

BEING WITH IT IN GO-GO STYLE

ON Friday night next Club A-Go-Go will open its doors to "hes" and shes" of the 16 to 20 age group, and the event may well mark the beginning of a breakaway trend from the conventions of modern ballroom dancing.

When I visited the premises of Club A-Go-Go in Post Office Lane last Wednesday there was little evidence of the glister, glimmer, glamour and gaiety that is promised for opening night. But, with modern, stream-lined methods of construction, even Rome might be built in a day.

The promised decor will include a wrought-iron frontage of music bars to the band stand, curtains neon-lighted from the pelmet, an elaborate scheme of coloured lighting, ceilings hung with fish-net and walls hung with luminous paintings. Overhead will be a snack bar where soft drinks, whipped ice creams and the like will be served, and here again the colourful decor will be in evidence, from the tiled floor to the mirrored walls to the cleverly concealed ceilings.

GO-GO

And what's this "A-Go-Go" all about? "Go-Go" is a popular "with it" expression in the increasingly bewildering vocabulary of the teenagers, and the Limerick club is an off-shoot of the first "beat" club to open in Dublin, The Capital's Club A-Go-Go claims

to be the No. 1 "beat" club in the City of Dublin. This means, of course, that Limerick's Go-Go Club will have considerable administrative experience behind it and, from what one of the proprietors told me, all applications for membership will be carefully screened.

Membership, I am told, will be very exclusive, and each intending member must make personal application for entry to the club. No one under the age of 16, or over the age of 20, is eligible for membership, and all applications will be passed or rejected by a committee.

The Go-Go Club claims that it is doing a good service by keeping teenagers off the streets, and helping them to associate with their own age group. Each member is supplied with a rule book, and the rules must be observed. Club sessions will be under constant supervision, and the aim is to provide the best in entertainment in the happy atmosphere of a delightfully fitted-out club premises.

GROUPS

And for entertainment, the top Irish and English groups will play. Local talent will be

availed of, too. The popular Liverpool beat group, "The People," have been engaged for opening night. These will be followed on succeeding nights by "The Circle" from Dublin and "The Few" from Belfast, and on the following Wednesday Limerick's "Koni-Kats" will supply the music. Members of the latter group, under the management of Thomas L. Moore, are lead singer Bobby Moore; Elvio Nardone, bass guitar; Ollie Byrnes, lead guitar; Mike Hanley, rhythm guitar; Buddy Lyddy, drums, and Noel Collopy, organ.

DISC-JOCKEY

Club's disc-jockey and M.O. will be the well-known beat specialist Peter Jackson, who will have the floor on the special nights set aside for disc music. Peter will also introduce the beat groups. Dancing and Miss Mod competitions will be organised, too, and a special boutique will be opened for the sale of "he gear" and "she gear."

A Limerick girl, Miss Mary Flynn of Bridge Street, will represent Club A-Go-Go in the finals of the "Miss Mod" competitions in Dublin. These will be held on July 19 in the Olympia, and Irish and English groups will compete in the finals.

Royal George waiter

Mr. Denis Mulcahy, second head-waiter at the Royal George Hotel, has completed a course for wine waiters at the Silver Springs Hotel, Cork. Mr. Mulcahy was the only hotel employee from Limerick to attend the course, which was sponsored by the well-known firm of wine importers, Messrs. Grants. The development of the wine trade from the earliest times to the present day was covered, how the grapes are grown and pressed, and how the different brands of wine are bottled and labelled. In addition to the many other aspects of the trade, the course dealt with the various types of wine and the correct methods of salesmanship.

A similar course to that conducted in the Silver Springs Hotel may be held in Limerick in the autumn.

Mr. Mulcahy, who is a native of Cappamore, is married and lives in Ballinacurra. He entered the catering service of the P. and O. Line at the age of 16 as a commis-waiter, and during his seven years at sea travelled extensively. He completed his training as a waiter with P. and O., and has been with the Royal George Hotel since 1962.

He has five brothers and two sisters. Two of his brothers, Pat and Paul, also served at sea in the catering section of the P. and O. Line.

Talented ballad singer

There are few of today's young ballad singers who have won popular acclaim as quickly as 16-year-old Martina Tighe. At the beginning of this year, Martina made her debut as a ballad singer and guitarist, and her range of songs is drawn from a very appealing selection of Irish, American, Scottish and English folk music.

She is continually adding to her repertoire with new numbers from song books and discs and she tape-records most ballad sessions from radio and television. But long before ballads could claim the wide popularity that they enjoy to-day, they were sung in Martina's home, and folk music also had its honoured place there.

Martina's range of songs is so wide that she will hesitate before naming those she likes



best, but if she has to make a choice she will select "The Coullin" in Irish and "The Travelling People." As a guitarist she is principally self-taught, but she is always willing to learn points from experienced players.

Martina formerly played with the now defunct Greenfielders. This year she has sang in ballad sessions for Tuairim and Gulaisacht, and reached the finals of the "Search for a Balladeer" competition at the Lakeside Hotel. More recently she has appeared with the Jackie Glynn group. Martina is a daughter of Seoirse Mac Taidge, 25 Greenfields, Rosbrien, and is a pupil of Scoil Carmel. Her brother, 23-year-old Michael, is well-known in sporting circles and hurls for Old Christians. Her sisters, Betty and Maura, are employed with C.I.E.

Gerard McKeown, who best the 800 and 1,500 events, entered for athletics two years the first year he a Munster intermediate mile and was runner-up All-Ireland half-mile season he took the Munster and Munster and half-mile was runner-up in the All-Ireland and third in the finale of the half-mile even occasion was Des McC who is going to Villa September next.

On Friday of last week G.C.D. Grounds, Belfield the trials for the Games were held. Gerard the mile and half-mile and at Cork City S. Tuesday last he won mile (under-19).

As a hurler, Gerard has distinguished record, past two years he playing in senior grade, and last year Harty Cup medal winner and a County juvenile with Old Christians year he repeated his Cup win, and added Mer Colleges junior All-Ireland Colleges' championship. In all games plays at the right position. He has no up club hurling to rate on full training Student Games in B.

Gerard, who is aged son of Mr. and Mrs. Keown, 19 County V race, Ballinacurra, studying at the Brothers' Schools, Street.

Gerard attributes his successes in the hurlingletic fields to the training he has received from Brother Bourke and O'Neill.

The Games will be held August 5 to August 10. Gerard McKeown and O'Regan are the favourites from Limerick to be to compete in the Limerick athletics which competed in the G former years included Hartigan, of C.B.S., Harris, of Crescent

BRENDAN

Brendan O'Regan has his mark in a wide athletics. He is holder of the All-Ireland Secondary Schools' Char gold medal and in Irish trials he won metres in 112 seconds time works out at mately 102 sers. for yds. distance and is off the Irish schoolboy

A keen soccer player, is Vice-Captain of the Highton Rvs, under-16 has won the Tottenham trophy and is the Schoolboy Soccer the Year (under-16). He is Captain of Crescent junior rugby, C and a member of the Senior Cup team. He is interested in golf a member of the C Club.

Brendan's other interests include the F.C.A. and He is attached to Field Company, Sign which is at present ing at Knockalish and, as a student of has won many prize piano at Feile Luim. His brother, Lieut O'Regan, was school provincial rugby player in soccer, won international fame. Donie is the many prizes for athletics at Lahinch recently Southern Command Championship. Last was a member of that won the All-Ireland Tournament at C Club.

Brendan is son of Mr. Patrick O'Regan, C Avenue. He is aged and is a student in



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