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In brief



Eoin O'Suilleabhain, Rheabogue Avenue, Corbally, Limerick, winner of the senior boys (15-17) Championship at the O'neill's Rince na hEireann held in Dublin last weekend. He is a pupil of the Nolan School of Dancing.



Miss Nuala Flannery, Mause, Quin, Ennis, is a finalist in the Queen competition of Charleville Cheese Festival, which is on from 11th to 20th June.



Mr. J. A. Hynes, chief executive officer, Mid-Western Health Board, presenting the Rose Moroney Gold Medal for the nurse who obtained highest marks in State final examinations, to **Miss Brid Ryan**, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick, at the presentation of certificates and prizes for the Limerick Regional Hospital School of Nursing at the Limerick Inn. See page 8.

Chicago, Chicago

Complete coverage of the Limerick Chicago Association's Annual Dinner appears on pages 12 and 13.

Photographer **Louis L. Okmin** of U.P.I. took the pictures. Louis, a Chicagoan, is "Ambassador from Ballybunion" in the Windy City.

Reform for Walsh dance

Reform, one of Limerick's leading bands, will top the bill at the Walsh Benefit Dance to be held in the Parkway Motel next Wednesday, March 3rd. Appearing also will be Thady's Remedy, the John Hammond Sound, with special guests Breda Nolan and the Dublin ballad singer, Joe Maher. The proceeds of the night will go to the Walsh family from Faha, near Kildimo, who recently lost all their possessions in a fire which destroyed their mobile home.

Tickets will be on sale at the door of the Parkway on the night; admission £2. The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed their time and energy for the occasion.

Weather

Shannon Met. Office said this Thursday that after a rainy start this Friday, there will be bright spells in the Limerick region Saturday and Sunday will be cold and dry with some frost in the early mornings.

Dessie lives to fight another day...



Mr. Haughey look over his shoulder at **Mr. O'Malley** during the run up to the General Election of June, 1981.

O'MALLEY QUILTS FF POWER STRUGGLE

By **FERGAL KEANE**
at Leinster House

MR. DESMOND O'MALLEY withdrew from the contest for the nomination of Taoiseach in a dramatic development this Thursday afternoon at the Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party meeting in Dublin.

It is believed that Mr. O'Malley decided not to press ahead with his challenge because of a procedural wrangle over the way in which the ballot should be carried out.

After impassioned pleas at the outset of the meeting from senior party men to have no contest in the interests of "party unity," Mr. O'Malley declared he would not be running.

Mr. Haughey was then unanimously nominated for the position as Taoiseach.

Mr. O'Malley's supporters strongly favoured a secret ballot. Supporters of Mr. Charles Haughey wanted an open ballot.

An announcement that Mr. Haughey had received unanimous support at the meeting was made shortly before 12.30 p.m. by Fianna Fail General Secretary, Mr. Frank Wall.

Rumours were circulating that heavy pressure had been applied to TDs from the rural constituencies not alone by deputies from the Haughey camp, but by Cumann.

Secret?

A good deal of time at the meeting was being devoted to deciding whether the ballot should be open or secret.

This was expected to be the most important issue as there were rumours of some of the younger deputies being "intimidated" into voting for one side or the other.

Mr. Haughey, who was suffering from a severe head cold, entered the Dail restaurant shortly after 11 a.m. flanked by Mr. Seamus Brennan, T.D., the former party general secretary.

Neither Mr. O'Malley nor Mr. William O'Dea, his East Limerick colleague, would be drawn on the leadership battle.

There was an air of silence from the O'Malley camp which contrasted with the confidence declaration from Mr. Haughey's followers.

However, sources close to Mr. O'Malley felt sure that he would not have risked his reputation on the leadership issue if he was not confident of securing a majority of the deputies.

Independent observers foresaw Mr. O'Malley as definitely attracting at least 32 deputies with a large number of "undecided members" who would finally decide the issue.

Speculation

Mr. O'Malley's leadership bid comes after a week of intense speculation.

He had remained tight-lipped about the possibility of his being a contender for the leadership amid warnings from Deputy McSharry that those who would try to split the party at this stage "would never be forgiven."

Mr. O'Malley emerged as the major threat to the leadership of Mr. Haughey when Fianna Fail failed to win an overall majority in the recent election.

The Limerick deputy's poll-topping performance in his own constituency is another factor that weighed in his favour, coupled with disillusionment among many T.D.s with Mr. Haughey.

Mr. Haughey spent Tuesday

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Dept. survey site for school

By **DYMPNA BRACKEN**

THE Department of Education are at present surveying a site in Askeaton which, if found suitable, will be the location for a new secondary school.

The local community council see this latest move as the first "concrete step" towards the provision of a secondary school in the town.

A spokesman for the community council said he hoped the site would be found suitable and that no objections would be raised to the building of the school.

Mrs. Nora Hawkes, principal, St. Mary's Secondary School, Askeaton, said she was "delighted" with the latest development.

The community council are in possession of a letter from the management of Aughinish Alumina stating the importance of educational facilities in the area.



Miss Sandra Desmond, Mayfield, Cork, is a finalist in the Queen competition of Charleville Cheese Festival.

Big initiative in war on poverty on Shannonside

By **LEADER REPORTER**

A MAJOR initiative is being launched in Limerick next month to inject a greater effectiveness into the war against poverty in this region.

It comes in the form of a conference being held by the National Federation of Social Service Councils in conjunction with the Limerick Social Service Centre - the first of its kind ever held in this country.

Carrying the theme "Poverty in the 80s, a Caring Community Dead or Alive?", the conference will commence at the Parkway Motel at 10 a.m. and will feature some of the most authoritative speakers in the country on the subject, including Sister Stanislaus Kennedy, chairperson of the National Poverty Agency.

The conference, which is the brainchild of Mr. Joe Reville, administrator of the local Social Service Centre, is directly aimed at all voluntary organisations in the Mid-West, but is open to all.

It is intended as a catalyst for the focussing of attention for the revitalisation of existing organisations and discussing the possible need for the re-structuring of such organisations.

With approximately half of the population under 25 years of age, one of the main thrusts

of the conference will be an emphasis on greater youth involvement for it is felt by the organisers that their understanding of new means of community caring is vital to the success of any venture.

The conference is also appealing to persons of goodwill and concern who for one reason or another have not joined voluntary organisations or meaningfully contributed in any positive way within their communities.

Christian ethos in voluntary work within a community - a characteristic of the Irish - is also to be one of the central themes of the conference.

Said Mr. Reville: "In this present day and age of creeping materialism in all facets of life in this country, this characteristic spirit of community endeavour may not be as evident or readily forthcoming as these circumstances - of poverty demand."

"One of the aims of the conference will be to seek effective ways to arrest this materialism, particularly through good example, and we are hoping that this conference will amount to a pilot scheme for poverty in this country."

The social services administrator said there was a tremendous need for greater co-ordination between voluntary groups and for a pooling of thoughts, ideas and re-

sources. Judge Buchanan said that if it was any consolation to the jury, he agreed with their verdict.

He said that in pleading not guilty Molloy put the State to considerable expense as they had to bring two witnesses from England. However, it was to his credit that he did not speak in the witness box.

Judge Buchanan said that Molloy had a record going back nine years with over 200 charges of larceny: "It is a sad and sorry record for a man of 20 years."

He said that in 1978 he received three years imprisonment and in July 1980 was given 12 months, but was released shortly afterwards.

After his release he engaged in

crimes of terrorising elderly people and robbing homes in the city and "lonely homes in rural districts".

Dominick Conway, in evidence and answering Mr. Gerard Tynan, B.L., prosecuting, instructed by Mr. Michael Murray, state solicitor - said that he left his house at around 12 o'clock on July 11th last, and returned at 4 p.m.

When he returned he put the key in the front door, but found that it was bolted from the inside. He went around the back and then the only way he could get in was by breaking a window.

He went to his bedroom which was ransacked. He went to where he had left £900 in an envelope which was in a

wallet at the back of his wardrobe, but it was gone.

The money was made up mainly of £500 in Irish £20 notes, two English £20 notes, two English £10 notes and the rest in Irish £10 notes.

Before he left the house he made sure it was secure and locked the back door with two bolts.

In reply to Mr. Michael Rynne, B.L., defending, he said that £840 of the money was in Irish currency.

Detective Garda Dan Haugh, Edward Street, gave evidence of charging the accused on December 11th, with entering Mr. Conway's house as a trespasser and stealing cash to the amount of £900.

Detective Constable Capewell,

stationed with lands Police in told the court with Detective Gilbert, interviewed at Digbeth Police Station 4th September 4th.

Molloy was being about the steal. The accused was station with him.

Molloy, when asked that he had a "half" in - brought Molloy and found £1, money under his flat. The large amount.

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By

DEFEATED East Limerick Dail Deputy that there would be another General definite case for the redrawing of the

Mr. Clohessy, who was ousted by fellow Fianna Fail candidate, William O'Dea, said it was the five-seater constituency which - allowed - independents to move into pivotal positions, unlike the three-seater which gave more solid support to the parties.

Mr. Clohessy, who has a 60-acre farm in Fedamore, would not disclose if he would run for the Senate, saying he had an open mind on the matter and would need time to think of it.

He described his defeat "the fortunes of war" and said he bore no animosity towards the man who ousted him from his seat.

Deserved

"In politics you can't be certain about anything, nor disappointed," he said, adding that Mr. O'Dea had fought a very hard campaign and deserved his success.

Mr. Clohessy could not describe where he failed, pointing out that in the seven months he spent as a T.D., he worked "extremely hard" and operated a number of clinics each week.

"I did reasonably well in the city and very well in my own area of Bruff, but it turned out that we would have required a swing of five per cent to take the third seat," he said.

He added that he would need to think about running for the Dail in the future. Asked about the leadership issue, Mr. Clohessy would not be drawn, saying he was always a "rigid party man."

Mr. O'Dea, who expressed delight at his success in the election, also would not comment on the leadership controversy, saying he did not want to pre-empt the business of the parliamentary party meeting taking place this Thursday.

Clinics

Mr. O'Dea, who was elected on the second count with a total vote of 8,105, said he intends to set up extensive constituency clinics in the coming weeks and would be a vociferous deputy in the house whether his party was in government or in opposition.

His main aims, he said, would be to bring about progress in law reform, such as family law and consumer protection.

He would also be striving to get improvements in education, with emphasis on technology and the development of related industries.

Tax equity and the defence of the Common Agricultural Policy to ensure protection of the livelihood of farmers were also central to his aims, he said.

Mr. O'Dea said he was hopeful that Fianna Fail would form a stable minority Government maintaining that good performance would guarantee stability, even in present circumstances.

Details

Dessie O'Malley topped the poll in East Limerick with a first preference vote of 9,049, ousting Tom O'Donnell from that position by 535 votes (8,514).

Willie O'Dea was elected on the second count with a total of 8,105. Jim Kemmy (Ind.), who polled 6,502 first preference votes, had to wait until the 10th count to get elected on 8,597.

Michael Noonan was also elected on the final count with a total vote of 7,861. He polled a first preference vote of 4,527 and was in difficulty up to the conclusion of the count.

Peadar Clohessy was eliminated on the final count with a total vote of 6,093. His first preference was 4,527.

(Count reports: pages 5 and 7).

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Graduates from left: Miss Kat, Miss Bernie B.

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By **CORN LIDDY**

Sports Et

THE COUNTRY in the middle recession but n changing h Clounanna this were going out.

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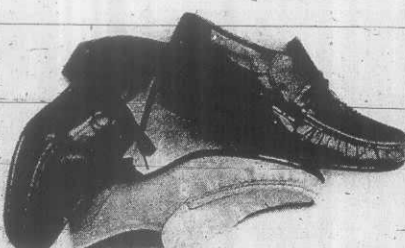
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