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Weight-lifting:

Limerickmen
break 2
Irish records

At the Irish Senior Weight-lifting Championships, held in Dublin, no fewer than 12 Irish records were broken, two of them by Limerick weightlifters. In the flyweight class, Gerard Ahern (Limerick) broke the two-hands press record held by P. Mullins (Cork). In the featherweight class, Jody O'Halloran broke the two-hands snatch record and made a personal best total of 605 to win the championship for the third time.

The best lifter award went to Frank Rotwell, of Clonmel, who is at present living and training in England. Frank made history at these championships. He was the first Irishman to total 1,000 lbs in the three Olympic lifts. We are hoping that Frank will be included in the Olympic squad going to Munich later this year.

These are the results:—
Flyweight—G. Ahern (Limerick): press, 130 lbs. (record); snatch, 110 lbs.; catch and jerk, 140 lbs.—Total, 380 lbs. (record). (Dublin): press, 180; snatch, 135; catch and jerk, 180—total, 470. P. Mullins (Cork): press, 135; snatch, 125; catch and jerk, 160—total, 420.

Featherweight—Jody O'Halloran (Limerick): press, 185; snatch, 190 (record); catch and jerk, 230—total, 605.

Lightweight—Paul Ross (Belfast): press, 225 (record); snatch, 240 (record); catch and jerk, 310 (record)—total, 785 (record). M. Lowe (Limerick): press, 195; snatch, 170; catch and jerk, 220—total, 585.

Middleweight—P. Feidt (Dublin): press, 265; snatch, 240 (record); catch and jerk, 300—total, 805. L. Stewart (Dublin): press, 260; snatch, 220; catch and jerk, 300—total, 780.

Light heavyweight—A. McAfee (Belfast): press, 260; snatch, 255; catch and jerk, 300—total, 805. P. McEvoy (London): press, 260; snatch, 210; catch and jerk, 285—total, 755.

Mid. heavyweight—F. Rotwell (Clonmel): press, 325 (record); snatch, 300 (record); catch and jerk, 375 (record), total, 1,000. P. Redmond: press, 300; snatch and press, 270; catch and jerk, 360—total, 930.

Heavyweight—C. Switzer (Tralee): press, 290; snatch, 230; catch and jerk, 300—total, 820. 275; snatch, 230; catch and jerk, 305—total, 810.

FRIDAY'S DOG

Entertainment revival in Limerick city

DEEP PURPLE, PAUL McCARTNEY, Supply Demand and Curve, Horslips, the Chieftans, Tir na nOg, Reform, Mellow Candle, Steeleye Span and John Duhan are all going to perform in Limerick—thanks to local D.J. Mike Rave and his Rave Promotions.

Mike thinks that Limerick had no outlet for beat groups, or international artistes, so he decided to do something about it.

He feels that people are tending to drift away from dance halls, where they cannot listen comfortably to groups, and are turning to concerts.

So he plans to stage these.

October

He hopes to have Deep Purple here in late October and, working through a London agency he is trying to get Paul McCartney, who has expressed a wish to visit Ireland.

His lead guitarist is from the Six Counties, and McCartney has very strong feelings on the Northern situation.

Horslips will be at the Confraternity Theatre on Sunday, July 16.

Mike intends to have three concerts a month. He says there is a real gap in this respect in Limerick, and these will give the young people an interest.

Thanks to the concerts, they will now be able to hear the modern trends in music, and may appreciate some of the top names in the game, he believes.

Revival

But Mike does not envisage catering only for the younger audience. He proposes bringing some artistes on the style of Joseph Locke also.

"This is a complete entertainment revival," he says. "Limerick is soon to be a university town, and because of the student population there will be a great demand for live concerts."

He believes that concerts should take the teenagers out of the lounge bars, and give them an interest, thus upgrading their image.

The type of groups coming will be folk and rock, in keeping with the present folk revival in this country.

The image of pop and folk music at this time, it not all it should be, according to Mike. The revival may help people to see what it is all about.

Most of the concerts will be held in the Confraternity Theatre.

Thin Lizzy

The first concert has already taken place. Thin Lizzy played to a full house

at the Confraternity Theatre, recently, and was a tremendous success.

The lighting was arranged by Michael O'Neill, stage manager, with Rave Promotions. This consisted of different coloured lighting arrangements, changed frequently during the performance. It was very effective.

"We don't believe in charging 11 admission fees. Our maximum will be 60p and we will try and get this down to 40p for some of the concerts," Mike tells me.

Season tickets will also be available.

He stressed the effect regarding that will be conducted at the concerts.

The big flaw to date was pop concerts in Limerick, says, is the poor stewards.

Drink being brought into the hall will not be tolerated. The organisers are very determined about this.

These shows will produce much-needed revenue for theatres, and so will get Limerick to hold on to its live theatre.

Rogers tight-lipped on air row as he visits Shannon

A TIGHT-LIPPED Mr. William Rogers, the American Secretary of State, paid a brief visit to Shannon on Wednesday afternoon on his way home to Washington after his round the world "friendly relations tour".

Mr Rogers declined to comment on the landing rights issue. He was pressed to say if the American Government were going to enforce the August 18 ban on Aer Lingus in New York but he stated: "I would prefer not to comment."

Secretary Rogers, who bought an Irish tweed sport jacket, described his World tour as successful and his meeting with the Pope as very impressive.

The U.S. Secretary's European visit was viewed in the framework of President Nixon's Foreign Policy report which stated that every nation in Europe could be a friend of the U.S. without being anyone else's enemy.

towards a small nation. Commenting on Mr Rogers' visit, Mr. Michael O'Connell, chairman of the Shannon Region Action Committee, said:

"I cannot understand why Ireland could be expected to be friendly with the American administration. Mr. Rogers' visit is a sign of hostility of people at Shannon over the landing rights issue."

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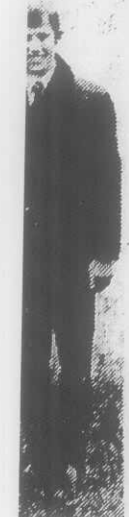
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