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Rev. J. Young, chairman, presents Mr. Ivers with a silver coffee service. Also in the picture (from left) Mr. P. Harte, T.D., Miss B. Harte, Mr. H. J. P. Murdoch, Hospitals Manager, Mrs. Ivers, Mr. Gilhawley, T.D., Miss N. McIvor and Mr. P. Byrne, Community Care Manager.

Northwest Health Board says goodbye to C.E.O.

GLOWING and well deserved tributes to Mr. Jim Ivers, C.E.O., North Western Health Board for the past three years, who leaves to take up a new post as Director General of the Incorporated Law Society next month, were paid at a dinner dance in the Central Hotel, Donegal Town. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers were made a presentation by the Board members, management and staff.

Making the presentation Rev. J. Young, chairman, said Mr. Ivers had been with the Health Board for three years. He had been in at its foundation and had supervised its growth from then. It was a matter of deep regret to them all that he could not remain with them.

Before he came to the Northwest Mr. Ivers had a distinguished career in administration in other fields, first with the Civil Service and later with the Dental Association, said Fr. Young. From there he went as general manager of the Dunbarvan Co-operative. He was a Master of Business Administration graduate. The great experience he acquired in his business career was a decided asset when he came to take over the newly formed Health Committee in the running of which he brought to bear all his great qualities of mind, an unbounded

energy and an immense understanding of human nature. Under his guiding hand the Health Board began to work very successfully and that was the real tribute to his organising genius, as to achieve that success he had to master a multitude of details. It was in the sphere of planning and especially advance planning that he showed what great qualities he had, and there was much evidence of his talents as negotiator at national and local level. He served with distinction as chairman of the General Medical Payments Board.

Will Reside In Bundoran

Fr. Young said that Mr. Ivers had taken up residence in Bundoran with his wife and family and they were all delighted to learn that he planned to continue to reside there so that his talents would not be lost to the voluntary organisations which he served despite his arduous official duties. They all hoped that he and Mrs. Ivers would be very happy in this new sphere and that he would be as successful in his new appointment as he was in the Health Board.

Fr. Young said that an outstanding feature of Mr. Ivers was that he was so approachable and was so willing to give his personal attention to the problems brought to him by the staff or the public. It was a remarkable facet of his character that in the short time he had been with the Health Board he got to know personally every member of the staff in the Region and could discuss with authority and in detail any problem that could arise concerning health in the Region.

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Strenuous Years

It had been a strenuous and taxing three years as chief executive officer of the Health Board and now at time when he had got things moving smoothly and he could afford to relax somewhat, he chose to accept another challenge as he had accepted the challenge of running the newly formed Health Board, and was off to conquer new fields as Director General of the Incorporated Law Society, the first layman to occupy that post. They wished him every success.

Fr. Young then handed over to Mr. and Mrs. Ivers the presentation, a beautiful Irish silver coffee service. Tributes were also paid to Mr. Ivers by Mr. P. Byrne, Programme Manager, on behalf of the staff, Mr. E. Gilhawley, T.D., a past chairman of the Board, Mr. M. Melly, Co.C. and Mr. P. Harte, T.D., members of the Board.

Thanking the members of the Board, the management and staff not only for the presentation and the tributes paid to him, but for their help and co-operation during his three years in the Region, Mr. Ivers said that he had enjoyed the challenge the job presented him and especially the cut and thrust of their meetings. Health Boards were now three years in existence and the time had come for them to see exactly how they were fulfilling their functions. McKenzie had said that they should look at the needs and capabilities and it was very important for the Health Boards to do just that at this period in their history

Sudden death of Monsignor McLaughlin—brilliant churchman and scientist

DEEP and widespread regret has been occasioned

by the death on Tuesday of this week of Right Rev. Monsignor Archdeacon Patrick J. McLaughlin, P.P., V.F., Carrigart.

Monsignor McLaughlin was one of the most brilliant churchmen in Ireland, and as a priest, was greatly revered by all who knew him. News of his passing came to his legion of friends with a feeling of shock, for although his health had not been robust for some time, few beyond his relatives and close friends were aware that it was giving cause for concern. His death came suddenly. A native of Ballyshannon, he had concluded 50 years in the sacred ministry, and last July, in the presence of Most Rev. Dr. McFeely, Bishop of Raphoe and many priests, he had the joyful experience of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination at consecrated Mass in the parochial church at Carrigart, where he had been parish priest since 1957.

A man gifted with a deep knowledge in many fields of research, which included study of nuclear energy, long before the splitting of the atom, Mons. McLaughlin was recognised as an authority in several branches of the sciences and was author of a number of books and papers on various scientific subjects.

Distinguishing Career

After national schooling in his native Ballyshannon, he went to St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, and on completing his secondary education there, he went to Maynooth, where he was ordained on 17th July 1923. After a distinguished course of study for the priesthood, from Maynooth he went to Paris University and spent five years there in scientific study. He worked in the laboratory of Madame Curie on radio activity of the atmosphere, his research dealing especially with atmospheric pollution. In 1928 he secured the degree of Doctor of Science and then returned to Ireland to become professor of mathematics and physics in St. Patrick's, Maynooth, a position which he occupied for 29 years. He was vice-president of the College when in 1957 he was

appointed parish priest of Carrigart.

Work on Public Bodies

At that time he was a member of many scientific and other learned bodies, including the Senate of the National University of Ireland, the Meteorological Society of France and the Royal Irish Academy. As well, he was identified with the work and findings of various government appointed commissions, notably the Irish Television Commission and the Commission on Higher Education. He was also a member of the National Monuments Board and the Council of the Institute of Advanced Studies.

He appeared on television screens at home and abroad in 1964 when he undertook an extensive tour of the U.S.A. and Canada, his views on scientific and religious subjects, on which he wrote extensively, were much sought by professional scientists and student bodies. His writings included "The Church and Modern Science", "A Tribute to Newman", "Modern Science and God" and "The Life of Nicholas Callan", the great Irish priest and scientist, with whom appeared the late Monsignor McLaughlin established the science museum in Maynooth. He was curator of the museum and did much to develop and enlarge it.

Parochial Work

Since taking over the pastoral care of the parish of Meavagh, Monsignor McLaughlin was responsible for several elaborate schemes of improvement to school and Church property, a work that typified his priestly zeal and his deep concern for the welfare of people. He earned the esteem of the parishioners in a particular way, by kindly solicitude for their spiritual and temporal needs. The traditional parish church at Carrigart was completely modernised by him and today, while retaining all the features of an old-time edifice, it has an interior beauty that will not be excelled by modern architecture.

On the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of the people of the parish, much to his delight, presented him with a beautiful tabernacle to blend with the striking Stations of the Cross which he

had installed in the renovated church.

One of a family noted for scholarship and devotion to the Faith, Monsignor McLaughlin is survived by a brother, Dr. Frank McLaughlin, Dublin, and sisters, Rev. Mother M. Joseph O.B.E., Dundee, Miss Mary McLaughlin, B.Sc., South Africa; and Mrs. M. McCabe, Dublin. Another sister, Mrs. Rose Gavigan, who had resided in Ballyshannon for many years, died last May. A nephew is Rev. J. Gavigan, Fiji.

Obsequies

There was a large attendance at the removal of the remains from the parochial house to the Church of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday evening, and up until a late hour people from every part of the parish were filing in prayerful silence past the coffin reposing before the High Altar. The funeral takes place this (Thursday) morning when Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

"As many chiefs as Indians"—Senator

"I THINK that we have reached a stage when we have as many chiefs as Indians," said Senator Bernard McGlinchey at the monthly meeting of the North Western Health Board in Donegal town on Monday, when a decision on dividing the North West Region into areas for community care action was shelved for six months following an involved discussion on the entire subject of community care.

Mr. Paul Byrne, Community Care Manager, told the Board of the results of an intensive survey into the possible areas into which the Region could be cut. The survey took population statistics and size of areas into consideration. Mr. Byrne said that in the present situation there was one huge area and two smaller ones. Donegal has a population of 108,000 over an area of 1,865 sq. miles; Sligo 50,000 over 693 sq. miles, and Leitrim 28,000 over 589 sq. miles.

The smaller counties were only a quarter of the size of Donegal by population. Mr. Byrne said that after considering the present situation he had included every possible solution in his report.

Divisions Suggested

Of the permutations considered, two had the most to recommend them. Counties Sligo and Leitrim could be considered together with Donegal as a separate entity, giving a 75,000 to 108,000 ratio. The other division considered cuts the Region into four areas. Sligo with 50,000 people; Leitrim/South Donegal 37,000; Donegal North (including Inishowen, Raphoe and Letterkenny areas) with a population of 50,000 and

West/Central Donegal with 48,000.

According to Mr. Byrne the first one would be the most economical since the additional staff would be not more than £300. The second division would eventually cost £27,000 because of the necessity to have additional staff. "There is a difficulty in recruiting staff in this area," said Mr. Byrne, "and there is a possibility that if more divisions are created this might encourage people to come into and stay in the area."

Mr. Byrne said that when the local health committees considered the report the Donegal committee recommended dividing the Region into four areas although they failed to reach agreement on the delineation of these areas. Leitrim wanted the existing situation left. Sligo wanted their county to remain as a separate community care area.

More Top Jobs

Senator McGlinchey said that two years ago population statistics had been used to justify the creation of more jobs on the Board. "It would appear to me that we have reached a stage when we have at least as many chiefs as Indians," said the Senator. "I am not going to say too many chiefs, and not enough Indians; we have too many chiefs and too many Indians. We have the C.E.O., programme managers, section officers and various other jobs with various titles. Now we have a proposal before us to appoint community care directors and they will have their staffs to back them up. Their function is to propose, direct and assess the needs of the community and put forward proposals for common ground action which they will discuss with the programme manager."

Senator McGlinchey said that he could not see anything exceptional in such a function and found it hard to understand why it was necessary to bring in two or perhaps four (Continued on Page 6)

New education proposals "a load of hogwash"

"THE greatest load of hogwash ever to come from the Department", was the description given by Mr. E. Gibson, C.E.O., Donegal Vocational Education Committee, to a report on regionalisation in post-primary education, considered at the Committee's monthly meeting held in Raphoe on Tuesday.

The report outlined the Government Bill on post-primary education, which would supersede the Vocational Education Act of 1930 if passed by the Oireachtas. In short it would see the passing of the Vocational Authorities and the handing over of the schools now controlled by them to a new county

committee. Such committees would be composed of six representatives of school management boards, six teachers and twelve local authority representatives elected by the County Councils. Mr. Gibson said that the Vocational Committee had only received the report on 24th September, just five days before it had to be returned to the Irish Vocational Education Authority with the Committee's comments, in preparation for a meeting with the Department. There had not even been time to call a special meeting and he felt that consideration of the report could not be rushed.

G.E.O.s View

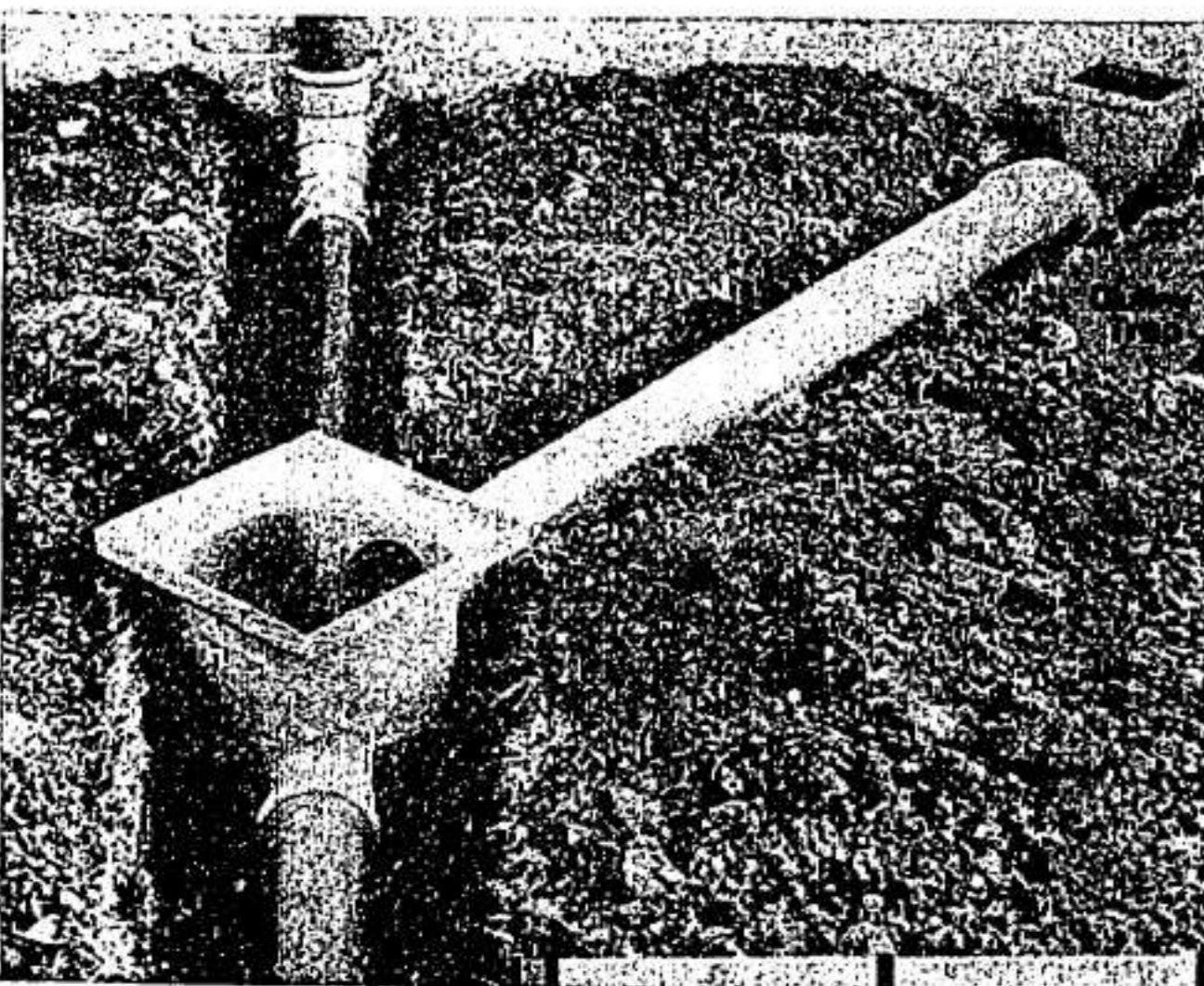
"The document does not provide a full account of what is happening at the moment," said Mr. Gibson, who pointed out that the new committees would not include certain members of the present Vocational Committees. He said that he could not see anything in the

new document which could not be achieved equally as well by an amendment of the original 1930 Act. Furthermore, when the I.V.E.A. representatives met those of the Department they got the impression that the Department wanted all second level education to come within this system. Mr. Gibson said that one way which the Department had considered for the attraction of the private schools to the scheme was by freezing the grants and offering incentives within the scheme.

Mr. Gibson said that a working group of 17 different bodies had been set up to consider the report and if any significant group rejected the proposals then they would not be implemented. Mr. Gibson said the I.V.E.A. could be regarded as a significant group. "The important decision is whether to discuss the draft document which you have before you or the additional information which I have given you," he added. Mr. Neil T. Eganey, chairman, asked what the Department were proposing and said that they should outline why the changes should be made and what was incorporated in those (Continued on page 6)

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TRIPLETS FOR LETTERKENNY COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy James, of Swilly View, Letterkenny, are now the proud parents of triplets who were born to Mrs. James in the General Hospital, Letterkenny, on Saturday afternoon last.

The triplets, two girls and one boy, weighed 4 lbs. 4 ozs., 3 lbs. 1 oz. and 3 lbs. 1 oz. Shortly after they were born the triplets were christened by Fr. William McMenamin, C.C., and were named Catherine Anne, Marian Cecelia, and Denis John.

"I could not believe it when I heard I had triplets; I am absolutely delighted and I still cannot really believe it is true," said Mrs. James from her hospital bed.

Mr. and Mrs. James have one other child.

VANDALS WRECK TOILETS

Vandals struck a heavy blow at the ratepayers on Sunday evening when they completely wrecked the public toilets at the Market Yard, Ballyshannon. The water system was the main target and pipes were wrenched from the wall fittings and broken. The damage was so extensive that the toilets have had to be closed completely. No trace of the culprits has been found. Ballyshannon's amenities have been damaged repeatedly in the past by vandals but the attack on the toilets is the worst yet.

Notices

MR. JIM WHITE, T.D., visit your area on Monday, 22nd October: Brockagh (McMenamin's) 3.30-4.00; Ballybofey (Given's) 4.30-5.00; Stranorlar (Sweeney's) 5.00-5.30; Killygordon (The Lantern Inn) 5.30-6.00; Castelfish (McGroarty's) 6.30-7.00; Convo (M. Gallagher, Pub) 7.30-8.00. MR WHITE will be in Flood's Hotel, Pettigo, Friday, 26th Oct. 3.00-3.30 p.m.; Abbey Hotel, Donegal, Friday, 26th October - 4.00-6.00 p.m.; Ballyshannon, Main St., Saturday, 27th October - 6.00-8.00 p.m.

Junior Chamber Win National Award



Members of Donegal Junior Chamber pictured with a certificate which was awarded to them for the most outstanding entry in the J. C. Tyrrell Competition (Jayces National Award). Their entry was a booklet, "Introducing Donegal" and the award was

presented to them at the national convention of the Jayces held in Clonmel recently. The J. C. Tyrrell award is presented to the most original and efficient community project in the fields of tourism and cleanliness.

In the picture are (front row from left) Messrs. K. Quinlan, D. Davin, D. Howell and M. Brown. (Back row from left) D. Little, N. Fitzpatrick, S. McNamara and P. Hand.

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