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Cruise's, Ireland's Oldest Hotel, Has Been Purchased For Undisclosed Sum

CRUISE'S Royal Hotel has been sold by the present Board of Directors—a group of Dublin men—for an undisclosed sum to Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneally, Annsgrrove, Co. Cork.

The new owners are the parents of Mr. Colum Kenneally, of the Royal George Hotel and Glentworth Hotel.

Just a fortnight ago the Limerick Leader published a news item to the effect that negotiations were in progress for the sale of Cruise's. At the time the Secretary of the Company, Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, Dublin, declined to either confirm or deny the report, but he very kindly added, in the event of developments, the Limerick Leader would be the first paper to get official information. Late last night we received a phone call from Cruise's telling us of the sale.

THE SOLE OWNERS.

Mr. Colum Kenneally told the Limerick Leader to-day that his parents were now the sole owners of Cruise's.

In reply to questions, he said that he himself would shortly relinquish his position as Manager of the Royal George. He would, however, retain his share interest in the George and in the Glentworth Hotel. Mr. Kenneally (Jr.) has had personal associations with Cruise's, of which he was Manager from 1952 to 1956, when he resigned after having acquired a big financial share interest in the Royal George Hotel. Later the George Hotel group purchased the Glentworth Hotel.

SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Cruise's Hotel was sold by the then owners—the Flynn family—by public auction in 1945 for £36,000 to a Dublin group of businessmen, headed by Mr. P. O'Donoghue, Managing Director, Shelbourne Park Greyhound Track, Dublin. His son, Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, was Secretary to the Company.

Following the take-over by the new Company Cruise's was reconstructed internally at a cost stated to be in the region of £100,000. To-day it is one of the most up-to-date and luxurious hotels in these islands.

ESTABLISHED 169 YEARS AGO.

Established in 1791, Cruise's has been closely associated with the history of the country during the past 160 years. Even before Hacon's time it was a halting and starting point for the stage coach.

As far back as 1854, an English visitor described it as an "establishment that is not excelled, even in Dublin". The same may truthfully be said to-day of its appointments with its handsome and tastefully decorated hall-lounge, its spacious Desmond Hall for balls and concerts, its lightsome dining and grill rooms, its two lounge bars, its comfortable bedrooms, each having a telephone service, many being equipped with private bathrooms.

NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED.

It is understood that Cruise's will continue under the management of Mr. Thomas Flynn, one of the best known personalities in the hotel business in these islands. In fact, there is not likely to be any change in the staff personnel.

UNION OF PRAYER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

More than 200 promoters of the Union of Prayer attended the annual Diocesan Conference held at St. John's Pavilion last night, when Rev. Father T. Culhane, D.O., read a letter from the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, in which he said:—

"I wish every success to the Conference of Promoters of the Union of Prayer, which are being conducted at present, and I ask you to convey to all promoters my renewed gratitude for their continued loyalty. The work of each of them is of great importance to the Diocese, and especially to the new Diocesan College, and it is my earnest wish that they will all continue their efforts and make the Union even more successful during the present year."

"I regret that I am unable to attend the conferences on this occasion, but I hope to do so when they are repeated in the autumn, and I hope also to be with you in July in your pilgrimage to Knock. With my kindest regards to all attending the conferences."

"I remain, sincerely yours, H. MURPHY, Bishop of Limerick."

Rev. J. Shinnors, C.F., Assistant Diocesan Spiritual Director, Chairman, presided and paid a tribute to the promoters and the splendid work they were doing.

Father D. Gallagher, C.C., St. John's, Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimages, said that the Union of Prayer would run a pilgrimage to Knock on July 11th. He urged the promoters to book their tickets in time.

Father Culhane addressed the conference at length on the Union of Prayer and its progress since it was founded. He also spoke of the proposed new Diocesan College and of the assistance the Union of Prayer could give it.

National Choral Festival

Over 100 choirs took part in the second National Choral Festival for Schools which concluded recently. They were divided into regions covering practically all districts in Ireland; each choir was recorded in its own environment, and were finally listened to by a panel of judges, which included Oliver O'Brien, Director of Our Lady's Choral Society, Fachtna O'Riannachain, Music Director, Radio Eireann, and Sean Hayes, Professor of Music in St. Patrick's Training College.

The Pigott Gold Trophy and £15 for secondary choirs was won this year by the Convent of Mercy, Doon, County Limerick (conducted by Sister Margaret Mary), who narrowly beat last year's winners, St. Mary's College, Arklow (conductor, Sr. Agnes Cecilia), which choir won the South-Eastern Region.



ITINERANT ON WOUNDING CHARGE

WHEN the trial was resumed in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, to-day, in which Michael McCarthy (21), an itinerant, Old Francis St., Limerick, is charged with having wounded Edward Harris (28), Castle Barracks, Limerick, with intent to murder him on the 30th January last, a Limerick licensed trader gave evidence that earlier on the night of the alleged offence, when asked to leave his premises with his companions the accused became aggressive; he produced a knife and put it in front of the publican.

"PRODUCED A KNIFE" Michael B. Crowe, proprietor of the Dalcaasian Bar, Nicholas St., said that at about 7.45 p.m. on January 30th the accused and three others entered his premises. At about 8.25 p.m. witness asked them to leave when they had their drinks taken. Using bad language, they asked why they were being requested to leave. Witness replied: "For that reason—that I did not allow bad language on my premises. McCarthy then stood up from the table where they were sitting. He became aggressive, then produced a knife and put in front of me."

Replying to Mr. T. McLaughlin, B.L. (instructed by Mr. M. E. O'Malley), for the accused, witness said that another customer came to his assistance and McCarthy handed over the knife to the customer. The party left shortly afterwards. He would not say that any of them had a lot of drink taken. It was possible that the accused had been on the premises since about 6 p.m., but he did not recollect having seen him then.

CARRYING THEMSELVES WELL

Patrick Hynes, licensed trader, Merchants' Quay, said that the accused and three others were in his premises around 9 p.m. and had a number of drinks of stout. They left at about 9.45 p.m. and he would say that they had a considerable amount of drink taken then. They were a bit bristly, but were carrying themselves well.

In reply to Mr. Justice Walsh, S.C., witness said that the men were not drunk.

Guard Christopher Callanan, Mary St. Station, said that a number of people came in with the accused at about 10.20 p.m. He heard some of them say that McCarthy had stabbed a man at St. Mary's Dance Hall. Assisted by another Guard, he searched McCarthy and found a leather belt around his waist with a holster and a knife attached. There was

Four City Premises Are Paying Nearly £2,000 In Rent

FOUR shops and business premises in O'Connell Street and Sarsfield Street are paying between nearly £2,000 in net rents, it was disclosed during hearing of a valuation appeal case by Mr. Justice O'Brien, S.C., at the Limerick Circuit Court yesterday. His Lordship said, however, that the relative differences in valuations had been noted by the Court.

The Court was hearing an appeal by Messrs. E. G. Pitt and Co. against a £95 valuation of the premises at 132 and 133 O'Connell Street. Mr. D. Kinien, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. Guest Lane, Williams and Co., solicitors) appeared for the appellants, and Mr. J. V. Coleman, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Maurice Power, State Solicitor), was for the Commissioners of Valuation.

At the outset, it was stated by Mr. Kinien that this corner of O'Connell Street had been reconstructed and there were now four renovated premises, namely, Pitt's, Foley's, Ambrose's and the Bord Fáilte offices. The net rent of Pitt's premises was £120 a year and the valuation was £95; the rent in respect of Foley's was £750, with valuation of £95; the Bord Fáilte rental was £520 and the valuation, £60; while Ambrose's rent was £600, with valuation of £72.

VALUER'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Louis de Courcy, Auctioneer and Valuer, who was called to give evidence in respect of the premises at the corner of O'Connell St. and Sarsfield St., said that the valuation of Pitt's should not be the same as Foley's, as the latter premises had a more expansive frontage. He considered the rent of Foley's premises very high and said he would not like to try and let it or sell it as an investment, as he did not consider it by any means a reliable premises for sale at that high rent.

When asked by His Lordship if he considered the rent for Pitt's exorbitant, Mr. de Courcy told the Court that he considered it a reasonable rent for the premises. For that rent, he said, he believed he could get a tenant for it on a

PRESENT HOCK

MR. PADDY REID, on presenting a silver snuff box in the George Hotel last night, Mr. Stan de Lacy, Miss M. O'Dwyer, Miss Lillian Moran, now the holder of thirty—exceeded Stan de Lacy's—the most capped Irish host

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