

APPOINTED IRISH TEACHER AT LIMERICK.

Tomas O'Donnchadha, T.D., has been appointed whole-time teacher of Irish at the Limerick Technical Institute.

Mr. O'Donnchadha was Gaelic League teacher at Listowel from 1917 until the end of 1920 or the beginning of 1921, when I.R.A. duties claimed his attention. In that capacity, he was one of the most successful Gaelic teachers in Ireland and worked a wonderful transformation in Listowel town and district. At present, he is a professor in Carrigaholt Irish College.

Mr. O'Donnchadha took part in the Easter Week Rising in Dublin in 1916. He was subsequently interned at Frongoch, from which place he was removed and an attempt made to conscript him into the British Army, as he had resided in London until the early part of 1916. He refused to wear the British uniform or obey military orders, and after repeated efforts to break his spirit the attempt was abandoned. He has since suffered imprisonment at the hands of the British and Free State Governments, being finally released last December, after 35 days hunger-strike in Newbridge Internment Camp. During the Black and Tan struggle, Tomas, as vice-chairman of the County Council, gave a splendid example of devotion to duty to his colleagues by attending all the meetings at the gravest risk of losing his liberty, or even his life. In May 1921, he was selected as one of the T.D.'s for Kerry and West Limerick. At the split he opposed the Treaty, and he was engaged in the fighting in Dublin after the attack on the Four Courts. He was re-elected as T.D. for the county at the general election last year.

Death of former Kerry Deputy and I.R.A. Officer

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TOMAS O DONNCHADHA, of 101 Cabra Road, Dublin, who has died, aged 74, was a life-long supporter of the language, and took a prominent part in the War of Independence. He was a member of the G.P.O. Garrison during the 1916 Rising.

A native of Cahirciveen, he was a member of the London Gaelic League when he worked in that city. He joined the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and in 1916 returned to Dublin to take part in the fighting.

As a member of the Kimmage garrison he was posted to the G.P.O. Following the Rising, he was interned for a period, and on his release he went back to his native Kerry to become Vice-Brigadier of the Kerry No. 1 Brigade, I.R.A. He became a member of the Kerry County Council and in 1920-'21 was acting Chairman of the Council when the Chairman, An Seabhac (Padraig O Siochfhradha) was imprisoned.

A member of the second Dail, he voted against the Treaty and later suffered a term of imprisonment. In 1923, he went on hunger strike at Newbridge internment camp. In later years he was a member of the Civil Service. He is survived by his widow, Nora, and son, Padraig.

Funeral of Mr. T. O Donnchada

The Taoiseach was represented by his A.D.C., Comindt. J. O'Brien, at the funeral of Mr. Thomas O Donnchada, of 101 Cabra Road, who was a member of the second and third Dails.

The funeral took place to-day from the Church of Christ the King, Cabra, to Glasnevin following Requiem Mass celebrated by Ven. Archdeacon D. O'Callaghan, P.P., who also officiated at the graveside.

At the graveside a decade of the Rosary was recited in Irish.

Chief mourners were his widow, Mrs. Nora O Donnchada, son, brothers and sisters.

Note:

At one time he shared rooms with General Michael Collins, with whom he was associated in the Old I.R.A., Gaelic League and the G.A.A.

On release following the Civil War he taught Irish in Limerick but lost his position under the Vocational Education authority because he refused to take the Oath of Allegiance. In 1932 he obtained a post with the Irish Civil Service from which he retired prematurely.

O'DONOGHUE (Dublin) — June 12, 1963, at the Padua Nursing Home, Waterloo Road, Tomas, dearly beloved husband of Nora O'Donoghue, 101 Cabra Road; deeply regretted by his loving wife, son, brothers and sisters. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening to Church of Christ the King, Cabra, arriving 5.30 o'clock. Funeral on Friday after 10 o'clock. Mass to Glasnevin Cemetery. House private.

Ó Donnchadha (Ulá Clíath)—
Meitheamh 12, 1963, Teach Danat-
tair Padua, Tomár, fear cléile
ionnain, Nora, 101 Bócar Cabra,
méala móir a bháir sa bhean dá
mhac, dá shuithneacha agus dá
shuifeacha. Tógfar an corp
tráthnóna inniu go dtí eaglais
Chríost an Rí Cabra 5.30 o'clock.
Sochfaid Dé h-áoine tráth-éir
áirimh a veich go dtí Roilís Sla-
naoin 10 o'clock.