

Leader.

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IT MATTER

calling attention editorially, occasions but repeatedly to the work of the St. Vincent special article we publish activities of the local branch for much more widespread have been getting. The ly deserving, as everyone liating and disquieting that tension are being gravely of a sufficiency of funds.

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y rate, is in quite a grave ewithal to enable its work ate necessary. As a result, poor have to go without ould otherwise get and urely the mere mention of imulate all in a position to mpt and generous as they ming to the rescue of the get practically everyone to or funds is made, for it is ults can be obtained. It is that the church-door col- each month be far better

and charitable people who t. Vincent de Paul Society dge and understanding of illing for relief. It must be e see so much genuine and do nothing to relieve be-nds at their disposal for go a soft-hearted and most iver worker in the St. Vin- k was so distressed at all rounds, and could do so relieved of that particular e time that he could not put it, of "having only a illings worth of poverty." e same great charity are the general body of citi- o put them in a position of their activities but to expand necessary.

WANTS HOUSES AND LAND

house you are looking for may be in this column to-day. Why get yourself a wide choice by putting an advertisement in the Homes wanted column, describing the kind of house you are looking for? Give yourself every chance by putting in two consecutive insertions for the sale of two. (22p)

LOST AND FOUND

UND recently, ladies two brown back-ed Gloves, one brown leather over; also pair of gent's leather shoes on the premises; lady's Stole o-found in the vicinity of Glent-

THE GREAT PRESS BALL

THE annual Press Ball at Cruise's Hotel on Friday night once again established itself as the highlight of the social season in Limerick. It was in every respect a gala occasion and one which was most thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity gathering.

The ballroom was a scene of animation and gaiety from the time the first dancers took the floor to the strains of Johnny McMahon's splendid orchestra, and even in the wee hours there was no diminution of the happy atmosphere which characterised the occasion.

The ladies, as always, made their special contribution to the scene with their multi-coloured creations and striking coiffures.

The committee have every reason to feel pleased that such a resounding success was their reward for months of hard work and meticulous planning. With the wholehearted co-operation of Mr. C. Rafferty, manager of Cruise's Hotel, and the staff, a splendid six course dinner was provided and the neat little attention of soup when the dancers were leaving was greatly appreciated.

The orchestra, so capably led, excelled itself, and Mr. Johnny McMahon, delighted with several of his inimitable violin solos during the evening.

The guests included the Mayor (Mr. C. P. Keyes) and the Mayoress, the City Manager and Mrs. Macken, Mr. D. F. Donovan, County Secretary, and Mrs. Donovan; Mr. Sean O'Brien, Manager in Ireland, U.S. Shipping Line, and Mrs. O'Brien; Mr. James Morrison, Irish Manager, Electrolux Co., and Mrs. Morrison; Mr. Kevin Barry, Director, John Quinn and Co., Ltd.; Mr. John Foley, Chairman, Greymount Co-operative Creamery Society; Mr. F. K. Thomas, Gas Engineer, and Mrs. Thomas; Bee Moynihan and Co., Mr. Liam Staines, Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Staines, etc.

The raffle for the prizes—the tickets were drawn by the Mayor—resulted as follows:

U.S. Lines Trip to Continent — Miss Alice Lane, "Inisfail," O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.

Electrolux Cleaner — Miss Eileen Clancy, Red Cross, Knockalishen Camp.

Aer Lingus Flight — Miss Claire Nestor, 5 Mona Terrace, Limerick.

Chest of Tea (presented by John Quinn and Co.) — Mrs. J. Synott 23 Emmett Place, Limerick.

25 lb. Box of Butter (presented by Greymount Creamery) — Mr. Wm. Millar, Garranroe, Patricks-well.

Gold Watch (presented by Bee Moynihan, Ltd.) — Mr. Thomas McSweeney, 32 Shelbourne Park, Limerick.

Valentine Prize (for engaged couple) — Mr. J. O'Callaghan, 11 Sexton Street, Limerick, and Miss Mary O'Donnell, 3 Thomond Terrace.

Two Co. Limerick Nonagenarians Pass Away

The death occurred at her home, Knockadreen, Abbeyfeale, of Mrs. Margaret O'Connell. The deceased lady was aged 96 and enjoyed good health up to a short time ago. She was a member of a well known and popular local family and her passing is widely regretted. A very large and representative crowd attended the interment in the old cemetery, Abbeyfeale.

Rev. J. Liston, C.C. and Rev. M. Frawley, C.C. officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners — Tommy and Jim O'Connell (sons), Mrs. C. Lane, Mrs. Wm. Collins, Mrs. J. O'Reilly, Miss Elizabeth O'Connell (daughters).

Mr. Maurice Kirby, of Emly, who has died, had reached the ripe old age of 90 years. He was a well-known figure in East Limerick and West Tipperary, and belonged to an esteemed family. In his youth the famed Emly classical school flourished and he was one of its most brilliant pupils. He was very popular with all classes, and his demise, though at an advanced age, occasioned deep regret over a wide area. He was brother of the late Very Rev. Daniel Kirby, who ministered in Cleveland in the U.S.A. He was also brother of Miss Mary Kirby, draper, Emly, who is now the last surviving member of the family. There was a large and representative attendance at the interment in Emly cemetery.

LANDS POISONED.

Take Notice that the Lands situate at Castle-Erkin North, Pallasgreen, are strictly laden with Poison for the protection of sheep. Signed: RICHARD RYAN.

SITUATIONS VACANT

BOOK-KEEPER / CASHIER required for city office; no shorthand or typing. Apply, stating wages and copy references (if any) to Box 560. (17p)

St. Patrick's New Hall Opened And Blessed

ST. Patrick's new Scout Hall at Rhebogue was opened and blessed by Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., yesterday afternoon. The hall, which was built within six weeks, was designed by Mr. John Thompson, architect, a former member of the C.B.S.I.

It was a historic occasion for the parish of St. Patrick yesterday when the new scout hall was opened and blessed by Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P.

The hall, a fine spacious building, was built within six weeks and climaxed a year of intensive activity by Limerick's youngest troop, who had worked voluntarily during their spare time to ensure the hall would be completed in time. It was only fitting and proper that the hall should be designed by Mr. John Thompson, architect, who is a former member of the 1st Limerick Troop, C.B.S.I. Mr. James Barry, Chairman of the troop, presided, and the attendance included the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Costelloe; Mr. J. Carr, B.C. Secretary; Mr. M. Bourke, Treasurer; Rev. Fr. E. Casey, C.C.; Mr. T. Keyes, Scoutmaster, and Mr. J. McGrath, Assistant Scoutmaster, as well as representatives of other scout troops in the city.

FINE ACHIEVEMENT. Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, having opened and blessed the hall, congratulated the scouts on their fine achievement. He described it as a historic occasion and said that the venture was made possible by the splendid spirit of generosity and loyalty that characterised the parish of St. Patrick.

It was the first time, the rev. speaker said, that a suitable premises was placed at the disposal of the scouts in which to carry out their work. He would appeal to them not to sit down and take things easy because now was the time for them to continue to perfect themselves as scouts so as to ensure that they could train themselves as good Catholic citizens for the future. The boy scout movement had trained outstanding Catholic citizens and such training was a valuable asset to them in after life. Therefore, it was the responsibility of each one of them to perfect themselves as scouts.

PRINCIPLES OF THE SCOUT ORGANISATION.

The rev. speaker then spoke about the principles on which the boy scout organisation was founded and said that if they remained true and loyal to those principles they could ensure for themselves a good, Catholic and successful life afterwards.

He congratulated the architect, Mr. John Thompson, whom he described as a fine type of Catholic gentleman and one whom they all felt proud of. Mr. Tom Moloney, his assistant and Mr. D. Hayes, the contractor. He paid a tribute to the ladies' Committee for their unselfishness in devoting their spare time for the organising of dances and concerts in order to raise funds; Father Green, C.C., Feohanagh, who was one of the founders of the troop for his indefatigable work and lastly the people of the parish for their co-operation and help at all times.

Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., said that while they had the goodwill and co-operation of the people of the parish they could not fail to succeed in achieving the objects they desired and expressed the hope that they would continue to get the support of the other troops in the city.

THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. James Barry, chairman, said:

"I deem it an honour and a privilege to be given this opportunity of welcoming you all here to-day to the opening and blessing of our new Scout Hall. We are glad to have with us an ex-Chaplain, Father Casey, who contributed in no small way to the building up of the Troop.

"When this Troop was formed some seven years ago, the then Committee realised that the building of a Scout Hall was something that would have to be faced up to, but there were other and more immediate problems, too. Tents and general equipment had to be provided, the cost of which would be a drain on the resources of the Committee for a long time. The Committee have not alone provided these amenities but were able to put aside a substantial sum towards the building of the new Hall. Of recent months the problem of providing a Hall became a matter of urgency, as the old condemned building used by the Troop was shortly to be demolished by the Corporation. We approached our Parish Priest, Dr. Cowper, and put our difficulties before him and he agreed to guarantee us in the bank for the capital sum necessary to build the Hall. Were it not for that kind and generous gesture by Dr. Cowper the building of this Hall

SPOTLIGHT ON A GREAT LIMERICK CHARITY

(BY WELFARE WORKER)

You remember the words of Peter in replying to Our Lord when Jesus asked him would he, too, desert Him, and Peter's answer came out clear and strong: "Lord, to whom can we turn except to Thee."

I open this little article, if one may call it that, with the above recollection, to illustrate a point in connection with the work of that illustrious body, known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, within this city. This work has been carried on for such a long time now that it has become part and parcel of the pattern of our daily life, so that if, through the exigencies of the times, withdrawal, even in part, of any of its services would have serious repercussions on the lives of those this Society endeavours to serve, because the services of a welfare state fall very far short of the needs of the really poor; and neither the dole nor the children's allowances can ever hope to bridge that gap between income and expenditure where families exist at to-day's continued rising costs.

GAP BETWEEN EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

The Society here in Limerick has discovered that at its present rate of expenditure over income, the gap has widened to a very dangerous extent, with the result that very reluctantly they have decided that all dole cases must be taken off their visitations immediately, at least until such time as the funds of the Society may improve considerably, because it has no hidden assets, and this is most unfortunate, having regard to the time of year, and, as above mentioned, rising costs.

The public, perhaps, are not aware of the very great expansion of the city over a period of at least the last ten years, and that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has not correspondingly expanded, the membership of which could be much greater, having regard to the population, and, apart from this fact, no one with a proper conception of the cost of the Society's undertakings could expect it to carry on with an income of at most £2,500/£3,000, and meet half, nay, a quarter, of the demands made upon it.

THE SOCIETY'S CRITICS.

It is said that "the best hurlers are always on the fence"; many of the Society's critics could well come under this category. The members have not to be told that there are many in receipt of relief who may be abusing it, but who is he, or the critic, to pass judgment of a fellow creature? Do you not recall the words of Our Lord to those around Him, who would pass judgment on the woman taken in adultery: "Let him who is without sin be the first to cast the stone." It may be well to stress here that, unlike other bodies, it is not feasible for the Society to seek funds through the various methods which are used to-day to raise much needed money. Suffice it to say that in accordance with the rules of that body, they are entirely dependent upon the charity of the public, and so, of necessity, must become "beggars for Christ."

HELP CAN BE GIVEN IN THREE WAYS.

In this small effort, which the Lord has permitted me to make, may it not be too much to hope that the seed will fall on fruitful ground, and that a generous response may ensue, and this can be done in three ways:—

(1) Send an immediate subscription, to an extent that one may even feel the pinch a bit, to the treasurer of the Society at O'zanam House, Hartstonge Street, Limerick.

(2) Those of you, who are comfortably well-off, remember "you can't take it with you," won't you set aside something in your will for this purpose, a bequest could mean so much, or if you have already made your will, and may have overlooked this charity, how about putting in a little codicil.

(3) Young men, seek God's guidance, and offer your services to the Society. Surely in the week you could find an hour or two to spare to help in bringing relief and consolation to God's poor.

APPEAL FOR PRAYERS.

To all would I appeal for your prayers for the Society generally, its members and its works.

In conclusion, would I refer you to my opening paragraph, and without being blasphemous, in all humility I think I may well ask you, the public, this question: "To whom may the poor now turn? Remember, a cup of water given in My Name will have its reward."

Set Fire To Rick Of Turf: Offence Admitted

Maurice Hartnett, 36-year-old labourer, of Ballyculhane, appeared before Justice Kenny at Glin Court, charged with the offence of setting fire to a rick of turf.

WHAT Notes, 1

THEY ARE STILL IDLE.

DESPITE considerable. It is to be noted that the new shops in the Care scheme are shuttered since many curious people would know why they have been tenanted and opened for. There must be a reasonable one, for allowing remain closed, but the public like to know a little more these locked shops. Per rents are too high—it is the rent of each shop in region of £4 per week; they are being reserved keepers to be displaced old, Boherbuoy frontage, this latter be the explanation there is no cause for any the other hand, if the untenanted because of a very different matter. Y some member of the City and have the position.

ABANDONED!

THE river embankment from Rosbrien to non, at the "Snuff Box," abandoned to their fate. A time hundreds of people evenings, could enjoy a st this embankment, which a fringe to the Ballinacru. A few short years ago, the public could ramble along these embankments they have become overgrown bushes, briar and rank one is prepared to risk p what is, in all truth, a miniature. And to make a little more confusing, clear who is responsible taining the embankment it be the Board of Wor local authorities. In any (once very popular walk: "no man's land." Are t main abandoned and ne

VERY SILENT.

LAST year a great hull kicked up because C no provision for river on the Lower Shannon. gramme for the comin has already been made once again the lower reas river have been by-pass on this occasion, Lim maintained a deadly sile that we have given up I It is always the same rick—a big initial burst haustion. C.I.E. has mad of its decision to keep ti boats on the Upper Shs deed, advance particu C.I.E.'s 1958 tourist attr cluding the river cruises to travel agents in Briti and America in Oct coming summer two o pany's coach tours are with Shannon cruises.

"Drom" M Na Tire A Meeting

The annual meeting of the Drom Na Tire Muintir na Tire was held in the Parc Dromcollogher and presided over by Very Rev. H. O'Connor. The activities of the Club for the year were reviewed and the following official committee were elected for the year:—President, Very Rev. M. Minihan, C.C.; Vice-President, Mr. N.T.; Chairman, Mr. D. O'Connell; Secretary, Mr. M. O'Connell; Treasurer, Mrs. M. O'Connell. The various sections of the Club are:—Farmers—Mrs. M. Sheehan; Professional—Miss

DROWNED ACCIDENTALLY IN SHANNON

AT an inquest in the Town Hall, recently, concerning the circumstances of the death of Miss Catherine Hickey, of Lismullane, Caherconish, Co. Limerick, who was found drowned in the Shannon, near the Dock Gate, Limerick, on Saturday, 1st February, the City Coroner (Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor) said he was satisfied that her death was accidental—that she had got some weakness or fit and fell into the water.

The inquest was conducted by Inspector Keegan, Limerick.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. R. Morrow, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence that the deceased was admitted to the hospital on the date in question and at that time life was extinct. He later carried out a post mortem examination, which showed that the woman died from asphyxia, due to drowning.

SHE APPEARED TO BE ILL.

Alec McConkey, junior, gave evidence that he was an employee of the Limerick Harbour Board and was cycling along the quay near Messrs. Glynn's premises at 11.35 a.m. on the 1st February. He noticed a woman walking along between the guard rails and the water. His attention was drawn to her as she appeared to be ill. He got the impression that there was froth around her mouth. He did not wish to embarrass her by watching her closely and he cycled on. Some time later a body was removed from the water near the Dock Gate and he was able to say that it was the body of the woman he had seen walking along the quay.

RECOVERED BODY FROM WATER.

James Wallace, another employee of the Harbour Board, said that he was engaged on the dredger, which was working near the Dock Gate some time before noon on the 1st February, and he observed the body of a woman—face upwards—floating in the water, coming downstream. He procured a boat and recovered the body, which he took into the boat and brought ashore. The body appeared to be still warm, but the woman was dead. The body was removed in an ambulance to Barrington's Hospital.

HAD UNDERWENT OPERATION.

The father of the deceased gave evidence of identification and added that she had been in a number of hospitals, including Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, where she had undergone an operation four to five weeks ago. She left her home on Saturday morning, 1st February, and went by bus to Limerick to purchase domestic supplies. She said she would return on the 12 o'clock bus, but did not do so.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.

VERDICT

The Coroner said it would appear obvious from Mr. McConkey's evidence that Miss Hickey was ill and that she got some kind of weakness or fit and fell into the water. He was satisfied that her death was accidental and he was recording a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

A Spectacular Come Back

