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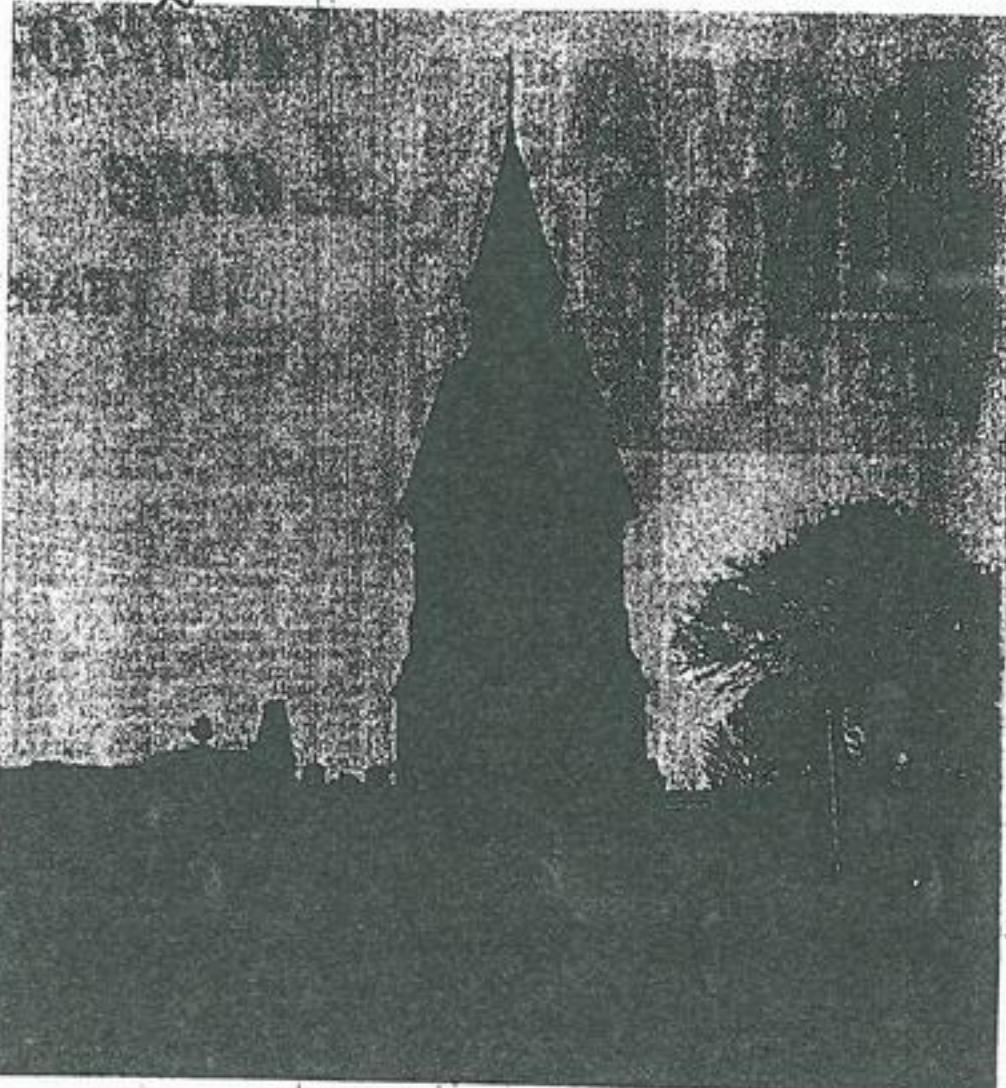
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When Limerick had a water supply Society saved 18 years to build fountain

THIS year marks the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of one of Limerick's most handsome, if most neglected, monuments, the Public Drinking Fountain in St. John's Square. The fountain was erected by the trustees of the Pery and Jubilee Loan Fund, a society which was a source of great benefit to the poor of the city in lending out small sums at nominal interest to struggling small traders and other industrious people.

Though the fountain is of beautiful workmanship and design, its use was strictly utilitarian, and in this age of public amenities it may be difficult to realise that in 1865, and for many years afterwards, a piped water supply was not available to the citizens.

This caused great hardship, particularly to the poorer classes, and as a small measure of relief a very limited number of drinking fountains were erected at selected points in the city. The first of these was put up in 1855.

A body known as the Waterworks Company was responsible for the supply, and in the early 1860's the Corporation had to pay them a rent of £25 per year for their services. At one period the company threatened to cut off the supply because the Corporation was lax in the payment of the rental!

The water supply was not available until 1865, when the Corporation stipulated the conditions under which the officials.

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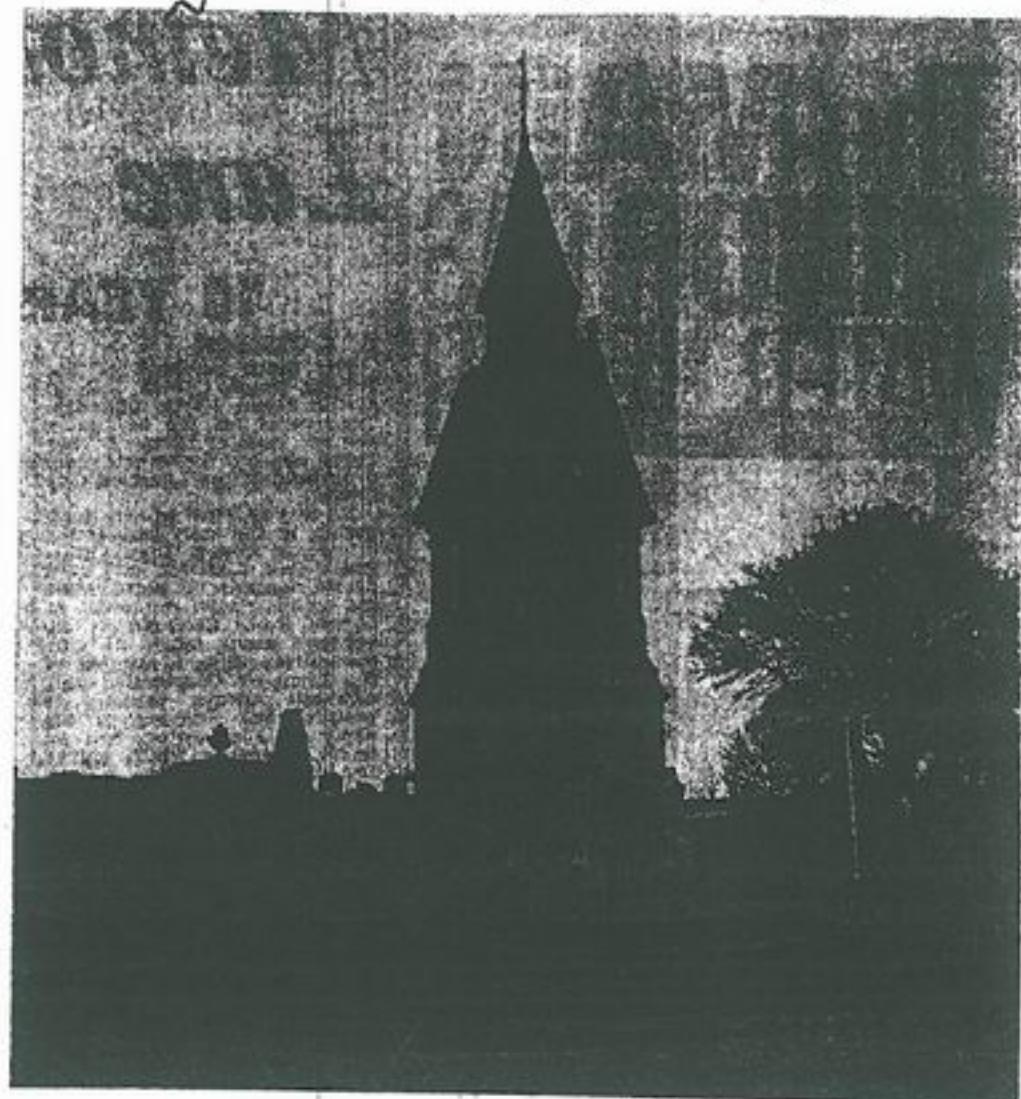
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It is interesting to note that a record of the origin of the fountain, signed by the members of the committee, was placed in a bottle and, together with coins of the realm, was deposited in the foundation stone.

The record, which now lies for a century under the fountain in St. John's Square, makes interesting reading.

"Record of the fountain erected in St. John's Parish, Limerick, 1935.

"At a special general meeting of the Limerick Pery and Jubilee Loan Society, convened by requisition, and held on January 26, 1937, the late honorary secretary, Isaac William Unthank, Esq., read a very interesting paper on the advantages of erecting public fountains in this city, and pressing on the members the necessity of alleviating a certain proportion of the yearly profits of the Society to raise a sum of five hundred pounds for the purpose. Said monies to be vested in the hands of three trustees, viz., Patrick McNamara, Rueben Harvey and James J. Fisher, Esq. (latter deceased).

"It was unanimously resolved at said meeting that this proposition should be carried out in accordance with the tenants' suggestion, and that the first of these fountains should be erected in St. John's Parish, to afford a daily supply of water to its inhabitants.

"By careful management since the above period, we have released the required sum, and now having obtained from the Corporation of the City and the Market Trustees, the site on which the present fountain is erected, we, the trustees and members of the Limerick Pery and Jubilee Loan Society, give the inhabitants of St. John's Parish the free use of this useful as well as ornamental fountain, with a daily supply of fresh water granted by the Corporation of our city.

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