

people against animals,
young to get involved in saving them.

It comes from the Limerick and Clare Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The society, which will have a stall at the Horse Show next week, is looking for young members. It is also seeking more money.

Mrs. Eileen O'Toole, who has long connections with the society, told our reporter this week of how young people could help.

They could keep a vigilant eye out for acts of cruelty against animals; with their membership card they could go to the Gardai and demand immediate preventive action.

They could also work actively for the betterment of animals.

Mrs. O'Toole gave instances of cruelty which had, among others, come to her notice since she returned to Limerick.

She instanced a donkey which was being beaten with a chain near King John's Castle by a tinker boy.

Quicklime

There was, she added, a boy who used quicklime to catch birds—this happened in Corbally—and he used pull the legs and wings off the birds while alive.

If young people could commit cruelty to animals, said Mrs. O'Toole, then they would eventually commit acts of cruelty to people—the aged or infirm.

She gave an instance of live rabbits and kittens being sold to "blood" greyhounds.

There were, she noticed, a lot of stray dogs round Limerick.

Pet dogs could be bought at the market by children who, when they arrived home, found that their parents did not want the animals. The dogs then were allowed roam free.

A particularly sad case, she added, was where a dog was run over on the Ennis Road, and left dying. The Gardai came and put two humane killer "shots" into the stomach of the animal, although a "shot" should have been put through the head. Visitors off a bus saw the spectacle of the animals lit on the road.

Destroyed

During the past year, the Limerick and Clare Society collected 4,225 strays and destroyed 3,996. There were 553 dogs put down at the owners' requests. Homes were found for 79.

A total of 227 cats were collected, and 227 cats were put down—nobody wants cats.

The society in this area is put to the expense of paying £40 a week for the running of a dogs' home, but Mrs.

O'Toole feels that an ideal site for a proper dogs' home would be the Potato Market near the Courthouse.

She feels that the Corporation and County Councils could give some assistance to the society for the work it is doing in keeping public standards on hygiene.

Clover Meats closure threat latest

There is a strong likelihood that the threatened closure of Clover Meats in Limerick will be averted.

According to a statement from I.T.G.W.U. leader Mr. John Bashford, who is extremely optimistic, the men are accepting the suggestion of a trial period.

During this period, a proposed new scheme, to make the plant more efficient and economical will be tried out.

About 250 people would be affected by the closure, if it came about within the next week or so, as had earlier been predicted.

The pork butchers employed at the plant were earlier stated to be "dubious" about the proposed new scheme by management.

But following a general meeting this week, at which there were major changes on the pork butchers' committee, the men decided to accept a trial period.

A union official said in Limerick this Friday that a meeting between the management and unions would take place this Friday afternoon regarding the threatened closure of Clover Meats. He said that he was hopeful to a successful outcome to the meeting.

Drowned

Mr. Tom Cooke, who lost his life in a drowning tragedy in Galway this Thursday, was a brother of Limerick-based photographer, Sean F. Cooke.

DEATH

FRAHILL — August 18, 1976, at St. Camillus' Hospital, Bridget, 45 Knockalisheen Road, Ballynanty Beg. Very deeply regretted by her loving sons, daughters, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal to St. Munchin's Church on Thursday evening at 6.45 p.m. Requiem Mass on Friday at 3 o'clock. Funerals afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (C)

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He was delighted that the O'Brien family had decided to commemorate the Mayorality of such a great citizen as the late Councillor Paul A. O'Brien in this manner, and he thanked them on behalf of the citizens. As a memento of the occasion, he presented Mr. Paul R. O'Brien with a history of the Mayoral Chain and a list of all the Mayors of Limerick from the first holder of the office, Adam Sarvant, in 1197.

Family

Mr. Paul R. O'Brien said he was presenting the solid gold medallion on behalf of the members of the family. "Fifty years is a long time after an event, but the family decided that they would like to have their father associated permanently in this way with those distinguished members of the City Council who have held this high office and who have made their contribution to the welfare of the citizens of this city."

They had inscribed on the medallion some of the important events which took place during his terms of office in 1925-26 and 1926-27, covering national, civic, religious and sporting events. These were, he said, the beginning of the Shannon Hydro - Electric Scheme, the conferring of the Freedom of the City on Most

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