

regional hoteliers will offer prices for business group

...tive traffic is a particularly relevant source of business at this time. The Regional Company, in its recently published "Plan For The Development of Tourism In The Mid-West Region", has specified that it intends to seek much more traffic from within Ireland, especially conference traffic. The aggressive promotional campaign for conference business has brought together the Regional Tourism Organisation, the Home Holidays Department and the Convention Bureau of Bord Fáilte in Dublin, and 13 Regional hoteliers.

Hotels

The hotels in the Mid-West Region taking an active part in the campaign are as follows: Cruise's Royal Hotel, Glenties; Hotel, Limerick Inn, Two Mile Motor Inn, Parkway Motor Inn (all in Limerick); Old Ground Hotel and the West County Inn (Ennis); The Clare Inn and Dromoland Castle Inn (Newmarket-on-Fergus); The Clare Lakeland Hotel, (Killarney); The Lakeside Hotel (Scillios); The Ormond Hotel (Newagh); and Fitzpatrick's Shannon Shamrock Inn (Burrin).

has a weekend

...one of Limerick's rowdiest according to a Garda spokesman on Monday morning.

...number of "thugs" jumped him and left him unconscious after beating and kicking him.

Shocking

Also last night another shocking incident occurred when two brothers—Joseph and Stephen Byrnes of Claughaun Road, Garryowen—were attacked on their way home by a gang brandishing "iron bars and sticks". Fortunately, they received only minor injuries.

Kicked

A number of people who were waiting for a taxi in Thomas Street, on Saturday night were harassed for money and one person received kicks in the ankles and stomach, when he did not meet the gang's demands. A number of other small incidents also occurred many of which have not been reported to the Gardaí. Apparently the gangs who roam the streets, pick on the rarest innocent person, they can "lay their hands on".

Elected

The Mayor, Colr. Thady Coughlan, has been elected to the Administrative Council of the Irish Labour Party.

City rate

The name of Colr. Bobby Byrne was inadvertently omitted from the list of councillors who voted for the rate of £3 in the £ this week. Colr. Byrne voted in favour of the new rate.

DEATHS

O'HALLORAN—November 24th, 1975, at his residence, 17 Garryowen Road, Limerick, Patrick, late Customs and Excise, Shannon Airport, and St. Michael's Church, Limerick. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, Kitty; sons, father-in-law, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal to St. Michael's Church this Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow, Tuesday, at 12 noon. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (m24c)

TOBIN—November 23rd, 1975, at Barrington's Hospital, John (Jack) Tobin, 1 Thomond Row, James McShane, Limerick, late of James McShane. Deeply regretted by his loving sons, daughter, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal to St. Munchin's Church on to-day, Monday, at 7.15 p.m. Requiem Mass to-morrow, Tuesday, at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mt. St. Laurence Cemetery. (m24c)

A section of the spectators who attended the Munster vs. Leinster rugby match at Thomond Park, Munster won by 9 pts to nil.

Boat club honour Mr. W. F. Treacy

THE WELL-KNOWN Limerick businessman and sportsman, Mr. W. F. Treacy, was presented with a silver tankard, suitably inscribed, at the annual dinner of the Limerick Boat Club on Saturday night last to mark his fiftieth year of membership of the club.

The attendance at the function, which was held in the club premises, included Councillor Bobby Byrne, deputising for the Mayor (who was attending the Labour Party conference in Dun Laoghaire), representatives of the city clubs and four vice-presidents of Lee Rowing Club. Mr. P. A. O'Neil, president of Limerick Boat Club, presided. Mr. R. A. Roche, life vice-president, speaking to the presentation, recalled that when he joined the Limerick Boat Club he was the first man to take him out in a rowing tub was W. F. Treacy. "He and the late Vin O'Donovan and a few others who stilled in me a knowledge of rowing and what the club stood for and what club spirit was all about."

Career

Outlining Mr. Treacy's career as an oarsman Mr. Roche said that in his first year of competition Mr. Treacy won the eight events at Cork and Limerick regattas and the aspirants' (under age) four at the latter regatta. The following year he was successful at Islandbridge, Cork and Limerick. He did not row in the 1926 season, but was back again in 1927 when he rowed at number seven in the winning crew for the IARU Senior Championship at Cork Regatta. This All-Ireland victory remained the most outstanding achievement by any Limerick rower in the club's 105 years' history, and it was brought about by dedicated training which had the crew on the water at 7 o'clock in the mornings, as well as the evenings.

The following year, Mr. Treacy's continued success in breaking records for the club, winning the senior eight at Limerick, and the senior four at Cork and Limerick. About that time his late brother, Ned, who was also rowing for the club, created a unique record by remaining unbeaten throughout a busy maiden and junior career.

Mr. Treacy captained the club in 1929, again winning in eights and fours. He concluded a remarkable rowing career in 1932 by winning a victory in the first senior 4 at Limerick, defeating the famous hitherto unbeaten Emmett crew of Galway. All his races, down through the seasons, were stroked by T. E. O'Donnell.

Other activities

But Mr. Treacy's sporting distinctions were not confined to rowing. He was involved in Bobemians R.F.C. as a player and administrator; as a yachtsman his boat, "The Colleen", was familiar on the Estuary; as a golfer he was Captain and President of Limerick Golf Club, and he was continuing to enjoy the sport of angling. With all this he combined a very successful business career, and under his guidance as managing director his firm, Messrs. E. M. Halpin & Co. Ltd., expanded and progressed down through the years. "On your behalf, and on behalf of all the club members, I wish him many more years among us," Mr. Roche concluded.

The President, Mr. P. A. O'Doherty, at this stage presented Mr. Treacy with an inscribed silver tankard.

Accepting the presentation, Mr. Treacy said the nicest part of Mr. Roche's address referred to his late brother, Ned, who died in 1964. Rowing maiden and junior class, Ned won nine out of nine races and was often heard to remark, "I never saw the back of a boat."

The presentation, he said, had come as a tremendous surprise; only recently Mr. Alma Fitt had been made one to mark 70 years of membership. When one looked ahead, fifty years was a long time, but looking back it seemed very short. "Looking around this familiar room brings memories of good old days, of old contemporaries and old oarsmen who have long since passed the final finishing post."

Team spirit

"In joining a rowing club, one gets a good training, and team spirit has certainly stood to me," he continued. "I was very fortunate in joining Limerick Boat Club, a club of historic background, and it has given me some of the most pleasant and most enjoyable years of my life, and provided me with some of the best and longest friendships in my term."

Limerick Boat Club, he said, had been very kind to him. On the occasion of his marriage, the members had made him a presentation. In 1945 he was made a member of the club on the occasion of his being made a life vice-president. "But the biggest was a few years ago when Limerick Boat Club invited Tommy O'Donnell and myself down and had two boats named after us. It is a very unusual experience to be so honoured in one's lifetime."

Referring to the naming of the boats, he told an amusing story. His son, Philip, had married Yvette, Tommy O'Donnell's daughter, and there was some good-humoured banter at the wedding reception. Mr. O'Donnell's son, Mr. Tom O'Donnell, solr., in the course of a toast, mentioned his father's association with rowing and said the eight was named after his father, and the four after Mr. Treacy. But Philip was equal to the occasion, and in the course of his reply drew some hearty laughter when he said that everyone knew by the eight was called after Mr. O'Donnell took seven fellows to row him home and only three to row Willie Treacy home!

Never waned

Mr. Treacy said his interest in rowing in the L.B.C. had never waned. He followed the progress too of Athlunkard, Shannon and St. Michael's, and of Lee Rowing Club where they had strong friendships.

"It's good to be here with such a nice lot of fellows," he concluded smilingly. "You all have a good chance of being here at the celebrations for my 50th year of membership."

Mr. Tony Tynne, vice-president, proposing the toast of "The Club" outlined its early history and its work for rowing. That work had been continued down the years by such outstanding members as Bruce Murray, Alfie Goodwin, Tommy O'Donnell, Willie Treacy, Vin O'Donovan, Bill Horne, Jim O'Neil, Bert Wixted, Dick Roche, Paddy Maroney and many others down to the present president, Phil O'Doherty.

Rowing was an expensive sport—it would cost the club £1,000 next year to compete—but despite this all the clubs in Limerick were active. "It is our foremost aim to put crews on the water, despite the cost; that is what the club was founded for, and it is our duty to the men of the past to continue this tradition," he said.

Mr. J. J. O'Connor, honorary secretary, responding, said the oarsmen were the most important members of a club: "Without them the whole reason for the existence of this club is gone."

The crews

Mr. M. N. Wixted, life vice-president, proposing the toast of "The Crews" in the unavoidable absence of last year's captain, John Gaffney, received the season's results which recorded successes for the schoolboy eight at Shandon Centenary Regatta, the Head of the River for fours, the Richard Lawlor Cup in Cork and the Lead of the River at A.B.C. Regatta. "I am very disappointed that no young oarsmen are present at this function; they should be encouraged to attend, even at the expense of the club," he said. "There must be continuity of young people must be encouraged to take part in the administrative work of the club. "I do think that facilities such as dressing rooms, showers and training equipment should be readily available," he continued. He advertised the setting up of a coaches or rowing committee and deplored the gap which physical and ideological exists between the last

door in this clubhouse and the next door in the boathouse." Responding, Mr. Martin Coney, captain, agreed that there was not enough communication between the clubhouse and boathouse. He appealed to the older members to take an active interest in the activities of the oarsmen. By doing this and by helping the captain in his work, the gap could be closed.

The guests were welcomed by Mr. Brendan Hanrahan, life vice-president. They included, in addition to the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Jim Crowe, ex-president, IARU; Mr. Louis Murnane, vice-president, Athlunkard R.C.; Mr. Tom Eric, vice-president, Shannon R.C.; Mr. Paddy Treacy, captain, St. Michael's Club; four vice-presidents of Lee R.C.; four vice-presidents of Lee Rowing Club, Messrs. J. O'Brien, Tom Heghly, Peter McKenna and Tezzy Dunne, and the Press.

Congratulated

Councillor Bobby Byrne congratulated the Boat Club on the work for rowing over the past 105 years. It was an expensive sport, and the club was fortunate in having members who were prepared to give of their talents and time to keep it going.

Housing programme goes ahead

THE CORPORATION'S new housing programme of 250 dwellings per year appears to be well up to schedule since it began in April.

Not only are more houses being built at Moyross, but it is planned to re-develop such "inner" areas as Thomondgate, King's Island, John's Gate, the Abbey and School House Lane. This is provided for under the new plan—a five-year one which came into operation on April this year. In the previous five years, the Corporation more than met its target of 200 houses a year; the number built came to 1,024.

Revised

As soon as the success of the venture became apparent, a revised programme was drawn up and 250 houses per annum was aimed at. A spokesman for the Corporation said today that all the indications were that the target was being met. While the number of houses would, naturally, vary from one year to another—some more than usual would be started one year, and less than usual completed another—the indication of average numbers in progress indicated that the target was being met.

Fireplace

The Corporation's policy of building houses in the traditional manner with different types of finishes, e.g. brick fronts, gables, coloured dashings, varying window sizes and such features to give each estate a distinctive character, continues unaltered, and each house will be provided with a fireplace. The Corporation is satisfied that the target set in the programme is realistic and the Corporation is also acutely aware of the necessity to process the

Tribute to the Herrema family

In the report for the 3rd quarter of 1975 AKZO NV, of which Ferenka is a part Company, states: "First of all we wish to express our feelings of relief, admiration and most of all gratitude for Dr. Herrema's safe return. Relief because of the fortitude shown by him in the face of terrible hardships. Admiration for his mental resilience, physical stamina and Dutch authorities, colleagues and friends. "Times of trials and tribulation tends to bring out the best in a man. This is what Dr. Herrema and his family have shown for all to witness. The Herremas are a family of which we may be truly proud."

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No park area Mulgrav

The Limerick City Council to ask the Traffic Committee of Limerick to have a no park front of the main, Mulsheen, School of Art, Mulsheen. The traffic study had turned down a suggestion because it would put further to the parking in Roscommon. The V.E.C. committee that they did not have a parking zone to put in front of the school because it would interrupt the view of the school. They are also to pedestrian crossing school, if possible. The possibility of installing facilities were discussed, as it was there were not adequate there at present. It was stated that on duty at the school using the facilities their private cars.

Births and death

There were 4 births in Limerick last week ended Nov. 15, the Central Statistics Office reported.

Traffic

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Turlough Murphy, has formed the Mayor, Coughlan, that he has no objection to the traffic lights at the junction of the O'Connell Ave. with the Abbey and School House Lane. The Minister stated that he gets further on the matter.

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