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16-year-old Margaret Lane from Shannon who won two gold medals for monetary gymnastics and a beam at the Munster Association Special Olympics for handicapped children.



Fionnuala Langford from Inbrook Grove, Ennis, Limerick, winner of gold medals for poetry composition and piano solo and a silver medal for piano at Fionnuala is a pupil of Bryville School and Limerick School of Music.

Weather

The weekend forecast for the Limerick region is for broken weather, with showers and longer spells of rain,annon Met. Office said this Thursday.

The day Dev came to Bruree

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THURSDAY, 20th April, 1885, will be the 100th anniversary of the day that Simon de Valera first arrived in Bruree from the

NEWS LINES

Gardai seek rapist

Gardai at Bruff are still investigating the rape of a middle-aged woman in the area during the early hours of Sunday last. An intruder forced his way into the victim's house and attacked her in her bedroom. The woman was alone.

The woman was threatened not to report the matter. After the attack she made her way to a relative's house and the Gardai were contacted.

Specially for invalids

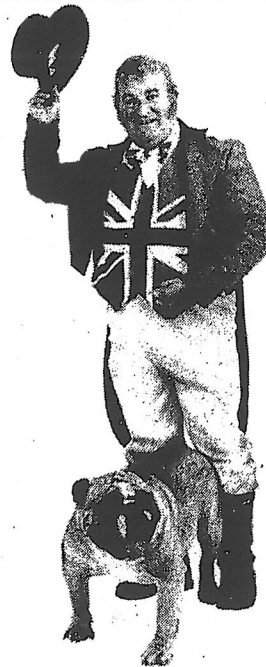
Application forms are now available at the Knock Shrine Bureau, Bedford Row, Limerick, for invalids who wish to avail of the two weeks which are specially reserved for them at St. Joseph's Rest House, Knock.

June 16 has also been reserved as a special day at Knock for invalids from Limerick. Further information can be obtained at the Knock Shrine Bureau (tel. 49458).

Sweepstake triumph

A 32-year-old County Limerick man has won £150,000 in the Irish Hospital Sweepstake, after drawing the 50/1 outsider, "Last Suspect", at Aintree — a horse he did not even back.

He is James O'Reilly, a single building contractor, who lives with a widowed parent at their home in Ballybrien, Ballylanders. He is one of a family of eight, and does not smoke or drink.



John Bull: still top dog in Limerick?

'Patriot's people snubbed by pro-British Limerick'

By LEADER REPORTER

A NEPHEW of one of the murdered Mayors of Limerick this week claimed that relatives of the late George Clancy, who was slain by the Black and Tans in 1921, have ever since been "victimised" because of Limerick city's "pro-Britishness".

Said Mr. Patrick J. Clancy, of Ennis Road: "Instead of holding an honoured place in the city, the Clancy family have down the years been treated like outcasts and have been deliberately deprived of jobs in Limerick, for which they were

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amply and over qualified at times.

"I have no doubt that this problem in getting jobs in Limerick arises from the fact that they were related to George Clancy."

Mr. Clancy explained his theory for his allegation: "The situation can be attributed to the fact that Limerick was the most heavily garrisoned city in the Empire that was.

Background

"As a result, people who were born of Fenian stock were cast in the waste paper

basket when those who had remained in the background during the Anglo-Irish struggle took over when the guns became silent. It was then safe to occupy public positions in the new state."

Mr. Clancy also claimed that Seoirse Clancy would never have been Mayor only that the remainder of the then Corporation were afraid to accept the title, because it was a very dangerous position at the time. And nobody knew that better than his predecessor, Michael O'Callaghan, who was also murdered.

Mr. Clancy said this

prejudice against his family had continued to the present day and that if fresh air was rationed in Limerick and its distribution in the hands of the local authorities as at present constituted, his family would be the first to choke.

He denied that he had developed a persecution complex. He said he had hard evidence to prove his theory.

"Several members of the family have been victimised because of their historical associations with an Irish Ireland," he said.

Cork example

"If you go to Cork the first think that will greet you on entering the City Hall are two bronze busts of their two martyred Lord Mayors. Here in Limerick the Town Hall is bare and not one thing to commemorate the two murdered Mayors.

About his view of Limerick being pro-British, Mr. Clancy elaborated: "In the recent past many strangers have been conferred with the Freedom of Limerick. But for the 40 years that Mrs. O'Callaghan and Mrs. Clancy lived after the murder of their husbands — whom they tried in vain to save, and were badly wounded in doing so — they were never once offered the Freedom of Limerick.

"The people of Limerick much prefer to have people educated outside of the country represent them any day rather than those educated in the city. Limerick seems to prefer the small toe of a stranger than a local any day.

Accents

"Socially in Limerick people still tip the forelock, metaphorically to those who speak with cultured English accents, and would readily doff the hat.

"This is evidenced by the huge numbers of belted earls that still make the news in Limerick and district."

LEADER BRIEFING



Mr. Patrick Clancy views Mayor Clancy this week.

FORMER SINN FEIN GOES FOR FG TICKET

EXCLUSIVE by CONOR KEANE

Mother tells of tragic last minute booking

THE 16-YEAR-OLD Rathkeale schoolboy who died in a fall at a London hotel decided at only the last minute to join his schoolmates on the trip, his mother revealed this week.

Jack Fennell, who was on a school tour to London with Rathkeale Vocational School, will be buried in the town this Thursday following 12.30 Mass in the parish church.



In Rathkeale at the week-

Site for housing

East Limerick's Deputy, Mr. Willie O'Dea, announced this week that the county manager, Mr. Dick Haslam, had approved a plan for the