



Sen. G. E. Russell and Councillor Michael Crowe in the middle of things—talking to the angry residents and children of Kileely who were protesting over the demolition of a handball alley. Pictures: JOHN F. WRIGHT

KILEELY PROTEST

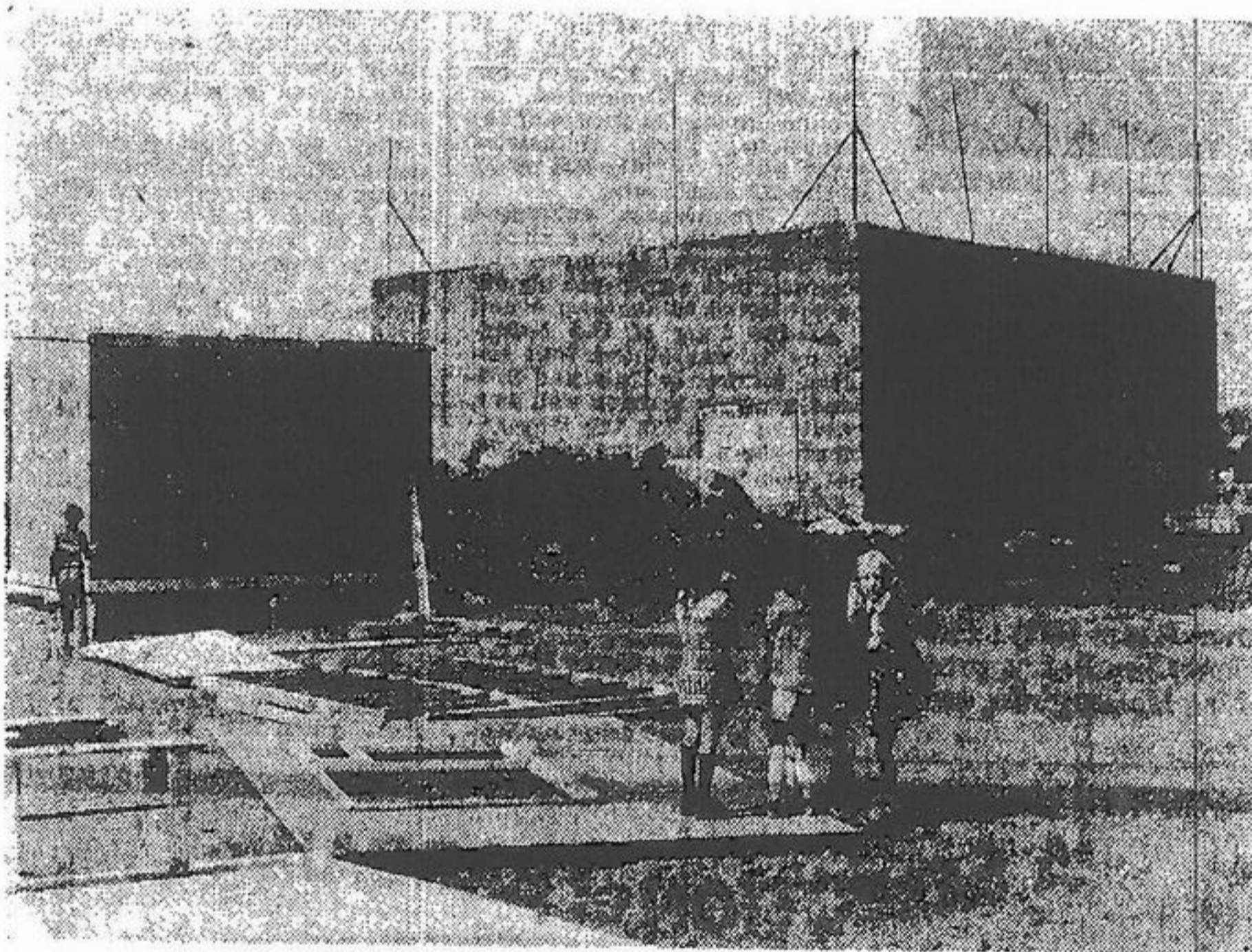
Sports centre committee surround old ball alley

BY BILLY KELLY

MEMBERS OF SAINT MUNCHIN'S Sports Centre committee this week parked their cars around the old handball alley at Kileely to prevent workmen from demolishing it.

The men—Messrs. Paddy O'Halloran, chairman;

Kieran O'Neill; treasurer, Billy Galligan, vice-chairman, and Charlie Healy, secretary—were not aware that the city manager, Mr. T. P. Mac Diarmada, had given an assurance the previous night at the city council meeting that a new alley would be built after the old one was taken down as part of a development plan.



Children playing near the doomed handball alley in Kileely this week.

Other reasons for the protest were the men wanted the area, where work with heavy machinery was going on, fenced in to keep the children away.

They fear a serious accident among the young people playing around there.

The demolition work went ahead later.

Cllr. Michael Crowe went to Mr. Toomey, of Limerick Corporation, after he met the residents to ask him to get the fences put up.

Meeting

Cllr. Crowe is also to arrange a meeting with the city manager so that the people can have a say in the location and type of the new alley.

The people at Kileely also protested at the way the bulldozer was tearing up the ground where a lot of money had been spent putting down grass seed.

Senator Ted Russell, who was at the scene as well as Cllr. Crowe, pointed out to the residents that this had to be done in order that a proper job be carried out on the area.

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