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MAYOR ALLEN!



Thumbs up from Ald. Allen after his election.

Election a recognition of Southill - Tommy

CHRONICLE SPECIAL

ALDERMAN TOMMY ALLEN was elected Mayor of Limerick unopposed at a packed corporation meeting in the city courthouse last night.

As the councillors began to file into the building it became evident that Ald. Allen would be elected with the support of Fine Gael.

Fianna Fail abstained from voting because they claimed that Labour had formed a pact with Fine Gael to govern future Mayoral elections.

A PLEDGE TO EVERY AREA

The popular Southill alderman pledged himself to being a community Mayor for all the people. "I must say how proud I feel to share this great moment with my family and the area from which I sprang", declared Mayor Allen.

Ald. Allen said that his election was a recognition of the work of the people of Southill in their own community.

The new Mayor said that he would do his wholehearted best to ensure that every area of the city would be taken care of and maintained.

The priorities of his mayoralty will be the building of a third bridge on the Shannon, the introduction of effective legislation to deal with the wandering horses problem and an improvement in housing maintenance.

"I will make myself available at all times to the people of Limerick", commented Mayor Allen.

ALLEGATION OF BETRAYAL

But the Mayoral election was not without rancour as the Fianna Fail members abstained from voting claiming that they had been betrayed by Labour. Speaking to the Limerick Chronicle after the election, Cllr. Paddy Kiely, who leads Fianna Fail on the council, said: "I feel we have been betrayed by the Labour Party".

Cllr. Kiely told the packed city courthouse that Fianna Fail would have gladly supported Labour but they had learned prior to the election that Labour had entered into a pact with Fine Gael for the coming Mayoral elections.

Cllr. Jack Bourke, F.F., said that he was "flabbergasted at the turnabout in Labour". He said



Mayor Allen and his wife, Freda, pictured with his father and mother, Tom and Kitty Allen.



Congratulations all-round for the new Mayor.

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