

Park, Kennedy Park and Janesboro concerned about speeding traffic going through their estates handed in a petition signed by 800 to last evening's meeting of the City Council's roads committee.

Derek Mulcahy, spokesman for the residents, claimed that children are being put "at risk" because of the speed of cars.

He further claimed that it is proving "impossible" for people to get across the road to Roxboro post office.

Residents are calling for pedestrian facilities and speed ramps to slow down residents.

NEW SEWAGE SYSTEM

A NEW £75 million main drainage scheme which will rid the Shannon of city sewerage must be in place before the end of 2,000 according to EU directives.

It is estimated that approximately nine million gallons of sewerage enter the Shannon each day on the grounds that nine million gallons of water are supplied each day.

Memories photographs

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However because of volume the dilution capacity of the river is "huge" according to Corporation engineers.

An allocation of £3.5 million for design work has already been allocated, for the new scheme.

Work has also been completed on the effluent survey, relating to industries, hotels, hospitals and other such institutions.

The project team have now prepared outline proposals for the lines of the main interceptor sewers.

20 Years Ago

GURU TAKES OFF

INDIAN guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh made a spectacular exit from Jurys Hotel, Limerick, this

Tuesday afternoon after spending 11 days in his room. With bodyguards at his side, he walked passed the waiting newsmen.

Cameramen and reporters waited for the man who has not left his hotel suite for the past 11 days.

At precisely 2.19pm, the guru emerged from the door of the hotel with his hands clasped in prayer and said: "I love your people". There were two women at his side, along with Gardai and security men. He stopped for just about 30 seconds before getting in his Mercedes and was whisked off to Shannon Airport.

Asked what he did for his 11 days in the hotel, he said: "I just rested", bringing laughter from the assembled press. He added that he had no definite plans for where he would travel next. He also said that he intended to return to Limerick but stressed that he would again stay in seclusion in his hotel bedroom.

His Grumann executive jet lay waiting for him with his party of nurses, attorney and bodyguards at Shannon Airport.

After his controversial entry into Ireland last Friday week immigration officials granted him a three month stay in Ireland.

However, the man who last year owned 87 Rolls

Royce never showed his face to the Limerick public and stayed inside his hotel room.

He and his party ate mainly Indian food during their stay.

The Guru, who is a native of India, once claimed 500,000 disciples world-wide. They worked in communes which helped make him a multi-millionaire.

Now, however, he has been banned from the United States for five years and fined \$400,000 for allegedly fixing marriages to get his overseas recruits into the US.

Immigration officials in Shannon left the Guru into the country after he was refused admission to England.

The 54-year-old who preaches "free love" is a diabetic and is reported not to be in the nest of health at present. Among his complaints are a bad back.

INDUSTRY WHICH FAILED TO SAVE ITS OWN BACON

THE closure of O'Mara's bacon factory means that, for the first time in Limerick's history, no bacon curing is being carried out on a large scale in the city, declared Ald Jim Kemmy to a meeting of the City Council.

However, some killing of pigs is being carried out in

the Municipal Abattoir said Deputy Frank Prendergast, who added that the second oldest industry in the entire country was in Limerick—Mattersons, founded in 1810 after Guinness.

"I hope the new Minister for Trade, Commerce and Tourism will do something for this area," he added.

Ald Kemmy described the closure of O'Mara's as "a great tragedy", and asked that a survey be made of the most interesting reading on the topic.

"While it could be true that industry changes," he added, "nevertheless, this is something that should not be left lying. Limerick bacon had a distinctive flavour and quality.

"In the case of Mattersons, Clover and O'Mara's the workers have been made redundant or unemployed."

He said that a grandfather of his had been to Russia less than a century ago to help build the furnaces for bacon curing, so great was Limerick's know-how in the techniques.

Deputy Prendergast said that the Danes came to Limerick at the beginning of the century to learn the technique of bacon curing.

"It is an irony that they are now foremost in Europe," he commented, "and we are now buying

minister Desmond O'Malley: "I regret to say that since Mr O'Malley was moved out of the Ministry, very little has been done for this city and region.

"I would hope that Mr Noonan, as the new minister, would be able to correct that imbalance."

He went on: "I do not know what we can do except to register grave concern. Limerick ham was on every cuisine."

He said that the city had a long tradition going back to his grandfather's and granduncle's time when both were involved. Since then, four industries had gone.

30 Years Ago

ITINERANT TRADERS PROBLEM BEFORE COUNCIL

ITINERANT traders who come into Limerick city are to be allowed trade in some public place where they will have to pay something to the local or central authority.

This was the result of a motion which was carried at the Planning and General Purposes Committee meeting of the City Council.

Cllr Frank Prendergast said that a place should be provided where these people could be channelled and forced to contribute something to society.

Cllr Michael Crowe has suggested that these people be allowed to trade in the Potato Market but was told that this property is in the hands of a receiver.

The committee was discussing a letter from the Department of Local Government asking for sub-

