

**30 YEARS AGO**

and land properties even though the banks and building societies have put a squeeze on the amount of money available.

Louis de Courcy, president of the Irish Auctioneers and Valuers Association, said the market was unusually brisk for the time of year.

This was confirmed by Pat Kearney, of Rooney Auctioneers, while a spokesman for Alfred J. Sexton & Co. said that they, too, were exceptionally busy.

According to auctioneers, house property in all parts of the city and county is selling well. One auctioneer said that houses in the Caherdavin and Milford Grange areas had shot up in value by almost £2,000 in the past couple of months. A two-bedroomed terraced house in Janesboro sold recently for over £9,000. A three-bedroomed house in Garryowen is on offer at 10,000. Ballykeefe, Dooradoyle and Corbally are all very much in demand.

Mr Kearney said that there was a readymade market for houses up to £40,000 in value.

The new Aughinish plant has resulted in sharp increases in houses and land sales in the Kildimo, Askeaton and Foynes areas. Half-acre sites are fetching up to £8,000.

Auctioneer Pat Fitzgerald said that he had disposed of a large amount of property in the Kildimo district, with many enquiries coming from England.

Good farm land continues to sell well. The Lemonfield farm, about six miles from Limerick, was sold recently for in excess of £500,000.

Landscape House in Clonlara was bought by Ireland's

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**40 YEARS AGO****FAIRGREEN TALKS  
GET GREEN LIGHT**

LIMERICK County Council, at a meeting on Friday, unanimously agreed to open negotiations with the Golden Vale Co-Operative Mart Ltd. for the sale of part of the Limerick Fairgreen.

The company wants the land for the establishment of a cattle mart and the possible development later of a processed meat trade for export through the Port of Limerick.

The Deputy Manager, Mr D. Q. Dudley, said a sub-committee from the Council had met a deputation from the company, which wanted to acquire the whole area of the Fairgreen for this where possible.

However, it was pointed out by Mr C O'Neill, Chairman of the Council's sub-committee, that on the advice available to him the Council had a legal obligation to continue to provide accommodation for fairs on the Fairgreen.

Following a detailed examination of the position and a comprehensive exchange of views it finally emerged that the Golden Vale company would be prepared to negotiate with the Council for the purchase of part of the Fairgreen, including the frontage on the Tipperary Road.

This would necessitate relocating the part of the Green to

be reserved for fairs on that part of the lands bounding on St Patrick's Road.

**AER RIANTA TAKES  
OVER AIRPORTS**

AER Rianta took over the administration of Shannon and Cork airports yesterday as agents for the Minister for Transport and Power.

The management of the three airports - Dublin, Cork and Shannon - are from yesterday unified through the new general manager of Aer Rianta, Mr R. C. O'Connor, a Corkman who was formerly assistant secretary of the Department of Transport and Power and director general of the Civil Aviation department.

There was no apparent difference in the running of the airport today. Mr Brendan Murray, airport manager, who was appointed deputy manager in 1947 in succession to Mr O'Connor, continued as manager at Shannon together with his staff. The only difference being that instead of reporting to the Minister, Mr Murray will now be directly responsible to Aer Rianta.

It is understood that there will be no immediate changes in the operations of the Sales and Catering Department which has been run by Mr Brendan O'Regan, comptroller, as a concession from the Department.

Shannon Airport for more than 25 years has been run as a Government responsibility. It is felt now that the new system

will allow greater flexibility and liaison between the management of the three airports. A degree of continuity in policy will be maintained by the presence of Mr O'Connor.

**50 YEARS AGO****COUNTY COUNCIL-  
LORS APPROVE OF  
PROPOSED PARK**

LIMERICK County Council, at its meeting last Saturday, unanimously decided to take the necessary steps to co-operate with the City Council in placing the Strand House site at the disposal of the Memorial Committee for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the Limerick men who gave their lives for the cause of Irish freedom.

A deputation representing the Memorial Committee in the persons of Mrs M O'Callaghan and Ald GE Russell TD, attended the council for the purpose of ensuring the aid of the County Council in furtherance of the Memorial project.

The Chairman, Mr JJ Collins TD, who presided, told the council that the Strand House site was the joint property of the Corporation and the committee needed the permission of the County Council before they could go ahead with the erection of the proposed memorial.

Mr PJ Meghen, Co Manager, outlining the history of the site said that a number of years ago, the County Council joined with the City Council for the purpose of erecting a County Court house and joint public offices on the site which had been purchased from Mr O'Mara.

The site consisted of about three acres. The joint committee, had erected a boundary wall and then went on to consider plans for the building of the courthouse and the joint Co Council and Municipal Offices.

**HUNGARIAN FAMILY  
LEAVES SHANNON**

SCORES of Hungarian refugees and Red Cross officials from Knockalisheen Camp, including the camp commandant, Edmund Murphy, turned up at Shannon Airport on Sunday morning to give a rousing send-off to the former interpreter and teacher, Mrs Eva Kovary, and her family, who were leaving for the United States.

The complete family of seven are being adopted by a Catholic parish in Newark, New Jersey. Eleven years ago after the Communists had first overrun their country, the Kovarys were amongst the first Hungarian refugees to arrive in Ireland.

Mr Colman Kovary, who is a doctor of civil laws, has worked until recently as a legal assistant in Charleville, Co Cork.

Mrs Kovary, who is a qualified teacher and spoke perfect English, was rejected for several teaching posts in Ireland because of her limited knowledge of the Irish language.

The family had hoped to settle permanently in this country where four of their five children were born.