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Limerick's New Mayor Elected By Nine Votes To Seven

MR. C. P. KEYES, N.T., the only Labour representative, was elected Limerick's new Mayor by nine votes to seven votes for Mr. Frank Glasgow at the City Council meeting on Monday night.

The outgoing Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, T.D., did not seek re-election.

The new Mayor is 35 years of age and is Vice-Principal of Leamy's National School. He is the eldest son of Mr. J. Keyes, former Minister for Local Government and Post and Telegraphs, and he has been a Labour representative on the City Council for the past seven years.

Those present, in addition to the outgoing Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, T.D.; Ald. S. Coughlan, Councillors P. J. Donnellan, J. Reidy, E. S. Wallace, J. Danagher, C. Keyes, G. Glasgow, W. Brazier, G. E. Finlan, P. O'Donnell, J. Carr, F. Kelly and J. P. Liddy. Mr. M. Macken, B.A., City Manager; Mr. C. Stenson, B.E., City Engineer; Dr. R. Hayes, City M.O.H.; Mr. T. Collyer, City Accountant; Mr. W. Dundon, Law Agent; and Mr. F. K. Thomas, Agent, were the officials in attendance.

OUTGOING MAYOR'S SPEECH

The outgoing Mayor said that he had intimated last year that he was not seeking re-election to the office of Mayor and he would like to avail of the opportunity to express his personal and deep appreciation to all those who had helped him during his three years of office. It was something that he would like to remember all his life.

He paid a very high tribute to the City Manager, who had done so much for the city. His kindness and courtesy not only over the past twelve months but during the three years he (speaker) had been in office had been more than helpful. He had worked in very close co-operation with the Manager while Mayor, and during that period he had learned what a wonderful administrator he was.

Ald. Russell went on to pay a tribute to Mr. J. McHugh, Assistant Town Clerk, who he described as an outstanding member of the staff. He predicted a bright future for him in the local authority world in the years to come. He would also like to express his appreciation of the help and courtesy of the other members of the Town Council, all of whom would be too numerous to mention.

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spoke Irish fluently. Councillor Keyes was a young man and he was very assured that his turn would come.

Mr. Danagher proposed Councillor Keyes, and said that in doing so he was very conscious of the very high standard set by his predecessor, Deputy Russell. Never was there such a high standard and he sincerely complimented him on that.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Danagher, "that Councillor Keyes is able and willing to continue this standard. Indeed he has all the necessary qualifications. We are all aware of his academic qualifications and we are all aware of the great ties that link his family to the public life of Limerick. His father, we all know, was not only Mayor of the city, but he had the unique distinction of being the first city man to be chosen as Minister of State. In his seven years in this Council, Councillor Keyes has not spared himself. His contribution to our debates in his short time has always been constructive and to the point. I know he has not spared himself on behalf of those who came to him to enlist his aid on their behalf. We will make no mistake if we do him the honour done to his father in the past."

Mr. Kelly seconded and said that Councillor Keyes, during his seven years on the Council, had shown marked ability and he would make a worthy successor to Ald. Russell, who had set up such a high standard.

At this stage of the proceedings, the City Manager asked, amidst laughter, if the future Mayor was prepared to act without any salary in any event other than no salary had been proposed.

Ald. O'Malley then proposed that the salary be the same as that which obtained last year, and Mr. Liddy seconded. The proposition was agreed to unanimously and resulted as follows:—

For Keyes—Reidy, Donnellan, Wallace, Coughlan, Danagher, Kelly, Carew, Russell and Keyes (9).

For Glasgow—O'Malley, Dillon, O'Donnell, Brazier, Liddy, Carr and Glasgow (7).

The outgoing Mayor then declared Councillor Keyes elected, congratulated him and invited the new Mayor then signed the declaration of office amidst applause.

The newly elected Mayor thanked the Council for conferring such a high honour on him. He knew he had a heavy burden to uphold the high standard reached by his predecessor, but he would do his best in the interests of the public and expressed the hope that when the time came to finish his period of office, he would not have lost a friend.

He was fully aware of the responsibilities and the difficulties before him but with the help and co-operation of the Council he hoped to be able to use his position to foster any personal or political ideas. He had nothing to say against politics in their right sphere, but he did not wish to intrude in the affairs of the Council. However, he hoped in the months to come to be able to use his position to focus attention on the problems that affected them locally as well as nationally. These problems affected every city, town and village in Ireland and could only be solved on a national basis.

He was a prophet to say that the years ahead of them would be critical years and he hoped that a change would come about in which a change for the better would be effected. He would endeavour to solve their problems in a friendly co-operative way. While they could not afford to differ on some issues, there were others on which they were to solve their problems.

He considered that they had been tackling their problems from a wrong source. They were not going deep into them enough and he believed that no short-cut policy was going to solve them. If policy was going to be education it was only because it was his vocation. He believed that the problems of unemployment, emigration and national unity stemmed from the fact that young men were turning young men and young women out of their schools before they were fitted for their work. He could say without fear of contradiction that they had a duty to teachers in this country, both religious and lay, who were second to none, but even the best craftsmen could not work when they were equipped with faulty tools.

They had a system of education and if that were changed they could turn out a better equipped generation. He would like to see the person to meet the problems of the day. If they had faced them to-day, they would have an enlightened, intelligent and educated generation to meet their problems. He would like to see the person to meet the problems of the day. If they had faced them to-day, they would have an enlightened, intelligent and educated generation to meet their problems.

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Minister Will Open New Phone Exchange To-Morrow

ALTHOUGH there is a complete absence of official information, it is known that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. Nial Blaney, T.D., is coming to Limerick to-morrow to formally declare open the new Telephone Exchange in Roche's Street.

No official statement has been issued concerning the building of the exchange or its equipment, but a Limerick Leader reporter, following enquiries, has gleaned some interesting facts about the exchange and its equipment. The erection of the building, together with the plant and equipment, cost in the region of £150,000, providing Limerick with what is called an automatic cross-take place to-morrow between 3.45 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs will inaugurate the system of the Department, in view of this remarkable development, is inexplicable.

Horticultural Certificates Presented

Under the auspices of "Country Markets" and the I.C.A., and through the co-operation of the County Limerick Agricultural and Vocational Education Committees, a short intensive course in gardening was given recently at the Killinane Vocational School. The course, which consisted of twelve two hour weekly classes, was conducted by Messrs. D. Hogan, Principal of the Vocational School, and J. O'Connell, Rural Science Organiser, and was attended by eighteen ladies from the surrounding districts of Glenroe, Galbally, Bruff and Killinane. It was conducted in the Killinane school garden, which proved to be ideally fitted out for the purpose. An examination and practical test was conducted by Miss M. Long, of "Country Markets," and Mr. P. Leonard, Horticultural Instructor, of Newcastle West, and ten certificates were awarded. Such courses, which are now available throughout the country, should be of inestimable value to those who intend to assist in the higher production drive. They are of special value to the housewife, who has more often than not to provide the household with fresh garden produce.

SYMPATHY OF CITY COUNCIL

Before the election of the Mayor was proceeded with at Monday night's meeting of the City Council, the outgoing Mayor, Mr. G. E. Russell, T.D., moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. S. Casey, solr, and family, Rathkeale, and to the Hartigan family on their recent bereavements through drowning. Miss Hartigan, the Mayor said, had lost her life in a very brave attempt to save Mr. Casey's little boy.

Sympathy was also extended to the Keyes family on the death of Mrs. T. Keyes; the Mulholland family on the death of Mr. Mulholland; the family of Francis Burke, St. Mary's Park, who was killed in a motor accident; and to the family of Liam O'Halloran, Lella Street, who lost his life in an accident.

AN EXCHANGE OF POSITIONS

When the election of officers for the ensuing year came up for consideration at the annual meeting of Charleville Development Association, the Chairman and Mayoralty to their own side, but when his side voted for Deputy O'Malley's brother there was no reciprocation.

GALBALLY LABOUR BRANCH

Mr. William Bourke, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Galbally Branch of the Irish Labour Party in the Coursing Club Hall, Galbally, Mr. C. J. O'Neill, P.C., M.O.C., was also present. Among various matters on the agenda was a plan for an organisation drive in Galbally district, the serious unemployment problem was also discussed, as was also a fund raising campaign.

MANAGER'S TRIBUTE

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of his staff, congratulated the new Mayor and wished him a very happy term of office. He paid a high tribute to the outgoing Mayor and said that it must be a considerable relief to drag him away from work in which he was deeply interested.

LIFEGUARDS FOR CLARE RESORTS

Lifeguards have been appointed by the Clare Co. Council at the different seaside resorts throughout Co. Clare for the protection of bathers. In Kilkee three guards are on duty, while at Lahinch, Spanish Point, and Doonin two guards do duty, with one at Cappa, Kilrush.

Tragic De Young M Told To

THE sad story of the tragic death of a young man, who was killed by a wood-cutting machine at the City on Tuesday, 18th inst., was told by the Coroner, Mr. D. J. O'Malley, yesterday.

The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence that the death was due to laceration of the liver and rupture of abdominal vein sustained while working for the firm of Garvey and Solan, when a branch from a machine became embedded in deceased's body.

SAW BLOOD ON SHIRT

Thomas Carmody, employed as a foreman carpenter, said he was working on a photograph of a young man named John O'Donnell, who was killed by a wood-cutting machine at about 4.30 p.m. He heard deceased exclaim "Oh, when he was hit and then he immediately looked towards him. His hand was up to his right side and he saw blood on his shirt. He went to the machine and saw that it was for a man named O'Donnell.

Witness then examined the machine and saw that the cutter was missing. He then produced a photograph of the machine and the actual job deceased was engaged on. In this particular case, continued witness, "the guard was missing at the time of the accident and was on the floor beside the machine."

In cross-examination by Mr. Tynan, witness agreed that the deceased was an experienced man on this type of machine and the company had him a most competent worker. The machine was working about an hour before the accident and he (witness) could not say if the accident was due to the machine or if it would not have been prevented.

Dr. Robert A. Morrow, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, said that he examined the deceased on the 18th of June last. O'Donnell had stated he was wounded in the abdomen by a laceration about an inch in length, which he was bleeding profusely. He applied first-aid measures to combat shock and called Surgeon Devaney, who arrived promptly. An emergency operation was decided upon with no anaesthetic being used. The patient at this stage was unconscious and died during the course of the operation. During the operation a piece of steel was found lodged in one of the main abdominal veins, which in transit caused laceration of the liver. The deceased died from laceration of abdominal vein.

LIMERICK FACTORY TO BE ENLARGED?

William Bruen, engineer, employed by Garvey, Solan and Co., Ltd., said that after the accident the machine where the machine was a Universal Woodworker, which is used to perform several operations in the jointing of timber. He examined the head of the side cutters was missing. Deceased was employed by the Company for 15 months and was working that machine. He (deceased) was a very competent machinist.

DEATHS

HISTON (nee Mescaal)—June 25, 1957, at the City Hospital, Katherine, beloved wife of John Histon, 25 Thomas Street; deeply regretted by her husband, sons, daughter, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 6.30 o'clock. Funeral arrangements later.

RYAN (nee O'Gorman)—June 26, 1957, at Barrington's Hospital, Mrs. Margaret Ryan, 32 Wickham Street, deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7.30 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m. Funeral same day at 3 p.m. to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (c)

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

St. Mary's R.F.C.—At a meeting of the Committee of the above Club, a vote of sincere sympathy was passed to the mother and family of the late Francis Bourke. All present standing as a mark of respect.—F. Hayes, Hon. Sec.

Fires In Goll Bog N

THE Limerick Fire Brigade breaks yesterday, causing the fires occurred in Caslough bog, Castleconnell. Due to the prompt action of the Brigade, little damage was done in other places. The Nenagh Fire Brigade co-operated with the City Fire Brigade in coping with the outbreak in Annaholy Bog.

SOS FROM CASTLETROY

The first SOS came from Castletroy. On arrival the Brigade found one half-acre of grass on fire. Within an hour the blaze was subdued, eliminating risk to sheds and other property in track of the fire. No damage was caused to the golf course property. Two hours later, the Brigade had to speed off to Annaholy Bog to cope with a gorse fire. The blaze assumed threatening proportions as the fire began