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Bell ringers at Mount St Alphonus ("the Father's Church"), 27 May 1955 proudly displaying a trophy they won

FORTY YEARS AGO



BUSINESS

Under-age drink pledge by mayor

LIMERICK's Mayor, Cllr Frank Prendergast, this week pledged his support to the campaign for the introduction of tighter legislation to curb the sale of drink to under-age persons. Speaking at the 43rd annual dinner and dance of the Limerick Branch of the Vintners Federation of Ireland at the Parkway Motel, he said that Ireland could boast of the highest number of teetotallers in the entire world. But, he said, drink was becoming more fashionable and from time to time alarming statistics appeared in the newspapers about drink. Often these figures were

presented in an emotive manner and certain interpretations were put on them to highlight particular stories. However, the sale of drink in establishments were there was no control should be stamped out and he was all in favour of tighter legislation in that field. He paid tribute to the members of the association in Limerick for the standards they set themselves and for the manner in which they conduct their business. "In the course of my duty, I often bring visitors into various premises in the city and the visitors have gone away most impressed with what they saw," he said. The mayor added that hygiene was also "essential" in the trade and "you all carry out this to a very large extent".

POLITICS

Evictions were 'unfortunate'

A TOP-level government official has described as "unfortunate" the recent and much publicised eviction by Limerick Corporation of fourteen families - 28 adults and 60 children - from various areas of the city. Victor Bewley, adviser to the Minister on the settlement of Travelling People, called on city manager T.F. McDermott to rectify the situation at the earliest possible date and help correct the "bad public image" they have caused. In a letter, he said he was "indeed sorry to read about it" and it was a "sad public image for Limerick".

FIFTY YEARS AGO



COMMUNITY

Corbally increases its population

A FANTASTIC increase in the population of the Corbally area was mentioned at Limerick Circuit Court this week during the hearing of an application under the Licensing Act, for permission for a licence in respect of premises proposed to be erected at Corbally. Applicant was Mr Dominic Dineen, building contractor, Delmayne, S.C.Rd. Mr Dermot Kinlen, instructed by Mr D. Punch, appeared for the applicant. Mr F. Griffin SC, Mr W. Binchy, BL (instructed by Mr D.J. O'Malley) represented the objectors and Mr

John Kirby, nominee of the Limerick Licensed Vintners Association was represented by Mr Johnson BL.

Mr Kinlen outlining the case for the applicant said his client was seeking a declaration on the suitability of the premises, which was situated at Corbally, an area in which there had been a considerable amount of development in recent years. Furthermore, Limerick Corporation had now zoned the area for residential purposes providing for a further 1,500 hours. This was once a rural area, said Mr Kinlen, but in recent years there had been a fantastic increase of between 300 and 400 per cent in the population and there was only public house in the area.

Business

Credit Union's savings soar

THE vital part which credit unions are playing in the economic life of the country was stressed at the annual dinner and social of the C.I.E. Credit Union held in the Savoy Banqueting Suite last night. It was disclosed that the union had now 600 members and that saving amounted to £20,000 and continued to grow. It was suggested that the possibility of credit unions being utilised to start local industries be examined. Over 200 attended the dinner the second since the foundation of the union about three years.