

Tony Tynne, proposing the past of "Limerick Boat Club," said they were justly proud of the club's record of 103 years in rowing. It had a succession of great workers for the sport of rowing, including such men as Bruce Murray, Alfie Goodwin, T. E. Donnell, Bill Treacy, Vin Donovan, Dick Roche, Jim Neill and Phil O'Doherty. "The past was great, the future as never better. They had a full compliment of oarsmen, and coaches to cater for them, and equipment to put at their disposal. The expenses, however, were very heavy; last season's attendance at ten regattas had cost the club £100. He appealed, therefore, to all members to support the club more and to pay their subscriptions promptly. "If we all swing together I am sure victory will be ours," he concluded.

Responding, Mr. Martin Conroy, hon. secretary, said the club premises are badly in need of repair. The showers

had not been as successful as in 1971. Looking ahead, he said the prospects were the best for a decade. "We have 14 lads dedicated to winning the maiden eight championship; their chances of success are excellent" he concluded.

Responding, Mr. Willie Ryan, captain, said he hoped to continue the good work of Noel Griffin with the help of Phil O'Doherty and Tony Tynne.

Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr., Life Vice-President of L.B.C. and a past president of I.A.R.U., speaking to the toast of "Our Guests, welcomed the Mayor, Councillor Paddy Kiely, Chief Superintendent McLoughlin; Father Morrissey and Austin Reid of St. Munchin's R.C.; Ian Comiskey, Shannon R.C.; Tom Tobin, St. Michael's R.C.; Louis Murnane, Athlunkard

programme for 1973.

Rev. Fr. Morrissey, headmaster, Crescent Comprehensive College, said he had a deep sense of gratitude to all the members of the Limerick Boat Club, in particular to the president, Bertie Wixted; to Tony Tynne, coach, and Noel Griffin, captain, for their work for Crescent crews. "The successes we have won not only will benefit L.B.C. but give a tremendous interest to rowing in a new school, Crescent Comprehensive", he added.

Mr. Bernard Carey, news editor, "Limerick Leader" and "Limerick Chronicle", replied on behalf of the Press

A tribute to the management and staff of Cruise's Hotel for the excellent meal and services provided was paid by Mr. M. N. Wixted.

Association, Mr. Pat and the presenter McInerney Housing Awards.

Extending a special welcome to the president, Mr. Murphy, chairman of Board, who presided. "This is the first occasion a president of our Association has attended a function. Mr. Fanning is welcome."

Mr. Murphy welcomed, County Board officer Kiely, chairman; John Moloney, vice-chairman; John Moylan, treasurer; John O'Connell, Central Board member; the chairman of the County Board, Mr. P. J. Graham and Bro P. J. O'Riordan, respectively; Larry O'Riordan, director of the McInerney Housing, and Mrs. Lee Moloney, office manager, McInerney Housing, and John Moloney. He paid a tribute to the wonderful work done by the referees, and thanked them in the City Board. They were very grateful to Mrs. McInerney for the Sports Awards.

Tributes to McInerneys Mr. Fanning were a tribute by Mr. Rory Kiely, who congratulated the City Board for a very successful year. Regarding the loan development scheme, he said loans should be given to clubs for the improvement of their premises. The community would benefit from these improvements.

How Charles Harper was encouraged

SPEAKING AT the opening of the current exhibition of painting and sculpture at the City Art Gallery on Thursday night last, Charles Harper, the well-known Limerick-born artist, recalled how the sale of one of his paintings at an exhibition in the City Gallery ten years ago boosted his confidence as an artist.

The sale of his painting at the City Gallery Exhibition inspired and confirmed him in his decision to become a professional artist. In the intervening decade Harper (a graduate of the Limerick School of Art) has become one of Ireland's best-known and most successful young artists.

Return

Mentioning the reason for his return visit to his native city, he said: "I came down from Dublin today and spent most of the morning and afternoon at the Limerick Art School selecting paintings for the All-Ireland Student Exhibition at the Project's Arts Centre in Dublin.

This Dublin exhibition which opens on January 9, will include paintings and sculpture by students from the Dublin College of Art, Dunlaoire School of Art, Belfast Art School, the Belfast College of Education, Trinity College's Art Laboratory (Dublin) and

Cork Art School. Harper is making the selections at all these art centres.

On his return to Limerick he was greeted by many of his former fellow students at the Limerick School of Art. They included Eileen Egan, Gabrielle Wallace, Kate Hennessy and Jack Donovan, now headmaster, Limerick School of Art.

Asked for his opinion about the art standard and climate at the Limerick School, Harper said: "It's very high — and there's tremendous energy evident from the students."

Referring to the special features of the Project's Arts Centre (situated in South King Street, Dublin), he said that it is a gallery run by artists themselves on a voluntary basis and with an inclusive policy of exhibiting young and established artists. "We are able to facilitate young artists who now specialise in using large canvases for their paintings," he added.

The centre is also the venue for a Little Theatre—recently, a double-bill type play, by Ulick O'Connor, had a very successful run there—and for folk music and traditional music nights.

Later this week, Charles Harper travelled to Belfast to select paintings for the coming project's exhibition.

Manly

Mr. Larry Leavy said McInerney's were very to be associated with GAA Board by presenting Sports Stars Awards. Board deserves the support of all the citizens for work in serving the youth," he continued.

They were promoting manly sport, and, in celebrating the winners of Sports Stars Awards, hoped to see some of the winners of these awards. All-Ireland winning

Mr. Jackie O'Connell felt the work of the Board was not properly appreciated in the city. He was happy to see the presence of the Association at the function; "Mr. O'Connell is one of the most able and able administrators that ever occupied the chair of the Central Board," he said.



able for Anne O'Connor, who celebrated her engagement to... tones, Limerick.