



Picture shows four children from the Industrial Estate who made their First Communion at the Airport Oratory on last Sunday. Left to right: Bill Funnell, Miss M. Hughes, Miss C. Kenny, N.T.; Miss P. Coleman, John McInerney.

Barrow-boy still in Thomas St.

BARROW Boy, Mr. Patrick Clancy, continues to trade at his old familiar stand at Thomas Street-O'Connell Street junction from which he was banned last autumn by the Corporation when a new bye-law was enacted prohibiting street trading in certain areas.

The barrow boys were compelled to move their trading stalls to Ellen Street, but on Friday last Mr. P. Clancy returned to Thomas Street because of "a dangerous building" in Ellen Street.

While he trades away at Thomas Street, more and more of his old customers are buying the fruit he has for sale.

The matter, a "Limerick Leader" representative understands, was discussed at a meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce this week, and it is also coming up for debate at the next meeting of the Corporation.

A Garda spokesman said to-day: "It is a matter for the Corporation."

Take-over rumour

A RUMOUR was in circulation in Limerick to-day that Pan American Airways had bought out Trans-World Airways.

The rumour could not be confirmed, though it originated from an authoritative source.

The combining of these two great airline companies would make them the most powerful organisation in international aviation.

Both have been flying their aircraft to Shannon since the establishment of the airport nearly 17 years ago.

Kate O'Brien to lecture

To-night, Limerick people will have the pleasure of hearing Kate O'Brien lecture at the Glentworth Hotel at 8 o'clock. Her subject will be "The Irish Novel Now."

The lecture has been arranged by the progressive Limerick Branch of Tuairim, who have brought some excellent lecturers to Limerick during the past winter, and it will be open to the public.

It is now 30 years since Kate O'Brien was awarded the "Hawthorndon Prize" for her novel, "Without My Cloak." There are probably very few of the adult reading population of Limerick who have not read it. It was reprinted about a dozen times during its first three years.

During the past thirty years she has written about a dozen books. All of them were successful and some were outstanding.

Her "My Ireland," published three weeks ago, has been acclaimed everywhere, here and in England, as a unique book. Her work is of very particular interest to the Ireland of to-day, because she is so truly Irish and European in her outlook.

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

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Mr. Desmond J. O'Malley, B.C.L., "Riverview," Corbally, Limerick, receiving his Parchment from the President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, Mr. George G. Overend, at the presentations to new solicitors in Dublin. Mr. O'Malley also received a Special Certificate.

by Mr. William Conway, Assistant State Solicitor), prosecuting, said the factory was situated behind a petrol station.

There would be evidence that on Friday, September 15, 1961, the factory was locked up and was broken into the following day. On Sunday afternoon a member of the firm, on checking the premises, found that the premises had been broken into. The door used to gain entry was ajar. He closed and secured the door.

Some time that evening the premises were again broken into. Evidence would be given as to the condition in which two safes which had been in the general office were found.

SAW FACTORY ON FIRE

At about 2.15 a.m. on the following Monday, September 18, a petrol pump attendant at the petrol station nearby noticed the lights in the petrol station dimming. At the same time he noticed that the factory was on fire.

The attendant raised the alarm and the Fire Brigade arrived shortly afterwards.

Patrick O'Sullivan, Chief Officer, Limerick Fire Brigade, said that when he arrived at the scene there was extensive burning of the factory building. This was about 2.26 a.m.

He said that there was burning over a large area of the factory but it was mainly concentrated in the sack storage section. In this section the sacks were stacked to a height of sixteen feet and when he arrived the roof above them had disintegrated.

He said that the factory was owned by E. J. and T. N. McCarthy Ltd., but the greater portion of it was used as a sack factory by Messrs. J. and L. F. Goodbody Ltd.

Edward McCarthy, a director of the firm E. J. and T. N. McCarthy Ltd., said that the premises were leased to J. and L. F. Goodbody, the estimated value of that portion destroyed in the fire was £25,000.

£90,000 LOSS

Cecil Deane, manager of the Limerick branch of J. and L. F. Goodbody, said that the loss to his company as a result of the fire was £90,000. Two safes in the main office were salvaged. The handle of one of the safes had been hacked off and the fittings on the second safe were loose. Both safes were in perfect condition at lunch time on September 16.

Kevin O'Meara, Works Manager at the Limerick branch of Goodbody, said that he visited the factory on Saturday morning as a storm which swept the country might have damaged the factory. With two workmen he carried out temporary repairs to a broken door.

On Sunday he again visited the factory and found a sliding door open. In the main office the stamp box was open and thrown on the floor and the fittings of one of the safes had been tampered with.

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