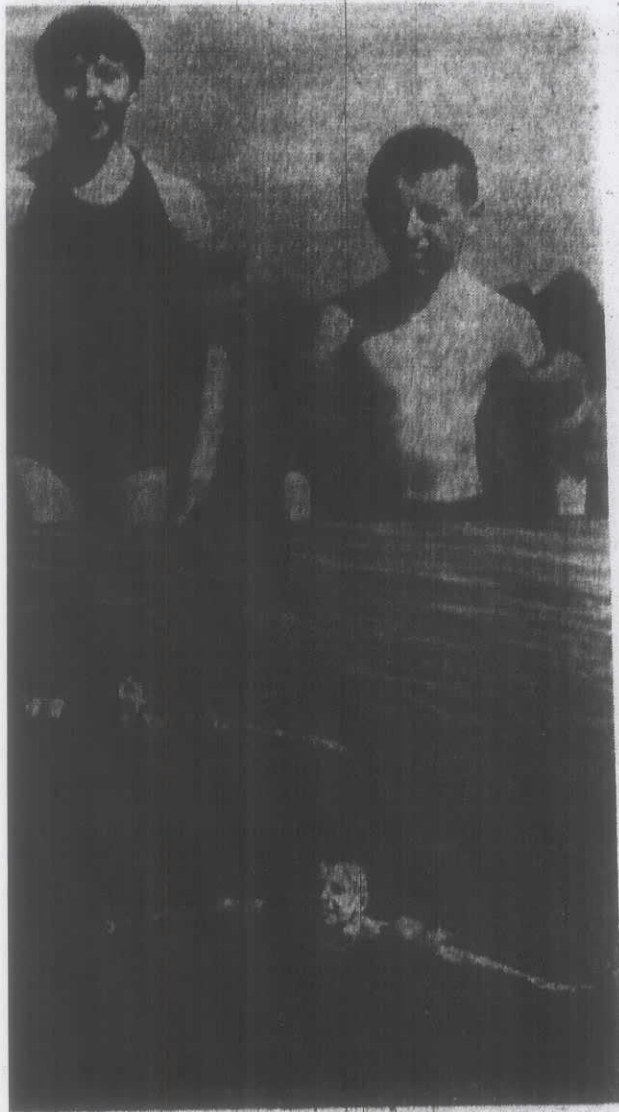


# EXPORT BASE



Cecelia, Cordella and Enrico Coffey demonstrate the "floats" at Corbally Pool yesterday morning.

## WATER DEVICE RATED

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PADDY COFFEY

## Will a woman be admiral of the Shannon?

**WILL** a woman be Admiral of the Shannon for the first time in the history of Limerick? Not since Adam Barvant was elected first Mayor of Limerick in 1197—795 years ago—has a woman been officially elected to the office of first citizen, according to the Limerick Guide issued with the approval of the Corporation.

At the end of the present month it is now almost a certainty that the only woman on the Council, Mrs. Frances Condell, representing the Ratepayers' Association, will be elected to the high office.

It is known that Councillor Condell will have the support of the majority on the Council, and that being the case, history will be made.

### DISTINCTION

Should she be the next Mayor (or Mayoress?), the office would be filled with distinction, as has been the case for many years. It would also have an added charm. Mrs. Condell is one of the most popular citizens of Limerick. She is a well-known supporter of movements aimed at helping retarded and handicapped children and charitable organisations occupy much of her attention outside working hours.

She possesses all the attributes that go to make an excellent First Citizen.

It might be of interest to recall that in former times the Mayor entered upon his year of office in January, but in recent years the term commenced on July 1st. The main insignia of the Mayoral office consists of the sword of state (of 1582, but now no longer displayed) and the great chain. By virtue of an old charter, the Mayor, during the reign, inherits the title "Admiral of the Shannon," the chief functions of which are regarded as more "picturesque than authoritative."

During one year of Alderman Ted Russell's Mayoralty in the mid-50s, he, in the capacity of Mayor and Admiral, carried out the ceremony of "throwing the dart" when he cast a silver arrow into the Shannon.

### ATTRACTIVE ROLE

Thus, it will be interesting to see, if Councillor Mrs. Condell is elected Mayor, as I believe she will, and automatically assume the attractive role of "Admiral of the Shannon."

The salary paid to the next

Mayor will be £1,150, which figure the Corporation has already agreed

## Stole lead and copper piping

**A** DETECTIVE gave evidence at the City Court to-day how he saw two men enter the premises of a scrap merchant in Limerick and arrived just in time to see a quantity of stolen lead, the property of the Limerick Corporation, being weighed.

Before the Court were two Corporation employees, George Flynn (31), single, a stone mason, of 4 St. Frances Place (off Nicholas Street), who was fined £5, and Anthony Quinlivan, 78 Keane St., Killalee, a married labourer, with four children, who was fined £2.

They were charged that between January 1 and March 8 this year they stole a quantity of lead and copper piping, valued 30/-, from an open store attached to the Corporation Maintenance Depot at Garryowen.

Det./Sergt. Jeremiah O'Sullivan said that the material was left over after jobs had been completed, and there were no previous convictions.

Justice said this was the first case of its kind that he had, and if there was any more he would send those responsible to jail, particularly when they are employees in good jobs.

Mr. Dermot G. O'Donovan, solr., for the defence, asked for leniency in view of their previous good character.

HOT WATER