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"There they were," said Davy Gunn, "and they holding their cups out from them with their ludeens cocked sideways

Gunn they have their match, because in a single barrage of words he destroys them.

Matchmaker

It was the same with the late and great matchmaker Dan

Dan unctuously to the man who had spoken the cutting cantos, "but 'tis yourself has the elegant tone of voice and the feel for versification."

"Thank you, sir," said the reciter. "You have a fine eleg-

Massive

The gun was a massive weapon and, despite army security, people travelled long distances every Sunday just to catch a glimpse of it.

benefits every man, although I don't get paid for it like you."

All present murmured assent at this. It was the first prick of the rapier and it promised better things to come. "Do you know the mighty

Faith in oneself and in the ways and speech of those who went before us are better than any armour, where as to be affected is to concede ground to the enemy before the chips are down.

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BY TOM NESTOR

ABOUT a year after you had laboured under Samuel, Harry arrived in the office. He came with something of a fanfare for he was connected with one of the supreme powers and that in those days was something of special status. He had another claim to fame, in fact the same Harry had legion claims to fame. He had gone through a succession of jobs in what we used call the manual operations, therefore he was expert in work that we had little knowledge of. That in its own right was something to be remarked. Harry had made the grade and the making of it cast him in special position especially amongst those of his former cronies in former departments. You forget now what the work was that Harry came to do. In fact you still believe that no one knew for certain what it was, and that applied to Harry himself as well as to other colleagues and sometimes bosses. Carthy had gone to newer and brighter pastures and what he had claimed as success was part of what Harry was supposed to do. In reality

Harry was famous. Mention his name to anyone in any part of the organisation and the face would instantly register recognition. Not only that but mention of his name brought a memory of some episode to mind and should one have the time and the inclination one could be talking about Harry all day. You are not too sure either how Samuel responded to the coming of that young man amongst us. No doubt that he too deferred to the privilege of the young man's position, and indeed his connections. It was a strange thing that, how much it influenced people's approach to Harry. From his own part he rarely referred to it and when he did you invariably got the impression that the connections were more of a hindrance than a help. Whatever it was, at least it had the same result. Samuel would never take him on in open conflict as he took you on and it was surprising how tolerant he could be and understanding

too when things went wrong. Things did go wrong around Harry's job, not because Harry didn't have the ability and talent to get it right but one thing was for certain, he would never bring the same sense of dedication to the work as Carthy did. Work to Carthy was the avenue by which he would create greatness for himself; he had it all calculated and planned and we all knew for definite that when Carthy left us he was doing so for greener pastures no matter how the move might be described as simply a transfer for greater eventual opportunity. Harry didn't seem much taken with opportunity. Work for him, at least in those days, was a much simpler means to an end than was Carthy's. It meant pay day once per week and that was that. Therefore the philosophy that motivated the waiting for pay day was itself intrinsically simple. He was out to enjoy himself, that was the only way to live the life that we were all

guaranteed to make him sound unconcerned and uncaring. Mary would pray to her particular saint of the moment, mostly she vacillated between St. Anthony and St. Jude. Cronan would worry out the problem with a steady analytical approach; it might take time but it worked. Harry didn't give a hoot; if the problem fixed itself well and good, if it didn't it wasn't his responsibility to fret about it. We used call that attribute "coolness" where you came from. Here in the office it was downright toughness, the token of the hard man. Strange how we impose labels upon people, strange how we would dispel the worry by immediately fixing the problem to remove any responsibility from himself. Fred would bother himself too, but in the nature of that man he would strive to hide it and turn the problem to a spate of well chosen words

the label upon himself as if he had been willed it by some kind of divine edict. It fitted him well, however, and he took it and developed it and extrapolated it until it was all accepted with the perfect truth of absolute certainty. For that reason Harry would never be alone. Little crumbs of the man's character were forever falling from the table and falling upon those who surrounded him. Therefore he never lacked for followers. He was in that office with you and the rest for about three years. In that time you probably enjoyed the most hilarious and unusual part of your lifetime. It was a ball and it went on day after day, night after night, week-end after week-end for many years. You weren't the only follower, there was almost a queue waiting on the wings to take up their tents and likewise follow. Harry would blow hot and cold about the following clan, whatever dominant interest of the time occupied him usually declared who the people were that would share it with him.

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PROPERTY REPORT

"SUNVILLE House," North Circular Road, the former residence of two esteemed Limerick families, the Cleeves and the O'Malleys, has been converted into offices, with seven luxury houses being built on the adjoining 11 acres.

This period residence dates back to the last century and was originally built by the Cleeve family. It was later the home of the late Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D., Minister for Health and Education, in the Fianna Fail government.

Restored

After Mr. O'Malley's death in 1968, the house was sold to an American lady. It was purchased two years ago by Dunbarr Securities, Cork, and has now been beautifully restored, offering approximately 6,000 square feet of quality office accommodation.

The house has been completely reconstructed inside, while at the same time retaining all its old character. Modern facilities such as central heating, canteen, toilets, etc. have been installed, and what makes it all the more attractive for those seeking good office accommodation is the large car park.

"Sunville House" is within close proximity to the city and Dunbarr's are confident they can attract the right type of clientele. Preferably, they would like to let the house in one unit "but neither would they object to two tenants," explained Mr. Pat Kearney of Rooneys, who are the sole letting agents.

There is a lot of history attached to "Sunville House" and while the developers had originally planned to demolish the residence, they must be complimented on their decision to preserve such a fine building.

The houses on the adjoining

land are very much in keeping with the area. The first two to be built are already spoken for, and it is likely that the remainder will be sold before the turn of the year.

Built in red brick they are quite spacious and at £68,000 would seem to represent good value for money. Included in the sale price is a fully fitted kitchen, comprising of cooker, fridge, washing machine, etc. - the housewife's dream. Comparable houses in other centres command anything up to £80,000.

The trees and shrubbery which were part of the old "Sunville House" have been retained.

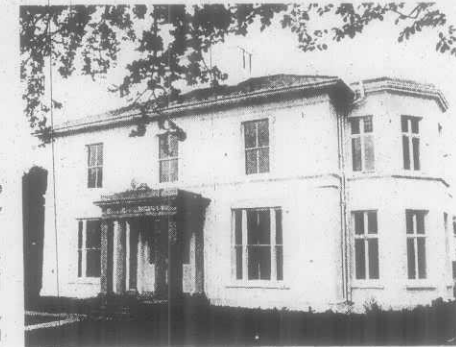
Top quality

Rooneys inform us that the demand for top quality houses in Limerick continues unabated despite the recession. This point has been borne out by other auctioneers in the city.

What has been observed in recent times is that fewer three bedroomed semi-detached houses are coming on the market. This has been attributed to the fact that people are reluctant to trade upwards because of the economic state of the nation. Those going for the large type residences are principally businessmen who have been transferred in their employment to this region and are selling existing properties elsewhere.

What must surely be the bargain of the week is a newly built three bedroom semi-detached house in Stenson Park - just two minutes walking distance from Jury's Hotel - which is on offer at slightly less than £29,000. This includes car-

Cleeves, O'Malleys . . . who next at Sunville House?



Sunville House, NCRd., which has been converted into offices.

pets and curtains, manicured gardens and central heating. The owner is leaving the country and is anxious for a quick sale. Rooneys are the selling agents.

Still on the subject of three bedroomed semis, Brian Begley Ltd. received in excess of £32,000 for a McInerney home in Dun An Oir, Milford Grange. The house was originally bought about six years ago for around £8,000.

There is always a good demand for houses in Milford Grange, said Mr. Begley, due no doubt to its closeness to NIHE and Thomond College. This area is an investors paradise and we know of complete houses being let to students and bringing in a weekly income of little less than £100.

Hotel

Begley's are also negotiat-

ing the sale of a city centre hotel and developments are expected within a matter of days. The hotel is question enjoys a lucrative business and is long established. It is understood that the present owner is retiring from the hotel business. "We expect the deal to be fully completed by this week-end," said Mr. Begley.

Another interesting property which he has on his books is the home of Mr. Noel Cassidy, the professional at Castletroy Golf Club. The house is located in Monaleen and has a granny flat alongside. Offers in excess of £60,000 will be entertained. A five bedroomed detached house in the same area recently fetched around £57,000.

"Soleil", O'Connell Avenue, the property of Mr. Eddie O'Connor, was recently withdrawn at auc-

the reserve, but negotiations are now continuing with an interested party.

Meanwhile, de Courcy's report that they have sold "Rosanna," a two storey detached residence in Summerville Avenue for close to £50,000.

This is a much sought after area and Mr. John de Courcy informs us they are now looking for similar type properties for disappointed underbidders.

"Rosanna" was purchased by Mrs. Hurley, who recently sold a detached house near the Redeemptorist Church for a figure little less than £100,000. The Summerville Avenue residence is around 50 years old and was said to be in excellent condition. It has four bedrooms.

There was a period when it was difficult to sell properties in the Ashbrook area, but now comes news that de Courcy's have sold both a detached and semi-detached for "very satisfactory" prices. Ashbrook would appear to be an ideal location in which to live and it is one of the better-estates in the city.

Confident

Number Three Vereker Gardens came up for auction last week but while it attracted a good deal of interest - and bidders - the reserve was not reached. Nonetheless, Rooneys inform us they are confident of an early sale and that negotiations with a certain client are well advanced.

This residence came under the spotlight for the simple reason that a house two doors away sold for

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£65,000 two years ago. We understand that No. 3 will not fall far short of that price. Likewise, McMahon's withdrew Manifold's Shop in Pennywell, after it failed to reach the reserve at auction. This shop and residence enjoys a most prestigious position and it cannot be too long until a buyer is found.

"The White Cockatoo," a well known licensed premises in Birdhill, County Tipperary, is being sold by private treaty by Aston Deller and Martin. This residential licensed premises has a fine lounge bar, pool room, kitchen, four bedrooms, etc. and certified turnover figures are available.

The number of licensed premises which have come on the market in the region in recent months must be an all time record. We also notice that the Market Bar is at present on the market - forgive the pun.

Auctions

NEXT WEEK'S: They say that picturesque Adare is the place to live. Well, if you are seeking a house in this former Tidy Towns winner then the opportunity presents itself next Wednesday when Aston Deller and Martin put Park Avenue, Adara, under the hammer.

This is a most pleasantly situated bungalow, having all modern amenities and a large hall, sitting room, four bedrooms, bathroom and toilet, etc. Outside there is a detached garage and front and rear gardens.

On next Monday, De Courcy's are selling valuable accommodation lands at Glenagown, New-castle West. There are 77 acres in all. The land, mostly upland dairying, are situated just one mile off the main Killarney Road.

For further information on these properties, see our advertising columns.

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