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BRIGHT GLEAM IN INFLATION GLOOM

GEORGE TO RE-OPEN AND SAVOY IS SOLD

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK'S Royal George Hotel has been withdrawn from the property for sale market and from Monday next it will revert to providing full hotel facilities. A new general manager has been appointed, he is Mr. John Likely, ex-manager of the Savoy in Bedford Row.

The Savoy has been sold for an undisclosed sum.

The Royal George was put up for sale several months ago because of a general decline in the hotel business.

The directors—Messrs. Bob and Martin Kennedy—have had second thoughts, however, and they are now to spend a considerable sum of money into making the Royal George one of the foremost hotels in the country, a position it enjoyed in the not too distant past.

Said Mr. John Likely, "Renovation work will commence as soon as possible but we wish to inform the public that all regular facilities will be available as and from next Monday."

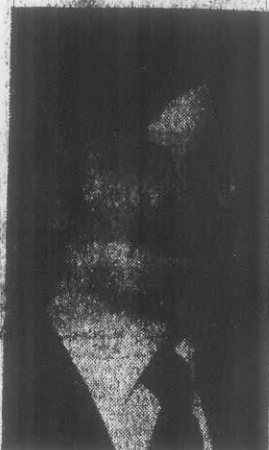
Bookings

Bookings are at present being taken for weddings, dinner dances and functions. Lunches and evening dinner will also be served.

It is planned to extend the present bar facilities. A new grill is to be introduced and this will be open from 12 noon to midnight.

All enquiries will receive the personal attention of Mr. John Likely, who has vast experience in the catering business.

The news that the Royal George is to continue to op-



MR. John Likely.

erate as a hotel will be welcomed by Limerick people. It had become a famous Limerick landmark, and for a while there were fears that developers might move in and use the building for other purposes. Mr. Likely told me that

they were also looking into the entertainment side of things and they would shortly be introducing cabaret. The weekly dances will continue as usual.

FEW MONTHS

"Within a few months we hope to have the Royal George back as the leading hotel in Limerick," continued Mr. Likely, "and it is our ambition

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Widows will gather in strength

AS THEIR contribution to International Women's Year, the Limerick Branch of the Association of Widows are making a special effort to organise the widows of the area.

A meeting is being held in the Glentworth Hotel, on Saturday, May 17, at 7.30 p.m., followed by a small reception. The meeting will be over by 9.30 p.m.

The meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Eileen Proctor, founder and life president of the association, and by Mrs. Sheila Conroy, past chairman of the National Council of Widows.

Representatives from all women's organisations in Limerick are invited to attend.

A special Mass for the women of Limerick will be celebrated at the Redemptorist Church on Sunday, May 18, at 12 noon.

The music will be provided by the Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Prize Band and the Redemptorist Senior Choir, as a finale to the weekend. All are invited to attend.

The chief organisers of the weekend are Mrs. Teresa Collins, Shelbourne Road, and Mrs. Aine Manahan, Wolfe Tone St.



Miss Mary Hanley, Ballysheedy, Co. model with Sealee's Model Agency Fashion Show held at the Parkway Model Show was held in aid of the South Centre.

Major setback for C.B.S. Turkey trip

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE LIMERICK CBS Trip to Turkey a major setback this week when Mr. T. F. McDermott, informed that Eric Lynch, B.A., that, because of reasons the Corporation was unable to

At a meeting of the City Council last December a proposal by Cllr. Michael Crowe and seconded by Cllr. Jim Kemmy that Limerick Corporation should sponsor a player, to the extent of £200, was carried unanimously.

But, with the trip to Turkey only six weeks away and no sign of the Corporation coming forward with a cheque, Mr. Lynch decided to approach Mr. McDermott.

"Sorry, but because of statutory regulations we are unable to give you £200," Mr. Lynch was told.

Now, Limerick C.B.S. have a £400 gap to bridge in less than two months.

Embarrassed

"We were depending a lot on that £200 from the Corporation, but we fully understand Mr. McDermott's position and can only say that he felt embarrassed at having to refuse us," continued the

Pat Cro Limerick

Limerick Regatta's new venue

Bank snatch

Gardaí were this Thursday carrying out a close check on traffic into Limerick City from the Cork direction.

A lone and armed man snatched up to £400 from a Charleville bank at about 1.40 p.m.

A description puts him at 25-30 years with dark hair, black shoes and brown pants.

On the right is Dave Joe Harold.

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and around O'Connell Ave., complained bitterly that they had nothing to do."

the Redemptorist Church on the playing fields in Laurel Hill Convent. But they are always thrown out. When they play games on the roadway people also complain and this leaves the young people with literally "no place to go and nothing to do."

Joe Harold pointed out: "In Laurel Hill there is a hockey pitch that is not used at all in the summer, but when we go in there we are thrown out."

The youth want something done about their plight. Instead of people always complaining about them.

A large group photographed at the start of a charity walk in aid of the Old People's Homes Square, at the Courthouse on Sunday last. The organisers were Mrs. Peggy Stockill, Miss Jenny Mrs. Dolly Shire and Mrs. Ruth Stanley.

George to re-open

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to be leaders in the function trade, catering and entertainments."

So, from Monday it will be all systems go at Limerick's famous Royal George Hotel.

Said Mr. Michael Parkes, manager, Parkway Motor Inn: "Hoteliers in this region are glad that the Royal George is back in full business. It was always a fine hotel and it would have been a great pity had it closed."

Savoy sold

The Limerick Savoy has been sold for an undisclosed sum. This was confirmed today by Dublin auctioneering firm, Messrs. Lisney, who were not in a position to reveal the name of the successful bidder.

A spokesman for Messrs. Lisney did say, however, that the Savoy had been bought by a local consortium of businessmen. "The person who submitted the tender on their behalf is on holiday in Sligo for the weekend and consequently we cannot give any further information until his permission is forthcoming", continued the spokesman.

Neither was he able to disclose the selling price.

It is believed that there were two bidders for the Savoy complex in Bedford Row, which was closed by Odeon (Ireland) Ltd. on January 31 last.

Successful

Messrs. Lisney were successful in disposing of all but one of the Odeon properties which were up for sale. The closing date for tenders was May 1.

The Limerick Savoy is sited in a most advantageous position.

The Limerick Leader is aware of the name of one of the two groups which tendered for the Savoy.

A spokesman for the group told me this Friday morning that if it was their tender which had been accepted, they would introduce bingo on a large scale and that cabaret would also be staged.

The bingo would be run for a worthy charity, while some of the biggest names in the show business world would be taking part in cabaret.

They would lease out the catering end of the business, including the licensed premises.

Major setback

Love is Life, say Bishops' third Pastoral

A POSITIVE and creative approach to sensuality and marriage forms the central theme 'Love Is For Life', the third part of Human Life Is Sacred, the four-part pastoral letter of the Irish Catholic bishops published this week-end.

The views about sexuality in modern society have changed radically, say the bishops, welcoming the openness and frequent honesty nowadays when compared with the often puritanical and even hypocritical attitudes of the last century.

But they regret that too few still see sexual intercourse as "something good and holy in marriage, blessed by the sacrament and sanctifying the partners."

The third part of the pastoral, to be issued on Sunday, May 18, ranges over the subjects of marriage, human sexuality, celibacy and consecrated virginity, responsible love and education in human relationships.

Life-long

Christian marriage, it says, is a life-long commitment of two people to one another and the sexual union "is the physical expression of the deepest emotional and personal relationships between man and woman."

Emphasising the positive quality of Christian sexual morality, the bishops say that one could avoid a whole list of action outside or inside marriage and yet be very immoral and un-Christian in one's relationships.

"Whenever sexual morality has become isolated from the context of the total Christian vision, it has been damaged in the process," says a pastoral in a passage on Christian sexual morality as part of a positive creative process of love and healthily maturing personal relationships.

"Marriage," they say, "was sometimes discussed by moralists mainly in terms of 'marriage rights'.

Generous

"This would be a very limited view of the matter; for between husband and wife

of losing the great power for healing and enrichment and uplifting which a properly human and Christian attitude to sexuality can bring.

"The much vaunted sexual liberation of our time often turns into new forms of enslavement of the person."

Preparation for Marriage

Pointing to the need for preparation and education for marriage, the pastoral says that while this will obviously include what is commonly called "sex education" it could not end there.

"Mere instruction in the physiology of sex, isolated from its emotional and personal values, and especially from its spiritual and moral aspects, would not in fact, be education for marriage at all," they say.

"Marriage is a union of two lives and two whole persons, not just of two bodies."

What was needed above all, say the bishops, was preparation of young people for mature personal relationships and there was reason to believe that this aspect of education was more neglected in boys' schools at present than in girls' schools.

Irish married men, they say, could remain bachelors at

heart, happiest company outside than not trying to by friendship, much marriage, with

Marriage: strain

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"Over-indulgence begins from an attitude toward and family life aggravates the ability."

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Celibacy

Celibacy and virginity, says are not in contradiction. The C for virginity a of life than from Christ. Christ had also riage with His first mirac

"Virginity is not in contrast one another," toral.

"The more poured as a and a means more virginity and the more vocations be

