

Galway City Rates Up By 1s. 4d.

County Council Demand Is Main Cause Of Rise

GALWAY Corporation at its estimates meeting on Tuesday struck a rate of 34/10 in the pound, being an increase of 1/4 on last year's figure. In arriving at this rate the meeting restored one thousand pounds to the Borough Surveyor's estimate of £1,500 for the maintenance of Corporation houses, provision for which had been cut down by the Estimates Committee to £500, and also restored the estimate of £50 for repairs to the abattoir.

A proposal by Councillor J. McElhinney, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, that a rate of 35/- in the pound be struck in order to make provision for the payment of grants of £100 each to private house builders was defeated by four votes to two.

The Co. Manager's original estimates provided for a charge of 35/10 in the pound and were cut down by the Estimates Committee to 34/7 in the pound.

The Manager explained that 1/2 of the rates increase was due to the increase in the demand of the County Council on the city.

Ald. M. P. Lydon, T.D., presided in the absence of the Mayor, Ald. M. O'Flaherty, who was attending a reception to the delegates to the L.N.T.O. Congress in U.C.C.

Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, Co. Manager, commenting on the reductions made in his estimates by the Estimates Committee, said that they had made a lot of petty reductions such as the elimination of £20 for extra men for the cleaning of the streets after fairs. The committee had also recommended the spreading of expenditure on improvements to the old cemetery at Rahoon and the Teampall Cemetery on the Oranmore road over five years instead of doing them in the coming year.

They had also eliminated an estimate of £100 for the maintenance of a drain in Newcastle area upon which the Borough Surveyor had expended a good deal of money from a grant made available for cleaning it. An estimate of £280 for the painting of two sides of the railings in Eyre Square Park was also eliminated, although last year the estimate for the painting of the four sides was reduced to cover the painting of two sides and it was then agreed that the other two sides would be done this year.

Railings Removal

In regard to Eyre Square he suggested that the Corporation might consider the removal of the railings altogether. A suggestion had been

West of Ireland Bridge Congress

The Leeds team, captained by the English international player, Mr. H. Franklin, won the team championship contest for the Cross Cup, played in the 12th annual West of Ireland Open Bridge Congress at the Great Southern Hotel, Galway, over the week-end.

The open pairs championship was won by Mr. Franklin and Major Fell with 493 points with Mr. and Mrs. M. Greally, Galway, second, 307 1/2 points.

The first five placings in the Cross Cup were—1. Franklin (capt.), Maj. G. Fell, R. V. Corwen and Mrs. Corwen (Leeds), (53 points); 2. H. Daly and Mrs. Daly (Munich); 3. A. Tierney, Mrs. T. P. Ryder (Galway), 53; 4. D. Rivlin, Dr. M. Sharde, Mrs. H. Spiro, G. Jackson (Dublin), 51. Joint 4 and 5, Mrs. G. Doyle, G. T. Doyle, D. Egan (Dun Laoghaire), Dr. J. Keohane (Limerick), 46; 6. P. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson (Blackpool), N. Byrne and Mrs. Byrne (Dublin), 46.

Results of sessional pairs contests: 1. N.S.—Mrs. G. Doyle and R. Tierney, E.W.—Dr. R. Arkins and Maj. G. Fell, 2. N.S.—W.P. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins, E.W.—N.S. Gallagher and P. O'Flynn, 3. N.S.—Dr. P. Moylan and Mrs. Moylan, E.W.—M. E. Murphy and Father Theodore, 4. N.S.—M. E. Murphy and Father Theodore, E.W.—Dr. M. Costello and Dr. T.

Chefs' Role In Defence Of New York

NEW YORK city's efforts to feed the population in the event of an atomic attack took a step forward last night with the swearing in of nine French chefs.

The chefs—all from famous restaurants such as the Waldorf Astoria, the Astor Pierre and the Savoy Plaza—attended an "orientation rally" of 500 defence workers at Hunter College. Attired in white kitchen caps and aprons they pledged their allegiance to defence duties. In the event of an attack they will man emergency kitchens and will divert their talents from fancy dishes to the more prosaic tasks of brewing coffee and jinking sandwiches.—United Press.

Lee's International Debut

Matt Lee (Galway Rovers), playing in his first international game for Ireland, gave a very creditable performance at Dalymount Park on Sunday in the game against Scotland. Set to mark W. Gardiner, the star of the Scottish side and a player who will be shortly seen out with Glasgow Rangers, the Galway youth did very well and was far from being out of his class.

His display evoked very favourable comments from the Dublin soccer public and a special pat on the back from the selectors. His chances of being retained for the next game in Liverpool on April 30th against the Liverpool County F.A. are very rosy.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

At the New Cemetery, Galway, on Sunday Alderman M. F. Lydon, T.D., laid a wreath on the Republic's grave, and the Rosary in Irish was recited by Mr. P. Greene.

U.N. Forces Again Cross The 38th Parallel

SOUTH Korean troops crossed the 38th Parallel on the eastern end of the 140-mile Korean battle front in force and captured the village of Yongu-Ri which lies three miles inside North Korean territory, the South Korean Army authorities announced this morning.

It was the first time an Allied unit entered North Korea in force since the big U.N. withdrawal last December. General MacArthur gave permission last Saturday for the crossing of the border "if it were necessary."

The South Korean action was announced as three swift-moving Allied tank and infantry columns linked up with other forces above Seoul in an effort to forge "a steel chain" across the 140-mile front. The action was the means of driving the major Communist resistance out of South Korea but there were increasing signs that the Reds would fight desperately to hold a "buffer" line south of the border.—United Press.

NEW BANK OFFICIAL

Mr. Desmond Hickey, a native of Dublin, has been appointed to the staff of the National Bank, Gort.

JOE KNOWS HIS CUE



Although only 15½ years, Joe Kinneon (C.Y.M.S.) proved too good for the snooker veterans of Galway. Having won the Galway junior snooker championship a few months ago he put his eyes on the senior trophy and now, after defeating Joe Canavan (National) in the senior final, he not only captures another trophy but has dimmed Joe Canavan's claim to be the best snooker player in the county. Joe, who is a son of Mr. F. G. Kinneon, has the distinction of winning the city junior and senior inter-club championships, the city championship and the Co. Galway championship in one year—an achievement never before attained.

Croke Park Competes With Parish Grounds For G.A.A. Money

(From Our Special Correspondent)
DUBLIN, Tuesday.

It was very satisfactory to learn from the Annual Congress of the G.A.A. on Sunday that it has had a satisfactory year and that the organisation appears to be going from strength to strength.

There is, it is clear, a keen demand for more and for improved playing grounds all over the country, but the Central Council is not in a position to help, as it would be glad to, because of the heavy demands of Croke Park.

One is inclined to ask why cannot the County Boards plan their own affairs better? It is scarcely fair to be relying on the central body for everything.

It may be possible for the central body, in close co-operation with the County Boards, to do a little more in the way of tournaments at suitable times and places if a cup worth competing for were put forward. With transport now no very great problem, it should be possible.

I have heard it stated, to organise volunteer workers who would give some of their time to the G.A.A. for the organisation of local grounds. A little improvement would make a great difference in many cases and surely it would not be asking too much of the young men in an area to band themselves into squads prepared to make the effort?

GROUNDS SHORTAGE

The shortage of good playing grounds, it is said, has been retarding the growth of the games. That is a pity, but there is surely no need for grounds organised on a commercial basis. What is mostly required is a good pitch and at the larger centres a fenced enclosure where it might be possible to make a "gate" from the principal matches.

Croke Park is going to cost a lot of money before it has been organised to meet the needs of a headquarters. Very considerable extensions of the grounds are required. It is even doubtful if the greatest effort which can be made to extend Croke Park will prove adequate. For that reason the planners should move with care, having an eye to future development.

The report contained well merited appreciation of the good work being done for the games by schools and colleges. "This labour of love by our teachers," says the report, "can never be too fully appreciated since, through their efforts, the rising generation becomes thoroughly familiar with the finer points of the games." The Congress showed that the G.A.A. has attained an important place in our national life. It is good to see the G.A.A. going forward.

If Corporation Should Sell Houses

WITH reference to the recent suggestion that the Corporation should sell some of their houses to the tenants, one tenant, who gives his name and address in a covering letter, has written to the Editor as follows:

Sir—as a tenant of Galway Corporation for the past thirty-nine years I was very much interested to read that the question of selling houses to tenants is to be examined. Some tenants, like myself, are sick and tired of hearing it said that our houses are let at uncommercial rents and that we have houses for nothing. If the rents are uncommercial it would not be an advantage to the Corporation to make a present of the houses to the tenants and let the tenants pay the rates?

Some of those houses are costing several times the yearly rents to keep them in even moderate repair, even then, the facilities for washing, etc., are primitive. There are neither sinks nor bathrooms provided and the water tap is situated under an open shed. If these houses are sold at all they should be sold at a nominal sum to tenants of thirty years standing. In this way the Corporation would be relieving themselves

Castlegar Honours I.R.A. Officers And Chaplains

AFTER Mr. G. Boland, T.D., had unveiled a Celtic cross at Castlegar on Sunday to the memory of four I.R.A. officers and two priests who ministered to the I.R.A. during the fight for freedom, Councillor B. Nolan announced that he had been asked by the Memorial Committee to hand over the memorial to the youth of the parish to be maintained and respected by them.

The memorial honours the memory of Very Rev. H. J. Feeney, P.P., Very Rev. Thomas Burke, P.P., Commandant Thomas ("Baby") Duggan, Captain Joseph Donnellan, Captain J. Lohan and Commandant Louis Darcy.

The memorial committee was under the chairmanship of Mr. Michael Newell, a distinguished figure in the fight for freedom, and most of the members of the Committee wore service medals as they formed a guard of honour for Mr. Boland. Mr. B. Nolan, who presided at the ceremony, advised the young men of the parish to follow the example of the men whose memory they commemorated that day and to stand shoulder to shoulder with their priests and be counselled by them. Then, he said, no matter

THE PLINTH

The polished granite base of the memorial which was unveiled on Sunday at Castlegar to the memory of four I.R.A. officers and two priests was once the base of the memorial statue of Lord Dunkellin which stood on Eyre Square not far from the spot where the Padraic O'Conaire memorial now stands.

The Dunkellin statue disappeared from its plinth nearly thirty years ago and was later found in Galway docks. It was never restored and some years later the plinth was removed to the Corporation yard where it remained until Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, County Manager, disposed of it to the Castlegar Memorial Committee.



LOUIS DARCY

Newspaper Plane Crashes

The crew of two were killed when a twin engine Dakota freight plane bound for Belfast with newspapers crashed after taking off from Ringway (Manchester) airport early this morning.—Press Association



SEAN LOHAN

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CRASHED INTO RAILWAY GATES

"When seven or eight crashes take place at those gates every year it is a clear indication that there is something wrong," said District Justice Rochford at Ballinabur Court on Friday during the hearing of a charge against William O'Malley, Ballyglass, Ballyhaunis, for having driven a motor car in a dangerous manner when he crashed into the gates at the level crossing, Ballyglass, Ballyhaunis. It was stated that defendant had already paid £8/16/0 compensation to O.I.E. The Justice applied the Probation Act on payment of £1/12/0 expenses.



THOMAS ("BABY") DUGGAN



JOE DONNELLAN

Today's Racing BIRMINGHAM

2.0—Worton T.-Y.-O. Fillies' Plate of £300. Five furlongs.
1. HAWKBRIDGE (D. Rayson) ... 100/8
2. AVARDAH (L. Gordon) 7/4
3. FAIRPAIR (W. H. Carr) 100/6
11 ran; 3 lengths; 11 lengths.
2.30—Bromsgrove 3-Y.-O. (S.) Plate of £300. Six furlongs.
1. PLUMPTON (T. Lowry) ... 8/1
2. EMPIRE LEGEND (W. H. Carr) ... 9/4
3. ROYAL BUD (G. Littlewood) ... 9/2
10 ran; neck; 6 lengths.

KEMPTON

2.0—Waterloo (S.) Handicap, with £300 added. One mile and a half.
1. FREE SPEECH (E. Mercer) ... 8/1
2. TINKLER JOHNNY (T. Carter) ... 7/1
3. BONA FORTUNA (J. Lindly) ... 100/8
20 ran; 2 lengths; 11 lengths.
2.30—Redfern T.-Y.-O. Stakes, with £250 added. Five furlongs.
1. BREATH OF SPRING (L. Pigott) ... 25/1
2. SKOCKATER (W. Rickaby) ... 7/4
3. KNEE (E. Smith) ... 9/1
31 ran; 4 lengths; 3 lengths.

FAIRYHOUSE

2.30—Percy Maynard Memorial Challenge Cup, value £100, with £200 added. Two miles four furlongs.
1. READY CASH II (M. Molony) ... 10/11
2. COOLANNA (T. Brennan) ... 100/7
3. TWILIGHT STAR (Mr. J. J. Hoey) ... 100/7
7 ran; 5 lengths; 25 lengths.
3.0—Ratoath (M.) Chase of £300. 2 miles 2 furlongs.
1. NORTH LITTLETON (M. J. Almer) ... 8/1
2. GUENESS KHAN (C. Grassick) ... 7/2
3. BALLYMAGHLAN (P. Taft) ... 20/1
12 ran; 10 lengths; 4 lengths.

£100 GRANT FOR DUGGAN PARK

Applying for a grant towards the cost of providing permanent seating