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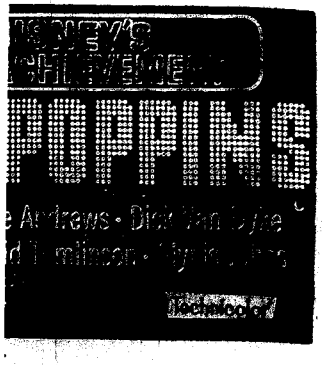

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King John's Castle

THE sight of luggage-laden motor cars, many of them dazzling the G.B. disc as indicative of their country of origin, which are now commonplace in the streets, serves more than anything else to remind us that we are now at the peak of the tourist season. Limerick in particular Limerick seems to have a very large number of visitors, and a recent survey that all the local hotels have full bookings could hardly be more satisfactory from every point of view. Yet it seems to be the case that the majority of the cars seen in Limerick each day are merely passing through and that their occupants have no purpose other than to reach some of the better-known holiday resorts. Except for its normal amenities, which are the envy of most other large centre of population, Limerick is unfortunately devoid of any special attractions which most holidaymakers seek. From the point of view of tourism that we have nothing comparable with the Lakes of Killarney, which are the Mecca of almost all Americans, or even the invigorating coasts of the Clare, Cork and Kerry seaside resorts.

It is obvious that nature has not endowed this area with those assets which attract tourists, the natural beauty should and, indeed, must be to reduce that handicap by human ingenuity and enterprise. The first thought that comes to mind is the possibility of capitalising on our historic monuments and ancient buildings which abound in the city and county. The success of the restoration of Bunratty Castle has naturally turned thoughts in that direction and there are now tentative plans for the restoration of King John's Castle, the 13th century "Egregium Castellum," which is one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in Ireland. Much has been said and written about the vandalism which impelled a former Corporation to permit houses to be erected inside the Castle walls, but in a sense the Corporators of the time can scarcely be blamed because, in actual fact, the pristine impressiveness of this ancient pile was almost destroyed in the middle of the 18th century when an infantry barracks for 400 soldiers was erected within the walls and these converted into apartments, which in the course of time have degenerated into slums.

The City Engineer has now made several proposals to make the Castle a very special centre of tourist interest and his ideas will be considered at a meeting of the City Council next month. There is nothing in the plans to suggest that the "foreign" buildings within the keep should be removed but, in fact, this is essential if any serious effort is to be made to restore what remains of the original Norman structure. Even now it is positively ludicrous to see rows and rows of household washing fluttering in the breeze over the monumental ramparts and to suggest that nowhere else would such an anaeronism be permitted. However, the removal of the unsightly houses is contingent on the progress of our housing problem, but if the Castle is to be made a focal point of tourist interest this is a matter for priority.

It must not be thought, however, that the proposed works to the Castle can be carried out without undue expense. They will not and much depends on the generosity of the Board of Works, Bord Fáilte and perhaps the Arts Council to augment whatever local finances may be made available. Even then it is extremely doubtful if we can ever provide something which will have the same attraction as Bunratty Castle, a formula which has succeeded admirably but which cannot be repeated. The City Engineer, Mr. N. C. Brennan, has recommended the opening of discussions with interested parties regarding the provision of entertainment and other amenities at the Castle, but anything of the kind must surely depend on what is made of the building during the process of restoration. It must be agreed that King John's Castle, which is already a focal point of considerable interest to visitors, can have its attractions magnified to a very considerable extent with the exercise of foresight and good taste. If and when that is achieved it should be possible to turn attention to other projects which may be of like value in enhancing the reputation of the city as a place of tourist interest.

Accommodation, Apartments, Flats, Etc.

ACCOMMODATION available, furnished Bed-Sittingroom, facilities for cooking, etc. (own meter); suit business gent having lunch out, city centre, moderate terms. Box 27. (11p)

FURNISHED self-contained Flat to let in suburbs, consisting of bedroom, diningroom, own kitchen, use of bathroom; suitable for married couple (adults only); also Double Room, partly furnished, on ground floor. Box 8 (9p)

GENTLEMAN requires accommodation, partial board, convenient to airport bus route. Box 885. (9p)

HOUSE or Flat wanted to rent for 8-9 months, furnished or unfurnished. State terms Box 60. (11p)

HOUSE or Flat (unfurnished) wanted to rent from Sept. 1, in Limerick City or suburbs. Box 114. (14p)

LOVELY Flat to let, self-contained, one minute to Sarsfield Bridge; everything supplied, suit two gents only. Phone 45317, or write Box D1011 (14c)

LADY requires self-contained Bed-Sitter/Flat. Box 122. (14p)

MARRIED couple require self-contained Flat, Ennis Road area preferred. Phone 47060 (11p)

NEW House for sale, Limerick suburbs, three bedrooms, private treaty, cheaply for quick sale. Phone 61606 or write Box 65. (14p)

PARTIAL Board available for young gentleman, to live as member of family, in first-class suburban area. Box 106 (14p)

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TO Let, furnished Flat, suit four girls—12 Lower Mallow St. (9p)

WANTED to rent, self-contained unfurnished or partly-furnished Flat, two bedrooms. Box 881 (9p)

TO Let, self-contained furnished Flat (suitable for two people), situate Clancy Strand. Apply James Nash & Son, Estate Offices 85 O'Connell St., Limerick. (9c)

WANTED, centrally-situated self-contained Flat to suit two girls. Box 956. (9p)

WANTED, fully-furnished Flat for married man with two children, must have backyard. Box 119. (9p)

WANTED, Flat suitable for three girls, city or suburbs, Box 134. (21p)

Articles for Sale

A SALE—Waterproof Covers, every size and kind, for trucks, trailers, threshers, tractors, hay ricks shipping, showmen, storage, etc. Repairs a speciality.—3 Wickham Street (first floor) (Dec.31'65p)

BINGO Scoreboard and Electric Blower for sale, also marking boards, complete outfit, as new. Box 1295 (14p)

FOR Sale, German Cooker, Main Gas, de luxe, with oven and inside boiler, sacrifice for £25. Fur Coat, beaver lamb, size 8-9, threequarter-length, 15 gns. Telephone 46587 (9p)

FOR Sale, Bingo Electric Blowers, every machine guaranteed 12 months, price ex-Cork, £65, from stock.—Shandon Amusements, 16 Dominick St., Cork. Tel. 23498 (9p)

FOR Sale, a nice Hallstand, also singer Sewing Machine (old). What offers? Box 95 (14p)

FOR Sale, Sunbeam Electric Food Mixer, unwanted gift, cost £24, first £12 secures, guaranteed new. Box 104 (14p)

FOR Sale, modern Diningroom Suite, blue tubular set; beautiful Tiled Fireplace as new, and Fyr-Side Oil Heater. Call any time after 6 p.m. to: Mrs. Kelly, 2 Maple Court, Kennedy Park, off Roxboro' Road (14p)

FOR Sale, beautiful full-length Wedding Gown, in embroidered satin, size 36" bust, cost £19, first £10 secures. Box 105. (14p)

FOR Sale, Flatley Dryer, £3-10; two Clothes Airers, £1-5; Fireguard, 2/-; Ironing Board, 10/-; very Large Circular Mirror, £5; Hall Mirror, £1-10. Call any time to Mrs. Bowler, Castletroy, near Burkers Publichouse, on the main Dublin road. (14p)

THREE-PIECE Chesterfield Suite for sale, £10; no offers. 'Phone 47340. (9p)

TWO new Remould Tyres for sale, 5.60 x 15. Best offer secures.—Liam J. O'Shanahan, 4 Elm Park, Ennis Road (14p)

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ADDING Machine wanted, second-hand. Please state make, condition, if hand or electric, lowest price and where seen. Box 131. (14p)

PENNIES wanted — 1/- paid for each English Penny or Half-penny before 1889, in good con-

Caravans

AT Kilkee, or any site Clare coast, new 1965 four-berth, fully equipp linen), from August 14 reasonable. Ring 47536.

AVAILABLE from Augu free site, Kilkee, clean three-berth, with gas a sils, water and toilet o for towing; reasonable Garryowen Filling Statio Road, Limerick Tel 44305.

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