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Explosion in demand for education SERIOUS SCHOOLS PROBLEM

New approach is urgently needed

(By TOM TOBIN)

A SILENT explosion has shaken the city of Limerick . . . yet it seems to have gone unnoticed by the majority . . . It is an explosion in the demand for education and it has hit the 29 primary and the 13 secondary schools in this city. It has created a serious position in almost every school and has put accommodation at a premium.

There is no prospect of an early solution without Government aid. On the contrary, it will get worse and will provide many a headache for parents and schools' authorities before the problems involved are overcome.

At present, 10,363 boys and girls are attending the primary schools and indications are that this number will rise very considerably within the next five years and urgent steps will have to be taken to accommodate them.

There are many boys and girls waiting to get into overcrowded schools in all parts of the city. Parents in some areas are, in fact, travelling from one end of the city to the other to take their children to school.

Complaints of overcrowded classes have become so serious that many of the schools' authorities have conveyed their concern to the Department of Education.

It is no secret that it is their long-felt wish that sanction would be granted for the division of classes into manageable numbers—something that would ensure a better opportunity for the children and for the teacher also.

SPECIAL REVIEW

In some schools in Limerick, classes have been broken into two sections—A and B or the "good at Irish and the bad." It has been suggested that the "good" get preferential treatment—something that has been denied by the authorities spoken

to by our reporter. Another matter for concern is the fact that boys and girls have to stay back in some primary schools to await an opening in the secondary school. And here again, the position is serious enough to warrant a special review. The figures supplied to our reporter for attendance at the 13 secondary schools is 2,998, but from our investigations, it is more correct to give a figure of just over 4,000. This takes in the colleges not recorded by the Department.

An entrance examination is necessary to get into any of the secondary schools, but regardless of how good a student may be, it is not possible to get into the school of one's choice by passing the examination. The fact is there is no hope of accommodating all those wanting to enter and those who cannot get through have to be satisfied with whatever they can get.

PROGRESS

Indeed, whereas a full and proper education is the right of every boy and girl, it is no exaggeration to say that to gain it is more of a complicity than anything else.

New primary schools have been built in Limerick and

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I.L.G.O.U. CONFERENCE IN CITY

Bishop on important role of Trade Unions for good

DELEGATES from every county in Ireland are meeting in Limerick's School of Commerce, Mulgrave Street, this week-end for the 45th annual Conference of the Irish Local Government Officials Union.

The Conference was officially opened this morning by the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Mrs. Frances Condell. Earlier this morning the delegates attended Mass in St. Michael's Church. This is the third occasion on which the Conference has been held in Limerick. It was first held here in 1940 and again in 1951.

The Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy said that trade unions were fulfilling a very important role in the country, not merely for their own members but also for the good of the country as a whole, as their influence was so very great. That influence imposed considerable responsibility upon the unions.

It was very encouraging to see, particularly in recent times, the trade union leaders generally making such great efforts to promote understanding and harmony among the various economic groupings in the country and between the various union groupings themselves. All that was extremely important and augured well for the rapid advance of the country.

Right Rev. Dr. Wyses-Jackson the Protestant Bishop of Limerick, said he could see a notable advance in Limerick and that was to the credit of the Local Government officials.

GREAT CHANGES

During the next quarter of a century, he said, great changes would be taking place with regard to the planning and development of the service and it was vital that the traditional and national qualities be preserved. Much of the responsibility would fall on the shoulders of those who were responsible for local government.

The Mayor of Limerick, Mrs. Frances Condell said it was

"red" when she read advertisements for posts, inviting applications from men and women, to do "similar work, under similar conditions for similar hours. Yes, the advertisement is similar for both men and women, fight down to the important part—the pay for similar work.

"We women are asked to fulfil the same educational and efficiency demands as our co-workers, the men. We pass the same examinations. We achieve similar degrees and distinctions as the men—but there we part company with demands of equality."

EQUALITY OF SALARIES

She was glad, therefore, to see at No. 9 on the agenda: "Equality of salaries," that the Mayo branch call on the union to seek equality of salaries with men for all women entering the service; (b) from the Limerick branch to have salaries of individual officers and small groups in the service aligned with one of the national grades to obviate the necessity of negotiating for those members individually on regular intervals.

The Mayor said she was glad to see that Mayo and Limerick were alive to this inequality and that they were conscious of the closed door of officialdom to individuals or small groups. The Acting President, Mr

New series on schools problems

COMMENCING next

week in the "Limerick Leader." Staffman Tom Tobin will present the first of a series of articles on his investigations into Limerick's educational problems.

This will be of exceptional interest to parents, to schools' authorities, to public representatives and

TRAWLERS FISHING FOR SALMON ALLEGATION

MEMBERS of the Limerick Fishery Board are to seek an immediate meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Lands in connection with reports that a number of trawlers had drift nets and were fishing for salmon within the Board's area.

Mr. John Daly, secretary, said that it had come to the attention of the Board that a number of trawlers at Dingle had drift nets which were capable of catching salmon. He stated that six owners had bought six salmon licences from the Kerry Board. There was no definite evidence that they were operating for salmon within the area of the mouth of the Shannon or Cash-

Bargain hunters were in early for the Summer Sale which started in Roches Stores this morning.

Funeral of tragic victim of shooting

The funeral of 11-year-old Oliver McMahon, of 31 High St., who lost his life in a tragic shooting accident at his home on Sunday last, took place to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery on Tuesday.

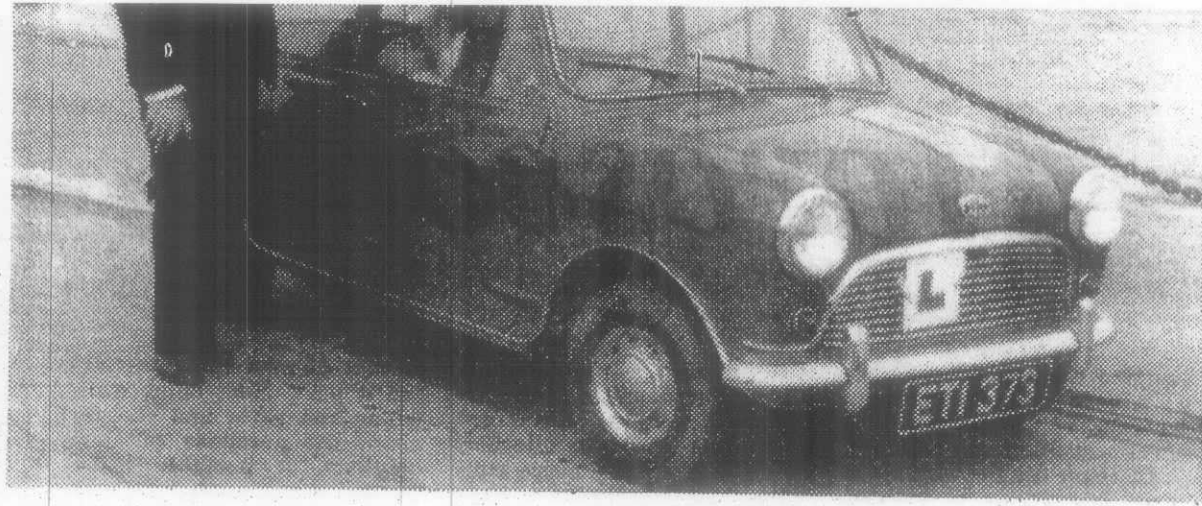
There were widespread manifestations of the sympathy of the citizens as the crowded cortege wended its way through the public thoroughfare.

The coffin was covered with wreaths and other floral tributes from clubs, C.B.S. pupils, which he attended, and his favourite pal, and residents of High Street.

Over 140 Mass cards were received.

The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon (parents); Sean, Pat, Ger, Bernard, Christy, Michael, Dominic (brothers); Pauline and Marie

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Prior to her departure to London, Miss Helen Rom, Lelia Street, had some car driving lessons. Her tutor was well-known Limerick A.F.C. player-coach Ewan Fenton, who recently opened a school for driving. Mr. Fenton's offices are in Cecil Street.

St. Mary's R.F.C. annual meeting

St. Mary's Rugby Football Club is 21 years old to-day. Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to all you boys down "Parish" way.

To mark the happy occasion a very attractive programme of events have been arranged for the coming season. Latest news to hand is the promise of a fixture with one of Leinster's most outstanding junior clubs. This will be followed with a dinner and dance, at which it is expected the top officials of the I.R.F.U. will be present.

At the annual general meeting held in the Athlunkard Boat Club premises recently, at which there was an overflow attendance, the Hon. Secretary's and Hon. Treasurer's reports showed the club's affairs in membership and financial standing to be sound.

The following were elected to office for season 1964-65:

President, J. Hayes; Vice-President, N. O'Brien; Hon. Secretary, J. Vaughan; Assistant Hon. Secretary, R. Flynn; Hon. Treasurer, B. O'Connell; Ass. Hon. Treasurer, O. O'Flynn; Branch Rep., M. McInerney; Ass. Branch Rep., D. O'Shea; Hon. Team Sec., M. Hayes; Ass. Team Sec., F. Aherne.

House Committee: Messrs. M. Hogan, M. Kerley, G. Cosgrove, C. Ryan, T. Tubridy.

Selection Committee: Messrs. M. Hayes, F. Aherne, J. Hayes, A. McInerney, A. Hickley.

Trustees: Messrs. F. Aherne, Matt Hayes, J. Clancy.

Capt. 1st XV, M. McInerney; vice-capt., C. Kelly. Capt. 2nd XV, E. Byrnes; vice-capt., G. Cosgrove. Capt. 3rd XV, G.

SERIOUS SCHOOLS PROBLEM

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others will be built in the months ahead. New secondary schools are going up and existing buildings are being extended. As fast as they go up, the demand for more and more accommodation continues. Better living conditions a greater opportunity for parents to afford to educate their sons and daughters and the tremendous development of Limerick as a prosperous hive of industry are responsible for the explosion in demand for educational facilities.

A new approach is urgently needed to meet this demand. The schools of Limerick are well aware of this fact and have reached the limit of their resources to cope with it. The time has come to make the Minister for Education and his Department fully aware of the seriousness of the situation and the need for an immediate examination of Limerick's remarkable educational explosion.

OVER £1 MILLION

In the course of an interview with Mr. Hugh O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, he told me yesterday:

"In Limerick City and County at present there are ten new schools and two major improvement schemes in course of construction and in the last twelve months eight new schools and four major improvement schemes were completed. A further nine new schools and eight major improvement schemes are expected to reach the building stage in the next twelve months. The total cost of these projects will be just over 11,000,000.

"This is a formidable programme for one county, but it is typical of the progress being made throughout the country with school building. There are at present some 230 building contracts in course of execution, including 150 for new schools and State expenditure on this service is now about £2,500,000 a year. The intention is to build 100 new schools and to

carry out 50 major improvement schemes every year.

EXPERIMENT

"As well as pressing on with the job of placing contracts and replacing old buildings with new ones, considerable time and thought has been given in recent years to the design of these new buildings and to techniques which might be used in construction so as to cut down the time required to produce completed schools. This has resulted in a "new look" school which is gradually making its appearance throughout the country. This new type school with its large, well lighted classrooms, bright colours, modern furniture and central heating is a great improvement on the older and perhaps more stolid type of building. Investigations have been made into the possibility of adapting this new type school to a modular plan which would lend itself to economic factory production of building components with a view to speeding up still more the time taken to build schools. An experimental school of this type is at present being built."

Sweep in aid of handicapped children

The Sweep on the Irish Derby being run by the Limerick Handicapped Children Committee has first prize-money of £50, and second and third of £25 and £10, respectively. The draw will take place in Cruise's Hotel next Thursday, June 25, at 8 p.m. Cards should be returned as soon as possible to A. F. Walshe, "Nadia," Fort Mary Park, Limerick, or W. Treacy Coolrairie Estate, Limerick.

Former Corporation official passes

colour Tournament will held at Stoke Poges C in May.

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Alliss, P.—Parkstone.
Bamford, B. J.—Tavis
Boobyer, F. S.—White
Bousfield, K.—Coombe
Boyle H. F.—Coombe
Brown, E. C.—Cruden
Butler, P. J.—Harbou
Caygill, G. A.—Panna
Cogle, E.—Fulwell.
Coles, N. C.—Coombe
Drew, N. V.—Ralston
Emery, R. H.—Mill H
Evans, G.—Roehamp
Fehring, H.—German
Fox, A. M.—Dalmaho
Gill, P. E.—Surbiton
Gregson, M. E.—Moor
Grubb, A. G.—Coombe
Haliburton, T. B.—W
Henning, A.—South A
Henning, H. R.—Sou
Hitchcock, J.—Ashfor
Horton, T.—Ham Mar
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dale.

Roberts, D. I.—Home
Sadler, A. R.—Wentw
Sewell, D. N.—Wentw
Sewgolum, S.—South
Shelton, B. W.—Abrid
Snell, D.—Worksoop.
Swaelens, D.—Belgium
Thomson, P. W.—Aus
Urquhart, H. F.—Un
Ward, C. H.—Little A
Weetman, H.—Selsdol
Wilkes, B. B. S.—Sout
Wilson, S.—Unattache
Wolstenholme, G. E
George's Hill.

ENTRIES

A truly International again take part in the Sweet Afton Tournament amongst the more ir overseas entries are: R cenzo, Argentine; F Argentine; R. F. Verwo Africa; T. Westbrook Africa; H. R. Hennin Africa; A. Murray, Ausl Newdick, New Zeala Yung Y. Hsieh, Japan.

Irish success America

The following is an from a report in "The hound Racing Record" first round of the fourth 80,000 dollar Flagler ional Classic (which hound racing's richest run on Saturday, June "Surprise winners proportions in the first action were Tivol's F