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30 YEARS AGO

ANOTHER CHILD IS KICKED BY A HORSE

ANOTHER child has been kicked by a wandering horse. And his injuries were serious enough for him to be hospitalised. This time the victim is a six-year-old boy, Allen Murnane, of 24 College Park, Corbally.

Allen is the third child to be kicked by a wandering horse in Limerick in recent months.

A few months ago, a young boy, with a toy gun in his hand, was kicked out of his shoes by a wandering horse.

And prior to that incident a girl around school-age was kicked by a stray animal just outside her home.

Both children were from Southill, and had to receive several stitches to the face and head.

The latest incident occurred at Pa Healy's Field in Corbally. The boy was playing with a football when it went in the direction of the horse.

"When he went to get it he was kicked in the side of the ribs and hips. The kick was so hard that it left the imprint of a hoof mark on his body.

Severely bruised and in much pain, Allen, who had been in the company of his sister, Vivian, was rushed to Barrington's Hospital, where he was given a series of x-rays - in the head, pelvis, chest and back.

He was slightly concussed at the time and couldn't remember when questioned about it.

40 YEARS AGO

HOLIDAY HOME FOR POOR AND ELDERLY IN KILKEE

A NOVEL scheme for providing a holiday for poor and elderly men has been devised be the Society of St Vincent de Paul in Limerick.

From Sunday, groups of men from the society's hostel in St John's Square will spend a week each in Kilkee.

A spokesman for the society said: "this involves much organisation and planning. We must provide facilities such as cooking facilities and bedding."

A house has been reserved at the resort for the whole month of September. "We must employ the services of a competent cook too," he added.

Members of the Kilkee branch of the society have indicated that they will help out with the arrangements. The Limerick-Shannon Rotary club has donated a sum of money which will meet the basic costs of operating the holiday. This is the first time that the Society of St Vincent de Paul has organised such an outing.

"We have run into a number of difficulties. For example, we are taking care of men who are not used to travel," the spokesman continued. "The ages of the men vary. They are over 55, but many are nearer to 70. Some have neither friends nor relatives. We also propose to send a number of poor aged men, who come to our hostel ever Sunday for a meal at a nominal charge, although they do not stay overnight there."

The groups will be transported to Kilkee by coach, and each will spend a week or more" at the resort.

BIG DEMAND FOR COMMEMORATIVE CATHEDRAL STAMP

A new stamp to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral was issued yesterday. The stamp bears an illustration of the Cathedral and is issued in two denominations, 5d and 10d.

Demand for the new issue was particularly heavy in Limerick City yesterday, as stamp enthusiasts queued at shops where first day of issue covers bearing the stamp were on sale.

The limited edition of 2,000, personally autographed by the Dean of Limerick, Very Rev MJ Talbot, was snapped up very quickly. Proceeds from the sale of these will go to the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

A Post Office spokesman said that demand for the stamp had been "surprisingly brisk" yesterday.

The GPO dealt with overseas demands amounting to £8,500 and over-the-counter sales of first-day covers came to over £800.

Demand was also brisk in the provincial head offices.

The stamp will be on sale for three months, and available through the GPO for a further three months. St Mary's Cathedral was founded in 1168 by King Donal Mor O Briain and was built on the site of a former O Briain fortress.

50 YEARS AGO

EMINENT CITIZEN WILL SEE SIXTH CONSECRATION

ONE of Limerick's best known and respected citizens, who was confirmed by Bishop Butler over 80 years ago, will be present next Sunday at Saint John's Cathedral for the solemn consecration of Bishop elect, Most Rev. Dr Murphy.

He is Mr Patrick Roche, oldest active member of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family. Born 93 years ago, Mr Roche - Paddy to his friends, who are legion - will be witnessing the sixth of such auspicious and memorable event, the Prelates being: Bishops Butler, O'Dwyer, Hallinan, Keane, O'Neill and Murphy, all of whom knew him well, since his name is synonymous with that great bulwark of Catholic Action, Saint Michael's Temperance Society, now in its 120th year, for the success of which he did so much to foster and expand.

No doubt "Limerick's Grand Young Man" will be the recipient of the good wishes and felicitations of a warm-hearted citizenry for being spared, through God's Providence, to greet yet another in this illustrious line of the See of Munchin by his presence on Sunday, as standard-bearer of the Diocese's 48 parishes, embracing upwards of 134,000 Catholics, whose loyalty and devotion to successive pastors down the years needs no enumeration in these pages; since Limerick's ties with Rome, at times when persecution was at its fiercest, remained unbroken and will, under the guidance of our new Spiritual Father, remain steadfast to the end.

COUNCILLORS TO SEND CIE ANOTHER DEPUTATION

IT WAS revealed at a special meeting of the city council on Tuesday that C.I.E. had agreed to restore the Corbally bus service to its original route. The council unanimously decided to seek another conference with C.I.E. with a view to having other alterations carried out.

A special meeting of the city council was held Tuesday for the purpose of disposing of the Gas Showrooms in William Street.

The council has already purchased premises in O'Connell Street to be used as showrooms for the future.

FRESH THREAT TO SHANNON VALLEY FARMERS FROM THE HEAVY RAIN

HEAVY rain throughout Tuesday night and yesterday brought a fresh threat to the already hard-hit farmers in the Shannon Valley, south of Athlone.

However, its effect will not be felt for a day or two, by which time the flood waters will have poured down from the upper reaches of the Shannon and its tributaries.

Although the flooding is well below the dimensions of the disastrous inundation of 1954, it is unprecedented for a summer period and in effect it is likely to be all the more damaging.