

LIMERICK CINEMA ROBBED

Limerick Gardaí are investigating a rather well-thought robbery which took place at the Carlton Cinema, Shannon St., during the week-end. A thief or thieves remained in the cinema after the show on Saturday night and lay low until everyone was gone and then stole between £18 and £20 worth of cigarettes and broke out of the building.

LIGHTNING STRIPS ROOF

A young Trim (Co. Meath) family had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon when lightning stripped the roof from their house at Rathcarne, near Trim.

CRUISE'S WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY CHANGE-OVER

AN assurance that there would be no changes that affect Cruise's Hotel, or the position it has held in Limerick for the past 172 years was given by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, when he spoke to a Limerick reporter by telephone from his home at the Palace House, Beaulieu, Hampshire, last night.

Lord Montagu is a member of the Board of the Trinidad Sugar Estates Company, London, who on January 31 are due to take over the hotel on payment of the balance of £250,000 to Mr. Colm Kenneally, the present managing director.

The 38-year-old baron said: "I believe always in allowing local management to run affairs and that will be our policy for Cruise's." He said it was his first venture in Ireland and he was extremely happy about it. As a director he said he prided himself on having taken a big part in the decision to buy the hotel.

IMPRESSED

"Last week I looked over Limerick and was impressed with the city, but I was particularly impressed by the hotel."

Lord Montagu is noted for his interest in veteran cars and he said he was happy that the hotel had such a close association with the old stage coach.

He told our correspondent that in three weeks time he would be leaving for a 21 months visit to Australia and it would be next summer before he and his wife could visit Limerick again.

The Chairman of the company, Mr. Gerard A. L. Brown, F.R.S.A., F.C.S., and his wife also stayed one night at the hotel.

HOTEL'S HISTORY

Cruise's Hotel was founded in 1791 by a Mr. Bourne, who owned it for 20 years, when it became the Royal Mail Coach Hotel. Later it was run by a Mrs. Moriarty for the next 20 years. In 1852 it was taken over by Mr. Cleary, a noted hotelier, and in 1883 Mr. James Flynn, a former steward at a number of leading Irish clubs, bought the hotel and turned it into a 150-bedroomed family and commercial concern.

In 1947 the hotel was purchased by Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue, owner of the Shelbourne Race Track, Dublin, for £38,000 and it was re-opened the following year after he had spent £100,000 on renovations and added extra rooms.

Mr. O'Donoghue died early on Saturday after taking ill on Christmas Day. A native of Killybegs, he was in his late eighties.

In 1952, Mr. Kenneally, a native of Crookstown, Co. Cork, became manager and eight years later purchased the hotel for £70,000, spending £60,000 on modernising it.

MAYOR'S CONCERN

Concern at the number of take-over bids for the old established leading Limerick business houses was expressed by the Mayor, Mrs. Frances Condell, on Saturday.

It was the Mayor's first state-

ment made since her serious illness, from which she is now recovering at her home on the North Circular Road.

She will not be resuming duty for some considerable time and has been advised by her doctors to take a long holiday abroad in the sun.

Mrs. Condell said that she felt so strongly about the matter of the takeover of the 131-year-old firm of Messrs. Cannocks, the leading department store, that she would make a statement about it when she has medical permission.

"I was rather shattered to see no reference to the staff but was encouraged to learn that the Tidmarsh family, who include Sister Fidelma, were taking a stand on the matter. This firm is part of Limerick's heritage and any dealings in it are the concern of the citizens."

On the question of the proposed takeover of Cruise's, the Mayor said it was an entirely different matter.

"Although Cruise's is another traditional Limerick institution, an hotel changing hands affects the city quite differently."

She added: "It would be a very great solace to me if it would be possible for Mr. Colm Kenneally, the present managing director, to be associated in some way with the new company."

"His knowledge of Limerick and especially the poor and charitable organisations of Limerick is invaluable to this city. I could not speak too highly of Mr. Kenneally for he has helped me in more than one way with my various charities in the city and I found him one of the most interested people in the welfare of the poor of Limerick. He was one of the outstanding people in this respect in the city."

Joseph Locke's pub robbed

Between £700 and £800 was stolen from a safe in Josef Locke's newly acquired licensed premises, "The Ha'penny Inn" at Wellington Quay, Dublin, while the premises were closed for the afternoon closing time yesterday. None of the staff was on the premises for 75 minutes and during this time someone broke in through the two doors, opened the safe without damaging it and escaped with the money. The manager said last night that all the doors and windows were secured when he left for lunch and he brought the safe key with him.

A group of promoters taken at the annual general meeting of the Enclosed Retreat Movement run by the Redemptorist Fathers in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Retreat House, North Circular Road.

Big grievance with Regional Tourist Plan

The Bord Fáilte plan for the development of tourism by the establishment of regional organisations as on and from April 1 next, has caused an outcry by local authorities and local tourist councils.

Under the plan the present Irish Tourist Association is to be replaced by eight regional organisations and the first of those was established two weeks ago in Limerick for the promotion of tourism in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary. Although the bulk of the funds for the body will come from local authorities in the three counties and local tourist councils it is understood that no representative from any of such bodies was invited to participate in the formation of the Regional Tourism Organisation which is a limited company with 14 directors.

Much annoyed by the methods adopted by Bord Fáilte in the formation of the Mid Western Regional Tourist Organisation for the promotion of tourism in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary is the vice-chairman of the Clare County Council, Mr. Michael Considine, who is also a member of the Ennis Urban Council.

Here are Michael's views on the matter: "It appears to me that Bord Fáilte is trying to bulldoze their way in the formation of the new organisations but their methods will meet with strong opposition. Over a long period of years the Clare Co. Council has subscribed £400 per year to the Irish Tourist Association but at no time has the council been asked to express its view on the new organisation which has now been set up for Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary. My council was not asked to appoint a director of the new company although I have nothing personal against the directors who have been appointed. I am so dissatisfied with the whole procedure that at the next meeting of the Clare County Council I will propose that no money be provided by the council towards the new organisations."

DEATHS

FRAWLEY (nee McNamara) --December 29, 1963, at Harrington's Hospital, Catherine, relict of Christopher Frawley, 2 Cathedral Place; deeply regretted by her loving son, daughter, brother, sister and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Monday) evening at 7 o'clock. Solemn Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mt. St. Laurence Cemetery. American and English papers, please copy. (am30p)

O'REGAN--Dec. 29, 1963, at Regional Hospital, Thomas O'Regan, 1 Little Gerard St. (late Limerick Steamship Co.); deeply regretted by his loving wife, sister, brothers, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal of remains to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 8.30 o'clock. Funeral at 3 o'clock same day to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

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