NO TOLL ON NEW BRIDGE: OFFICIAL

By EUGENE PHELAN

LIMERICK CORPORATION have abandoned any thoughts of making the new Third Bridge across the Shannon a toll crossing, the Limerick Leader learned this Friday.

Some councillors were initially in favour of the idea but now, following a Corporation survey, it has been shelved aside.

Name the new bridge

WHAT SHOULD Limerick's new bridge be called? Here is your chance to express your choice.

Limerick city council will formally make the decision in the New Year, but they have not yet made up their minds on the matter.

But they intend choosing a name which the vast majority of people would find reasonable.

So the Limerick Leader is seeking a public vote.

Just complete the accompanying ballot paper and send it to: Bridge Name, Limerick Leader, 54 O'Connell Street, Limerick.

DEATHS

NAUGHTON-December 27, 1987, after a brief illness in Cork, William (Bill), 65, St. Patrick's Terrace, Parrish, and late of Limerick City, Very deeply regretted by his loving wife, Myna, Gerald, Kathleen and Niall; daughter-in-law, grand-daughter, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Griffin's Funeral Home to St. Patrick's Church on Saturday (Saturday) evening at 5 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Monday at 12 o'clock. Final resting place at Kilnamarty Cemetery.

O’NEILL-December 14, 1987, at her home in Bradford, West Yorkshire, Mary Agnes, formerly of South, Kilnamarty, Limerick. Very deeply regretted by her loving sisters, Sarah, Helen and Margaret; nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and friends. Removal from Griffin’s Funeral Home to Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Saturday evening at 6 o’clock. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 11 a.m. Final resting place at Kilnamarty Cemetery.

Taxis to the rescue of Moyross swim group

By LEADER REPORTER

FIVE SPEED-CAB drivers came to the rescue this week when 35 Moyross children were stranded by a swimming pool.

There was an unavoidable breakdown in the usual transport arrangements after the holiday, and the kids had their weekly swimming session at Bawnmore.

So after an hour trying to come up with alternative transport, the Limerick Leader stepped in.

Results of the vote will be published in the New Year.

Death of Willie Naughton

By LEADER REPORTER

ONE OF the city’s leading personalities for many years, and a former chairman of the Limerick Corporation, Mr. Naughton, 70, a well-known operator and Campaner with the Limerick Corporation, has died.

The late Mr. Naughton was highly respected for his contributions to the city.

Put off

"On hearing this I was put off the idea. If the money could be spent locally that would be different," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Naughton said that unless there was an appeal to the "matter," the bridge should be ready for opening by late April. It was then on schedule this week.

While the construction cost is just £3.4 million, approach roads in the city alone are costing another £3 million. The work on roads in the county is costing even more.

Bus ease

The Shannon super-span this week.

Happy new year at King John's Castle

A NEW COMMITTEE to look into major renovation works in King John's Castle, with particular emphasis on the island area of Limerick City, has met in the New Year following an initiative taken by the Minister for Defence, Mr. Michael Noonan, T.D.

And with the Tercentenary of the Siege of Limerick just a few years off, the Minister brought his colleague, Mr. Noel treacy, T.D., Minister for State at the Department of Finance with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, to Limerick to look at King John's Castle and other nearby sites that can be renovated.

Limerick Civic Trust, the Office of Public Works and Limerick Corporation, will have representation on the committee which will start work straight after Christmas.

Headache

One headache could be removing the houses inside the castle. But here it is hoped that the corporation will build 15 or so in-fill houses nearby to facilitate the residents.

Minister Treacy told the gathering that the castle is a "national treasure" and that it is "absolutely essential" that it is maintained.