

Final tribute to veteran of War of Independence

JOHN GALLAGHER OF LIMERICK

FORMER Comrades-in-Arms, from the East, West and Mid-Limerick Brigades, Old I.R.A., attended the funeral of Comdt. John Gallagher (retired), whose mortal remains were laid to rest in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery on Saturday last.

It was one of the biggest funerals seen in Limerick's streets of the ever-dwindling number of Ireland's outstanding freedom fighters — 1916-1921 — that heroic band who put the first knot in the tail of the British Lion and which culminated in the winning of political and religious freedom for 26 of our 32 counties — as yet.

John Gallagher, as a youth, of powerful physique, joined the Irish Volunteers on the formation of that militant body, and soon became its most forceful member.

its last respects to a gallant soldier and loyal comrade. A bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille . . . and thus was added another chapter to Limerick's noble part in the fight for freedom.

To his sorrowing wife, sons, daughter, brother Dan and other relatives' heartfelt sympathy is tendered.

May the God of mercy grant his soul eternal rest. —W.W.G

By-Election

First, as Lieutenant, and later Captain "D" Coy., he did more than one man's part in the 1917 East Clare by-election which returned Mr. de Valera to the British House of Commons as M.P.

On Passion Sunday, April 6, 1919, he it was who was in charge of the party that rescued Robert Byrne from a guard of six armed policemen and a warder in the Limerick Union. During the encounter, Byrne was fatally wounded by one of his captors, who, in turn, was shot dead by one of the rescue party. A second policeman was also wounded.

After the successful attack on Kilmallock Barracks, on Friday, May 28, 1920, in which Liam Scully, B.A., one of the attacking party was killed, as well as two policemen also killed and four others wounded, John joined the Flying Column — the first in Ireland — founded by Comdt. Donal O'Hannigan, who was returning from West Limerick after attending the funeral obsequies of the brilliant young teacher.

A flair for disarming British soldiers, while unarmed himself, it is on record that the rifles taken "from outside Clohessy's pub in the Mall" by Gallagher and some of his comrades (also unarmed), were used in the Dromkeen ambush afterwards — in which he took part — the most successful IRA victory in the whole Limerick Brigade area.

On the run, he served with the Flying Column until the signing of the Truce on July 11, 1921, after having taken part in almost every important engagement.

Wounds

For his efforts, he received two flesh wounds in his head which, in military parlance, he jocularly described as "an M.O.'s prescription for medicine and duty."

When the National Army was founded in February, 1922, John, afterwards Comdt., was among the first to be trained at Renmore Military Barracks, Galway, after which the whole battalion, with Brigadier-General Timmy Murphy in charge, and led by the Newmarket-on-Fergus brass band, reed band, paraded in full uniform, with flags flying — the first occasion since the "Flight of the Wild Geese" — from the Railway terminus to William Street Barracks, which, only a short time previously, Major-General Michael Brennan took over from the British authorities for the Irish Government.

At this juncture, while it occurs to me — and not wishing to sound a discordant note on such an occasion as this — I am of the firm belief that had Comdt. Gallagher lived in Dublin, or North of the Boyne, and held an executive post in the Civil Service, or such like, at the time of his death, a gun carriage would have been provided to bear his remains to Glasnevin . . . but then, he was only a country boy!

Bodyguard

At the removal of the remains from Barrington's Hospital to St. John's Cathedral on Friday, a bodyguard of his former comrades, some of whom fought and suffered with him in the Anglo-Irish War, and others who took the opposite side in the Civil War, formed a guard of honour flanking the hearse.

Again, after Requiem Mass on the following day, the coffin, draped with the Tricolour, was borne to its last resting place, amid scenes of sorrow and regret.

A firing party, again composed of "old faithfuls" paid

At Dromoland Castle: Mrs. Des Hanrahan (left) and Miss Mary Ellen Florida.

Warning by Supt. Cody

A WARNING that there would be strong objection to the granting of dance licences in the future if the owners of dance halls did not provide proper stewarding was made by Supt. R. M. Cody at Adare Court.

breach of the peace at Adare on October 4 last.

Supt. Cody, prosecuting, said that the Gardaí had a great deal of trouble from "blackguards" attending dances in Adare Village Hall.

Mr. Michael Cusser for Madigan, said the defendant got excited and was pushed around locals. He apologised for his behaviour that night. There was no quid.

Disturbance

On October 4 last, Garda Dan Harrington was called to a disturbance in the hall about 12.30 a.m. There were people pushing and pulling each other around.

After order was restored, Madigan told the Garda: "I will take on any of them." When the Garda warned him not to do so, the defendant said: "I will take myself on."

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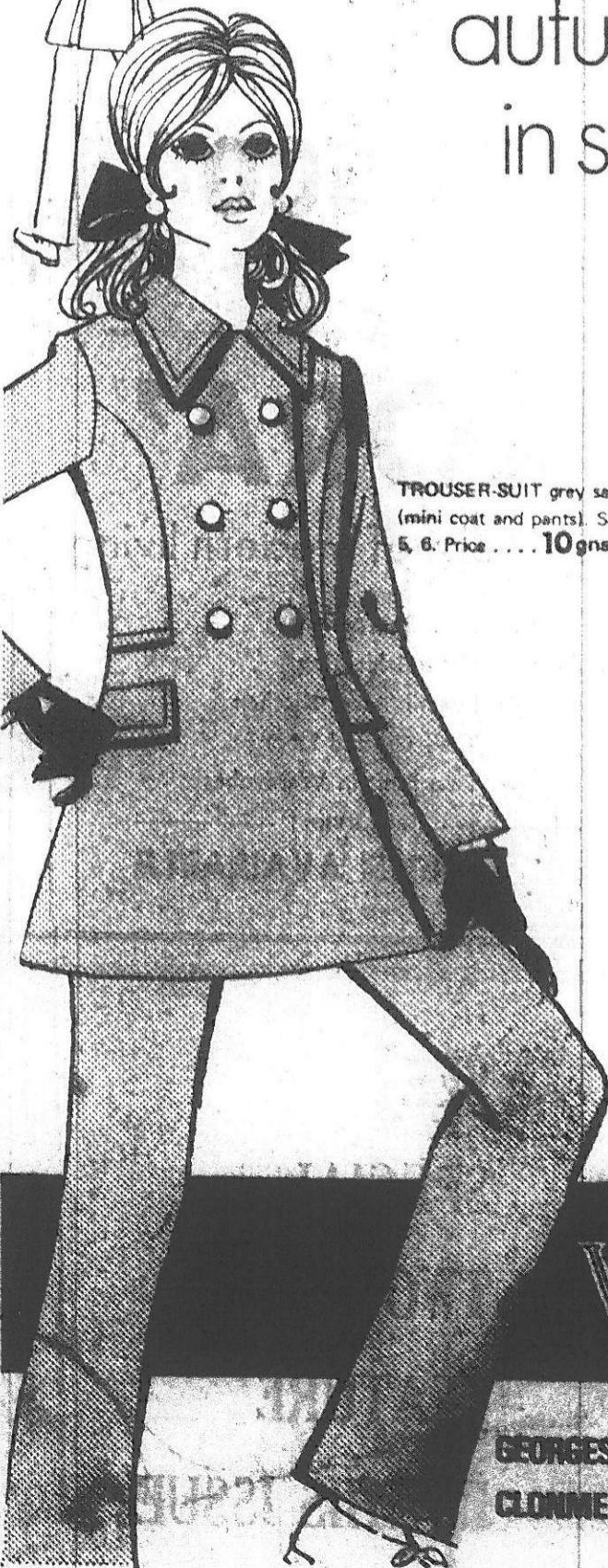
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Education Authority re-university. But it states that a council of national to Limerick.

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tural development call, in the Authority's opinion, for the establishment of such an insti- tution as is envisaged and we have recommended accordingly.

"The chief advantages of a College of Higher Education, as the new Limerick institution might be styled, would be:

"(1) that it would combine the prestige of degree-earning courses of various kinds with extensive provision, on a scale and in a manner not open to a university (that is, by way of full and complete courses at technical level), for a very large number of students who either would not have satisfied the precise conditions of university entry or, if they had, for some reason would not desire to pursue a university course but, nevertheless, would wish to continue their education beyond Leaving Certificate level;

Courses

"(2) that it would provide sandwich-type courses for persons already in employment who would wish to improve their education or skills or to add to their qualifications;

"(3) that its students would tend in the main to be Limerick-oriented;

"(4) that, providing, as it should, for areas of study not fully covered in existing insti- tutions, and thus catering distinctively for national as well as regional needs, it should attract students from all parts of Ire- land and thereby enrich the Limerick region both socially and culturally. In this regard we contemplate part of its in- take as coming from the Reg-

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be even ten days will have elapsed before it arrives through a maze of official channels. God only knows what will have hap- pened in the meantime."

An Tanaiste and Minister for Health, Mr. Childers, said that he hoped the new Bill for con- trolling the safety, quality and efficacy of medical preparations would soon be introduced in the Dail.

In addition to giving statutory cover to the work of the National Drugs Advisory Board, Mr. Childers said the legislation "also provided for the extension of controls over drugs liable to abuse, particularly by mak- ing the unauthorised possession of such drugs an offence."

Other speakers included Mr. J. E. Burrell, president of the Irish Pharmaceutical Associ- ation; Mr. W. J. Dalton, and Mr. P. J. Hogan, president of the local organising committee.

Mr. Conn Shanahan, president of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, was an excellent master of ceremonies.

During the banquet, golf prizes were presented to Liam Dolan (Limerick), who won first award with the excellent score of 41 pts. Other prize winners were Tom Dooley (Newcastle West), Finbar Scannell (Monks- town), G. Johnston (Muskerry), Dr. M. S. Cagney (Limerick), Matt Bermingham (Tramore), Peg Curtin (Clonmel) and Pearl Dolan (Limerick).

DEATH OF I.R.A. VETERAN

The death occurred this morn- ing in Barrington's Hospital of Captain John Gallagher, 22 Clare St., Limerick, as the re- sult of injuries received in a road accident near his home recently.

Deceased, aged 70, was an outstanding figure and much wanted "rebel" by Crown Forces during the Anglo-Irish war.

Wounded twice in engage- ments with the "Tans, de- ceased, with his brother, Dan, was forced on the run with the Flying Column, after his home at 6 Bishop Street was raided and left in a shambles on numerous occasions.

Holding the rank of Cap- tain, "D" Company, Mid-Lime- rick Brigade, I.R.A., pre- Truce, he joined the National Army on its formation and was commissioned to the rank of Commandant.

An appreciation will appear in our next week-end issue.

MAKE SURE

Abbeyfeale Bids for Factory

"THE NEED for a fac- tory in Abbeyfeale has long been felt," said Bishop Timothy Cotter, of Maidu- guri, Nigeria, in his native Abbeyfeale. "We must now move ourselves towards getting a factory, or the chances will not be as good in future," he explained.

"A factory in the Abbeyfeale area would increase prosperity all around—not merely in Abbey- feale parish but in the surround- ing parishes—and could lead to future growth.

"It will help the town and allow members of the agricul- tural community to live at home and earn a worthwhile wage."

Bishop Cotter was presiding at a public meeting in St. Ita's Hall to form a company which would buy a factory site.

He said that the decision to form the company arose after discussions with the Limerick County Manager and represen- tatives of the Shannon Free Airport Development Company, three weeks ago.

The Abbeyfeale explained that he was satisfied with the Year Programme Development in the Region, which did not include Abbeyfeale at all. The site for develop- ment was not available for that, before we could be considered, a site would be available.

The Shannon Airport Development Company proposed Abbeyfeale did not have a site available for that, before we could be considered, a site would be available.

A substantial share in the new utility company at taken up at the meeting.

Arrangements will be made for personal calls on the committee.

Meetings will be held in the National School and surrounding areas with support from the community.

There were stated Mr. James J. Derr, Richard Woulfe, both explaining why the company was being set up in its position of competition and other matters.

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"I hope our lead will be followed by other local bodies."

Best wishes

Mr. Tom Tobin, Editor of the Limerick Leader" and "Limerick Chronicle," on behalf of the Press, wished the Cecilian Musical Society every success in their forthcoming production.

The main characters in the past are:

"Eliza Dolittle," Mary O'Callaghan.

"Henry Higgins," Joe Donnell.

"Alfred P. Dolittle," Cyril Galvan.

"Colonel Pickering," Claude Byrne.

"Freddy Eynsford-Hill," Stephen O'Shea.

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Councillor J. P. Liddy, deputising for the Mayor of Limerick, Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., representatives of Bord na gConrad Bórd Failte, and their conference proper which commences at Dromoland Castle on Monday, will be addressed by a member of the Government. While in the Limerick area their itinerary will include the Mediaeval Banquet at Bunratty, reception by Bord Failte and Automatic Totalisators Ltd.

At a special luncheon at theannon Arms Hotel, Limerick, Monday, October 13, they will meet Press and R.T.E. representatives.

each week, increased by 17%. Traffic on European services rose by 15%. On Ireland/Britain routes, however, there was little traffic growth during the six-months period.

Cargo and mail carried totalled 21,750 tons, an increase of 24%. A remarkable increase of 53% was recorded in cargo and mail on the North Atlantic routes.

Mr. Neil Gleeson, Assistant General Manager (Commercial), said:

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The mediaeval banquet at Bunratty Castle is also included.

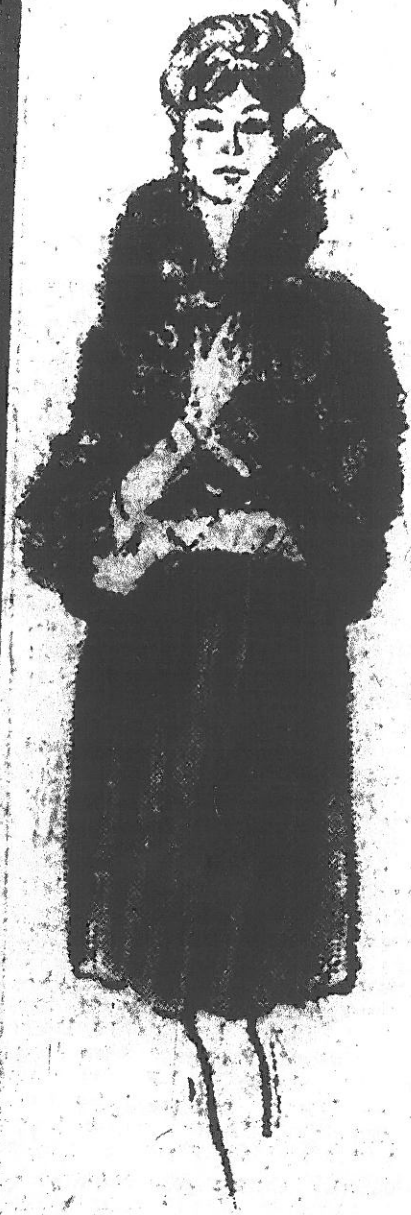
The entire Aer Lingus winter programme is supported by heavy advertising and promotional activities in the various international markets.

DEATH

GALLAGHER — October 10, 1969, at Barrington's Hospital, John Gallagher, 22 Clare Street, Limerick (late Captain, Old I.R.A. and Comdt. National Army). Deeply regretted by his loving wife, sons, daughter, brother, grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Friday) evening at 7.45 p.m. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 12 noon. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

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