

AT LIMERICK REDEMPTORIST RETREAT HOUSE



The above photograph is of a group of Muintir na Tire members who did a week-end Retreat at the Limerick Redemptorist Retreat House at North Circular Road. Included in the front row are Very Rev. J. M. Canon Hayes, Founder of Muintir na Tire, and Rev. John Whyte, C.S.S.R., Superior of the Retreat House.

O.N.E. Notes

Congratulate yourselves, all you members of the organisation of National Ex-Servicemen in Limerick, you have at last acquired a Branch Headquarters in this city at No. 2 Newham Street. The purchase of this premises has been made possible by the loyalty of each and every member who has supported the Committee in their efforts to find a suitable headquarters, but above all we must thank our Ladies' Committee, who gave and are continuing to give so much of their valuable time and labour in this big venture.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. G. E. Russell, our Lady Mayor-elect, who, though having many pressing calls on her time at present, still has our interests so much at heart that she can attend every meeting of the Ladies' Committee. Mrs. David Reynolds, Chairman and the untiring Lady Secretary, Mrs. Loran Sinnott, are deserving of the highest praise and thanks of all ex-servicemen.

The acquisition of this premises will mean plenty of hard work for our members during the coming months and as a start a number of volunteers have promised to begin work there on Saturday afternoon (to-morrow). Callers will be welcome to assist in the work.

Our Jumble Sale on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th November, promises to be an outstanding success and contributions are promised on all sides. Those members of O.N.E. to whom cards were issued are requested to collect the parcels on Monday and Tuesday next and arrange for them to be taken to 35 O'Connell Street (McBride's) on Wednesday and Thursday nights next. Members should contact the Branch Chairman, Hon. Secretary or Committee members in this connection.

Every ex-serviceman is confidently expected to contribute generously to this Jumble Sale. 35 O'Connell Street will be open for collection of jumble on Wednesday and Thursday nights next.

Next Week's Comedy At The Playhouse

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the College Players' next production is the record-breaking comedy, "While The Sun Shines," by Terence Rattigan. This play, recently staged by the Globe Theatre, had a run of seven weeks and played to packed houses. The play is built round an American Lieutenant, an English ordinary seaman, who is also an earl, and a French Lieutenant, all three having got involved in comic situations in war-time London. Rattigan's reputation for witty dialogue is amply justified in "While The Sun Shines."

Taking part are Gerard Finn, Betty Lawlor, Marie Guerrini, Paddy Benson, Des. Ronan, Ernest Spillane and Beresford Kelly. The production is by John O'Sullivan, with Michael Russell in charge of the settings. The play will open at the Playhouse on Sunday next, Oct. 30th. Booking is at Messrs. Liston's, chemists, O'Connell St., and intending patrons are advised to book in advance.



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KATE O'BRIEN TO LECTURE IN LIMERICK

MISS KATE O'BRIEN, the distinguished Limerick novelist, is to lecture on Tuesday next in her native Limerick. Writing in reference to her coming visit, a Limerick lady admirer, who has herself marked literary talents, says:—

Tuesday, November 1st will be an important date for Limerick people with literary interests. On that night, Miss Kate O'Brien, our own Limerick-born world-famous novelist, will give a lecture on her "Impressions of Italy," at the first meeting of the newly formed Italian Society. Senor Giachino, of the Italian Institute of Culture in Dublin, has also been invited, with his secretary, Miss Nancy Spillane, who is a talented Limerick lady, well known in literary circles in Dublin. Before the lecture they will be entertained to a specially arranged dinner at Cruise's by about twenty members of the Society.

INFORMAL TEA AND CHAT. Members of the general public will be welcome to the lecture and a limited number of tickets are available. After the lecture, for those who wish to stay on, there will be an informal tea and chat, which will give those present an opportunity of meeting the distinguished lecturer.

Miss O'Brien has a very interesting, charming personality, and a keen sense of humour. A lecture by her on any subject should be something to remember.

She was born and educated in Limerick and has a great love for the banks of the Shannon and for the romantic County Clare. She has travelled widely, lived for several months in Spain, and for several months in Italy, but for the past four or five years she has made her home in Roundstone, a remote corner of Connemara. She is always glad to return there from London, New York or the Continent.

During the past twenty-five years she has written about a dozen books. All of them were successful and some were outstanding, and brought her world wide fame as a novelist.

A HAWTHORNDEN PRIZE WINNER

In 1932 she was awarded "The Hawthornden Prize" for her first great novel, "Without My Cloak," published in 1931. There are probably very few of the adult reading population of Limerick who have not read it.

It was re-printed about a dozen times during its first three years. The opinions of the Press were glowing. "Genius is the lightning of the mind: Miss O'Brien possesses it," wrote the "Observer."

Her sojourn in Spain gave her material for three books, "Farewell Spain" in 1937, "That Lady" in 1946, and "Teresa of Avila" in 1951. The publishing of "That Lady" was a literary event of great importance. As a play it toured America, and was very much in the news for several months when it was being filmed. The film had a very successful run in London and in Dublin, and will, of course, cause queues and excitement when it arrives in Limerick.

"The Land Of Spices," published in 1941, is another of her great successes and is of special interest in Limerick. It shows her great genius for characterisation.

"The Flower of May," published in 1938, has a County Clare background, and as it was her first novel since 1946, it caused a stir in literary circles.

"Miss O'Brien has the love of life, and the love of writing." "Her style is one of the most distinguished possessed by any living novelist."

"She writes with immensely deep understanding of character, with humour, and obvious love of people and their human qualities and failings."

Those were some of the opinions of the leading critics.

PROUD OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF IRISH. Miss O'Brien, who speaks four Continental languages, is proud of her knowledge of Irish, and for that, as well as for many other reasons, we are proud of her.

When so many condemn the teaching of Irish, it is refreshing to read what she wrote about it some years ago. "All through my schooldays the learning of Irish remained as optional as the learning of German, but when I was old enough Mother Lelia swept me in, on the wave of her passion for our native language. She taught me with a brilliance and humour which can surely not often be matched among pedagogues."

"I learned more Irish from her, more of literature as well as language, than I ever learned before or since of any subject I have attempted to study, and all was voluntary con amore." Her school was in Limerick, but the time was long before we had a native Government or compulsory Irish. She goes on to say: "Only a few of us learned Irish from Mother Lelia, but we learned it well and learned it as a literature, freely—not as a necessary adjunct to getting a job or a salary."

WELCOMED IN PERSON EVERYWHERE

Articles by Kate O'Brien are welcomed by the leading literary magazines, her voice is a favourite one on the radio, and she is welcomed in person everywhere she goes.

On next Tuesday night we will be glad and proud to welcome her amongst us.

Her lecture, like everything she does, is bound to be entertaining, and listening to her will be a fascinating experience which will not be forgotten.

M. H.

DRIVER FINED £1

James O'Connell, Upper Market Street, Ennis, was fined £1 by Jus-

West Limerick Dail Bye-Election: Activity In Full Swing

ACTIVITY is already in full swing in the bye-election to fill the West Limerick Dail vacancy created by the death of Mr. D. J. Madden. Mr. Michael Colbert was elected at a convention in Rathkeale on Sunday as the Fianna Fail standard bearer, Mr. Denis Jones, N.T., Askeaton, being chosen on the previous Sunday as the Fine Gael candidate.

SIX NAMES BEFORE FIANNA FAIL CONVENTION

MR. Sean Lemass, T.D., presided at a Fianna Fail convention in Rathkeale on Sunday, when Mr. Michael Colbert was selected by a majority vote to contest the coming West Limerick bye-election. There were six names submitted to the convention, and after a number of polls, Mr. Colbert had a decisive majority and was selected.

Mr. Lemass said he would find it a pleasure as well as a duty to work with Michael Colbert as the standard-bearer of Fianna Fail in this contest. His name was well known, and his services to the national cause were such as anyone might be proud of and which few had equals.

The decision for the issue of the writ rested with the Government. It was possible it might be issued this week, in which case the elec-



MR. COLBERT.

tion would take place around 16th or 17th November.

MR. DE VALERA FOR CAMPAIGN

Mr. Lemass said they had about three weeks before polling day. "Mr. de Valera," he added, "has asked me to convey to you his tremendous personal interest in this campaign. During the three weeks of the campaign, he will be here among you, and his services will be unreservedly at your disposal."

Mr. Michael Colbert said he regarded his selection as candidate not as a personal tribute, but as a tribute to a generation of men and women who had sacrificed their all in the fight for freedom.

Mr. Colbert was O.C. of the West Limerick Brigade I.R.A., and first cousin of Con Colbert, executed by the British in 1916.

OTHER CANDIDATES.

Other candidates before the Convention were: Dr. Richard Hayes, Rathkeale, a nephew of Brigadier Sean Finn, who was killed in action in the War of Independence; Gearoid O h-Aodha, Irish teacher, veteran of the Irish revival and the struggle for freedom; Cornelius Keane, Kilmallock, a member of Limerick Co. Council and I.R.A. veteran, who as a youth, served a term of imprisonment in Wormwood Scrubs and took part in a hunger strike; James C. Barrett, Glin, member of the Limerick County Council and Chairman of Limerick Mental Hospital Board, and Patrick Lillis, Clounanna, Adare, Gaelic scholar and well-known local representative.

EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

Mr. de Valera presided at a meeting of the National Executive of Fianna Fail on Monday night, when the candidature of Mr. Michael Colbert was ratified.

VOTING AT PREVIOUS ELECTIONS

In view of the forthcoming West Limerick bye-election for Dail Eireann, caused by the death some months ago of Mr. D. J. Madden (F.G.), interest in the first preference figures in previous elections has heightened.

At the General Election on May 18th, 1954, the two Fianna Fail candidates obtained between them 14,935 of the 27,600 valid votes cast. The three Fine Gael candidates secured 9,416, and the Labour nominee polled 3,249. The total valid polls in the 1951 and 1948 general elections were 27,086 and 27,476, respectively.

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THE LYING IN STATE OF MOST REV. DR. FOGARTY

PEOPLE from all over Clare (writes our Ennis correspondent this afternoon) flocked to the Cathedral, Ennis, yesterday (Thursday) and to-day (Friday) to look for the last time on the countenance of a beloved prelate. Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Archbishop-Bishop of Killaloe, whose head and shoulders could be seen through a glass panel on the lid of the polished oak coffin resting before the rails of the high altar in the nave of the church.

BODY EMBALMED

For the lying in state, the body had been embalmed on Tuesday night. This task was not completed until about 3 a.m. on Wednesday, after which Sister Mary Bernadette and nursing sisters from the Convent of Mercy and St. John of God's Nursing Home laid out the Archbishop-Bishop in his pontifical robes.

Many prominent people visited the Cathedral yesterday but predominating in numbers were the poor, to whom Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty had been a most generous benefactor.

Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Family, wearing white sashes and their Confraternity medals, provided in relays of six. Guards of Honour over the remains. The Rosary was continuously recited, children of various schools in the parish, with their teachers, spent half an hour in turn in the Cathedral and joined in the Rosary, as did priests, Christian Brothers, nuns and the general public visiting the church.

FURTHER MESSAGES

Further messages received by Most Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe, and Very Rev. M. Queally, Adm. Ennis, include expressions of sympathy from: Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Clogher, at present in New York; the Irish Ambassador to the Argentine, whose message was sent through His Eminence, Cardinal D'Alton; Sisters of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas; Chairmen of Co. Councils, Borough and Urban Councils throughout the country. The Secretary to the Taoiseach, Mr. John A. Costello, has notified Rev. Father Queally that he will attend the funeral to-morrow (Saturday) as will practically all the Government Ministers.

Suggested Film Industry For Limerick

Mr. Norman Cowpar, of The Ridings, Kingfield, Woking, Surrey, England, a member of a well-known Limerick family, writes us suggesting, through our columns, that some steps be taken towards having the film industry established in his native city. Mr. Cowpar was born in Limerick in 1906 and has travelled the great Continent of South America. He is at present in Surrey in a most important engineering works.

"My interest in Ireland," he writes, "never ceases, and I am now prompted to write hoping that some of your business men will get together and start the film industry going in Limerick."

"A small start could be made and sites like Killaloe, Kilmurphy, Glenmore used for shots. Limerick abounds in talent and beauty for the screen. Writers and props, etc. are all there, but need to be urged on to the top."

"The all service to U.S.A. could be used to bring over stars, to help in important films, and your tourist industry would benefit greatly if some good scenic films were shown in this country and America."

On the fourth count O'Connor was eliminated and the distribution of his votes completed the count as follows:—
Madden + 2,219 ... 8,943 (Elected)
Hayes + 369 ... 4,350
Elected were: Messrs. Collins, O'Brien and Madden.

OTHER ELECTIONS

The first preference votes cast in the 1951 and 1948 elections were:—

1951—GENERAL ELECTION
Seats, 3; Candidates, 5; Electorate, 35,887; Valid Votes, 27,086; Spoiled Papers, 236; Quota, 6,772.
FIRST COUNT