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Pierce Purcell Shield
Adare Manor Golf Club:
Kennedy wins
Adare Challenge
Cup

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again", said British Premier Neville Chamberlain. And so it is with popular club member Tom Kennedy, who won the Adare Challenge Trophy last weekend. Played over 18 holes stroke, Tom shot a steady 66 not off a seventeen handicap to register his first major win. Leo O'Connell was a shot behind with a 68, scraped home on the last 6 to take third spot. Kennedy has been trying for so long and in the tropical weather last Sunday he adapted himself ideally to the conditions. Congratulations Tom.

OPEN VETERANS CUP
Veterans of 50 years and over take the spotlight on Sunday when the Veterans Cup is down for decision. Since this tournament was made an open two years ago, it has attracted a fine entry from outside clubs each year. Minimum age is 50 years but for those of 65 years and over, there are bonus points which will give them that extra edge in the final shakedown. The late Morris Fitzgibbon won this trophy three years in a row, the last time at the age of 76! The competition is 18 holes stroke and the "sub" is 75p. There are no green fees.

AFTERMATH OF HOTEL EXPLOSION

FOLLOWING the explosion at the Royal George Hotel on Saturday evening, a special investigation unit has been set up in Limerick by the Gardai.

The detectives, who will be working round-the-clock, will be taking calls from the public as they sift through the evidence already come to light.

Emphasis is being put on getting as much evidence as early as possible. This is because it is possible that the bombers are still in the South, and people's memories of what happened—and who they saw—are still fresh. As time passes, it is felt that would become more difficult to locate and interview people who happened to be at the hotel shortly before the bomb went off.

Superintendent John Lamb, chief of the leading Garda officers who arrived at the hotel shortly after the explosion, told our reporter this morning that the investigations were being pressed ahead with urgency.

Special telephones are being installed to enable the public to contact the special investigation unit, based at William St. Station, but they can be reached through the ordinary 999 emergency number.

The tightening of security in Limerick is really part of an overall intensification of security measures throughout the country.

"It is not really confined to hotels, but to all kinds of business premises," said Supt. Lamb, who added that they were "taking all aspects into consideration."

He said that they were particularly anxious that the public generally be vigilant and, when buildings frequented by many members of the public, to keep a particularly close eye out for anything unusual.

The detectives feel that something might have seen something on Saturday in the Royal George, or in its vicinity, which they still for some reason, remember. They would like to hear from such people — the matter might be a very small one or nothing at all but it could also be most significant in piecing together what precisely happened on Saturday.

The explosion occurred shortly after 6 p.m. in a small alcove, duct, next to the toilets in the basement of the hotel. The duct was big enough to take a parcel containing a bomb several pounds, and the wooden cover had been secured back over the opening after the bomb had been planted.

Warning
It is understood that a warning of seven minutes was given.



Mr. John Likely

during which time the hotel was being cleared.

However, at least three people were caught in the toilets when the blast occurred: an eight-year-old boy in the gents' toilet, who was closest to the explosion, and two ladies in the toilets across the corridor from the gents.

Mrs. Hugh Dowse, of O'Connell Street, was one of the ladies who had a lucky escape.

Speaking to our reporter shortly after the blast, she said the first thing she did was hit the floor for safety as the blast went off. She put her hands over her head.

"There was another lady in a cubicle nearby and she helped her out and they both made their way through rubble to safety."

"There was nothing horrific about it at all, it was just a 'bang' reaction," she declared. The other lady left her and she remained in the hotel.

Injuries
The 11-year-old boy in the gents' toilet was David O'Brien from Rathkeale who received leg injuries. A spokesman for Barrington's Hospital to-day described his condition as "very comfortable". Another visitor in the hotel,

Mrs. Kay O'Neill holidaying in her native Limerick after travelling from Preston told our reporter shortly after the blast, that she was in the restaurant downstairs when the explosion occurred.

She was quite unshaken as she told of how she heard the bomb warning with disbelief, and then hearing the explosion only yards away.

The scene after the explosion was a mass of debris in the toilet-dressing room area. Upstairs, on the first floor, the plate glass window of Messrs. Newsoms was shattered — the shop being directly overhead the toilets where the bomb went off. Broken crockery littered the floor.

Rescued

Mr. John Likely, manager of the hotel, having heard the explosion rushed down to the basement and heaving through the rubble pulled out David O'Brien of Riverside, Rathkeale.

David, who is 11 years old, was attending a wedding in the hotel. Mr. Likely received a severe injury to his left hand but after treatment returned to duty. David's condition was described as satisfactory today.

All credit to the staff who remained on duty under the most trying of circumstances. Mr. Bobby Kennedy, managing director of the hotel, who was immediately on the scene, told the Limerick Leader:

"Just what we needed—a hole in the head."

He said that the bombings would hurt the tourist trade.

Apart from the damage caused by the bomb, business was back to normal during the weekend.

Other hotels were alerted by the Gardai and were cleared while searches were carried out.

Seminar for community councils

Southill Community Council is going to organise a seminar in Limerick for community councils throughout the country. It was announced this week.

The need for education in voluntary community work is considered to be a top priority by the local council and is one of the reasons for the proposed seminar.

An exchange of views is also being looked forward to between the various delegates attending. This was announced by the Community Council P.R.O., Mr. Tommy Allen, who also stated that his organisation is being swamped with requests for information concerning the recent increases in rent announced.

The council is at present examining this situation and a thorough study is being made



At the Villiers School sports day in Tipperary; Mrs. Dolly Shire, C

Sarsfield's Ride to be re-enact

A RE-ENACTMENT of the famous will be attempted by fifteen horse teigue Riding Club, Bruree, Co. Limerick on the 75-mile journey from Ballyneety on Saturday, August 6th

The two-day ride will be an attempt to emulate the one travelled by Patrick Sarsfield and his 600 troopers during the same month in 1690, when after riding for two days he destroyed the Williamite Siege Train which consisted of 153 wagons and was on its way from Dublin for use in the Siege of Limerick which had started a few days earlier.

Two days

The planned ride in August next will be over two days with an overnight stop at Killoscully near Keeper Hill in North/Tipperary where Sarsfield himself camped. A commemorative outing by car is organised by Shannonside Tourism each year, but this is the first time since the original that the route will be attempted on horseback. Special arrangements are being made for the journey and some of the riders have already examined the route to be taken.

These include Capt. Harry Freeman Jackson, a former Irish Olympic Rider, Stabling for the horses is being organised at Killoscully and veterinary and farrier services will be available if necessary.

Route

The route to be taken is through very varied and sometimes remote parts of the country. It starts at Limerick City and travels west to Co. Clare through the Windy Gap turning right for Oatfield, Harolds Cross, four miles from Pallasgreen, Bridgetown, Ballycorney, Garraunboy and into Killaloe crossing the Shannon to Ballina in North/Tipperary and on to Labbidha, Bridge where Sarsfield was met by some rapparee friends of Galloping Hogan.

The route continues on to Bushfield, to Crishanny (near Silvermines) and on to Ballyhouigan, Wood near Killo-

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