

Limerick Health Authority is to have new headquarters in the city. At Saturday's meeting of the Authority it was decided to take a lease of the Diocesan Hall at Pery Square and to reconstruct it at a total all-in cost of £40,000.

The lease is for 15 years, and at a rent of £675 per annum, but the Authority will have an option to purchase the premises outright at a cost of £9,000 at any time during the duration of the lease.

The Health Authority Manager, Mr. T. P. MacDiarmada, placed a report before the meeting covering all aspects of the proposition to acquire the hall.

Councillor F. Leddin said that the report should be accepted and proposed taking over the lease and proceeding with the necessary alterations to the building immediately.

Alderman G. E. Russell seconded the proposal.

Mr. Mac Diarmada said that the present premises in Henry Street were rented from Bord na gCon and were costing the Authority £500 as well as rates.

Mr. P. Harnett, Secretary of the Authority, said that the acquiring of the new premises was a most urgent matter as the owners might not wait any longer and that they had in fact intimated to him that the deadline for the taking over of the premises was Monday (today).

Mr. Mac Diarmada said that the cost on building an entirely new headquarters for the Authority would be in the region of £100,000.

Mr. Harnett said that the Authority's staff were working under the worst possible conditions at the present time.

CITY HALL

Alderman G. E. Russell said that at one time he had visualised the Diocesan Hall as suitable for a city hall but he was now satisfied that the premises would not be large enough.

The Manager's report on the proposition to acquire the Hall included the following remarks:

Present accommodation is not adequate to meet the needs of the administrative staff, and as you are aware the Chief Medical Officer and his staff occupy accommodation at Lower Gerald Griffin Street and at 71 O'Connell Street, which is both inadequate and unsuitable. Since the establishment of the Health Authority I have been endeavouring to obtain accommodation which would house both the administrative and public health staffs. The Diocesan Hall at Pery Square was offered to the Authority some time ago on the following

of reconstructing the building to provide adequate office accommodation for the staffs referred to, including Architect's fees, salary of Clerk of Works, etc., would be in the region of £40,000.

The Department of Health have been informed, and the Minister is prepared to consent to the leasing of the premises on the conditions set out above.

LOAN

It will be possible to finance the cost of reconstructing the premises by way of loan, and the repayment of such loan can be spread over a period of 25 to 30 years.

Amazing scenes at Jetland

Scenes unparalleled in Limerick's dancing history were witnessed at the Jetland Ballroom last night when the world-famous Royal Showband made one of their all too rare appearances in Limerick. From 7.30 p.m. the crowds were pouring in and so great was the rush around 9.15 p.m. that even the members of the band found it difficult to gain admittance.

The roar which greeted their appearance at 10 p.m. was deafening and as they commenced their programme with one of the latest hits, "Da Doo Ron Ron" several hundred patrons roared their approval. Biggest treat of the night was when Limerickman Brendan Bowyer sang his number one hit "Kiss Me Quick," and it took two encores before the almost hysterical crowd allowed them continue their programme.

After the dance hundreds milled round the bandstand endeavouring to obtain photographs of the band and autograph hunters kept Mr. Bowyer and Co. some fifty minutes before they were able to make their way from the venue. Certainly it was a night of nights for Limerick dancers and the next appearance of this star-combination cannot be too soon.

The Limerick Tourist Council has issued an appeal for funds in a circular issued to all interested parties locally it states that it was difficult to envisage any occupation or profession which is not effected by the Tourist Industry in some way or another.

Bord Failte has decided to decentralise much of its tourist promotion by setting up regional tourist companies. In order to ensure that Limerick City and County get their rightful share of that promotion and that their interests are protected, The Limerick Tourist Council has been formed.

The statement continues: If this council is to be an active and effective body it needs the support of the whole community. To begin with, subscriptions are needed, but also we must have your support, your ideas, and your influence as a member of the community. Do not deny Limerick its rightful place in the tourist industry, an industry which is expected to increase considerably in the next five years.

THE MAYOR IS IN LOURDES

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Frances Condell, is at present in Lourdes at the invitation of the Jesuit Sodality Pilgrimage. She suffered two cracked ribs in an accident in her home on Thursday afternoon and had them strapped up.

She received formal permission from Right Rev. Dr. Wyse-Jackson, Bishop of Limerick, Ardferit and Aghadoe.

The Mayor said she was thrilled at the honour of being invited.

There are 60 members on the pilgrimage and they will return to-morrow night.

FIVE FAMOUS RACE HORSES POISONED

Five famous racehorses were discovered poisoned at Greenways, Yorkshire, this morning. They were all found dead by a stable boy. The deaths have started a widespread police investigation.

BLACK WEEK-END ON LIMERICK ROADS

It was a black week-end on the roads in Limerick. One man died and five others were injured as the result of accidents.

The dead man is William McSweeney, St. Patrick's Road, Garryowen, a 32-years-old unemployed mechanic.

The fatal accident occurred while walking across the road.

A man told wife horse and cart, the defendant, had been riding along the the car. Witness defendant's home about it.

Defendant's son Mason, admitted car with his horse or a tank.

Witness added satisfied that defendant of the horse and that August had agreed with him had fallen off the horse had not seen happening.

The Justice asked what evidence the next defendant was.

Mr. Hayes said there had been a defendant's son was acting a father.

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Justice—Is the refute?

Mr. Hayes submitted evidence involved.

No further evidence in the case, and dismissed the claim.

Notice of appeal.

Boys' case dam

AN 11-year-old guilty before Bures at Children's Court on a charge of one of a group of other boys, money and the total was to over £10 months of July last.

Supt. J. Murphy the case, said testified by another boy (who failed entered the dwelling Mrs. N. O'Carroll Estate, Limerick window on August. They stole £10 a paint, flour, etc house, causing an extent of £85.

Then accompanied other boys, he of wafers, valued William Burke Park, Limerick.

The boy also house of Thomas Ballynanty Beg., from a gas meter Ballynanty School previous conviction.

Justice M. de heard a plea from father, whose wife ill and had to children, said, in circumstances, he him under his £5 to be of good two years for and entering charge.

He also recorded the boy be pleased.