



Champions: The girls from St Joseph's proudly display their shields which they won in the school feile competition in 1961; do you recognise anyone in this photograph? Let us know

↘ 40 years ago

D-Day for Clover factory: talks resume in Dublin

THIS Friday is D-Day in the long history of the Clover Meats factory on Mulgrave Street.

Talks between management and the ITGWU resumed in Dublin this afternoon in a final bid to save the factory and 350 jobs and by 6pm the Mayor of Limerick Paddy Kiely was to know the outcome of crucial discussions over the procedural agreement.

By 3pm yesterday, the chance of preventing closure on Saturday looked extremely slim. But 30 minutes later a new ray of hope emerged with a call from Dublin to the ITGWU in Limerick stating that general manager Michael Collins and other top management personnel would resume negotiations with unions to try and iron out the six points at issue.

Four of the points are understood to be trivial but the two major points, concerning method of recruitment and recognition of the Pork Butchers Society, are likely to produce a long discussion. Acceptance on both those issues will certainly avert the threatened closure. The ITGWU, however, are confident that the difficulties will be ironed out.

The rest of the 250 employees - checkers, salesmen, drivers, maintenance staff, girls and foremen - have already accepted the

controversial procedural agreement.

Early on Thursday the situation looked grave as the 250 employees, fearing the worst, decided to stay out of work in support of a demand for a secret ballot by all ITGWU members on the procedural agreement - including the 100-strong Pork Butchers Society.

One giant leaf: Monster cabbage now at four feet

A HUGE head of cabbage standing nearly four feet high in the garden of Edward Long, Bengal Terrace, is posing a problem...he does not know what to do with it.

"If I left it there it would grow nearly into the size of a small tree and if I take it up I suppose I could keep the whole of Sarsfield Barracks on cabbage for a week," he smiled this week.

The cabbage, which is Early York, was purchased at Marshall's of William Street and set in April.

"At the start it was smaller than the other cabbages but then it grew way over the others when they stopped growing," said Mr Long.

"I have had a second crop since then but this head is still growing.

"It is like one of those monsters you would see in a Boris Karloff film."

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Cardinal to be Freeman of city

LIMERICK will honour one of Ireland's illustrious sons, His Eminence Michael Cardinal Browne, O.P. when on Wednesday next, on a specially elected platform outside St John's Cathedral, he will be declared a Freeman of Limerick.

The former Master-General of the Dominican Order will, before the civic ceremony, be accorded a Liturgical Reception in the Cathedral.

Cardinal Browne, recognised throughout the world as one of the great ecclesiastical personalities of his time, will arrive in Limerick between 12.30 and 12.45pm on Wednesday next, on his way from Tralee.

He will be greeted at Punch's Cross by the local Prior, the Very Rev Dominic O'Neill, who will be accompanied by the Mayor and City Manager.

A Garda motorcycle escort will be also there, as well as an escort on foot of members of the Knights of Malta.

He will be escorted via Glentworth Street to the Dominican Church and will leave there at 4.00pm for the Liturgical Reception and conferring ceremony.

Accompanying him will be his secretaries Rev Father Eustace Hayden O.P. and Rev Father Cappaccio, O.P.

An Tanaiste Mr Sean McEntee and Mrs

McEntee, sister of the Cardinal, are also coming to Limerick for the occasion and will stay a few days.

No reduction in city bus fares

WHILE C.I.E. is "doing all it can" to see its way to reduce bus fares in Limerick, it does not seem probable that it will be able to do so in the near future.

Mr J.F. Higgins, area manager of C.I.E. was asked by a Limerick Leader reporter this week if Limerick people could look forward to any reduction in bus fares in the city as the matter had been raised elsewhere on a number of occasions.

Mr Higgins replied that he was having the fares examined all the time in an effort to see if anything could be done.

The company however, he said, had to contend with the fact that the increase in fares which had taken place some time ago did not even nearly cover the cost to the company of the eight round wage increase.

The wage increase was costing the company an extra £2m per annum.

Against this, the increase in fares and rates only brought in about £1m.

The nett result is that there is a gap of £1m which C.I.E. has to try and somehow bridge while at the same time not bringing in any higher fares or rates.

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