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Limerick Oarsmen Honoured

Historic Ceremony of Jubilee

ONE of Ireland's oldest past oarsmen, Mr. Alma Fitt, was guest of honour at a presentation dinner in the Limerick Boat Club on Saturday night to mark the occasion of his diamond jubilee year of membership of the club. Two other former oarsmen, Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr., and Mr. W. F. Treacy, were also honoured at the function, which was the most successful in the club's history.

Important points raised in the after-dinner speeches included references to the reorganisation of Limerick Citizens' Regatta, provision of pleasure boating facilities for members and tourists in the city clubs, the laying down of a slipway for boats at Arthurs Quay, and a national rowing seminar which will be held next February.

The attendance included Cllr. Frank Glasgow, who depatised for the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Frank Leddin; the President of the Irish Amateur Rowing Union, Mr. William Duggan, solr. representatives of Shannon Rowing Club, St. Michael's Rowing Club and Athlunkard Boat Club, and members of various sporting clubs in Limerick.

TRIBUTE

The toast of the guest of honour, Mr. Alma Fitt, was proposed by the senior Vice-President of the Club, Mr. J. C. Sheahan. "As a sportsman," said Mr. Sheahan, "we hold Mr. Fitt very dear, and his family name is honourably and prominently associated with the auctioneering, legal and commercial professions in Limerick." The occasion, he continued, was unique; 60 years before, in November, 1905, Mr. Fitt was a guest of honour at a Limerick Boat Club dinner, when he and the other members of his undergrade four were presented with gold medals for their performance at Limerick Regatta. Mr. Fitt continued to row until 1911, and in after years maintained his interest in he sport as a regatta official and trustee of the regatta funds in the Limerick Savings Bank.

"Outside of his rowing career, he is perhaps even better known for his activities in hockey," Mr. Sheahan added.

"He is still a prominent member of L.P.Y.M.A. and in his youth played on the team that was the first to bring a senior hockey cup out of Cork." As a left-half he won many trophies, was sub. on an Irish team and was one of the outstanding hockey referees of his day. He was later honoured with the presidency of the Irish Hockey Union. His advice to the Limerick Boat Club was always gladly and freely given and he had never looked for honour in any way for his rowing or hockey activities.

The president of the club, Mr. B. Hanrahan, at this stage presented Mr. Fitt, on behalf of the members, with a magnificently wrought gold pin, bearing crossed oars and the lettering "L.B.C."

CENTENARY

Replying to the presentation, Mr. Fitt said he felt deeply moved at the action of the members in making him this presentation and having him guest of honour at their dinner. "In about five years our club will be celebrating its centenary," he added, "and I believe that you will uphold the honour and prestige of L.B.C. as we have tried to do in our day." The oarsmen of his time had many advantages in that, the counter-attractions of cinemas, motor cars and dances were unknown. They went to the club after tea and got down to the business of training until after 10 o'clock in the summer evenings.

Mr. Fitt recalled a number of amusing incidents in those early years of rowing and concluded: "This beautiful pin will be treasured by me as long as I am alive and it will be handed down to my elder nephew in Canada to be kept as an heirloom."

Mr. Jack O'Connor, V.P., proposing the toast of "The Limerick Boat Club," said the aims and objectives which inspired the founders of the club in 1870 were being carried on down through the years without any deviation. In 1970 the members would celebrate a century of loyal devotion to rowing. It was not without difficulty that Limerick Boat Club had taken its place in the history of Irish rowing to-day, but such difficulties were accepted as a challenge by successive committees. This spirit was prevalent in the club to-day and they could look to the future with their heads held high.

NEW PROCEDURE

After referring to the welcome which awaits any young man who wishes to take up rowing in the club and the facilities for training which were available, Mr. O'Connor said their only problem lay with Limerick Citizens' Regatta: "Our regattas have been run at a very low standard over the past number of years," he continued.

"Only a handful of people attended the regatta, but that is not the fault of any one person or any one club." The probable solution might be found on setting up a new procedure for the running of our regatta, and it might be a good thing if the responsibility for its management was given to one of our local clubs. "I would ask the committees of the different rowing clubs in Limerick to give this matter earnest consideration," he concluded.

Responding to the toast, Mr. P. J. Moroney, V.P., paid tribute to the work of such members as Jack O'Connor and Gerard Savage and their helpers for their successful activities in fund raising, repairs to boats and slipways and the structural alteration within the club itself, which made the present function possible. "We are now in the happy position of being able to cater even better for oarsmen," he added. It would be a marked advantage if our local clubs had pleasure boats available to the members and to visitors to the city; in that way they would be helping Bord Failte in the promotion of tourism. He made a special plea to the representatives of Shannon Rowing Club, Mr. C. J. Quinn and Mr. Jack Gleazer, to use what influence they could for the revival of rowing in their club, which would celebrate its centenary next year.

He extended congratulations to Alma Fitt on his long and honourable record of membership, and to Mr. T. E. O'Donnell and Mr. W. F. Treacy, two great oarsmen of the "rowing twenties."

The President, Mr. B. Hanrahan, then presented Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Treacy with pewter tankards, suitably engraved.

HAPPY MEMORIES

Mr. T. E. O'Donnell said the club, in which he continued as a member since 1923, held for him many happy memories. "As oarsmen, we trained very hard and were physically fit; whatever luck we had with our successes was achieved by hard work." He suggested that the Regatta Committee should revert to the Thursday fixture; Sunday regattas had failed to attract spectators. He welcomed to the function such great sportsmen as Tom Clifford, Des Hanrahan and Jack Gleazer. They in the Boat Club were always told by their great coach Bruce Murray: "Watch Gleazer" he was an example of everything that was great in an oarsman. Gleazer had been cheered to the echo at every regatta fixture in Ireland, "but the best cheer he ever got was when he fell out of his skiff opposite the Limerick Boat Club."

Mr. W. F. Treacy said that the happiest days of his life had been spent in the club. He congratulated Mr. Alma Fitt on the honour conferred on him by the members and added, "he was always the essence of courtesy, always in good humour, always a thorough gentleman."

Their Union Cup crew of 1927 was a strong combination, built around their brilliant stroke, T. E. O'Donnell, and two exceptionally powerful oarsmen, Kenneth Ray at five, and Martin McGuire at six.

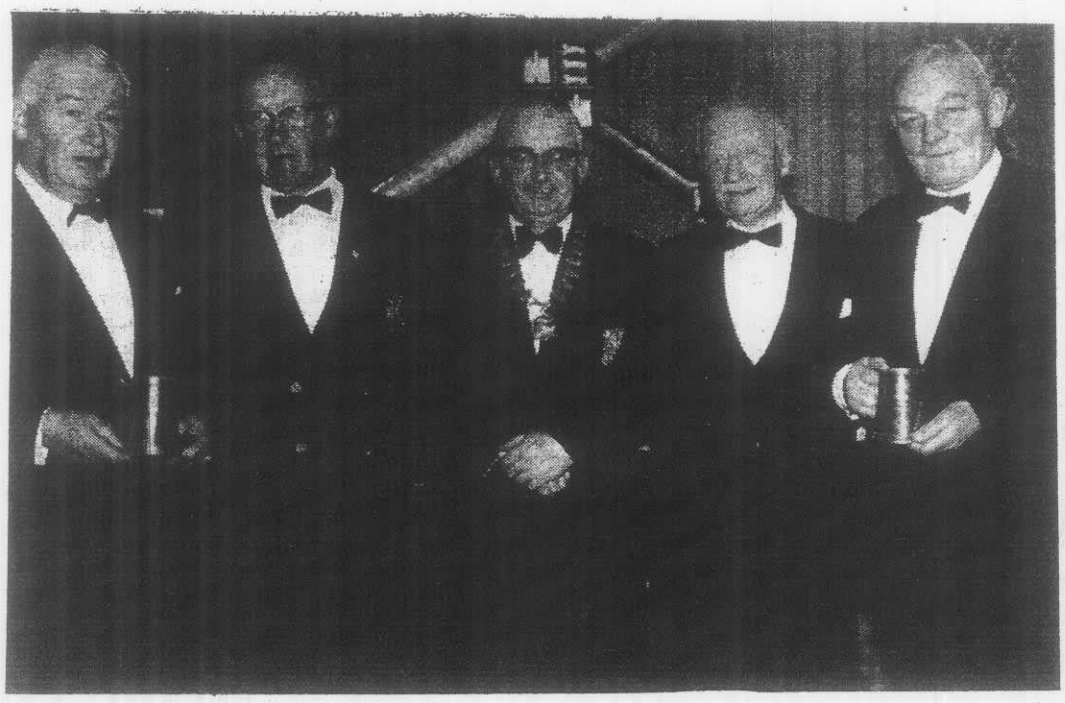
It was the policy of the club coach, Bruce Murray, to train the maidens and finish them off as good juniors; the seniors then would be able to look after themselves. On the morning following their Union Cup victory, Jack Harkness, the captain of the crew, called on Murray with morning newspapers and asked: "Well, Mr. Murray, what do you think of our performance?" Bruce blandly replied: "I think the maidens rowed a very intelligent race." His brother, Ned Treacy, rowing for the club in 1927, won all of his three maiden races and as a junior was successful in each of the six races in which he competed, and thus set up what was probably an unique record for an oarsman.

FREE EXCHANGES

Toast of the crews was proposed by Mr. R. A. Roche, V.P. While they might not have had a lot to boast of in their achievements he said the crews were most diligent in their training. The future of the club depended on successes on the river; they had excellent material, and winter lectures, a free exchange of views, and the forthcoming rowing seminar might be an answer to their problem. He congratulated A.B.C. on keeping crews on the water and though they, too, had not achieved any great successes he felt that rowing was entering a new era.

In common with all oarsmen he was disappointed that Shannon Rowing Club had not crews on the water. The past rowing members of Shannon Rowing Club were responsible for this failure and they were not living

LIMERICK BOAT CLUB ANNUAL DINNER



Pictured at the annual dinner of the Limerick Boat Club on Saturday night were: Messrs. W. F. Treacy, W. Duggan, President, I.A.R.U.; B. C. Hanrahan, President, L.B.C.; Alma Fitt, T. E. O'Donnell, solr. It was a special dinner to mark the Diamond Jubilee Year of Membership of Mr. Fitt and he was made a special presentation of a gold pin. Mr. Treacy and Mr. O'Donnell, members of the 1927 Senior I.A.R.U. Cup winning crew, were recipients of inscribed tankards.

Harbour Board sympathy

Limerick Harbour Board, at its meeting today, unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. Desmond J. O'Malley, solicitor.

The Chairman, Mr. P. J. Donnellan, paid a warm tribute to the late Mr. O'Malley, whom he described as an outstanding personality in the city and whose loss would be deeply felt

Death of Joe McKeown, Garryowen

The death has occurred at his residence, at an advanced age, of Joe McKeown, Greenhill, Garryowen. The late Mr. McKeown took a prominent part in the War of Independence as a member of the Old I.R.A. and was very popular locally.

He is survived by his sons, Seamus, Joe and Tony, and daughter, Mrs. Michael Lipper.

MERCY FLIGHT

A helicopter was used this afternoon to transfer Miss Agnes Langan (36), of Aughanish Island, Askeaton, from St. John's Hospital, Limerick, to St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar. The helicopter was piloted by Commandant B. McMahon, assisted by Sgt. T. Fahy, and also on board were Dr. Courtney, of St. Luke's, and Sister Antonia, of St. John's Hospital.

TOURED COUNTRY COMMITTING CRIME—CAUGHT IN LIMERICK

"HAVE you any intention of changing your ways of life?" This was the question Justice M. de Burca asked two youths and a 16½-year-old juvenile when they pleaded guilty to six charges of housebreaking and larceny at Limerick City Court on Friday. The defendants, all of no fixed abode, stole goods to the value of £89.

One of the youths, Joseph Doyle, was sentenced to six months' detention in St. Patrick's Institution. The second youth, Joseph Byrnes, was give given a suspensory six months sentence and the juvenile received two months detention in St. Patrick's Institution.

FROM DUBLIN

Inspector Patrick Spillane, prosecuting, said that the three defendants were of no fixed abode, and for some time had been going around Dublin staying in various hostels. Doyle had broken into the premises of John McGoldrick, Dawson Street on November 21, and stole cigarettes, cigars and spirits to the amount of £15-6-8.

The defendants then left Dublin and travelled in the direction of Limerick. On November 28 they broke into the dwelling-house of Patrick Kenny, Laughaun, Co Offaly and stole goods including a gent's wristlet watch and ring, to the value of £30-14-3d. The following day they went into the lock-up shop of Patrick Hanrahan Ennis, Co. Clare, and stole a transistor radio valued at £20.

They travelled to Limerick, and between November 30 and December 1, they broke and entered the premises of Mary Sexton, O'Connell Avenue. They took a lady's coat, roller skates, cigarettes and other goods, to the amount of £15-7-5.

MEND THEIR WAYS

Doyle and Byrnes were found sleeping in a hayshed at Dooradoyle, by Detective Sergeant Gerry Sullivan and Garda Hallissey, on December 2. The goods taken from Sextons were found in their possession. The juvenile was later taken into custody.

Justice M. de Burca said that these defendants were going around the country with no means of support, and they were committing crimes. "It is possible that they have made up their minds that this sort of crime is going to be the pattern of their way of life, but if they have no intention of mending their ways, they would be better off out of circulation."

When Inspector Spillane told Justice M. de Burca that Joseph Byrnes had no previous conviction, the Justice said that he was fortunate to get away without conviction up to now. It was possible that the defendant would learn a lesson from this case and change his way of life. He gave Byrnes a suspensory six months sentence.

Doyle and the juvenile were sent away to St. Patrick's Institution for six months and two months, respectively.

BIG FIRE NEAR ASKEATON

Mr. Denis Hannigan, his wife Margaret and 17-year-old daughter Nora of Granteer Askeaton, had a miraculous escape when their single-storey residence was burned to the ground in the early hours of this morning.

THREE YOUNG MEN LOST THEIR HEADS WHEN STRANDED

THREE young East Limerick men who found themselves stranded in Ballybunion after they had missed their excursion bus where charged at Newcastle West Court with offences arising out of the taking of a motor car without the permission of the owner.

The defendants were Michael Cook, farm worker, Knockainy, Hospital; Jas. O'Brien, farmer, Baggotstown, Bruff; and Noel O'Meara, garage worker, Bottomstown, Elton, and they were charged on five counts with the alleged larceny of a motor car, taking the vehicle without the permission of the owner (Maurice Cunningham, Moyvane, Co. Kerry), interferring with the mechanism of the car, driving without insurance cover and larceny of petrol value 5/- at Ballybunion on August 9 last.

TO A DANCE

Mr. T. Mitchell, solr., who appeared for defendants, said they were prepared to admit they took the car without the consent of the owner. He understood the larceny charge was being withdrawn.

Supt. D. O'Connor, Listowel, said that was so. The charges, he explained, arose out of an incident at Ballybunion on the night in question when the owner of the car went to a dance and parked his car on the street. The car had a defective door and was not properly locked. The three defendants, who had come to Ballybunion with a 'bus excursion party that day, apparently found themselves stranded in Ballybunion after the dance and yielded to the temptation to take the car. The defendant, Cooke, drove the car, and when they came near Abbeyfeale they abandoned the vehicle when it ran out of petrol. They were questioned by an Abbeyfeale Garda who became suspicious of their movements, and at first denied but later admitted the offences. There were no previous convictions and no damage was done to the car.

Mr. Mitchell, pleading for leniency, said defendants were under the impression when they arrived in Ballybunion, that the 'bus would not leave until after the dance. When they found the 'bus was gone they lost their heads as they had to be home early in the morning to milk cows. With this in mind they took the car and drove on towards Abbeyfeale when they ran out of petrol. They were three very respectable young men, sons of farmers, and this was something they would not normally do at all.

A LESSON

"They found themselves stranded far from home" added Mr. Mitchell, "and they had no way of getting home or communicating with their families. As a result they lost their heads and did what they should not, of course, have done. The prosecution will be a lesson to them for the rest of their lives, and in view of all the circumstances I would ask you to apply the Probation Act".

Justice J. P. Feran said he would bind all three defendants to the peace for 12 months in their own personal bonds of £25 with one surety each for a similar amount. He allowed them seven days to enter the bonds or in default one month in prison.

"Messiah" sung in Limerick church

A brilliant performance of Handel's "Messiah" was given at the Redemptorist Church of St. Alphonsus in Limerick last night by the Limerick Choral Union in conjunction with the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra. The church was specially arranged for the performance. The crowded congregation were particularly moved by the singing of the noted Welsh tenor, Stuart Burrows, and the Limerick bass, Joseph Dalton.

The other soloists who gave outstanding performances were Violet Twomey and Iona Jones, contralto. The orchestra was under the control of Coleman Pierce.

This is the third performance of a choral symphony given in a Limerick church. In April of this year in conjunction with the symphony orchestra, Kodaly's "Te Deum" and the "Messiah," were presented in St. John's Cathedral. This was the first performance at the Redemptorist Church.

DEATHS

MOLONEY—December 12, 1965, at St. Camillus' Hospital, Christina (Chrissie), 3 St. Augustine Place, Limerick, and formerly of 6 Lock Quay. Deeply regretted by her brothers, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this (Monday) evening at 6 o'c. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'c. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

McKEOWN — At his residence, Greenhill, Garryowen, Limerick, Joseph McKeown. Very deeply regretted by his loving sons, daughter, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Monday) evening at 7 o'c. Solemn Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 11 o'c. Funeral at 12 noon same day to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

McREDMOND (nee Moore) — December 12, 1965, at St. Johns Hospital, Mary Josephine (Maisie), beloved wife of James McRedmond, Elm Park, Limerick. Deeply regretted by her husband, sons, daughter, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Our Lady of the Rosary Church this (Monday) evening at 7 o'c. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 11 o'c. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. House private, please. (c)

IN MEMORIAM

STENSON (Second Anniversary) —In sad and loving memory of my dearest Charles, Fairyhill, Parteen, who died December 14, 1963. — Treasured memories and sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

The Minister was right

On the morning of Nov 1st last—the day the tall tween the American al and Irish Government menced in Dublin—the ster for Health, Mr. D O'Malley, met a group o Limerick newspaper sentatives in the Brazer

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In the presence of the paper representatives Minister opened the en this morning. The fo made on November 1st "The Government wil concede one inch."

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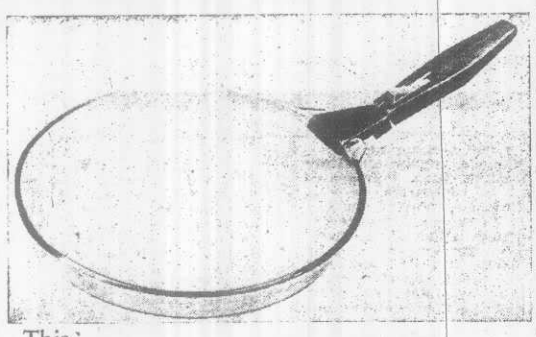

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