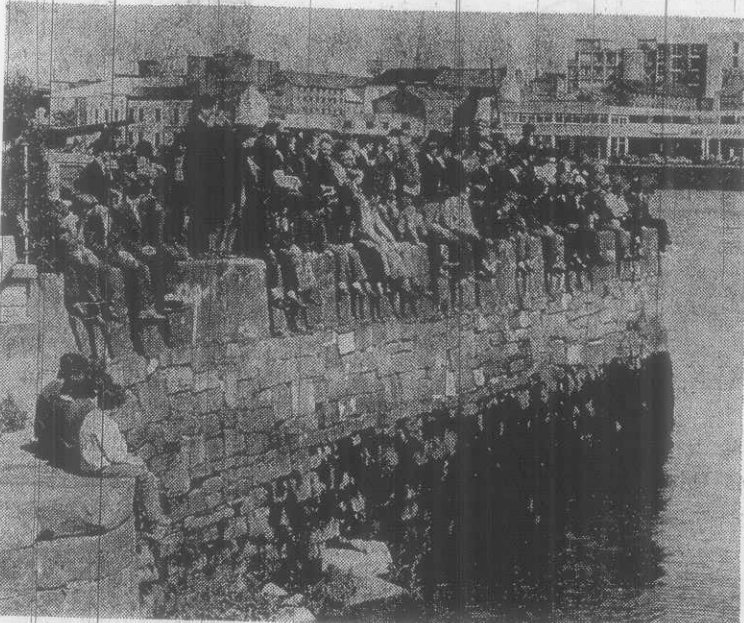


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Section of the crowd attending the Limerick Citizens' Regatta pictured at St. Michael's Rowing Club on Saturday last. L.L. Photo.

Corporation to purchase Baggott Estate

THE CITY COUNCIL has given the go ahead for the purchase by the Corporation of most of the Baggott Estate, which is in the Ballinacurra area. This means that 34 of the 55 acres which comprise the estate will be kept as open space for the public, and will be an asset to the city in the years ahead.

The cost of the 34 acres will come to £25,000.

Negotiations were held to-day between the building contractors who intend to erect houses in the remainder of the estate on what areas should be preserved as playing pitches, open spaces, and the like.

The matter of playing pitches was discussed at last night's meeting of the City Council, where Alderman Pat Kennedy, N.T., proposed, and Councillor J. P. Liddy seconded the purchase of the 34 acres for the preservation of open spaces and the making of playing pitches in the housing estate.

Seven acres

Alderman Kennedy also proposed that the 7 acres at the north-east corner should also be acquired. He said that Portland Estates owed the Corporation almost 2½ acres of open space in respect of new residential housing in the area, and this could be compounded with any new agreement.

Alderman Kennedy added: "Limerick Corporation has recently concluded an agreement for the sale of land to the Department of Education at a figure of £70,000, and a good portion of this should now be set aside for the provision of amenities and public open space facilities."

Wildlife

Councillor J. P. Liddy said there should be a part of the estate set aside for game, and wildlife and, of course, the trees, which were an asset.

His wishes of the residents should be adhered to in this respect he pointed out, and the Corporation should strive to ensure that the area would become in the years ahead an amenity for everyone.

He stressed the urgency of the negotiations for the preservation of the playing pitches.

Mr. Liddy enquired if there was a grant of £300,000 available for the further improvement of this facility.

The Assistant Town Clerk, Mr. Tom Colliery, said that generally this grant did not apply to cities.

The Mayor, Councillor A. O'Driscoll, said that the Council was unanimous that the area should be preserved, and that talks on the open spaces and pitches would start on Tuesday morning.

Replying to enquiries from Alderman Kennedy, the City Engineer said that 64 houses would be erected in Ballinacurra Estate and more would be erected in part of the Baggott Estate, but the number was not finalised.

Councillor Liddy wished the

Corporation every success in its discussions with the building contractors and hoped that the talks would be brought to a speedy conclusion.

Ex-Garda Jack Golden

The death has taken place at the County Hospital, Portlaoise, of Mr. Jack Golden (ex-Garda Slochana), formerly of O'Callaghan's Strand, Limerick. Jack Golden spent over 30 years (almost his entire service in the Force) attached to William Street Station, where he enjoyed wide popularity with his colleagues and the public alike. His very human qualities made him every ready to give the benefit of the doubt to petty offenders. He had an alert mind and was a great reader. Possessed of an infectious good humour he could bring a keen sense of fun to any situation.

When he retired in 1963 he returned to live in his native Abbeyfeale where in earlier years his family had extensive business connections. He was a member of Abbeyfeale Golf Club of which he was a former Vice-President and Treasurer. When he lived in Limerick he played golf in Castletroy.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, two brothers, nieces and nephews.

Sentenced

A criminal court in Rome has sentenced a self-professed anarchist student to 18 months in jail for scribbling phrases interpreted as expressing pleasure at the murder of Milan police official.

DEATHS

REYNOLDS — June 12, 1972, at St. Camillus Hospital, Margaret, relict of Michael Reynolds, 14 St. Ita Street, St. Mary's Park. Deeply regretted by her loving sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

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KELLY — June 12, 1972, in U.S.A. Bridie Kelly (nee O'Reilly), Ballinora, Maryland, U.S.A., late of 3 Vizes Field, Limerick. Deeply regretted by her brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.

Limerick pilgrimage to Knock

MORE THAN 1,500 pilgrims from Limerick Diocese took part in a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday organised by the Union of Prayer.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Condon, C.C., St. Mary's, and during the Mass a lady from Belfast claimed to have been cured of multiple sclerosis. Mrs. Patricia McCoullagh, 24 Baltiv Avenue, Belfast, said that she had suffered from the disease for seven years and that while Rev. Alan Walpole, S.M.M., was imparting the blessing of the sick she felt a peculiar sensation running over her

doctors, and personal friends.

The leading pilgrimage on Sunday was organised by the Union of Prayer, and three trains, one each from Limerick City, Abbeyfeale and Rathluire, carried more than 1,500 pilgrims from the Limerick diocese.

The Limerick City pilgrims were led by Rev. J. Condon, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Crowe, C.C., St. Paul's, and Rev. Father Noone, C.C., St. Munchin's. Invalids were accompanied by members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, under Cadet-Superintendent J. Kennedy, and Capt. A. M. McDonnell.

Rev. D. Murphy, C.C., Newcastle West, and Rev. Father Doody, C.S.S.P., home from Naill-obi, travelled with the Abbeyfeale pilgrims, while Very Rev. T. Culhane, P.P., Parteen, and Rev. J. Fitzgibbon, C.C., Ballingarry, accompanied the Rathluire pilgrims.

St. Joseph's Choir, Limerick, was conducted by Mrs. N. Penny. The devotions ended with the solemn blessing of the sick and Benediction.

Ton weight

"I was like a ton weight lifted off me and for the first time in seven years I actually ran across to my friends."

Mrs. McCoullagh said that the doctors had little hope for her recovery but that she never lost faith in Our Lady of Knock. At a later date she intends to return to Knock on a special pilgrimage of thanksgiving.

After being surrounded by hundreds of well-wishers she was taken to rest at the French Sisters of Charity Convent, where she was visited by priests,

Complaint of delay in reply to letters

Births and Deaths

Eighty-eight births and six deaths were recorded in Limerick during the week ended Friday, June 3, by the Central Statistics Office in Dublin.

Overdraft

City Council has authorised borrowing by way of overdraft of £956,700 for the month of September quarter. It will be repaid as follows: capital £406,700; revenue £300,000; gas account £100,000; and gas capital, £200,000. Approved by Councillor J. P. Liddy and Senator G. E. Russell.

Word

ions

crowd visited the castle for the Munster

from Donaghmore, Down, adjudicated by Mr. Ed. Wilkin, an experienced piper from Donaghmore, Dublin drummer, adjudicated at the drumming.

championship was sponsored by Tuff. It was organised by Limerick C.B.S. and they had the Knights of Malta, Captain John Quinn, for supplying the Colour also the G.A.A., who had the field, and Declan, the secretary of the Grounds.

was also expressed to Tommy Moore and Mr. Kennedy, both of the