

New South Wales Premier in Limerick

A DISTINGUISHED visitor to Limerick last evening was the Right Honourable John Heffron, Prime Minister of New South Wales. The Premier, who is on a five-day tour of Ireland, was accompanied by his wife, Mr. Willis, Secretary, and Mr. Morley, Press Officer. The visit is private and it is the first time any member of the party has been to Ireland.

Mr. Heffron has a particular interest in Limerick, as his maternal grandfather, Patrick Heah, who emigrated to Australia in the 1860's, lived in Vizes' Fields. The tour may also include Gulladuff, a little village just outside Derry which is the ancestral home of his paternal grandfather, Henry Heffron. The visit to Ireland will also have special significance for Mr. Morley, whose grandparents came from the vicinity of Dungarvan.

Yesterday, Mr. James Phelan, upholsterer, Broad Street, who is a local historian and well acquainted with the genealogy of many Limerick families, had a discussion with a member of the Premier's party. Later the visitors were taken on a tour of Limerick and Vizes' Field by Mr. Jack Egan, Rosbrien. It is probable that the Premier will meet Mr. Tommy Heath, a Limerick relative now living in Dublin. Mr. Heath had at one time a well-known dance band in Limerick.

Deputy Mayor, Mr. Vincent Feeney, in the course of a telephone conversation with the Premier, welcomed him to Limerick on behalf of the citizens. Mr. Heffron said he was delighted with his impression of Limerick and Ireland, and added that he is very interested in his family connections with this country.

When the party arrived at Shannon from London by Aer Lingus yesterday they were greeted by an official of the Company and by Mr. Bill Griffin, Area Manager, Murray's Car Rentals Ltd. Also awaiting them was a telegram of welcome from the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Griffin made arrangements for their stay in Limerick, and also planned their tour of Ireland.

The party stayed overnight at the Inter-Continental Hotel and left this morning for Killarney.

Pictured above at the Inter-continental Hotel this morning were (l. to r.): Mr. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Heffron, Mr. Mills, Mr. Kulka, manager Inter-continental Hotel, and Mr. Bill Griffin, Area Manager, Murray's Car Rentals.

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UNIQUE ART EXHIBITION ON PARK RAILINGS

A CONTINENTAL style art exhibition unique in Limerick was officially opened last night by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Frances Condell, when 46 paintings, valued at over £900, were put on an open-air display, hung on the railings on the side of the People's Park facing the picturesque Georgian houses in Pery Square.

The exhibition is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily up to next Sunday. It comprises modern as well as conventional art.

Main figure behind this unusual and attractive artistic feature is a young Limerick artist, Mr. Joseph Ryan, one of whose paintings is among the collection and is valued at £126. He is a cousin of Councillor Frank Glasgow, Chairman of the Art Gallery Committee.

With the co-operation of the Municipal School of Art, the City Art Gallery Committee and outside artists, Mr. Ryan has the distinction of giving Limerick its first open air art show.

The Mayor, in officially opening it, said she hoped the gathering (which was large and encouraging) was as proud as she in having the wonderful privilege given them in Limerick to have such an exhibition.

THE CHASM

The Mayor said: "Let us hope that this exhibition will help to bridge the chasm between the artists and the public. It is up to us to bridge that chasm; the artists have done their work. We must learn to appreciate art. Those lucky to appreciate art are on the side of the artists already."

The Mayor also said: "We are on the verge of this inter-continental tourist development and the inter-county tourist development; and here the initiative has been taken to give something to the public which they have not had before, and I am proud Limerick has taken this step, and I thank the promoters for what they have done for us."

The Mayor said she appreciated that people had to paint for a little more than personal satisfaction, and if they bought a painting by one of these local or national artists they would be doing something worthwhile to encourage art in their individual homes.

ACID TEST

Councillor Glasgow said that the exhibition was a practical effort to bring art to the people. He hoped that the exhibition would be very successful, not only from the artistic and cultural points of view but also from the financial viewpoint. The acid test of appreciation of the artists' work was by coming along and buying a picture.

Mr. Seamus Kennedy, who presided and who conveyed thanks to

the Mayor for officially opening the exhibition, said they had chosen that side of the People's Park as the setting was ideal with its marvellous view of the Georgian houses in front and the natural adornment of the park behind. He hoped that the artists' work would be appreciated by the purchase of pictures.

Among those having paintings at this exhibition are: C. M. Doran, Gerald Davis, Kenneth Webb, Tom Ryan, Sean McSweeney, Jack Donovan, Brenda Andrews, P. Bermingham, J. Buckley, J. McDonald, C. Harper, M. Jeffares, Michael Lydon, A. Lane, Charles O'Donovan, Jennie Pope, Anna St. George, George Vaughan, Noreen Williams.

The panel of judges responsible for the hanging of the pictures rejected 51 other paintings.

Rathbane housebreaking

Limerick Gardai are investigating a house-breaking which occurred at the residence of Mr. Denis O'Malley, Rathbane Terrace, on Sunday afternoon last.

There was no one in the house at the time and when the occupants returned they found that the house had been broken into. A small amount of money was taken.

Died suddenly

A 70-year-old man, Michael Kennedy, Dooradoyle, Mungret, Co. Limerick, collapsed and died this morning. He was employed by Mr. John Daly, farmer, Courtbrack, Ashbourne Avenue, S.C.Rd., and as he was milking Mr. Daly's cows this morning he dropped dead.

OSTEOPATH REFUSED BAIL

A Judge in High Court Chambers in London to-day refused an application by Dr. Stephen Ward, the London Osteopath, for bail.

Dr. Ward was remanded at Marlborough-street Court, London, for one week in custody on a charge of living on immoral earnings, which his counsel emphatically denied.

Dr. Ward was not present at today's hearing of the application, which lasted 25 minutes. He was represented by a barrister.

SECRET BRITISH CABINET MEETING

The special Cabinet meeting called by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, to discuss the Profumo case and consider the Lord Chancellor's interim report on its aspects, took place at 10 a.m. to-day in 10 Downing Street and lasted almost until noon. The deliberations were secret.

No hint was given as to how the discussions went, but it is believed that Mr. Macmillan stands a good chance of Cabinet support when the affair is discussed in the House of Commons, at which session the Labour M.P.s are certain to call for the Government's resignation.

As Mr. Macmillan left Downing Street to be among those to greet the President of India arriving in London on a State visit, he refused to comment on the meeting when questioned by Press and radio representatives.

A copy of the Chancellor's report is to be given to Mr. Harold Wilson, the British Labour Party leader.

It was later stated that there was every belief in political circles in London that Mr. Macmillan received an overwhelming vote of confidence from his colleagues.

A Government official said that the meeting appeared to have worked out satisfactorily for Mr. Macmillan.

New Helena Rubinstein beauty salon

THE new Helena Rubinstein beauty salon at Todds was inaugurated at a reception in the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, last night.

The new salon, which will be the only one of its kind in Limerick, will be under the supervision of London-trained Miss Pamela Wright, who will be available for a fortnight each month.

The full range of beauty treatments, from facials to body massage, will be available, and Messrs. Todds are to be congratulated on their initiative in helping to supply this excellent amenity.

Mr. A. Browne, Managing Director, Messrs. Todd & Co. Ltd., greeting Miss Pamela Wright at the reception held by Helena Rubinstein in the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, last night. Miss Wright, who is a beautician, will be in charge of the new department which has been arranged in Todds. Also in picture are (l. to r.): Miss G. Coughlan-Kennedy, Manager, Helena Rubinstein (left), and Miss Elizabeth Halpin, buyer in the cosmetic department of Messrs. Todd & Co.

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