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missions to the Restrictive Practices Commission on itinerant traders.

Cllr Crowe seconded the suggestion of the place for the traders to operate from and this motion was carried.

BROPHY BLASTS DANCE HALLS

LIMERICK impressario Mr Brendan Brophy in a special interview with a Limerick Leader reporter this week described some local dance-halls as nothing short of shoddy old bars.

He also hit out at the lack of proper dressing-room facilities in places of entertainment and expressed the view that some shows failed in Limerick because of inadequate promotion.

Mr Brophy who is promoting the Noel Pearson production of "You Ain't Heard Nuthin' Yet" in Limerick all next week is a firm believer that publicity will sell any show if done properly.

"But some local promoters don't know how to plan their publicity campaigns and consequently their shows don't get off the ground," he claimed.

CRUX IN MOYROSS SCHEME

THE City Council Planning and General Purposes Committee this week endorsed the housing programme for this year in the face of an apparent attempt by the Government to prevent the Moyross phase two from going ahead as planned.

The City Manager told the meeting that the

Government was concerned about the expenditure on sewerage systems. The cost of putting in this system would be £62,000.

Because of the lack of funds for the work, it was suggested that the Moyross scheme could not go ahead this year. There are 173 houses planned for this phase.

The Manager said the Council should continue with Moyross as the main content of the housing programme.

Cllr Desmond O'Malley said the situation is "very serious".

If the scheme does not go ahead, he added, then the Corporation might not build one house this year. This would mean that the housing list would grow to over 1,000.

"It is clearly purely a financial problem," he commented.

He said that the cost of the sewerage at £62,000 in relation to the overall cost of the scheme of £1.5 million was minimal.

40 Years Ago

GOVERNMENT MUST STAND FIRM ON SHANNON

IF ANY concession is given to an American Airline

Shannon Airport will be bypassed completely in a very short time and the large state investment in technical facilities at Shannon will have been wasted. New and costly investments will be necessary in an already crowded Dublin Airport and a serious blow will have been dealt to the economy of the Shannon region. This is stated in a press release issued by George O'Malley, president of Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

"The intervention of President Johnson by directing the United States Civil Aeronautics Board to select one airline as their nomination for rights to fly into Dublin Airport, suggests that the American government will make an approach to the Irish government to re-open the transAtlantic air talks," said Mr O'Malley. "Last November the Irish government rejected an approach from the US to allow two airlines into Dublin and this decision was taken, according to the government information bureau, in the national interest.

"If the talks are re-opened on behalf of one airline the case that can be made for rejecting this request are even stronger than they were a few months back.

"The present tourism net-

tern is that something between 68 per cent and 80 per cent of Trans Atlantic visitors disembark at Shannon, visit the South of Ireland and eventually find their way to Dublin. If an American airline is granted rights to fly into Dublin it would tend to change this pattern, and the tourists who were determined to see the rest of Ireland would have to back track on their journey," he said.

SOLUTION TO ITINERANTS PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND

SOME solution will have to be found to the itinerant problem. These people just cannot congregate in a town and plague it, and then move off to plague some other town.

This also applies to their horses which are a considerable danger to motorists."

This was stated by Justice Hurley at Ennis Court when he imposed fines on a number of itinerants for allowing animals to wander on the public roads around Ennis.

50 Years Ago

CITY RATE ESTIMATE IS SHOCK FOR THE RATEPAYERS

financial year beginning April 1 has been prepared by the City Manager, M Macken. Copies have been circulated to the members of the City Council and the press. Mr Macken is seeking an increase of 5/- in the £ on the old impost of 41/-.

In his explanatory statement, the Manager, having expressed regret that it is necessary for him to ask for an increase of 5/- proceeds to deal with the municipal expenditure.

"The estimated expenditure," he said, "for the year ending March 31 1957 is £804,348, as against £693,900 for last year. The estimated receipts have increased from £373,437 for last year to £443,936 making a net expenditure of £360,412 as against £320,463 last year, an increase of £39,949.

The main causes of the increase are the coming into full operation of the Health Act 1953, and the consequent increased cost of improving the health services, increases granted in wages and salaries during the year, increased demands from the Mental Hospital and Vocational Education Committees, increased expenditure in relation to housing, increased cost of loans as a result of the increase in interest rates

of compensation to the County Council will reduce the benefit which the city has heretofore enjoyed as a result of the extension of the Borough Boundary.

LIMERICK BELL-RINGERS AGAIN BRING CUP HOME

WHILE the majority of citizens were enjoying St Patrick's Day in their own leisurely way, by attending parades, motoring, walking, cycling, or being present at sporting fixtures, so, too, were a group of bellringers spending the holiday in what they considered was their leisurely way, by pulling bell ropes for hours on end.

The Southern District of the Irish Association of Change Ringers was holding its annual outing on St Patrick's Day at Bandon, Co Cork and enthusiasts from Kilkenny, Waterford, Limerick, Cork, Bandon and Doneraile met and had hours of keen bellringing with each other.

The competition for the Cherry Cup was also held on the six bell peal of the local parish church.

We are pleased that Limerick was enter four teams for this contest—two from St Mary's Cathedral and two from Mount St Alphonsus' Church and very keen ringing marked