

BUILDERS

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date would then be referred to the Labour Court again.
Mr. Reynolds advocated the extension of the co-operative movement to the building industry along the lines of the agricultural co-operative movement where it applied so well.

Monopolies

Today, there were many take-over bids culminating in monopolies and these applied to timber, plastics and many other goods used in building, and policies in relation to these were decided outside the industry's control, which had no say in it.

"I don't wish to be harsh, but basically we are fed up with the wangling which is going on," he continued.

"Some times it is said that the workers are at fault and sometimes the employers, but damage is being done to 50,000 people and neither managers nor workers are seriously taken into account."

Reverting to the co-op. movement, he said that it would be very useful in keeping people on their toes and it would be very useful also in avoiding such things as price rings.

Despite denials these things did exist in certain spheres. Mr. Reynolds said that the past year had been the worst in the country's history for strikes, except in the building industry. They had only one or two strikes of very short duration. This happy situation was due to the work of the regional areas and work by the Joint Industrial Council.

The total number of cattle in the country last June, according to the Central Statistics Office was 3,687,800, a rise of 116,000 on the previous year. Pigs were up by 52,200 to 1,115,500, but horses and ponies were down by 8,700 to 124,900, sheep by 71,000 to slightly more than 4 million and poultry by 137,700 to 103 million.

Corn crops, roots and greens were also down, and the area under hay was up by 107,500 acres to more than 22 million acres.

—T.P.

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Death of Mrs. Anna Maguire

THE DEATH has occurred of the Regional Hospital, Mrs. Anna Maguire, "Knebrack", Shelbourne Park, Limerick. Mrs. Maguire, who was predeceased by her husband, Mr. Bernard (Borrie) Maguire, Chief Supervisor of Ardara Power Station, is survived by her twin sons, Brian and Sean, a laboratory technician at the Regional Hospital. She was sister of the late Mulqueen, journalist, and of late Mrs. Nora McGwynne, widow, and Mrs. Kate O'Sullivan, Limerick.

Remains will be removed to Our Lady of the Rosary Church this Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow at 11 o'clock followed immediately by the funeral to St. Laurence Cemetery.

Haughey buys racehorse

Mr. Charles Haughey, Minister for Finance, has become owner of another racehorse, Trainer Tom Costello, of Smithstown, Newmarket-on-Regis, announced at Killarney races yesterday that he had bought Valforio on Mr. Haughey's behalf from Curragh trainer Paddy Donlevy, who owns the five-year-old.

Valforio won his last race in Naas in February and remains in the Costello stable in County Clare. The price was not disclosed.

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Brother John Cyprian Fennell

Br. John Cyprian Fennell, who died at Brownwood Hospital, Ennis, Co. Kerry, was a member of the Wexford community of Christian Brothers since 1960. He was born in 1900 in Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary. He entered the C.B.S. in 1915 and taught in Derry, Newry, Terenure, Limerick, Westport, Tralee and Wexford. He was Superior in Naas from 1939 to 1945.

MAYOR SAYS: I AM SORRY

I am not anti-Semitic - and never was, he declares

LEADER EXCLUSIVE

I WAS never my intention to insult any minority group and if I did this it was unintentional and I sincerely regret it. I am not anti-Semitic and I never was. Indeed my relations with the Jews in Limerick go back more than forty years and they have always been very good relations."

This was stated by Alderman Steve Coughlan, T.D., Mayor of Limerick, in exclusive interview with the Limerick Leader this morning when he replied to spate of attacks which have been levelled against him during the week following his comments at the annual conference of the Credit Unions held in the Kway Motel, Limerick.

Mayor recalled that on occasion he welcomed the Jews from all over the county and assured them of the hospitality of the people of Limerick. He tried to honour the entrance to the tennis clubs and the hockey clubs of Limerick, my mother-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Hanley, heard of this, and being a woman of tremendous charity who did much work for the people of any time they wished of wonderful character who had her own clear ideas of Eupenism before such ideas were fashionable, she invited the Jewish community to play tennis at any time they wished in any of the two tennis courts which were her property. Out of this came the birth of the Dalcassian Tennis Club, and it was the Jewish members who were responsible for its foundation.

Intention
My main intention was to everyone that out of a in amount of evil has come a deal of good."

Members
The Mayor went on to say that his brother, Mr. Vinnie Coughlan, was one of the founders of the Millbrook Hockey Club and he too invited the Jewish community to become members, and were, in fact, among the founder members also.

Criticism
Referring to some of the criticism and attacks which have been levelled at him when his statements were misconstrued the Mayor stated:

"It is most important to point out that what I said at the conference came as a result of the bitter attack on the people of Limerick which appeared in a certain magazine and it was only to defend our people that I tried to make comparison with past and present living conditions in Limerick."

"I would seem to me that all the extremists or the fanatics can say what they like but when someone talks back to them, he is accused of being out of turn. It has become a one-way traffic of abuse."

Charley's Aunt
The cast of Charley's Aunt — to be staged by Des Keogh Productions at Limerick's City



Alderman Stephen Coughlan, T.D., Mayor of Limerick.

QUINN CALLS FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCILLOR Joe Quinn is calling for a special meeting of the City Council "for the sole purpose of condemning this disgraceful attack on a section of our community and demand a public apology on behalf of the Limerick people as a whole" to the Chief Rabbi of Ireland.

In a statement issued this week Councillor Quinn referred to the Mayor's remarks at the Credit Union convention.

Councillor Quinn said of Limerick's 1904 anti-Jewish pogrom:

"I am sure that the majority of the present generation living in Limerick are shocked and horrified that such an atrocity could ever have been carried out by the then people of Limerick."

"And my whole point in making this statement is to point out to the people of Limerick, Ireland and the world as a whole that we, the present generation, have something that we feel very much ashamed of."

"I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to the Chief Rabbi of Ireland and to the Jewish community now living in Ireland that such a thing, no matter what the facts, circumstances, etc., were at that time, ever occurred."

"I would say this to the Jewish community in Ireland and also to the people of Ireland: please do not judge the people of Limerick because of what our Mayor has said."

"There has been a large amount of publicity recently with regard to the Maids here in Limerick, engineered, as we all know by our Mayor and another righteously man living in Limerick, for their own benefit."

"I would like to make it quite plain here and now that the vast majority of Limerick people are not afraid of the Maids, or the Jehovahs, Mormons or anybody else."

"They are not afraid of their children being corrupted, because their children have parents who can teach them right from wrong."

"They also have every confidence in their schools and religion and they are big enough to be able to handle in a charitable way any threat to children, re-

'Limerick has no room for bigotry'

COUNCILLOR Jack Bourke, former Mayor of Limerick, this week defended the city. It was, he declared, a place in which there was no room for bigotry and conservatism.

He said in a statement: "I deplore and deplore the distorted image of Limerick City that has been presented to the world at large, over the past few weeks."

"Strong expressions of resentment and anger at this false picture have been voiced by citizens from all sections of the community, and these have been justified."

"No right-minded person will close his ears to fair and honest criticism and indeed Limerick has not been slow to learn and benefit from such criticism in the past."

"But I completely reject recent allegations that our city is notoriously conservative and reeking in bigotry."

"We are, after all, living in a democracy, and the actions of a single individual or of a minority group cannot be measured as being representative of the views of all the people."

The Media

"The advanced technology of our age has opened up all the media of communication."

"Events taking place in the farthest corners of the earth, or indeed on a television screen."

"This inter-change of information and knowledge has led to a broadening of outlooks and attitudes, and Limerick has faced up realistically to the problems and responsibilities of modern living."

"Conservatism and bigotry are the by-products of an impoverished community. They stultify growth and development."

"Indeed we have to look no further than our own Six Northern Counties to see the destruction wrought by narrow-minded fanatics."

"It is ludicrous to suggest that a similar atmosphere prevails in Limerick."

"The signs of expansion on all sides are a fact that our city is a healthy, rapidly-developing community."

"Limerick Corporation has one of the best housing records in the country, and indeed it is confidently expected that the housing problem will be solved with in the life of the present Council."

"Nearly 23 million in loans and grants to people building their own houses have been issued to date."

"Many new industries have been set up in the city and arrangements are well in hand for further large-scale industrial expansion."

"Derelict areas in the city have been demolished and revitalized by the construction of new dwellings and this policy will be continued until every single area in this ancient city throbs with life and enterprise."

Untrue

"It is grossly untrue to say that there is a grave lack of Christianity in our city."

"I need only draw attention to the Social Service Centre established three years ago by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, to deal with the many social and spiritual problems that existed in the community."

"The services being provided vary from marriage counselling to home nursing; from meals on wheels to career guidance; from advice on household and financial management to care of the aged, to name but a few."

"Professional social workers are employed and work in the different areas of the city, and



A mistle thrush and her four nestlings in the belfry of St. Mary's Convent School, Limerick. The mother bird laid and hatched her eggs in the nest 10 feet above the playground. The nest is no longer there—the birds have flown. Picture: JOHN F. WRIGHT
See story on page 11.

Designed for a Spring-time mood

fitness in Saturday

et on Thursday

Re-play

at Committee are the venue and City Cup final before the referee's the Markets Field.

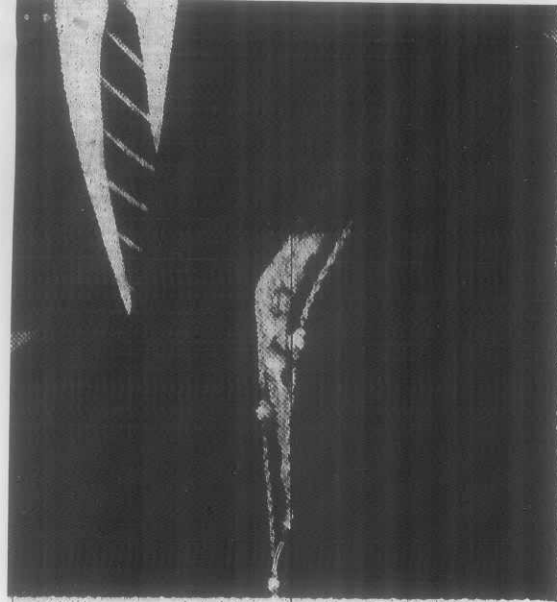
thanks to a fine goal by Hughie Hamra time.

's performance after was particularly in the opening period, tried to keep up the the resumption and after to get on a pity that the home concede what looked a victory with four ago. Shamrock Rovers meet in the second semi-final at Tolka whichever side is successful "gate" is as good

—T.P.

fixtures

Savio "A" v. Dominic at Cals. Park No. 2 at 3 p.m. M. Meagher. v. Greenfields, at stadium at 3 p.m. M. Rvs. v. Fairview at Cals. Park No. 1 at 3 p.m. D. Judge. s. v. Ballynanty Rvs. at Cals. Park No. 2 at 7 p.m. 26. Under 15 League Rvs. v. Ballyclough at Cals. Park at 2.30 p.m. id. s. v. Shannon Town, at 3.45 p.m. S. o' v. Dominic Savio, Stadium at 3 p.m. C. Vale v. Fairview Rvs. at 3 p.m. St. Rea. v. Rvs. v. St. Cle. Shels. Park at 3 p.m. 27. Under 14 League o' v. Hyde Rvs., at stadium at 6.45 p.m. T. gh Rvs. v. Wembley at Cals. Park No. 2 at 6.15 p.m. osgrove. Vale v. Ballynanty at Cals. Park No. 2



announce the forthcoming production
 theatre for one week commencing on
 Theatre Manager; Biddy White
 who play s "Charley's Aunt;" Fiona

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EDUCATIONAL training
 has always been part
 of a soldier's training,
 but last September the
 Army Authorities origina-
 ted a scheme in co-opera-
 tion with the Vocational
 Education Committee
 whereby N.C.O.'s and men
 of suitable basic education
 could attend a full time day
 course at the local Voca-
 tional Education School.

A commercial course, covering
 Irish, English, commercial arith-
 metic, maths, history, geog-
 raphy, book-keeping, commerce,
 economics, typewriting and
 sociology was planned in such
 a manner as to enable the sol-
 dier student to obtain the Group
 Certificate in one year.

In the Southern Command
 classes were formed in Lime-
 rick, Clonmel and Cork.

The Limerick class, at the
 Municipal School of Commerce,
 which consists of three cor-
 porals and 11 privates, was
 visited today by Colonel D.
 Fitzgerald, director of training,
 Army Headquarters, who was
 the chief instigator of these
 courses.

They were officially opened
 by Mr. Terence McMahon, chair-
 man, and blessed by Fr. Galla-
 gher.

Fr. Gallagher said that the
 flats would not have been built
 were it not for the generosity
 of St. John's C.Y.M.S., who gave
 a loan of £6,000 and an anony-
 mous donor who presented a
 gift of £2,500.

Tributes

Fr. Gallagher said that each
 flat was rented at £3-5-0 per
 week, plus 10/- compulsory
 savings - at 6 per cent - which
 would be refunded.

He paid a tribute to the build-
 ing contractor, Mr. Harry Ryan,
 Newport, Co. Tipperary, and
 to the Limerick Corporation
 for providing a site, and to Sis-
 ter Caoimin, Limerick Social
 Service Centre.

Mr. T. F. McDermott, City
 Manager, said that the Corpora-
 tion were unable to give first
 preference to newlyweds in pro-
 viding houses, as those people
 who were living in bad hous-
 ing conditions had to be cared
 for first.

It was a real blessing for
 the Corporation when the Cat-
 holic Housing Aid Society came
 forward and offered to build
 these flats for newlyweds.

He assured the society of
 every assistance in the future.

The City Manager apologised
 for the unavoidable absence of
 the Mayor, Ald. Steve Coughlan,
 T.D.

The Catholic Housing Aid
 Society is comprised of Mr.
 Terence McMahon; Messrs.
 Bryan Gubbins, Joseph Dundon,
 Michael Punch, Michael O'Mara,
 Ken McCormick, Joe O'Connor
 and Miss Evelyn Ryan.



COUNCILLOR JACK BOURKE

'Limerick has no room for bigotry'

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by side with fellow-citizens
 whose families can be traced
 back through many centuries.

Minorities

"The religious minority groups
 in Limerick enjoy exactly the
 same freedom as the rest of the
 citizens, and are in no way
 discriminated against, and in-
 deed, this is only as it should be.

"Limerick is the only area in
 the country outside of the
 capital to show a 10 per cent
 increase in population in recent
 years.

"Both the Buchanan and Lich-
 field regional studies have desig-
 nated it as a regional growth
 centre. It is an outward-looking,
 progressive city, proud of its
 glorious historic past, and
 ready and willing to meet the
 challenge of the future.

"It is a city in which there is
 no room for bigotry and conser-
 vatism, and those who seek to
 brand us with these labels
 would do well to make sure of
 their facts before levelling rash
 charges.

"It would be a dull commun-
 ity indeed that could not carry
 a few crackpots, and Limerick
 is no exception in this regard,
 but it would be foolish to inter-
 pret our attitude towards them
 as being other than the toler-
 ance shown by a mother for a
 wayward child.

"Let it be heard loud and
 clear: Limerick is on the march
 to a glowing and prosperous
 future, and all men of goodwill,
 irrespective of their class or
 creed, are welcome to join in
 and share our prosperity."

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