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PORTER presented to the Government, said he was himself critical of the way the IDA had excluded the Shannon Estuary and a site of some several hundred acres on the Kerry shore awaiting development.

Mr. Wallace urged the members that it would certainly be worth their while looking into the potential of the estuary as a freeport.

Mr. Gerry Dunworth said that a freeport meant that a manufacturer did not have to pay VAT on services, as the raw materials were imported to be re-exported again as part of the process. An increase in grant by 5 per cent could on a large capital sum represent a large return on investment.

Mr. Michael Hocter, general manager, suggested that they might keep the matter under surveillance as to how useful it might be.

Important

Councillor Kiely's point, he added, was important because it might appear to any outsider that all the ports of the country were not being cherished equally.

However, he said, it should be pointed out that all the ports of this area were presently bringing out a brochure jointly and the IDA again was contributing to it.

He assured Cllr. Kiely that the Kerry area would be included in the new publication.

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PORTER same date and was fined £25 with the conviction endorsed on his driver's licence.

Dismissed

A charge of dangerous driving against Pauline Kiely, (20), 7 St. Senan's Terrace, Croom, on the same date was dismissed.

Insp. Edward O'Donnell told the court that on the same date in question Herlihy while driving from Limerick to Bruree collided with a vehicle which was turning right, off Hospital Road, to the Main Street.

Mr. P. McDonald, solr., who appeared for Herlihy told the court that his client was returning from Limerick where he had met some acquaintances and had a few drinks.

Sgt. A. Finnerty told the court that he spoke to the two drivers at the scene, where they failed to agree on a point of impact. The road was 35 feet wide at the scene, and driving conditions were good at the time.

In a statement made to Sgt. Finnerty, Pauline Kiely said that she was driving in the Limerick direction accompanied by her father.

"As I proceeded to cross the junction of Hospital Road and Main Street, Herlihy's car approached at a speed which I estimated to be 45 miles per hour, and collided with my car", the statement concluded.

Liam Herlihy told the court that as he crossed the turn-off for Hospital Road, Pauline Kiely's car pulled out in front of him.

"I braked and came to a halt", added witness.

Agreed

In reply to Mr. Gary McMahon, solr., witness agreed that he had pleaded guilty to driving without

Famous ballroom to bite the dust

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK'S Ballroom of Romance is no more... a demolition squad will move in this weekend to raze the old Parkway Motel ballroom to the ground, thus ending a 15-year association with big names in the showbusiness world.

The JCB's, earthmovers and traxcavators moved into the Parkway last week to knock down the 103 bedrooms and other portions of the building.

All that is to remain of the Parkway is the front portion of the building — and even that will see change.

Planning permission has been granted for an exciting new shopping complex on the site, consisting of 16 units including a huge supermarket area which will be controlled by Dunnes.

VAT rates

Mr. Michael Parks, managing director of the Parkway, described it as a sad day when the machines took over. "But there was little else we could do — with the tourist industry on the decline and crippling VAT rates, our hands were tied," he told me.

Hundreds of people, he said, had visited the Parkway over the past week where they revived many happy memories. The ballroom had a particular appeal for them. "After all, that is where many marriages were made," added Mr. Parkes.

Some of the biggest names in world showbusiness played the Parkway, including the Nolan Sisters, Roger Whittaker, Dana and Rolf Harris.

Founded in 1966 by the Parkes family, the Parkway became one of the most famous hotels in the country. When it opened initially there were only 25 bedrooms. Extensions were carried out at various stages over the years.

It has been decided to retain the existing lounge bar and Shannon and Plassey Suites overhead the reception area. The Parkway will continue to accept bookings for functions, etc., and the bar will remain open to the general public as will the restaurant.

John Sisk

The main contractor for the shopping complex is John Sisk and Company.

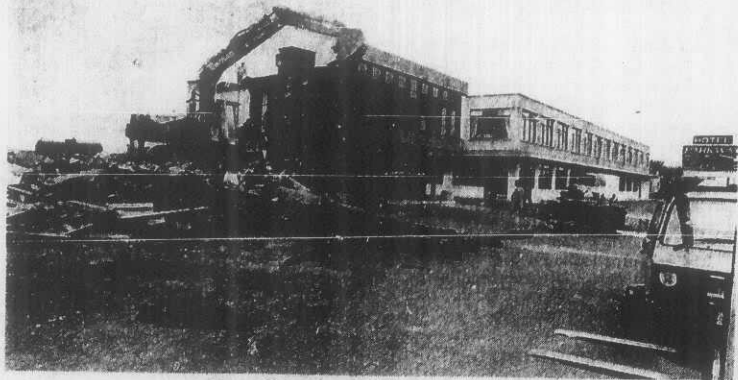
Work has already commenced on development and it is expected that some of the units will be open before Christmas.

Much interest has been shown in the development. "Our research has shown that a shopping complex is a necessity on this side of town," said Mr. Parkes, confident that their new venture will prove a success.

The Parkway, which stands on six acres, enjoys a huge catchment area and it is estimated that there are 25,000 people living in the vicinity.

"It will herald a new era in shopping for those on the Dublin Road side," concluded Mr. Parkes.

APPLICATION TO PLANNING AUTHORITY
Take notice that Shannon Free Airport Development Company Limited intends to apply to the Limerick Cor-



Demolition at the Parkway this week.

GARDA IN STATION HEARD A LOUD NOISE

By LEADER REPORTER

JOHN DECLAN Sheahan, 10 Lissadell Drive, Clareview, was convicted of driving without due care and attention at Patrickswell on November 16 last, at Adare court.

The defendant was fined £40 and the conviction endorsed on his driver's licence by Justice M. C. Maguire.

He was also fined £10 on each charge of failing to stop, failing to report, and failing to stop at the scene of an accident, and ordered to pay £20 witness expenses.

Returned

Michael Reidy told the court that he parked his car in the car park at Punch's licensed premises in Patrickswell on the night in question. When he returned to his car he found that there was £329 worth of damage to the left passenger door. There was no other car at the scene.

Jim Reidy told the court that he saw the defendant leaving the bar, get into his car, complete a semi-circle on the road and collided with Mr. Reidy's car.

"He then drove off on his incorrect side of the road for 200

yards before going to his correct side", witness told the court.

Garda D. McKinley told the court that he heard a loud noise on the street while he was in the station on the date in question.

Complaint

"When I went out I saw a car passing at considerable speed on its incorrect side of the road", said witness.

He then received a complaint from Michael Reidy, and a report of a traffic accident on the Limerick side of Patrickswell. The defendant was involved in the accident.

Mr. Gary McMahon, solr., who appeared for the defendant, told the court that his client was prepared to plead guilty without due care and attention. He said his client had since compensated Mr. Reidy for the damage to his car.

Approved

Limerick Harbour Board has approved an assignment of interest of Shannon Foundry Ltd. in the premises at the Dock Road to a new company called Shannon Foundry (TEW) Ltd.

Holidays in the sun

There will be air holidays from Shannon to Ibiza (one of the Balearic Islands) on May 28 and June 11 for two weeks, with special family packages.

These JWT holidays to the sun are available from any of the following travel agents—Alpha Travel, Paul Buckley Travel, Lep Travel, Limerick Travel, Des Ryan Travel and Limerick's longest established, Riordan's Travel (now in its 80th year).

'Argument over drink'

Bala Singh, Hazelgrove, Newcastle West, was convicted of unlawful assaulting Frank Roche, at the River Room Motel, on May 30, 1983, and fined £30 by Justice M. C. Maguire at Newcastle West court.

Mr. Maurice Spillane, solr., who appeared on behalf of the defendant, told the court that the offence arose as a result of an argument over a drink.

Uninvited

Councillor Dan Kiely told this month's meeting of the Harbour Board that complaints had been expressed by Kilrush that they had not been invited to a Listowel meeting on the development of the Kerry end of the Shannon Estuary. He said the reason was that the purpose of the meeting was really to highlight the unemployment in the Kerry region and not in the Clare area.

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