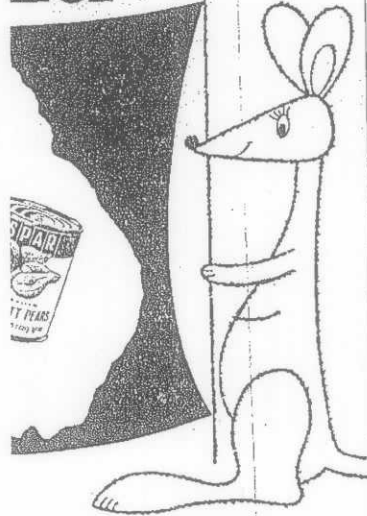


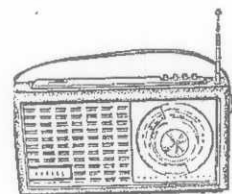
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## Portrait of Limerick Patriot unveiled in Co. Council Chamber

THE measure of freedom we enjoyed today was the result of sacrifices made by these two men and their comrades, said Clr. D. Naughton at a meeting of Limerick County Council on Friday when he formally unveiled portraits of Comdt. Sean Wall, a former Sinn Fein Chairman of the Council, and Brigade Comdt. Sean Finn, who was killed in action at Ballynahill during the War of Independence. The portraits, which now hang at the head of the Council Chamber, were presented by Major N. O'Dwyer, an old friend and comrade of Sean Wall, and Clr. Marie Finn, sister of the dead West Limerick leader. Both were present at the ceremony.

Clr. Naughton said he was sure the members of the Council would appreciate the action of the donors, to whom they were very grateful. Sean Wall, there was no need to recall, was first Sinn Fein Chairman of the Council. Shortly after his last appearance as Chairman he sacrificed his life in an engagement with British forces in order to save the lives of a number of comrades who were surrounded with him. Sean Finn, who was killed in action at Ballynahill, was paid a tribute by one of the British officers who took part in the engagement, who described him as a brave man. His assured Major O'Dwyer and Miss Finn that the members of the Council were very grateful for their presentations and that they regarded it as an honour to have the two portraits at the head of the Council Chamber.

### EQUAL RIGHTS

Clr. J. J. Collins, T.D. joined in the vote of thanks as one who had served as Brigade Adjt. under both Sean Wall and Sean Finn. Sean Finn died fighting a rearguard action when outnumbered at Ballynahill. In this connection he recalled that when Sean Finn was reorganising the volunteers in 1917 he instructed his men that there was to be absolutely no interference with their Protestant neighbours in West Limerick during the subsequent fight for freedom. At the time there were many people of other religious persuasions in the area but Sean Finn and his men honoured that bond and guaranteed equal rights for all. "To me personally," added Deputy Collins, "the acceptance of these portraits represents one of the biggest events in my life."

Clr. W. Cahill said he was delighted to find these two great men were being honoured. He had served under Deputy Collins in the War of Independence and while they might now be on different sides the bond of comradeship still remained.

Clr. C. O'Neill, speaking as one of "in between" generation, said he was delighted to see the portraits of two men who helped to make possible the measure of freedom now enjoyed in this county. Unfortunately the younger people had never had a proper grounding on the history of the fight for freedom as represented by Comdt. Wall and Sean Finn. However, he was sure the portraits would be an inspiration to all public representatives who came into the Council Chamber in the future.

### PROUD

Mr. Sean Hayes said, like the other members, he felt proud of the two men whose portraits would inspire and guide the members of the Council and those who succeeded them in future.

Clr. P. Maguire, as one who knew both men personally, joined in the tribute and recalled that Limerick was the first county in Ireland to put a flying column on the field during the War of Independence.

Clr. C. Keene welcomed the decision to honour the two patriots, as did also Chrs. C. Ryan, J. C. Barrett, M. Herbert, Ed. O'Dwyer and Senator P. Ryan.

Clr. Miss Finn and Major O'Dwyer suitably replied to the Council's vote of thanks for the portraits.

## Tributes to former Editor

Limerick Co. Council at a meeting on Friday expressed sympathy with the family and relatives of the late Mr. C. C. Oregan, former Editor of the Limerick Leader and one of the best-known journalists in the South of Ireland for over half-a-century.

Clr. P. Clohesy, T.D., proposing the vote, said the late Mr. Oregan had given long and distinguished service in the newspaper profession and they were all very sorry to learn of his demise.

Chrs. D. McAuliffe, W. Cahill, C. O'Neill and Sen. P. Ryan associated themselves with the vote, which was passed in respectful silence.

Sympathy was also tendered to the Ryan family, Bilboa, Capamore, and the Fogarty family, Glenbranne, on their recent bereavements.

## Unusual case

"My client gave the money to tax the van to an employee who went off with a load of fruit, sold it and then went to England with the proceeds," said James B. Mac Clancy (defending) at Ennis Court in a case in which Thomas Daly, fruit dealer, 2 Ingleswood Terrace, Limerick, was summonsed for not having a van taxed at Latoon on May 3.

Justice Hurley applied the Probation Act.



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