances.

**ON I.M.I. COSULTATIVE BOARD**

Having been appointed a member of the Consultative Board of the Irish Management Institute, Mr. J. G. O'Donnell, B.Comm., C.E.O., of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee, has been given permission by that body to attend the meetings of the Board, which would be three or four annually.

**Young men next on Retreat**

Regarded as the most important Retreat of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, is that of St. Gerard's Division (Thursday night Division for junior men), commencing on next Monday night at 7.55 o'clock.

The successful Retreat for St. Clement's Division will close on Sunday.

Conducting the exercises are Rev. S. Mellett and Rev. P. Egan.

**Final profession**

The profession took place recently at Provincial House, Daughters of the Holy Ghost, Clapham Park, Bedford, of Sister Christopher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hanrahan, 6 Markets Field Terrace, Mulgrave Street, Limerick.

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## 'Pub' Licences renewed

To-day, in the Limerick District Court, was the annual Court for the renewal of all publichouse licences in the city, and 180 licences were renewed without objection. There were 20 objections in Court on behalf of applicants.

There was also confirmation of ad interim transfers previously granted. Among them were those of (1) Thomas Wilnot, in respect of premises at 8 Cathedral Place; (2) Jeremiah Hourigan, in respect of premises at 11 Broad Street; (3) James Deere, in respect of premises at 9 and 10 Look Quay; (4) John Cronin, in respect of premises at 15 New Road, Thomondgate; (5) Mr. Sheehan, in respect of No. 1 Nicholas Street, formerly Vaughan's.

**A little girl is heart-broken**

A little Limerick girl's heart is nearly broken because her pet cairn puppy is missing. The puppy is of a fawn colour and is four months old. The little dog used to accompany her to school each morning and go to meet her in the evening. Then on Friday of last week the tragedy happened. The little dog disappeared after accompanying her to school and has not been heard of since. Anyone having any information about the missing puppy please phone 44300. The dog's name is "Patch."

**Order of Malta children's party**

On Sunday next, the 29th inst., in the Royal George Hotel at 3 p.m., the Limerick Units of the Order of Malta will sponsor a children's fancy dress party in aid of the Limerick Handicapped Children's Fund. A number of well-known guest stars will attend, and a number of very fine prizes will be awarded. Bud Clancy and his band will provide the music. This event, for a very worthy cause, should be well worth patronising, and parents should send along their children and ABA sup. di. sup. os. Aq. deserving fund.

**City Councillor honoured**

Councillor P. Kelly was at the annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, held in Skibbereen, elected Vice-President of that body.

**BISHOP OFF TO ROME**

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, left Limerick to-day on his way to Dublin to join members of the Irish Hierarchy who are flying in a special plane from Dublin Airport to Rome for the second session of the Vatican Council. He carries with him the best wishes of the faithful of his Diocese.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (Limerick Group)**

Meeting open to the public. The next open meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 1st, in the Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m. sharp.

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Referring to the new safety measures to be introduced by the Minister for Local Government next year, the Mayor said that they were very encouraging, and said that she felt that no measure could be drastic enough at the present time, to attempt too stringent a curb on the ever rising growth of road deaths and accidents.

Having made the statement quoted at the outset, the Mayor said that she felt strongly that, through taxation, cyclists would be compelled to have proper lighting on their machines, instead of the usual little mud-and-dust-covered red discs which had been accepted in this country as the only necessary rear lighting on bicycles.

The Mayor added that she had been told that the cost of the collection of such a tax would be prohibitive, but could in no way be compared with the cost of human lives.

Another menace was the thoughtless pedestrian, especially at night, and when they walked in the dark in dark clothes on the side of the road and in the direction in

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