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THE MENTAL HOSPITAL: REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

MR. J. C. BARRETT, Chairman, presided at last Saturday's meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee. The other members present were: - Messrs. J. J. Collins, T.D., Chairman of County Council; J. Wrenn, Co.C.; P. Maguire, Co.C.; T. Reidy, Co.C.; P. Ryan, Co.C.; C. Keane, Co.C.; J. Hayes, Co.C.; P. Creamer, Co.C.; P. Clohessey, Co.C.; D. McAuliffe, Co.C.; M. Dwane, Co.C.; J. Mackey, Co.C.; J. Reidy (Ald.), K. O'Sullivan, B.C., and K. Bradshaw, B.C.

The City Manager, Mr. M. Macken; the R.M.S., Dr. N. B. O'Higgins; Mr. J. Harnett, Chief Clerk; Mr. R. Coll, Clerical Officer, and Mr. W. Fannon, Land Steward, were the officials in attendance.

REPORT OF R.M.S.

The R.M.S., in his report, said that since the last meeting 30 patients had been admitted to the Hospital, 33 were discharged and two died. There were now 861 patients on the books, this figure being made up of 459 males and 402 females, an increase of 14 for the corresponding period last year. The general health of all patients was satisfactory and there was nothing unusual to report.

The report was adopted unanimously.

ON THE FARM.

The Land Steward, in this monthly report, said:—

During the month operations on the farm were as follows:—The after cultivation "landing" and spraying of the potato crop. The thinning and weeding of beet, mangolds, fodder beet and carrots. Sowing swedes, cabbage, carrots and kale, cutting and "saying" hay, cutting weeds and other seasonal work.

On June 30th the livestock on the farm were as follows—74 cows, 42 fat cattle, 120 store cattle, 43 calves, 2 bulls, 147 sheep, 14 lambs, 444 pigs, 7 horses, 2 ponies.

Milk returns were 4,080 gallons. Purchases were 12 fat cattle, costing £657, 5 store cattle costing £240, 63 sheep costing £540, 3s. 6d., 20 store pigs, £130. An incalf pure-bred Aberdeen Angus cow with her four months old bull calf, 187 gns. Sales were 13 fat cattle, making £987 10s.; 2 calved heifers, making £100; 2 suck calves, £15 5s.; 14 lambs, £102 10s.; 57 pigs, making £992 10s.

It will be necessary to purchase 10 fat cattle, 20 store cattle, 30 lambs and 20 sheep during the month of July.

Arising out of the report, Mr. Clohessey asked the Land Steward if it was proposed to breed Aberdeen Angus stock on the farm.

Mr. Fannon replied that it was not proposed to breed such stock. It was, however, proposed to cross

Former Limerick Baker Now A Promising Artist

A FORMER Limerick bakery worker is making a name for himself as a promising artist in London. A couple of weeks ago two of his works were shown in the Royal British Art Galleries at an exhibition sponsored by the Society of British Artists.

Meet, 20-year-old Danny Kelleher, whose home is at 27, Flood Street, Killalee. Two years ago he worked in the National Bakery, Broad Street, but he did not take this work very seriously, because all his life he has wanted to be an artist.

STUDYING ART IN LONDON.

In 1952 a cousin of Danny came to Limerick on holiday from London. When she returned to England, she carried with her one of his pictures: a study of Monaleen Parish Church. She showed the picture to one of her friends, and the friend was so impressed that she advised her to urge Danny to come to England to study art.

The suggestion was just what Danny wanted, so he packed his bags and left home. Now he studies art four nights weekly in the London Co. Council College of Art. He works by day, and is very happy.

ART GALLERY AUTHORITIES IMPRESSED.

Danny's mother told the "Limerick Leader" that her son had written to her recently, telling about his works—two water colours—being chosen for exhibition in the Royal Art Galleries on June 22nd. The Gallery authorities were so impressed with the works that they gave him a season ticket enabling him to visit the Galleries free of charge any time he chooses. Said Mrs. Kelleher: "Danny is a born artist. I'm sure of that. From the time he was a small boy he has been painting, and experimenting with colours. He is a very sensible lad, and I am sure there is a great future in store for him."

STARTED 'ART' IN 'TECH.'

Before leaving home, Danny studied art in the Limerick Vocational School. But he could not attend the classes regularly because of his work—he worked in the bakery by night—and this was one of the main reasons for his decision to pursue his chosen career in England. Among his mother's proudest possessions are two of his paintings, which adorn the walls of her dining room.

REDS CLAIM FIRST ATOMIC STATION

MOSCOW Radio claims that the first electric power station to use atomic energy began working in the Soviet Union on June 27th.

The radio was quoting an official statement by the Soviet Council of Ministers, but did not say where the station was situated.

It was said to have a capacity of 5,000 kilowatts and to be supplying electric power for industrial and agricultural purposes to the surrounding districts.

Soviet scientists are working on projects to build atomic electric power stations with a capacity from 50,000 to 100,000 kilowatts, the radio announced.

COUNCIL'S STATEMENT.

The statement from the Council of Ministers said:—

"The work of designing and constructing the first industrial electric power station, using atomic energy, has at present been successfully completed by the efforts of Soviet scientists and engineers. The station has a useful capacity of 5,000 kilowatts."

"On June 27th an atomic electrical power station was put into operation and produced electrical current for industrial undertakings and for agriculture in the areas nearby."

"For the first time an industrial turbine is working, not due to burning of coal or other kinds of fuel but due to atomic energy produced by the fission of the nucleus of the uranium atom."

"By the introduction of an atomic electrical power station, a definite step has been taken towards the peaceful utilisation of atomic energy. The station is now working on work to set up industrial power stations worked by atomic energy with a capacity of 50,000-100,000 kilowatts."

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