

lór na nGael

These are just three of a fairly large selection of pictures from Yempleglantine which appeared in the Limerick Leader in May 1977. The occasion was the Yempleglantine 'na nGael during which President Hillery was guest of honour. Unlike these days, the weekend was fine with sunshine coming down on the participants and the musicians. If anyone can name those in the picture I would be grateful. I can be contacted at the above email address



sons affected resided in a restricted area of the city, but the cause of the outbreak, which at no time reached epidemic proportions, has not, so far, been definitely ascertained.

Altogether, fourteen people were stricken by the fever, but, fortunately, the mortality rate was very light, only one death occurring. It was learned today that the patients under treatment in the City Fever Hospital are making very satisfactory progress.

The Manager Mr. J. J. Berkery, asked today by a Limerick Leader representative, if public health conditions in the city called for any comment, replied in the negative. He stated that the public health of the borough was quite satisfactory. No new cases of typhoid have been reported since August, where there were three notifications.



ain crash at Boher Station

The village of Boher, just a few miles outside Limerick City, hit the local and national headlines when two goods trains crashed on Saturday, September 4. While there was extensive damage, there were no fatalities. The Limerick Leader wrote: The little railway station of Boher, Co. Limerick, was completely isolated following a collision between two goods trains early this morning. Fortunately, only one man was injured, Mr. Billy Kennedy, 51. He suffered a broken collar bone jumping from the train. Our reporter who visited the scene of the crash writes that the collision took place at 7.40 a.m. The trains involved were the ex Waterford to Limerick, 10 p.m. goods train and the ex Limerick 6 a.m. goods train. They collided in the station premises. The crew of the Limerick goods train were John Hegarty, driver, Roshrien, Limerick; fireman, Ned Walsh, Limerick; and guard, Tom Cleary, Limerick Junction. The Waterford train was served by driver, William Downes, Limerick; fireman, Billy Kennedy, Limerick; and guard, Ger Lynch, Limerick. It is understood that the Limerick train was stationary in Boher station when the collision took place. Both trains met head on and so great was the impact that eight wagons were telescoped, timber work being scattered for a quarter of a mile in all directions. The two locomotives were jammed together and it is a matter for surprise that one or both did not explode. Just before the collision, driver Downes of the Waterford train made his fireman Billy Kennedy jump clear. It is believed had he not jumped, judging from his position in the cabin, he would have been killed. The wagons were loaded with Jacobs Biscuits. Miss Kathleen O'Neill of Boher acted as the Goodwill Girl supplying light refreshments to the members of the two crews who were shocked by the fierce impact. These are just some of the pictures which appear in my latest book, Limerick a Stroll Down Memory Lane Vol. 8

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