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### Election proved to be an anti-climax CLR. LEDDIN IS MAYOR

### HAS DISTINCTION OF BEING LIMERICK'S YOUNGEST MAYOR

THE Mayoral election, held in the Co. Courthouse last night, ended in a complete anti-climax with the unanimous election of Clr. Frank Leddin, 31 years, Catherine Street, and employed on the sales staff of Messrs. Cannock and Co.

The Council Chamber was packed to capacity and there was a tense air of expectancy as the Councillors took their seats, but it was soon dispelled.

Cir. Leddin is one of the youngest Mayors ever to hold the covered office and has been a member of the Council for the past five years. His election was greeted with prolonged applause which was renewed when the outgoing Mayor, Cir. J. Danagher, N.T. who did not seek re-election, placed the historic chain around his choulders. There was a full muster of councillors present and all answered the roll call in Irish. The Mayor then announced that the first item on the agenda was to receive nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing 12 months, but before doing so he said." The Mayoral drama is about to begin. All the World is e stage and we are the players. We have our exits and entrances and we will portay the scene in all reality in all sincerity and in the full bloom of democratic freedom which is our right."

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The Mayor said that the high honour was bestowed on him last year and for that he was eternally grateful—grateful to the members of the Council and grateful to the clitzens who had elected him to the Council. One must be always conscious of the magnitude of the honour to be Mayor of this ancient city he said.

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All earn exits to see if relief from this burden can be given. Such a relief is long overdue.

"Our housing problem is still with us, but greater efforts are now being made to house these people who now live in hovels. In back to house these people who cannot the when the when to be the stand o had one of the when to be the were made in the week to be the magnitude of the honour to be Mayor of this ancient city he said.

"This place which was the hosting place of the Gael when the Roman Legions were starting with bell and cymbal over the then known world," he continued. "This hallowed place of ours where. Patrick trod in his great national mission—this historic place which saw the greatness of Sarsfield and his fighting nen. Verliy, indeed, it is a high honour to be Mayor of this city. The same the same that is a high honour to be Mayor of this city. The same the same that is a high honour to be Mayor of this city. The same that is a high honour to be Mayor of this city. The same that is a high honour to be mayor of this city in the same that is a high honour to be Mayor of this city. The same is a full-time to be and the powers that be should be made realise that Limerick is no huxter town. I was thwarted in my efforts to get leave of absence from my teaching post Despite the most strenuous efforts of every member of this Council, despuite the well-known views of the citizens, despite the voice of the people of Limerick the nabobs of oureaucracy in the Department of Education, those faceless, and as a clease ones, immersed in a same constant of the citizens, despite the voice of the gradient of the same constant of the citizens, despite the voice of the gradient of Limerick to budge an inchemical constant of the citizens of the citiz

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He was a nephew of the late Michael Keyes, who was very highly respected in the city and supporter of the virulation of the Labour Party's interest in the city and county. The late Michael Keyes was a man who had endeared himself to all sections of the community, a man who was always held in the highst regard and the greatest respect. The Mayor then sixed if chere were any other nominations and there was allence for about half.

He said that he took it then that Cir. Leddin was elected Mayor the next 12 months. This announcement was green when he was congratulated by the c

servant and at any time you need me you will only have to ask."

WITH DIGNITY
Ald. G. E. Russell (F.G.) said that the Mayoral Election is usually surrounded by a tense drama, but thought that the event that night was something of an anti-climax. However, Ald. Russell did not think that this took away from the fact that a worthy member of the City Council had been, elected first citizen of this city. He said that Clr. Leddin had served his apprenticeship in the Council and had done outstanding work for the people of Limerick. He felt sure that the newly-elected Mayor would fulfil his duties with great dignity.

Ald. Russell went on to say that he was glad to hear Cir. Leddin refer to the big housing crisis in Limerick at the moment. He hoped that much progress would be made in this sphere during his term of office.

Russell took the opportant matter to his attention. This was, of course, the very serious threat to the future, of Shannon Airport by the American Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Raymond Guest. "Any new developments could result in a serious disruption of goods and passenger traffic at Shannon Airport," he added.

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strong claims for a University and Regional College of Technology. He assured the Mayor of the full support and cooperation of the Council during the coming year.

Ald Russell concluded by paying tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Cir. Jack Danagher, for his great work during the past year, under very difficult circumstances.

Ald J. Carew (F.G.) congratulated Cir. Leddin on his election. He referred to the outstanding service given to the City of Limerick by the Mayor's uncle, the late Michael Keyes, the former Minister for Local Government, and feit sure that Cir. Leddin would follow in his footsteps during the coming year.

Ald. Carew told the newly-elected Mayor that he would receive the wholehearted support of the Council irrespective of what party the members represented.

Ald. S. Coughlan (Labour), too, congratulated Cir. Leddin on his election and assured him of the Labour Party's support during his term of office.

PROTECTING SHANNON Continuing, Ald. Coughlan Continuing, Ald. Coughlan

the out-going Mayor, Cir. Jaea. Danagher, for his outstanding service and impartiality under a tremendous handicap during the last year.

Cir. 'F. Condell (Ratepayers) said that she was glad to see that the Mayoral Election was unanimous. 'Every such election should be held outside of politics'.

She congratulated Cir Leddin on being elected to the exhalted office of Mayor of the City and was confident that he would faill the post with the great dignity that was shown by his late uncle, Michael Keyes, while Minister for Local Government.

She thanked Cir. Danagher for the magnificent job done in the past year as Mayor, and felt sure that he would have many happy memories.

A PHARE-UP

Cir. J. P. Liddy, Leader of the Fianna Fail Party, assured Cir. Leddin of their full support and co-operation, and paid tribute to Mayor of the fire manner in which he carried out his duties under difficult circumstances. Cir. Jack Danagher for the fine manner in which he carried out his duties under difficult circumstances. Cir. Jack Danagher congratuated Cir. Leddin on being elected as his successor, and stated that he had proved a very industrious and worthy member of the Council. He felt confident that Cir. Leddin would carry out his duties with great dignity, and follow the footsteps of his uncle, the late Michael Keyes, the former Minister for Local Government, who always "walked-tail" in this city of ours.



Thirty-one-year-old Councillor Frank Leddin, who was last night elected Mayor of Limerick.

in the city to come forward and make scholarships available to the children of Limerick, who were now receiving "meagre" scholarships.

Cir. Danagher stated that it was absolutely necessary with the advent of a University and Regional College of Tethnology in Limerick, to see that our children receive the best in education so that they can rise to the highest point of their profession.

Mr. T. F. McDermott. City Manager, assured the new Mayor of the full co-operation of the staff of the Limerick Corporation during high term of office, and was high in his praise of the excellent manner in which the out-going Mayor. Cir. J. Danagher. carried out his duttes.

Mayor Leddin said that he was very indebted to the was laid that he was very indebted to the was laid that he was very indebted to the was very indebted to

### Pages of history were turned back

A 37 - YEAR - OLD gap was A bridged last night when 31-year-old salesman Cir. rank Leddin, turned back the pages of history and followed in the footsteps of his late uncle, Michael Keyes, by being elected first citizen. It was, for many of the capacity attendance, the anti-climax of a lecade as the Labour man was enthroned without opposition. Never before the labour man was enthroned without opposition. Never before the labour man was enthroned without opposition. Never before the labour man was enthroned without opposition. Never before the labour man was enthroned without opposition. Never before the labour man was enthroned to the labour man in the labour man in the labour man in the labour man fall party, rose and seconded Cir. Leddin's nomination that the result was cut and dried. All barties went into conclave shortly after 6 p.m. Fianna Fail met at a secret destination and as they arrived at the Courthouse they still had not come to any definite decision. It was expected by most people that they would have been a third candidate in the field. Inside, the Courte Councillers rank of the labour of the

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