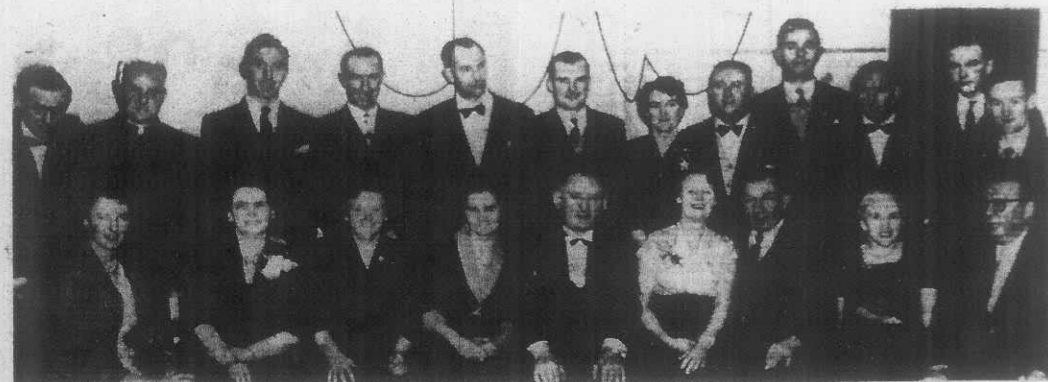


# SAVOY

# THE SAVOY COMES OF AGE

## SAVOY 21st BIRTHDAY RECEPTION



Group taken in the Savoy Restaurant on the occasion of the Savoy 21st birthday celebrations on Tuesday last. Seated (left to right) are Miss Oona McWhirter, Public Relations Officer, Odeon, Ireland; Miss N. Donnelly, Manageress, Savoy Restaurant; Misses Christine Hickey and Jane Hayes, cleaners; Ald. John Carrow, T.D.; Miss May Birmingham, Mr. M. J. Keyes, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; Miss Rita Moran, former Manageress, Savoy Cinema; Mr. Hugh Margery, Catering Controller, Odeon, Ireland; Mr. Benny Franklin, Bolshoi and Electrician; Mr. E. Grace, Secretary, Irish Cinemas; Mr. Jimmy Carter, Chief Operator; Miss Claire Ryan, Mr. Johnny McMahon, Orchestra Leader; Mr. Dick Murphy, Second Operator; Mr. Colman Conroy, Assistant General Manager, Odeon, Ireland; Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D.; and Mr. Alec O'Farrell, Head Cleaner and Stage Manager.

THE 21st birthday of the Savoy Cinema and Restaurant in Limerick was celebrated in a fitting fashion on Tuesday night. A large gathering attended a special party in honour of the occasion in the Restaurant.

During the interval of the cinema show Mr. M. J. Keyes, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Ald. J. Carrow, T.D., Deputy Mayor, and Mr. E. Grace, Secretary, Irish Cinemas, Ltd., addressed the audience.

Mr. Grace said that on behalf of the directors of Irish Cinemas Ltd. he wished to express to the public their thanks and appreciation for their patronage through the years. When the Savoy Cinema was first opened 21 years ago it was said to be too much of an ambitious project for Limerick but experience had proved that it was fully justified.

**POLICY TO ENCOURAGE STAGE SHOWS**

Down the years he said, he hoped that the Savoy had given good service to the public not only in providing light entertainment on the stage and screen but in bringing to them first class artists from all over the world as well as leading Irish artists. It was also the policy of Irish Cinemas to encourage stage shows and, in that respect, Limerick had been well served. Auditions were being held every Tuesday in Dublin for aspiring amateurs and en-

tries from Limerick would be more than welcome.

Limerick, he said, had strong musical traditions and the Savoy Cinema, therefore, hoped to hold auditions in the near future with a view to encouraging talent and giving amateurs a chance to better them-

He was sure, the Minister concluded, that all the citizens would join with him in congratulating the Savoy Management and Staff on the 21st birthday. The success of the cinema would not have been possible without the co-operation of the staff who had a first-class reputation for their courteousness and kindness.

**A GREAT ASSET.**

Ald. J. Carrow, T.D., deputy Mayor, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Mayor and joined in the congratulations to the Savoy management and staff on this very happy occasion.

The Savoy, he said, was undoubtedly a great asset to Limerick and enabled the citizens to have for world renowned orchestras and other big show and stage events on par with either Dublin or Cork. Irish Cinemas had introduced a pension and accident scheme for its employees, he went on, and that showed the interest the company had in its employees. It was also a pointer to the happy relations that existed between staff and management and it was no wonder that nine of the original staff were still working with the company.

**HIGHLY VALUED.**

They in Limerick he added, valued Irish Cinemas and valued the Savoy Cinema very much as it had helped to put Limerick on the map. He appealed to all sections of the community to support

the forthcoming musical festival in Limerick; it was only by the co-operation of all concerned that it would meet with success.

In conclusion he thanked Irish Cinemas for placing the Savoy at the disposal of the people for various local charities.

At the end of the film show the guests and staff were entertained to a buffet supper by the Management. High tributes were paid to the staff of the restaurant by Mr. Keyes, the Deputy Mayor. Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., Ald. D. E. O'Malley and Mr. Hugh Margery, Catering Controller of Odeon Ireland.

The attendance included Mr. Colman Conroy, Assistant General Manager of Odeon Ireland, and Miss Oona McWhirter, Public Relations Officer of Odeon Ireland.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE.**

A huge birthday cake, modelled on the lines of the cinema, was cut by Mrs. Carrow and the guests joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Grace then announced a list of donations to the local charity. He also handed over a cheque for £25 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

There was a pleasant interlude during the celebrations when members of the staff were presented with mementoes. Clocks, marking their 21 years with Savoy. They were Messrs J. Carter, chief operator, R. Murphy, Frankie, Ald. O'Farrell, Misses Mai Birmingham, N. Ryan, C. Hayes, C. Hickey, J. Moran, the former manageress, Miss E. Moran.

**TRIBUTES TO MANAGER.**

During the film interval, Mr. Johnny McMahon and his band entertained the audience to a most appropriate to the occasion. C. Sciascia played the Comp organ.

At the reception Mr. McMahon and Mr. Sciascia also entertained the guests with a selection of modern and old time airs. High tributes were also paid to Mr. Thomas English, manager for the magnificent manner, which he had organised the function.

Proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

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## JOHNNY McMAHON



Johnny McMahon, band leader, violinist-saxophonist, has been associated with the Savoy from its dancing in the foyer ballroom days to sine-variety stage shows and other light entertainments on Tuesday last.

selves in whatever sphere they wished to do so.

Referring to the proposed musical festival to be held in Limerick next May, Mr. Grace said that the Cork film festival had been an outstanding success because the people of Cork had come together and made one concerted effort to put on a show. He wished to make the musical festival a success they would have to make it a community effort and all citizens should be encouraged to themselves to the common effort.

In conclusion he again thanked the public for their continued patronage and said a tribute to the Manager and staff for the efficient way in which the cinema and restaurant were managed.

**MINISTER'S COMPLIMENTS.**

Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, wishing the Savoy Management and Staff many happy birthdays, said that Irish cinemas were to be congratulated on providing such a magnificent house of entertainment for the citizens. The building device of the Savoy had fully justified the optimism of the promoters over the past 21 years. Prior to its erection, the cinema had been a cinema with the spaciousness and comfort associated with the Savoy. Not only had it entered for stage shows and other light entertainment, but it had also given Limerick the opportunity of hearing world famous orchestras, such as the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The citizens were not slow to rise to the occasion and the Savoy world's most famous orchestras.

## ANITA CRONIN



Anita Cronin started her stage career at the Savoy, singing and dancing to the music of her uncle, Johnny McMahon, and his Orchestra. She holds a record for the number of appearances that she has made at this cinema.

And she had the distinction of being the only lady to take part in the birthday celebrations when she played bass fiddle in Johnny's Orchestra on Tuesday last.

## WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAVOY

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## Rare Vocal Talent In City Concert

A concert with the title "The Singers of Limerick" was held in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Technical Institute on last Sunday night and was highly creditable to local talent. The Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, voiced his appreciation of the efforts of those taking part when he said: "This concert shows that in Limerick we have rare vocal talent which is only too seldom available. All the artists have delighted Limerick on previous occasions and it is a great pleasure to me to be able to congratulate them and to pay tribute to their teacher and to Miss Kitty O'Callaghan for her splendid accompaniments."

The concert revealed a high-class quality in the singing of many familiar songs. Those who took part were: Mrs. Eileen Coleman, Miss Philomena Collins, Miss Mary Hannan, Miss Chris O'Connell, Miss Mary McDonagh, Miss Teresa Garvey, Miss Joan O'Carroll, Miss Morrissey, and Mr. Paddy Egan, who created a big impression during the American tour of the Irish Festival Singers.

The concert was presented by Messrs. O'Connor, who deserves commendation on a night of excellent entertainment.

## Passing Of A Fine Old Limerick Lady

Mrs. F. Lynch, one of the oldest and most respected residents of "The Parish," died at her residence, Athlunkard St., on 6th inst. Her life was a most exemplary one and up to a short time ago she attended daily Mass.

Though she outlived her generation, she never forgot those who have passed to eternity.

Her funeral was representative of the city and also friends from Castletown, with which she had family connections.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. Finucane, Mrs. M. McCoy, Miss N. Lynch (daughters); J. Lynch (son); C. Browner, B.E.; Joe and M. Finucane and D. Lynch (grandsons).

## Flag Day And "Rag" For Very Deserving Cause

The Ladies' Association of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual flag day tomorrow (Saturday), December 22nd, and they make a very special appeal to the public for generous support. St. Michael's Troop of Catholic Boy Scouts have very generously volunteered to bring out their rag on flag day and will collect in the afternoon. The charitable people of Limerick are earnestly requested to support this very deserving cause.

## Kilmallock Court Case

At Kilmallock Court, before Justice H. L. Conner, B.L., Mrs. Elizabeth Coll, Meidstown Castle, Buncrana, summoned three members of the one family, two, John O'Donoghue and his sister, Peggy O'Donoghue, of Clogher, for trespass, and the third, James O'Donoghue, for abusive language.

Mrs. Coll complained of trespass by horses belonging to John O'Donoghue. She stated that her sister came on her lands after the horses. She also alleged that James O'Donoghue was abusive and that he had made reference to a shooting tragedy.

The Justice, on technical grounds, dismissed the trespass summons. He bound James O'Donoghue to the peace for two years in his own bond of £20.

Mr. W. A. Lee, solicitor, and Mr. F. McCarthy, solicitor, appeared for the O'Donoghues.

## FARM SALE AT CHARLEVILLE

Messrs. D. J. Madden and Son, M.I.A.A., Rathkeale, offered for sale at the Courthouse, Charleville, the lands of Knockreefree, Liscarroll, containing 85 acres and 35 perches with dwellinghouse and outbuildings thereon, for the sale of the late Miss Anne Fitzpatrick. Bidding opened at £1,000 and after spirited competition the holding was knocked down to Mr. D. Field, Knockreefree, Liscarroll, for the sum of £2,820 and auction fees. Mr. J. T. Liston, solicitor, Charleville, had carriage of sale, and Mr. M. J. Nagle, L.L.B., solicitor, Buttevant, acted for the purchaser.

## Returned For Trial

A 46-year-old farmer, John McGuire, of Ballylanders, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick, was returned for trial to the Limerick Circuit Court at Kilmallock, Court on Thursday, by Justice H. L. Conner on a charge of the manslaughter of Margaret Lalor at Curratuck, Ballylanders.

The charge was the sequel to a fatal accident at Curratuck on the Ballylanders - Mitchelstown road on the 19th October last, when Miss Margaret Lalor, who was a teacher in Ballylanders, was fatally injured while a passenger in a car with the defendant which struck a fence on the road between Ballylanders and Mitchelstown, where the deceased was going to catch a bus to take her to her home in Cullinstill, Laois.

Most of the depositions had been taken at last month's Court in Kilmallock and the remainder were taken at the adjourned hearing on Thursday.

Mr. M. Power, State Solicitor (instructed by Supt. J. Rabbit) prosecuted, and Mr. W. B. Lee, solicitor, appeared for the accused.

## HOSPITAL SCHOOL PROJECT

In connection with the recent successful jumble sale and sale of work held at the Presentation Convent, Hospital, Rev. Mother and Community wish to be associated in an expression of thanks and gratitude to the Committee and to all those who responded so generously to their appeal for help towards the building fund for a new secondary school. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all who helped to make the sale a success.

## Unemployment Question In The Dail

Recently in the Dail, Ald. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., Limerick, asked the Minister for Social Welfare if he will state in respect of the latest available date and the corresponding dates in 1955 and 1954 the numbers on the unemployment registers in (a) the Limerick County Borough and (b) the various offices in the county area, and if he will classify the figures under the various categories.

In his reply, the Minister showed, in a tabulated statement, the numbers of persons registered on the dates indicated at the local offices of the Department in Limerick City and County, distinguishing between applicants for unemployment benefit, applicants for unemployment assistance, and others.

The statement indicated that on the 1st December, 1956, applicants for unemployment benefit were: Limerick, 1,632; Kilmallock, 297; Newcastle West, 532. On the 3rd December, 1956, the numbers were: Limerick, 1,338; Kilmallock, 177; Newcastle West, 348. On the 4th December, 1956, the figures were: Limerick, 1,354; Kilmallock, 202; Newcastle West, 469.

In respect of the number of applicants for unemployment assistance, the numbers were: Limerick, 1st December, 1956 (776); 3rd December, 1956 (589); 4th December, 1956 (729). Kilmallock, 1st December, 1956 (19); 3rd December, 1956 (16); 4th December, 1956 (13). Newcastle West, 1st December, 1956 (178); 3rd December, 1956 (84); 4th December, 1956 (101).

With others included the totals

## Death Of Mr. Denis Hayes

The death of Mr. Denis Hayes, Lansdowne Gardens, Limerick, which took place on Sunday last, is deeply regretted by a very wide circle of friends and by an older generation of citizens.

A member of a very highly esteemed family, the late Mr. Hayes conducted very successfully a general grocery and liquor business in Shannon Street for many years, retiring more than twenty years ago to enjoy a well-earned rest.

The late Mr. Hayes had many excellent traits, but none was more pronounced than his charitable disposition. A man of great kindness of heart, he never failed to give a helping hand where it was needed and by his passing Limerick has lost a personality of great qualities. We join with the general public in tendering to his sons, Rev. M. A. Hayes, O.C., Rev. Brother G. Hayes, O.C., daughter, and other relatives very deep sympathy in their bereavement.

Following Solemn Requiem Mass in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday the funeral took place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege, fairly representative of all sections of the community, was a striking testimony to the memory of the deceased.

## SALE OF LICENSED PREMISES AT KNOCKAINERY

Messrs. P. H. Madden and Son, auctioneers, Hospital, offered for sale on the premises at Knockainery, all that and those the dwellinghouse and licensed premises with the 7 day publican's licence attached thereto, the property of Patrick O'Connell.

The premises, which are ideally situated in the village of Knockainery, adjacent to local school, church and creamery, realised a figure of £2,400.

Mr. Thomas M. Mitchell, solicitor, Hospital, acted for the purchaser, Mr. J. Hayes, of Loughgaur, Holy-cross, Kilmallock.

## £7,110 FOR 80 STATUTE ACRES

At the People's Hall, Kilmallock, on Tuesday of last week, Messrs. J. and Co. and Mr. P. B. C. Kilmallock, acting as auctioneers, offered for sale public auction the residential property situated at the Grove, Ballygarry, Kilmallock, acting as representatives of the late Mr. Kelly, containing 88 acres 3 roods and 31 perches statute measure, held from the Irish Land Commission at the half-yearly auction being £28 18s on lands £3 8s on buildings.

Bidding opened at £4,000 and there was spirited bidding up to £7,110, at which figure and a few pence, it was sold on the market to Mr. Dermot D. Tankardstown, Kilmallock.

Messrs. R. Fox and Co., Kilmallock, had carriage of sale.

## LIMERICK RACES

DECEMBER 26 & 27

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## RUSSIANS TRAINING IN ATOMIC WARFARE

The Soviet Union has begun training and refitting her army divisions in East Germany into highly mobile and largely self-supporting units designed to operate on atomic battle-fields. Eastern sources reported in Berlin.