

Meeting of the General Committee held on Saturday, August 21, 1954, Present:- Messrs P.J.O'Connell, E. Wall, J.B. Barter, R. Good, J.S. Henderson, F. Murphy, Ml. Corkery, J. Desmond, L. Dobbin, M.D. Hosford, J.R. Nicholson, C.V. Good, J.C. Murphy, Sean Murphy, H. Twomey, J. W. Young, J.B. Casey, Jas. Cashman, D. Cronin, T.N. Desmond, B.L., J.F.D. Good, D. Hurley, Stephen Murphy, T. O'Leary, J.W.F. Roberts, M. Ryan and A.E. Jeffery.

Mr. P.J. O'Connell was moved to the chair, on the proposition of Mr. T. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. M.D. Hosford.

Apology for non-attendance:

An apology was received from Major W.B. Bell for non-attendance at this Meeting.

Letters read:-

Letters were read from the various Institutions, thanking the Society for the gifts of cakes and eggs received after the recent Summer Show.

Letters, acknowledging votes of condolence, were received from Messrs T.J. McGrath, Waterfall, from Mr. M. A. O'Sullivan, Cloughduv, and from Mrs Tubridy, of Ballsbridge, Dublin, in connection with their recent bereavements.

A letter was read from The Wholesale Grocers' Association, Dublin, stating that its Executive Council had under consideration the present unsatisfactory method of election to Seanad Eireann, as, under that system, the candidates proposed by the nominating bodies had no chance of election unless they could secure the support of a large political party. Their Council felt that a change in the election system would be welcomed by the Electorate, and by the people of the State generally, and a change would not be effected unless a demand for it was made by those principally affected by the present system, namely, the Nominating Body. This Association stated that they were communicating with all Nominating Bodies to solicit their views, and, if fifty per cent of the Nominating Bodies would show their interest by expressing a agreement with the proposal, and by signing their intention to attend, a Meeting would be held in September. After a discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Ml. Ryan, seconded by Mr. J.C. Murphy, to appoint two representatives, viz:- Messrs T.N. Desmond, B.L., and Sean Murphy, to be present should the Meeting referred to take place.

Cheques:

On the motion of Mr. Ml. Ryan, seconded by Mr. J.C. Murphy, the following cheques, as recommended by the Finance Committee, were passed for payment:-  
T.J. Hegarty (Rent of Offices) £17. 10. 0;  
R. Beamish (Bord Failte)- hire of Jumps - £10. 0. 0;  
City Parcel Service - £1. 18. 0;  
Minister for Posts & Telegraphs (Telephones) £56.17.10;  
Minister for Defence (Refund, entry fees) £ 4. 0. 0;  
Salaries - £99. 6. 8; Petty Cash - £15. 0. 0.

Votes of condolence:

Votes of condolence were passed to Mr. M.A. O'Sullivan on the death of his brother (on the proposition of Mr. Sean Murphy, seconded by Mr. M.D. Hosford), and to the relatives of the late Mr. C.F.P. Creed (on the proposition of Mr. T.N. Desmond, B.L., seconded by Mr. J. B. Casey).

18th Sept 1954  
Dublin