

Alderman's Strong Objection To Large Oil Companies

E danger that the big "millionaire" oil companies might seriously injure the small garages and create unemployment, was stated by Ald. S. Coughlan at Monday's meeting of the City Council.

Council had before them a report from the Minister for Local Government, stating that in view of the increased number of appeals to him relating to the location of new petrol stations, he had asked the Minister to make a study of the matter. Ald. S. Coughlan said that he was not in favour of petrol stations being sited in residential areas. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter.

U.D. BE SOME CHECK. Limerick, he said, they had petrol stations with an ordnance mechanic attending to them. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter. He said that the Minister should be asked to make a study of the matter.

FLLOUR MILL STRIKE. There have been no further developments in the strike of 300 employees of Messrs. Rankin (Ireland), Ltd. The strike occurred on Monday when the men walked out in protest against the dismissal of eight men.

LIMERICK SUPT. TRANSFERRED. Supt. John Flynn, who has been stationed at Limerick for the past three years, has been transferred to Union Quay, Cork. He fills the vacancy caused by the promotion of Supt. Chambers to Chief Superintendent.

BALLINACURRA ROAD COMPLETED. The resurfacing of the Ballinacurra Road and the laying down of a surface water sewer have just been completed. The joint scheme, carried out by the South of Ireland Asphalt Co., is an excellent job. Mr. T. A. Dalton, B.E., Meridional, the contractor in charge of the Limerick Corporation.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. The Mayor and City Council at their meeting on Monday night accepted the invitation of Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Adm., St. Michael's, to attend the 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning in honour of St. Joseph the Worker.

CITY SMASH AND GRAB. The window of the shop of Mr. A. McNamara, Hyde Road, Prospect, was knocked in at about 1 o'clock on Sunday morning and a quantity of soft drink, value 14/-, was stolen.

Proposed Constituent College of N.U.I. For Limerick

E Committee set up to inquire into the possibility of establishing a Constituent College of the N.U.I. Limerick was functioning very well, and he hoped to definite information in a week or so, the Mayor, J. P. Liddy, told Mr. J. Danagher, at Monday night's meeting of the City Council.

Danagher inquired what had been said by the Committee. The Committee, the Mayor said, were dealing with the matter faithfully and well, and were working very hard to get the matter under way before the summer holidays. Mr. Danagher said he was very glad to hear that and they all hoped that the work would bear fruit. The Mayor said that they had received wholehearted co-operation of everyone concerned and he hoped before long to make a further report of progress to the Council. The discussion ended.

Mexicans To Ride Irish Horses!

WENTY Mexicans, riding Irish horses, may be seen in the 1960 St. Patrick's Day parade in New York, if it is now being made materialise. It was stated at Shannon Airport by Mr. William Shanahan on arrival from New York. Mr. Shanahan, who was born in New York, has been resident in Mexico for many years. He is the author of a daily newspaper published in Mexico in the English language. The owner of the parade is a very familiar name to many people. It is the name of the Mexican-Irish Society and it is this body which is making arrangements for the parade. Mr. Shanahan said that he was very glad to hear that the parade was being made materialise. He said that he was very glad to hear that the parade was being made materialise. He said that he was very glad to hear that the parade was being made materialise.

SUGGESTED SITE FOR CITY ABATTOIR

At Monday night's meeting of the City Council, the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Liddy) said he had been asked to refer to the canal site now vacated by Messrs. A. Guinness. It was considered to be an ideal site for an abattoir and should be seriously considered as such. The matter could be discussed at a later date.

Ald. S. Coughlan said that they should leave the abattoir out of it. Nearly every butcher in town had spent considerable sums of money in modernising the present slaughterhouses and few knew the chances that an abattoir would create in the city.

WOULD NOT SUIT. He said that an abattoir would not suit Limerick at all. He had opposed it since he came into the Corporation and he would oppose it until he went out of it. He recalled that when abattoirs were built in other centres they were boycotted by the butchers. The same thing would happen in Limerick and a building worth thousands would be left on their hands.

The Mayor said he had been asked to give his opinion. An abattoir was very badly needed in Limerick. They had been built in other centres. If there were certain objections that were taken into consideration when the time came.

Ald. G. E. Russell said he held completely contrary views. He did not accept Ald. Coughlan's statement that they had been boycotted. It had occurred in one town for a while, but the differences had been resolved. It had to be taken into consideration that there were always ancillary industries arising out of abattoirs.

There was no further discussion.

Alderman Criticises C.I.E.

The C.I.E. were criticised by Ald. G. E. Russell, T.D., at Monday night's meeting of the City Council for their failure to publicise properly in advance their change in the city bus schedules.

Ald. Russell said he was not criticising the new schedules, which appeared to be satisfactory, but in advance their change in the city bus schedules. He said that the C.I.E. should have been more forthcoming in their dealings with the public. He said that the C.I.E. should have been more forthcoming in their dealings with the public.

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GARRYOWEN HOUSING ESTATE

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader") Dear Sir—The Garryowen Housing Estate, which is situated in a beautiful surroundings, is still isolated by being deprived of proper entrances.

The Garryowen estate may be negotiated under certain conditions and only with extreme difficulty. However, this "main entrance" may be successfully navigated with the aid of Wellingtons. A hint to the dancing fraternity of this estate: Carry an extra pair of shoes and avoid bringing the fertile Garryowen soil with you into our city ballrooms.

Now the St. Patrick's end is more extreme and primitive. To walk from the estate to St. Patrick's Road one requires the agility and sure-footedness of a chamois, or the uncanny sense of a sapper negotiating a mine-field. This entrance is a real trial, a sharp decline on one side and a steep ascent on the other. Only the brave will venture this unlit dangerous terrain by night, though children pick their way by day on their tiptoes to school.

Some people apparently have decided that the present state of this entrance is permanent, or else they expect helicopters will be used. They have decided on making this area a second Corkinane. Loads of rotten vegetation, including cabbage stalks, garbage of an unspecified nature, tin-cans, and to add to this riotous profusion, car bodies are being dumped. I wonder how these people read an article lately in the "Evening Press" concerning an invasion of rats in Dalkey. This menace was caused by illicit dumping of a similar kind.

If the City Fathers finish the job and provide the tenants of this estate, who are paying high rents, with the ordinary amenities of proper covered entrances, these abuses of dumping would not exist. In its present condition this estate in winter conditions is a veritable island in the mud. Yours Faithfully, "RAMBLER."

KNOCKLONG AMATEUR PLAYERS

Knocklong Amateur Players are busy this week putting the final touches to their production, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". The local hall is their venue on Sunday night, May 3rd, and for four other nights in the same week. This show is a departure from their annual panto, but it will be put over with the usual finesse for which this talented group are well known. It is abounded in fun and laughter, complemented by singing and dancing, and as usual, the tiny tots play a big part. The scenery and lighting effects will contribute largely to its success.

This year the group is not travelling with the show, in spite of many requests to do so, but they look forward to giving all their old friends a real welcome in their new home in time, because full houses are expected every night.

OPENING OF NEW EXTENSION



Pictured at the official opening of Hanratty's Hotel, Limerick, yesterday, were (from left): Mr. D. Acton, Mrs. M. Collins, Mr. B. O'Regan, Chairman, Bord Failte, and Councillor J. P. Liddy, Mayor of Limerick.

Appeal For More And Better Hotels To Assist Tourist Trade

WHEN he officially opened the modernised and newly-decorated extension to the new lavishly renovated Hanratty's Hotel, Glentworth Street, Mr. Brendan O'Regan, Chairman of Bord Failte and Chairman of the Shannon Development Authority, made an appeal for more and better hotels to deal with an ever-increasing number of tourists who want comfort, as well as scenery.

A PLEASANT ceremony marking a new epoch in the hotel business for the joint proprietors of the historic Hanratty's Hotel, took place yesterday. It was the official opening of the modernised extension to the hotel. Mr. Brendan O'Regan, Chairman of Bord Failte and Chairman of the Shannon Development Authority, came specially from Shannon to open the new addition to the premises in an official way. Those present admired the scenic beauty and magnificent renovation of the hotel, and paid a well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Mary F. Collins and Mr. Desmond Acton, proprietors, who were now extending and improving their premises realised this aspect, and by the investments they were making demonstrated their confidence in a prosperous Irish tourist industry.

The improvements at Hanratty's Hotel were the first of a number of projects in the Shannon Region. The area, miles around Shannon Airport, to provide extra good class accommodation. The interest that had been shown in these plans, plus the welcome they had received from progressive hoteliers of the region, was indicative of the growing awareness of the necessity of coping with the problem.

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Third Day Of Kilmallock Murder Trial

The trial was resumed in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, today, of Thomas O'Rourke, hotel proprietor, Kilmallock, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Joan, on the morning of the 29th December, 1968. James O'Rourke, the 15 year old son of the accused, who gave evidence yesterday, was today cross-examined by Mr. Sean Hooper, S.C. (for the defence).

Replying to Counsel, the boy said he knew that his mother took a drink. Mr. Hooper: I do not like to ask you this question—did she take too much on occasions? She did. The witness added that he helped his mother in the bar and he used to see her take a drink there. He saw her on occasions putting a bottle of spirits to her lips and drinking. His father wanted him to be in the bar to stop her drinking. His father had spoken to him about selling the hotel because of his mother's drinking. His mother had to be helped to bed many times. When his father woke him on the morning of December 29th he had a considerable amount of drink taken. If he had been drunk he would not be able to walk. His father was able to run all right, but not very well.

Mr. Hooper: After your father paid the visits to the bar that morning was he drunker than before? Yes, of course. Evidence was given by Miss C. Foley, bank official, a paying guest in the hotel. She stated that when she arrived back at the hotel at 5.30, when his father woke him on the morning of December 29th he had a considerable amount of drink taken. If he had been drunk he would not be able to walk. His father was able to run all right, but not very well.

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