

and realised that I must tolerate any dirty play such as the use of hurleys on young lads, or spectators interfering with players on the field.

"I want to make it quite clear that I will not shirk my responsibility; if any such players come before me I will deal with them severely."

Joe is a member of the Board since he became treasurer in 1967. The following year he was elected chairman, and was re-elected to that position last January for a further term.

He hurred with St. Mary's C.B.S. during his school days, and later played with St. Patrick's. He won a number of championships in juvenile, minor, junior and senior schools hurling. His father, who is attached to the 12th Battalion, has won the All-Ireland Army light machine-gun championship on several occasions.

Joe is married to Veronica, daughter of the late Michael O'Brien, 70 Keane Street, Killee, who was a member of the Old I.R.A. They have two children, Michael and Eilish.

interprovincial championship, beating Leinster in Limerick (2-1) and Ulster in Belfast (3-0).

That year Marie got her first Irish trial.

She was again selected for the Munster team the following season. Her side beat Ulster in Limerick, but were defeated by the eventual champions, Leinster, in Dublin.

Again her fine playing qualities won the selectors' eyes, and following an Irish trial she was chosen as a reserve.

**Tour**

She was picked for the Irish team that went on a playing tour of Germany, and had three games at the International Hockey Conference in Cologne.

On her return she played for Munster against South Africa. The home side's two goals (against South Africa's three) were scored by Marie and Margaret Goggin.

During that season Institute reached the final of the Munster Senior Cup. The team, which was beaten 1-0 in the



Marie Bartlett is playing at Old Trafford this weekend.

**Punctuality**

In the course of a plea for punctuality, he says that

# Gold link will mark Mick Hartney's Mayoralty

Commercial air services from the United States of America to Shannon opened, October 24, 1945.

## Unique

Another little piece of civic history was made this week when Mr. Joe Murphy, the well-known Limerick businessman, presented a link to the Mayoral chain to commemorate the mayoralty of his uncle, the late Alderman Mick Hartney.

representative, and the fact that he was an Alderman was a firm recognition of his popularity with the citizens. He had made himself available at all times, and he was a tireless worker for the poor.

"I was associated with him in a number of his pre-Truce activities," he added, "and later in the Civil War, when he took the Republican side. In those turbulent days his courage and leadership were recognised by his comrades-in-arms when he ranked as Captain of 'E' Company and Commandant of Mid-Limerick Brigade, Old I.R.A. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Hartney, of Cumann na mBan, who was also my aunt, was killed in action in Adare during the Civil War, and it is to her memory, too, that I am dedicating this link to the historic Mayoral Chain."

Concluding, Mr. Murphy said: "From the time hostilities ceased in 1923 to his death in June, 1964, Michael Hartney's main concern was for his pre-Truce comrades and especially for those of them in need who, to our shame, were, and are, numerous.

The chain, which dates back to 1822, is probably the only civic insignia of its kind in the world. Up to 1957—when the then Mayor, Alderman G. E. Russell, took it with him to America on a fund-raising campaign for a memorial to Limerick's murdered mayors, Seoirse Clancy and Michael O'Callaghan—it had been taken outside Ireland on only two occasions.

At an informal but very pleasant function, the Mayor, Cllr. Jack Bourke, accepted the gift on behalf of the Corporation and citizens, and congratulated Mr. Murphy for this generous tribute to the late Alderman.

**Decision**

Mr. Murphy said his decision to donate a link to the mayoral chain in memory of the late Alderman (who occupied the mayoral chair in 1945-46) was prompted by his long friendship with him and by the honourable and influential part he played in Ireland's fight for freedom.

The medallion, in solid gold, was executed by Mr. Paddy Hartman, jeweller, Patrick Street, and bears the following inscription—which, in the traditional practice includes a memorable event of the mayoralty—"Alderman Michael Hartney, Mayor, 1945-46, Commandant of Mid-Limerick Brigade, Old I.R.A."

The first was in 1875 when Ambrose Hall attended the week's festivities given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London to all the Mayors of the world, and the second in 1901 when Limerick's first Fenian Mayor, John Daly, took it with him on his fiery tour of America.

There was no chain at the Guildhall, London, in 1875, so much admired by many of those present, including the Syndic of Rome and the Prefect of Seine.

Mayor Daly's decision to take the chain with him on his American tour raised quite a storm of protest in the Council Chamber.

The storm was still raging on Daly's return, but he silenced his critics by saying: "My right to take the chain was vindicated by the brainy men of America, for they said that here is a man who has been in chains for the most part of his life, and Limerick now sends him to us with the golden chains of office."

Since that time the chain has crossed the Atlantic many times and has been an object of admiration there at ceremonial parades and official receptions.

Sometimes about the middle of the last century it was very near being lost at the old Newcastle racecourse during a race meeting. And since that time it has been worn only on official occasions.

All of us who knew the late Mick Hartney—he was for many years up to his retirement a proof reader in the Limerick Leader Ltd.—will be glad that his name is perpetuated on the Mayoral chain.

And congratulations to Mr. Joe Murphy on his very generous and civic-minded gesture.



A new link was presented for addition to the Mayoral chain this week by Mr. Joseph Murphy, hardware and plumbing supplier, Limerick, to commemorate the Mayoralty of his uncle, the late Ald. Michael Hartney, in 1945-46. The Mayor is seen here accepting the link from Mr. Murphy.