

FILM STAR RICHARD CAST AS A JOCKEY

BY EUGENE PHELAN

RICHARD Harris, the Limerick film star, is to return home at the end of this month to attend Limerick Races at Greenpark.

But he will not be a spectator - he intends riding in the final race of the card on Monday, October 29th.

This is the "Madhatters Race," in which each rider will have to pay £100 to compete, with the proceeds going to the Limerick Variety Club.

"We have sent out invitations to Angela Ripon, Eamon Andrews, Terry Wogan and many other well-known personalities for next year's race," explained Cllr. Jack Bourke, president of the Limerick Variety Club.

Dispute

He said that the postal dispute disrupted their arrangements, as they would like to have been able to invite many other personalities well in advance for this year's race.

The Variety Club have over 20 entries for the race, from which they hope to make £3,000. Among those taking part are local racing enthusiasts, Mr. Aidan O'Connell, who rode in the Aintree Grand National this year, Mr. John Hassett, Mr.

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P. P. Hogan and Mr. Eddie Joyce.

Also taking part will be Lady Angela Hemphill and Mr. M. J. Russell, secretary of the Limerick Variety Club, who is the main organiser of the event.

The night before the race, the Variety Humanitarian Award Ball is being held in the Limerick Inn. The 1979 award is going to the Earl of Dunraven, in recognition of his work for the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Fashion

And on the Tuesday following the race, the Variety Club are running a gala fashion show at 8.30 p.m. in the Limerick Inn.

Cllr. Bourke said that through the various functions, the Variety Club hoped to raise about £5,000.

At the Variety Ball an "auction sweep" on the horses running the following day will be held. Anyone who wishes can "purchase a horse," with the winner picking up a tidy sum.

Among the many concerns who will benefit will be the St. Munchin's Youth Club, who are to be presented with a bus worth £12,000.

The Variety Club are also to contribute towards the purchase of uniforms for 200-strong choir from Southill.

The new school for deaf children at Roshrien is also to receive a slice of the proceeds, as is the Association for the Blind. Other deserving causes will also be given help.

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BY JOHN
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SHANNONSIDE Tourism this week launch £12 million development programme designed to cater for the needs of the projected 900,000 tourists annually to the county by 1983.

The major proposal for a substantial increase in the number of hotel rooms, improved facilities for angling, cruising and general recreation, as well as more public amenities and entertainment.

Outlining the proposal at a press conference at the Limerick Inn this week, Mr. M. Vaughan, chairman of the Limerick Tourism Board, predicted the value of tourism to the county would rise from £29 million in 1978 to £40 million by 1983 without allowing for inflation.

Number

He pointed out that a major investment programme is necessary to provide facilities to meet the needs of tourists, particularly in the area of accommodation that numbers had risen from 530,000 in 1975 to 717,000 in 1978.

Mr. Vaughan expressed his hope that the ideas in the plan would provide a guide for future decision making and that investment in tourism facilities, be they commercial interests, public or voluntary associations.

He warned, however, that the inclusion of projects in the plan did not necessarily imply that they would qualify for grant-aid in recent years, he added, and that for grant-aid had to be exceeded the level of available nationally, and that all payments had to be closely evaluated in terms of return on grant investment.

Mr. Vaughan made a case for a continued high level of investment in tourism, stressing that apart from direct revenue generated, tourism was a significant creator of employment in all sectors of the economy.

Vital role

Nationally, he con