

## 40 YEARS AGO

### CURRAGH CHASE

AFTER 300 years, the ownership of Curragh Chase, the home of the poet, Aubrey de Vere, passed from the de Vere family to the Department of Lands.

Mrs Isobel de Vere, in the course of a statement said: "... I hope that these wide and varied woodlands, including as they do part of the remaining primeval forest of Ireland, will have the full expert care which, with all our love of the place and its memories, I and my husband were able to afford to give it.

"A deep interest in the home of the poet, Aubrey de Vere, has been shown by those at the head of affairs, who it is believed, will seek to preserve the memorial stone and the crosses and other places of special beauty in his memory.

"The forestry officials who have been at Curragh Chase over a period have shown an appreciation of the place which gives me every encouragement for the future and the confident hope that they may be able to preserve and beautify it as no private owner could hope to do."