

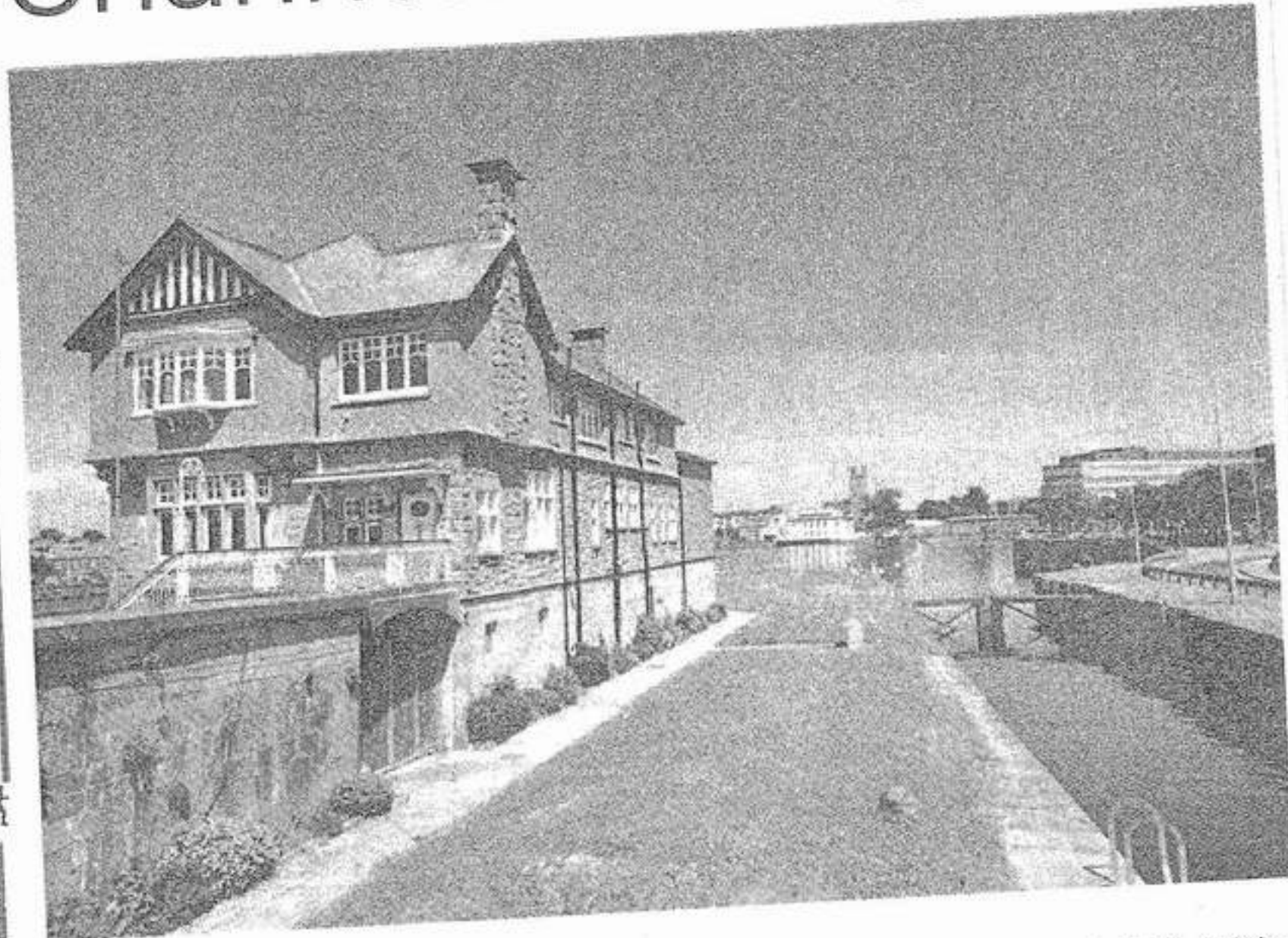
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of Limerick City Council were told the local authority has bought the house, in Pery Square for €350,000 from the Civic Trust.

On the acquisition, Cllr Michael Doherty said, "A lot of work went into that house, it's a fabulous asset to the city". Cllr Doherty said the city needed to "turn the Georgian quarter" as it was one of the city. He added that he was sure the house would be made good use of during the events next year.

Annacotty base for Shannon rowing club



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SHANNON Rowing Club, the oldest rowing club in Limerick city, is to apply to Limerick County Council for planning permission for a new clubhouse at Annacotty.

The proposed development at Ballyvollane will consist of a two storey building incorporating boat storage area, gym, changing facilities and a meeting room.

A retractable pontoon and support structures are also planned to facilitate access to the River Shannon. The project, on a five acre site, has still to be costed.

The club's current base is a landmark Edwardian-style heritage building on Sarsfield Bridge on one of the main access routes to the city. During the week, rowers do gym, bike and rowing machine work in a fully equipped gym in the building.

"At weekends, we avail of a fantastic stretch of water at Annacotty which is ideal and is sheltered

and non-tidal. This allows us to hold training sessions at a set time and also adds a greater safety aspect to rowing," a club spokesman explained.

The club was founded in 1866 by Sir Peter Tait on a manmade island in the Shannon that was connected to Sarsfield Bridge.

The detached two-bay two-storey over basement stone clubhouse built around 1902 stands on a pier know as Shannon Island or Wesley Pier against a backdrop of King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral and the river.

The club has two championship snooker tables and members proudly point to the fact that the club hosted an exhibition match between Alex 'The Hurricane' Higgins and Jimmy White some years ago.

The club president is Ian Cumiskey and Conor Gilligan and Sean McGowan are vice presidents.

Well known Limerick journalist, the late Arthur Quinlan was a former Club president who regularly hosted branch meetings of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) in the clubhouse.

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