

meeting of the Limerick Health Authority, Dr. N. B. O'Higgins, Medical Superintendent, St. Joseph's Hospital, stated that during the month of July 42 patients were admitted, 38 were discharged, and three died, leaving 904 (503 males; 401 females) on the hospital books on July 25, a decrease of nine on the numbers for the corresponding date late last year.

were not increasing their brands of tobacco and recalled that when other firms increased their brands some two years ago, Messrs. Clune did not do so for another 12 months. People might get the impression that all pipe tobaccos were to be increased and that would be a very serious matter for such firms as Clunes.

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Our reporter met some visitors last night as they prolonged their stay in the delightful city, many planning to remain on a few days. And they must be with the weather which we have. They lavished their praise on the catering facilities. One visitor and one of them said: "We certainly were not in Limerick as we often are in other places unless we brought refreshments. It was a great effort on the part of the people of Limerick and there must be no less than a thousand happy people to-day."

The visitors, some of them foreigners, were well pleased with the keenly contested games. One Englishman said: "I enjoyed the match very much. It is a grand sight to see a top game." He was amazed with the thoroughness with which the citizens prepared for the vast crowds.

#### AMERICANS

There were also many Americans among the visitors. A number of Americans in the city this year has stated to be double the number of previous years. A number of them stayed away from the seaside yesterday to watch the hurling matches. One American said that hurling was an exciting game he had never seen. He added: "I can see why we should not have the game more popular in the States. It is a fast and intensely exciting game which was popularised in the States there would be a sell-out for all the games. We are all the 'soft ball' stuff. I saw the crowds through the city this morning. I wondered what was on the body told me that a hurling was going to take place and I decided to go and see the crowds. How glad I am that I am taking a hurley back to the States with me. It was, indeed, a great effort for all as a result of the effort put in by trade in charge of the responsibility of making the arrangements of the Gardaí and C.I.E. As early as 10.30 a.m. of the streets were lined with refreshment stalls which provided excellent teas.

#### PRAISED

The new arrangements of the C.I.E., whereby travel by train were met at the

# £50,000 BID FOR WELL-KNOWN HOTEL

NEGOTIATIONS are almost complete for the sale of Hanratty's Hotel, Glentworth Street, jointly owned by Mr. Desmond Acton and Mrs. Mary Collins, and the price is expected to be in the region of £50,000.

The proposed purchaser is Mr. Chris Andrews, son of Dr. C. S. Andrews, C.I.E. Rail Chief, who is Manager of the Shannon Shamrock Hotel, Bunnratty, and the Hotel Commodore, Cobh.

In an exclusive interview with the *Limerick Leader* to-day, Mr. Desmond Acton said it was true that negotiations were being carried on, but the deal had not yet been finalised. However, barring unforeseen complications, which were most unlikely, both he and Mrs. Collins would be leaving the hotel on October 1 next.

He confirmed that the purchase price was in the region of £50,000.

#### TURNOVER DOUBLED

Mrs. Collins said that since the hotel was purchased and renovated five years ago it had practically doubled its turnover

each year. "It has proved very popular with visitors, tourists and locals and we received many appreciative letters from abroad; in fact, one of these was addressed, 'Home from Home, Hanratty's Hotel, Ireland,' and it was delivered safely," she added.

Asked if it was his intention to sever with hotel business in Limerick, Mr. Acton replied that it was not.

He said that he and Mrs. Collins had recently floated a Company called Riverside Hotels Ltd. and it was their intention to establish a first-class modern hotel in a high-class residential district.

There have been many distinguished visitors to the hotel since it was renovated. These included the late Mr. Scott McLeod, former American Ambassador; his successor, Mr. Grant Stockdale, also an ex-American Ambassador to Ireland; the late Lord Mayor of Pennsylvania; Judge Flynn of the American Supreme Court and another famous American judge, Judge Kulkin; Kenneth Adam, Head of the B.B.C. and TV, as well as Eamonn Andrews.

#### DEATH

O'BRIEN—July 28, 1963, at his residence, 8 St. Joseph's Villas, Limerick, William, beloved husband of Bridget O'Brien. Deeply regretted by his loving wife and sons. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening at 6.30 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral at 3 o'clock, same day to Mt. St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

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