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TRALEE TOPICS

It takes a lot of persuasion to induce local authorities to discharge their obligations to their constituents in giving effect to proposals of local public utility of a pressing nature.

Local administrative bodies have justifiably found fault with responsible Government Departments for having unduly held up such schemes. Local people rightly blame elective bodies and Government Departments alike for their slowness in dealing with all projects of a pressing nature, to the serious detriment of the ratepayers, who have to foot the bill for the execution of these projects.

The time has come when the voice of public opinion must be hearkened to by the Government Departments and local authorities alike. The electors have it in their own hands to make or unmake Governments, and the same applies, of course, to the appointment of representatives on all local administrative bodies.

The latter bodies have had a rather prolonged lease of civic life for some time. It should be up to these bodies to make the best possible use of their tenure of office for the promotion of the best interests of their constituents, realising as they ought to that the time must come when they will be called upon to give an account of their stewardship, when the local elections period will come about once again.

While members of the County Council in all parts of Kerry have been devoting their energies to the promotion of roads and footpaths improvement, under the many grants given for this purpose by the Government, the Tralee representatives on that body have been lamentably lacking in their duties to their constituents in the county capital.

Readers of "Tralee Topics" will remember the frequency with which attention was directed to the scandalous state of the roadway between Upper Ballymullen and the County Medical and Surgical Hospital at Rathass. Criticisms in these columns were followed up by letters from aggrieved users of that short but important road.

It is gratifying to note that these criticisms have had the desired effect, for after a couple of years of shameful neglect the survey staff of the County Council are now engaged in the needful steamrolling of that thoroughfare.

The letters published in *The Liberator* recently from two respected correspondents had much to do in inducing the survey staff of the County Council to do the needful in regard to this long-neglected piece of roadway.

I invite similar help from other correspondents in focussing public attention on the many neglected footpaths in the Tralee suburban areas to which I have called attention repeatedly without effect. Constructive Press criticism, while always useful, loses much of its effect unless backed up by people primarily interested in such schemes.

I regret to record the fact that no help has been given by the people of Blennerville to back up the recommendations so often made in these columns for the needful improvement of the footpath between the town and that important residential area.

Blennerville residents are liable for towns improvement rate equal to all sections of Tralee ratepayers. Yet the people of Blennerville are deprived of the lighting and sewerage facilities enjoyed in Tralee.

This is bad enough in all conscience without having added to their grievances the failure of the County Council to provide them with a decent footpath from the town to the village.

I adverted a couple of weeks ago to the fact that this important footpath, so much used by Tralee residents in their outings, as well as necessarily at all times by the people of Blennerville, was so scandalously neglected for

some time past that the pathway was almost impassable to pedestrians, while the outer edge of the footpath was overgrown with weeds and grass, the latter extending for a couple of feet on to the roadway, while the channel was choked with weeds and grass.

I referred on that occasion to the fact that previously a man was regularly at work in keeping the channel by the side of this main road clear, and that the services of this man had been dispensed with for reasons which were not explained.

Following these strictures, I was pleased to observe that a week later a man was engaged in cutting away the weeds and grass and clearing the channel between the footpath and the well-kept roadway.

No effort has been made yet, however, to improve the footpath, which remains in a deplorable condition. I cannot understand why the people of Blennerville do not come together and make strong representations to the County Council to have this important footpath reasonably repaired for the convenience and comfort of the many pedestrians utilising it.

In this connection, too, it should be the duty of the Tralee Urban Council to unite with the people of Blennerville in demanding that provision be made out of the current year's roads and footpaths grant for the needful improvement of this long-neglected footpath.

The Urban Council have not yet received sanction to the scheme submitted by them to the Department of Local Government for the concreting of Denny Street and other thoroughfares in the town, under the unemployment grant allocated for the current financial year.

The scheme in question was intended to take effect for the spring and summer seasons. It was duly submitted for approval by the Department in ample time by the Town Surveyor, but, strange to say, the Department has not deemed fit to send the needful sanction, though the spring and most of the summer season have elapsed.

Meanwhile the unemployed who were engaged in previous concreting schemes in the town, and who performed such creditable work, have been thrown idle, leaving themselves and their families dependent on the dole and home assistance.

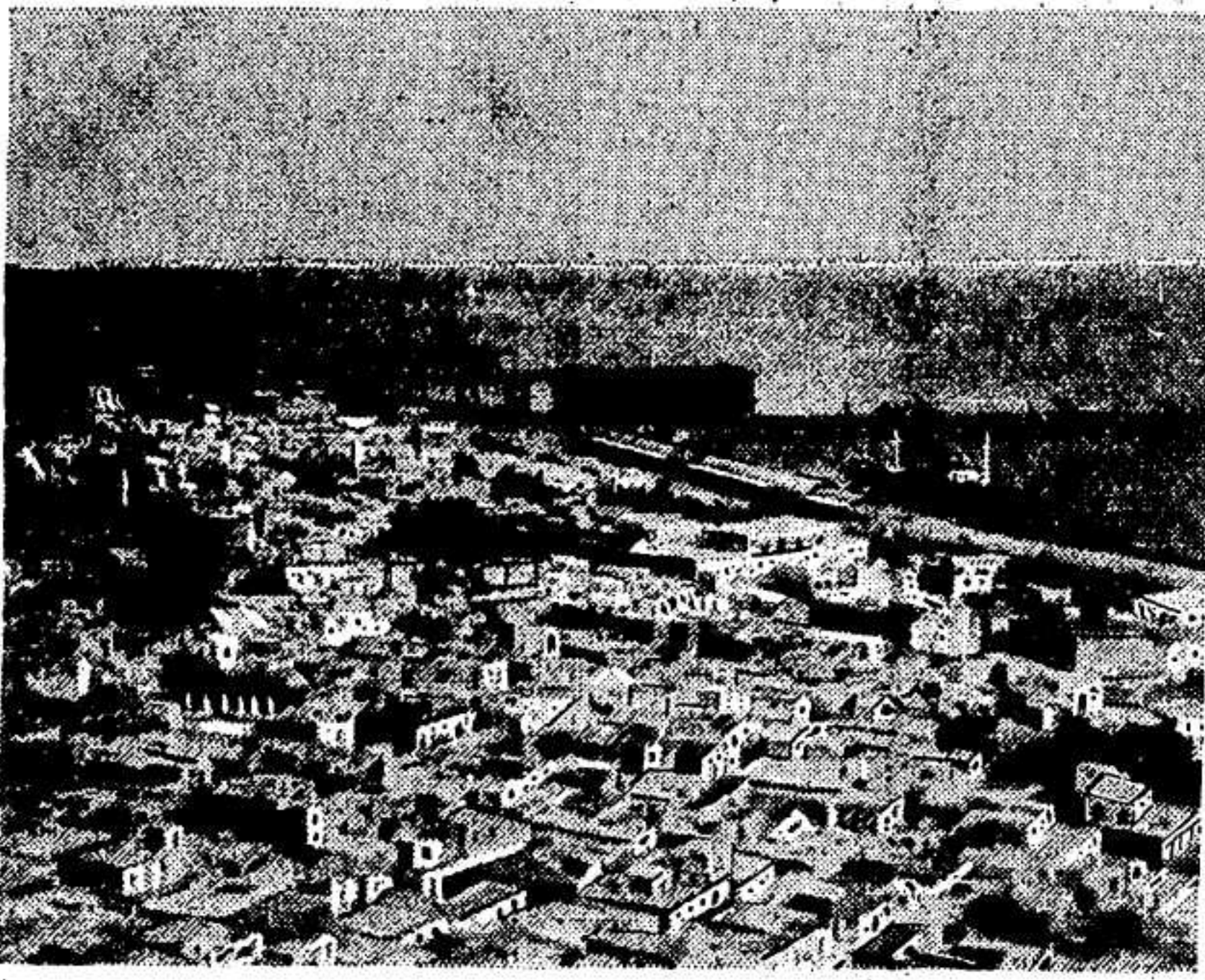
It is unthinkable that a responsible Government Department should render inoperative grants made available for relief of unemployment in a town where the Urban Council's survey staff has done such splendid work in the execution of previous concreting schemes.

Unless sanction to the Urban Council's latest scheme be received next week, a special meeting of that body ought to be convened to protest against the Department's inexcusable delay, and send an urgent wire demanding sanction forthwith to this pressing scheme.

The Urban Council, as well as the Tralee representatives on the County Council, ought to see that provision is made in the next scheme of that body for the needful improvement of footpaths in the suburban areas.

When attention was called some time ago to the neglected condition of these footpaths, by Tralee representatives on the County Council, the County Surveyor very properly retorted that if the County Council provided the money he would see that the improvement of these footpaths would be carried out. That being so, the County Council must be held blameable for the neglected state of these footpaths, and not the survey staff.

Neutral Harbour in Spain.



The recent international complications caused by the bombing of foreign vessels, especially British, in Spanish ports, have caused General Franco to suggest that Almeria Harbour (above) be used as a neutral port.

Exciting Scenes in Belfast.

3,000 ORANGEMEN PARADE.

Belfast, Friday. Great excitement prevailed in Belfast late to-night, and police had to use their batons, as 3,000 Orangemen, accompanied by huge crowds of followers singing party songs, paraded through the centre of the city.

They marched to the L.M.S. railway terminus, York Street, en route for Larne, where two special steamers were in readiness to transport them to Stranraer, to take part in a Glasgow Orange demonstration on Sunday.

Large numbers of police lined York Street, and cordons were drawn across streets leading to Catholic districts as the procession passed by. Armoured cars also patrolled the neighbourhood.

There was a considerable air of tension, and, despite the presence of the police, some of the rowdier elements of the crowd jeered as they reached Catholic streets, shouting to the police to let them get the Catholics.

POLICE TAKE ACTION. Police were forced to charge some of the crowd accompanied by bands. Contingents were still marching along York Street up to midnight and the pressure outside the station got out of control to such an extent that the iron gates were smashed down. The railway authorities were forced to send for police reinforcements to keep order.

MEXICAN OIL DISPUTE.

Mexico City, Friday. The closure of a £2,000,000 deal between Mr. W. R. Davis, the American oil financier, and the Mexican Government has served to intensify the world importance and possible consequences of President Cardena's action in expropriating the British and American companies operating in Mexico.

The deal provides for the sale to Mr. Davis of oil which is unquestionably destined for Germany and Italy, with other minor interests in the North Sea countries.

In itself this transaction may not be of great importance, but, if it is considered as the first of a series—as is possible from the scope of Mr. Davis's interests—it gives rise to considerations as to what may happen to the enormous British and American interests.

ARMED ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS By Pupils Who Fail Exams.

In Turkey recently there has been a number of armed assaults on teachers who have failed in the final examinations of the year.

"WE SHALL GET HELIUM" Says Zeppelin Chief.

Berlin, Friday. Dr. Hugo Eckener, head of the Zeppelin Company, addressing the staff of the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen today on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of Count Zeppelin's birthday, was confident that the airship could hold its own with the aeroplane. In proof he pointed to the fine achievements of the airship and its advantages over the aeroplane.

"The regrettable accident of the Hindenburg," he said, "forced us to take a last step towards perfecting airships by finding an economically sound way to employ helium. We are happy to say that this step has been successful."

"One difficulty which confronts us to-day is not a technical one but, if I may say so, a political one—we are not to have helium. . . . But I am certain that we shall get it, because its refusal is against the American airship interests, which depend on us for co-operation."



DR. HUGO ECKENER. The only source from which he can obtain helium for his Zeppelins is America where he has been refused supplies. He is a firm believer, despite many setbacks, in the efficacy of the airship.

THIEVES' HARD-LUCK STORIES.

Robbing prosperous-looking Russians in Montmartre (Paris) restaurants is not the profitable industry it once was.

Maurice Staralesky has told a pitiful story to the Paris magistrates of his "experiment." He explained—and it was confirmed by his "victim"—that he plied a Russian visitor with 200 francs worth of drink during a cabaret show in one of the restaurants, hoping later to lift his pocket book.

The plan worked well, for the drinks made his companion sleepy, and Staralesky was able quite easily to take the wallet. Inside, however, was only 200 francs! Staralesky's furious imprecations awoke the Russian, who made clamorous noises until he had his French "friend" arrested. The magistrates did not sympathise with their countryman.

Another sad story told in the court at the same time was that of Marcelle Brazier, a maid in a Levallois hotel. In the early hours of the morning she robbed the cash desk of the hotel to the tune of 300 francs. She put the money in her handbag, but fell asleep on one of the hotel sofas. She was still asleep when the inquiry into the lost money was started by the hotel proprietor, and the handbag was among the first things searched.

TRALEE MARKET—Saturday, 9th July: The following prices were paid at above weekly market: Potatoes 8d to 10d per stone; hay 50/- to 60/- per ton; straw, 35/- to 40/- per ton. Butter and egg prices were respectively 10d per lb., and 9/6 per 120.

KILLARNEY URBAN COUNCIL.

The Hackneymen's Association

GREAT HELP TO THE TOWN.

An Unfounded Statement.

Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairman, presided at the weekly meeting of the Killarney Urban Council on Friday. The other members present were: Messrs. W. Ahern, D. Doyle, M. Hurley, T. Cooper, C. Hurley, M. Clifford.

SUNDAY'S EXCURSION.

Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Cobh, wrote that a very large excursion party of the Men's Confraternity in his parish was travelling to Killarney on Sunday, July 10th, and was being joined by another party from Middleton, arriving in Killarney at noon.

The Clerk said he had sent on full particulars of local excursions, etc., to Father O'Connor.

TOWN HALL.

Mr. Boyd Barrett, Architect, wrote applying for his fee of £200 in connection with his work on revised plan for new Town Hall.

CONCERN MUST BE NOTIFIED.

Mr. P. Doyle, Woodlawn, and Mr. O'Donoghue, Moyehitragh, wrote that they had carried out alterations to their premises.

On the matter being raised by Mr. Ahern, the Chairman explained that before any structural alterations or additions to houses are carried out the permission of the Council was necessary. Where plans were not necessary the Council would not insist on them but the Council must first be notified before any alterations or additions were carried out.

TOWN PLANNING.

Consideration of letter from the Minister and Mr. John Gallivan, Esq., in connection with the public lighting of the town.

WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYCASHEEN.

Six residents of Ballycasheen wrote applying for a water supply.

The Clerk said the position was that they had no money provided for the extension of the main. They brought the pipe out from the back of the new houses to enable them connect. That cost £22.

ANNUAL COMPLAINT.

A letter was received from the Association of Municipal Authorities that the annual meeting would be held in Galway on Sept. 13th and 14th; asking the Council to appoint a delegate and to forward for adoption any resolutions they thought necessary.

Clerk—We have our annual complaint about the Co. Council.

Mr. Ahern—That will go on for ever.

Clerk—There is also the question of the electric light valuation. I don't know whether it obtains in other places in Ireland, but it is scandalous. We have to pay on the old valuation, and we cannot recover from anybody. We have put it on the revision list with a view to a reduction.

turn. He got his turn the next day.

Chairman—It would be a very serious matter if anything were done to disrupt the organisation. I suggest that the question of Mr. Hegarty's licences be referred back to the Association. I am sure that they will settle it.

The suggestion was adopted.

After further discussion the Chairman said that the Council had the last word as regards the granting of the licences.

"KNOWS HIS DUTY."

Mr. T. Hurley, Hackney Inspector, reported that there were a number of Jarveys playing for hire who had not taken out the required insurance policies and asked for a direction in the matter.

Chairman—Mr. Hurley does not need to ask us for a direction in a matter that is quite plain. He knows his duty quite well.

MUSIC FESTIVAL.

The Clerk said he had written to Prof. Aloys Fleischmann inviting the Musical Festival (previously held in Salzburg) to Killarney. They would accept a reply.

"DISGRACEFUL FALSEHOOD."

Chairman—I have a file of correspondence here which is of great importance. You will remember five or six weeks ago I reported that a gentleman named L. V. Brown who described himself as being connected with the London "Evening Standard" reported to me that he visited the tourist branch Offices in Jermyn St., London, and could not get any information of any kind about Killarney. I then instructed Mr. O'Shea to communicate with Mr. J. P. O'Brien, Manager Irish Tourist Association on the matter.

The Chairman here read the correspondence which passed between Mr. O'Brien and his London staff, and between Mr. O'Brien and the Council. In the course of one of his letters Mr. O'Brien stated: "As a result of the investigation I am positive that neither Mr. Brown nor anybody else asking for Killarney literature or hotel lists failed to get them."

Having dealt with the correspondence the Chairman said: "I have no doubt whatever in my mind as a result of the correspondence that this Mr. L. V. Brown deliberately made a false statement and that there were no grounds whatever for the statement which he made. He was not, as he represented himself to be, and is not on the staff of the 'Evening Standard.' He may be in touch with them free lance but the 'Evening Standard' reprimanded him for what he did. Mr. Graham, whose name is mentioned in the correspondence, told me that he visited the Offices in Jermyn St., and the first thing that he saw on the desk was a 'Globe Hotel' on the back of a folder, and that there was a lot of Killarney literature on the counter. The whole thing is most discreditable on the part of Mr. L. V. Brown, and I hope that this correction will get as much publicity as his statement got. We are very much obliged to Mr. O'Brien for the pains he took in investigating this disgraceful falsehood."

Austin Stack Park.

FORTHCOMING CARNIVAL

Mr. J. J. Sheehy, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Tralee Austin Stack Park Committee on Friday night.

The members present were Messrs. J. Hickey, P. Drummond, D. Curran, J. Mulchinnock, Maurice McCarthy, J. McCarthy, M. McMahon, M. J. Courneane, P. Barry, M. McQuinn, D. O'Connor.

Mr. J. McCarthy, Secretary, was also present.

ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT.



HOWARD HUGHES, the millionaire film magnate, is seen photographed in front of the plane in which he is attempting a round the world flight.

Taking Over of Cork Defences.

MILITARY CEREMONIAL TO BE OBSERVED.

The Cork Harbour defences will be taken over at 5.30 p.m. on Monday next by Major P. Maher, Director of Artillery, and as the British garrison departs a courtesy salute of guns will be fired by a detachment of the Artillery Corps.

Subsequently the Taoiseach will arrive in Cobh, where appropriate compliments will be paid to him by a guard of honour which will be drawn up on the landing stage. After he has inspected the guard the Taoiseach will proceed to Spike Island by special motor launch.

When the Taoiseach reaches the island a salute of nineteen guns will be fired, and at 8 o'clock p.m. the national flag will be hoisted by the National Anthem of Eire. Simultaneously the flag will be hoisted on the other forts. A salute of twenty-one guns will then be fired on the island, a *feu-de-joie* being fired at the same time by the guard of honour on the landing stage at Cobh.

At every military barracks and camp, all officers, non-commissioned officers and men will parade under arms facing the flag-staff, and at 8 o'clock the troops will present arms. A *feu-de-joie* will be fired at Collins Barracks, Dublin, Custom House, Athlone, Curragh Camp, and Collins Barracks, Cork. Garrison flags will be flown at all military stations, and for the purpose of the ceremonies "Sun-down" will not be sounded until 9 o'clock p.m.

Only those who are conveyed by the official tender leaving Cobh will be allowed to land on Spike Island.

BANKING IN EIRE.

Publication of Commission's Report is Unlikely.

The report of the Eire Banking Commission, established in 1936, may never see the light. This document, which covers a wide field, and contains several volumes of 700 pages in all, was compiled by a number of experts in national finance.

The question having been raised by Mr. J. Lynch, a member of the Cosgrave Party, who represent North Cork in the Dail.

Mr. de Valera said that he had not yet seen the printed copy of the report, but it would not be possible to say whether, when it was ready, it would be published for the public to read or whether it would contain recommendations of such a character that it would be advisable for the Government to give their consideration before releasing it for general publication.

The general impression in the Dail in view of Mr. de Valera's guarded observations was that publication was unlikely.

"SUICIDE BOAT" IN RACE. Built for Chinese Government.

A "suicide boat" built for the Chinese Government will compete in the motor-boat Grand Prix contest in Venice on Saturday and Sunday round a circuit in St. Mark's Basin.

The boat was designed to carry a heavy load of explosives in the bows. The plan was for the driver to run her head-on into an enemy battleship, losing his own life in the venture.

The Chinese Government did not accept delivery of the craft and Mr. John Rutherford, the American racer, is now her owner.

He has called the boat "Jane" and has already won American events with her. He will drive her on Saturday in the King-Emperor Cup Race.

HEAT WAVE IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Friday. After several weeks of very changeable temperature, Germany experienced a heat wave to-day, the thermometer soaring to 91.4 (Fahrenheit) in the shade.