



Signing up for the "Race Against Time" were two Naval Cadets from the Finnish ship "Pchjamaa", Kim Laine and HenriUski, with race director, Paddy O'Connell and Paul O'Connor, national treasurer, B.L.E.

# PROTESTS AT REMOVAL OF SOUTHILL PILLARS

THE pillars that have guarded the entrance to Southill House for the past two centuries have gone: workmen, to the surprise of those renovating the old Georgian mansion there, came along one afternoon and carted them off.

But already voices have been raised in protest.

The graceful pillars, it is learned, are to be given a new lease of life — right in Limerick's bustling city centre.

They will proudly guard the new and graceful entrance about to be built into Custom House Park, just across the road from the Town Hall in Rutland Street.

They will also be "twinned" by two old gaslamp standards, also from Southill House; the intention of the Corporation, which is behind the move — and which owns Southill House — is to attract members of the foot-weary public into

The house is at present used by the Southill Co-Operative and, up to recently had eight men working together on a 12-month employment scheme in restoration work.

the park through a new and imposing entrance.

## Entrance

At present, the only entrance is beside Matthew Bridge, and the park is seldom visited; visitors have passed remarks about the neglected air of Custom House Park.

The park is also to have two old cannons from the Siege of Limerick installed, and these will be mounted on special plinths: their dull warlike colour, rather like the memorial to seamen at the docks, have drawn very favourable comment.

The pillars from Southill House were very badly daubed with graffiti, and a major restoration job will now

be taken on hands by the Corporation.

A commentator at Southill House, however, expressed disappointment at the removal of the pillars, saying that they were a part of the house itself.

Commenting on the move, Mr. Peadar Clohessy, T.D., said that the pillars were of lovely cut stone and should have been left there where they were.

## Appearance

"If you look at it this morning, it is more like Long Kesh than Southill, as it has destroyed the whole appearance of the place," he said.

"And furthermore, the caretaker's wife asked them

who they were and they did not identify themselves. I will be calling on the powers that be to have them put back there.

"I regard that entrance to Limerick city as important as any other."

Asked to comment on the danger of the pillars being covered in graffiti again, he said, that this was not the only entrance to Limerick covered in graffiti; he was sure that graffiti was merely a phase that would pass and the caretaker there would stop any.

"If the Corporation went only 150 yards down the road to its own property, Southill Field, there were also two lovely stone-capped pillar thrown down on the ground."

## Limerickmen all



At the recent President's dinner of The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, the Guildhall, London, were Tom Brennan, F.C.C.A., outgoing President of the Irish Region the Association, Wilton Dennehy, F.C.C.A., outgoing President of the Munster/Connaught Society and Liam C. Madden, F.C.C.A., President of the Leinster Society, all natives Limerick.

Tom works with Tom G. Brennan & Co., Certified Accountants, in Limerick. Wilton is Partner with Dennehy & O'Gorman & Co., Accountants, and Liam is an Executive Director with Bank of Ireland Finance Limited, in Dublin, where he is responsible for Finance and System Developments in the Company.

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