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Firm leases site in Roxboro Road area GERMAN FIRM COMING

Representative on visit to Limerick

THE internationally-famous German firm of Messrs. Krups, Solingen, is to set up a factory in Rathbane South, Limerick, in the Roxboro Rd. area. The firm has taken a lease of a 15-acre site, plans for the new premises are already drawn up, and hopes are high that the ultimate employment content will be between 300 and 500 persons.

This week, Mr. Keuchenmeister, a representative of Krups, visited Limerick and saw the plans and site, and as soon as the factory building is erected a light engineering business will start.

About 30 girls and 20 young men from Limerick will go to Germany for initial training. It is expected that the factory will be ready on their return and excellent jobs will be provided, as the firm has a very high reputation in the field of engineering industry.

Soon after, more young people will be recruited and our representative was told that the number of employed eventually in the factory will exceed 300 and possibly reach 500 at the peak period.

TRAINEEES
There is a subcommittee of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee whose function it is to deal with training and to supply them. The Committee was approached about the recruitment of trainees for these highly technical skilled positions with excellent prospects.

Many of male trainees between the ages of 18 and 25 years are being recruited from the technical school, having completed a two-year course.
Asked for comment on this proposed new factory, Councillor J. J. Liddy, Chairman of the Limerick Industrial Committee, who is never prone to raising false hopes, said that his Committee initially sent out brochures showing the advantages in Limerick in the matter of industrial expansion, pointing out the fine labour pool, the large water supply, the excellent roads which received this information. He felt confident that at least two more big industries will come to Limerick and in connection with which negotiations are going on favourably.

It is known that representatives of Krups were at the Town Hall as far back as 18 months ago making enquiries about factory site facilities.

People most anxious about the future of Limerick and industrial progress are delighted with the intentions of Messrs. Krups.
With the continued development of the Roxboro-Rathbane-Roxboro district, which now has taken the pattern almost of a new town, a new factory with bright prospects of giving employment to hundreds in the Roxboro area will be most welcome.

To-day our representative met an official from Messrs. Krups. He was told that in about four weeks time 20 young men (18 to 25 years) and 30 girls of the same age group would go to Solingen for training. A few weeks later they would be followed by 20 girls and 10 young men. There are still a number of vacancies for girls. Their board and fares will be paid by the firm, and they will also receive pay while in training.

A number of trainees from a German factory in Listowel are already boarded in hostels in Solingen, which is near Cologne, and they will have the pleasure of meeting young people from Limerick.

The building of the factory will start in August and after 12 months training in Germany the trainees will return. The best will be given the better jobs.
The number of persons employed at the commencement will be 230 and will increase substantially above 300.
Goods manufactured will be electrical appliances.

COMMENT
Asked to comment on the project, Mr. D. B. O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary for Finance, said: "Yes, I have been aware of the development for some time. The matter has not really been passed by the appropriate Government department, but this should be done next week."
"The promoters are internationally known, and are most reputable. It is a great thing for not only Limerick but for Ireland as well."
"Incidentally, a new housing scheme of over 300 houses will be started near the site in Roxboro shortly by the Corporation."

VISIT CANCELLED
The visit of Mrs. M. M. Bunbury, advertised for the Glentworth Hotel, Limerick, next week, has been cancelled owing to illness.

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**SUB-AQUA
CLUB SEARCH
FOR BODY**

DESPITE the wonderful efforts of members of the Killaloe Sup Aqua club, the body of Father O'Loughlin, who was lost so tragically while fishing on the Co. Limerick coast last week, has not been recovered.

On Thursday last, Johnny Ryan, Cyril and Aine Foster, Billy Moloney, Douglas Brilane, Ronnie Hurley and Roy Bott carried out an intensive search of the Blackhead area. They were aided by Anna McMahon, Manuel de Lucy and John Clancy of the Killikee club. They spent three hours in the water without success, but were undaunted. On Sunday, the Killaloe club postponed their outing for Killikee and decided to try again for the body. However, rough seas foisted their efforts, and they were unable to enter the water. The wonderful spirit of the Killaloe Club is to be admired. Every Friday night, the club attempts at the pool at the Shannon Shamrock Hotel, and everyone is welcome to come along and join in this intriguing sport.

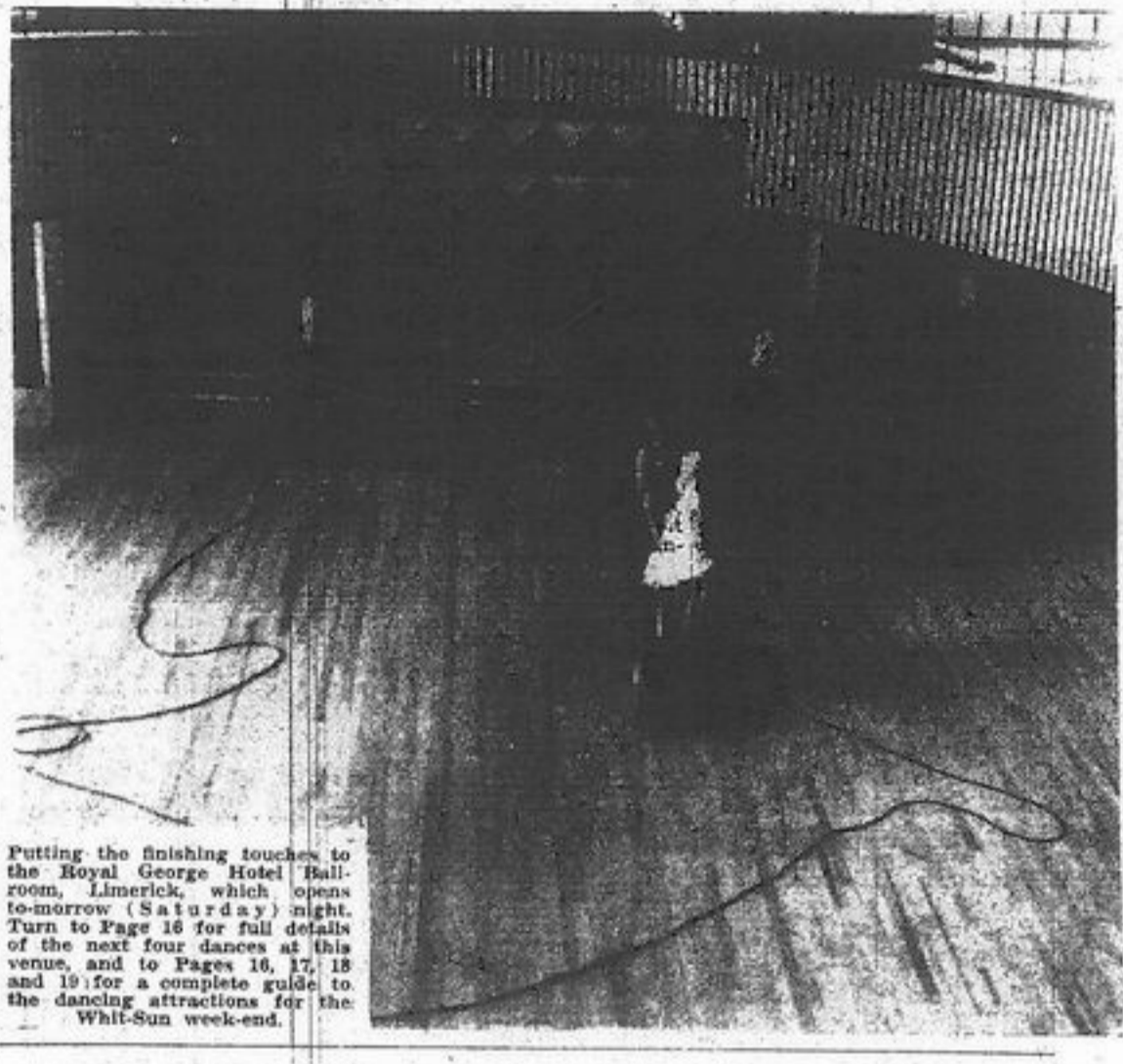
What are we doing about tourism?
Owing to pressure on space we are forced to hold over number four of Tom Tobin's series 'What are we doing about tourism'. This will appear next week and will include some outspoken comments. Don't miss this feature.

Maintained by hotel for two months
Limerick City Court was told today of how a woman and her four children were maintained in the Cruise Hotel for two months without any payment and the total sum of the bill was £101.13.4.

Inspector J. Bailey applied to Justice J. Barron for an Order for the disposal of the sum of £53.14.5 which was found in the possession of Edward J. Stack when he was arrested by Det. Sgt. J. O'Sullivan on December 27 last, on a charge of issuing a worthless cheque.

The Inspector added that Stack was released on bail but failed to answer to his bail at the City Court on January 11.
Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, who appeared for Stack at the time of the charge, said that defendant's wife and children were kept at the hotel without any payment and they were treated very well. Defendant's wife and children were now in New York but she had been in contact with him (Mr. O'Donovan) in connection with the present application.

Mr. M. Tynan, solicitor, who appeared for Cruise Hotel asked that the money be paid to the hotel in part payment of the bill incurred by Mrs. Stack and family. In the event of the Court being unable to establish ownership of the money, Inspector Bailey asked the Justice to make an adjustment 'pro rata' for other people also concerned.
Mr. Tynan objected to this and a witness gave evidence on behalf of Cruise Hotel that there was a bill of £101.14.4 due to the hotel by Mr. Stack for keep and maintenance of his wife and four children at the hotel for 19 months. There was a further sum of £50 in respect of unpaid cheques. This is a total of £151.13.4.
The Justice made an order for the return of £53.5 to Miss Marie Abner, an employee of Saxons Shoe Co., who cashed a worthless cheque for that amount for Stack. He ordered the balance of the £53.5 to be returned to Cruise Hotel.



Putting the finishing touches to the Royal George Hotel Ballroom, Limerick, which opens tomorrow (Saturday) night. Turn to Page 16 for full details of the next four dances at this venue, and to Pages 16, 17, 18 and 19 for a complete guide to the dancing attractions for the Whit-Sun week-end.

Taoiseach visits Shannon

-O'Malley statement

THE Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, accompanied by Mr. Donogh O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary, yesterday visited Shannon Airport.

This morning in Limerick, Mr. O'Malley, asked if there was any ploughing in time has now been completed and the reaping time for air freight has arrived. The graph is rising steadily and all indications are that the purpose of the industrial estate will be achieved. We went through the industrial estate and then to the terminal building and called to Bunratty as well.

Asked if any guarantees were forthcoming from the Taoiseach with regard to Shannon's future, Mr. O'Malley said he presumed this question referred to recent misrepresentation of the sum of £100 million in question had effectively dealt with that.

This campaign to create a further scare at Shannon was purely political. The Fine Gael and Labour representatives, now very vocal with their protestations, might be reminded of a few facts. Back in 1948, when the Coalition Government got the Shannon (which included Fine Gael and Labour) sold the jets, Aer Linte had got together some hundreds of Irish men who would have serviced and maintained these jets at Shannon. These men were all sacked and had to seek employment abroad. The overhaul of turbo-prop was established, therefore at Collinstown, catering for domestic and Continental routes. When the jet location for maintenance had already been set up in Dublin. In 1954 another Coalition Government was formed. And they refused to construct the jet runway at Shannon. "We had to wait until 1957 when Fianna Fail came back and Mr. Lemass passed the proposals for the runway at once."

"But it took time to build and all other countries already had it, so we lost very valuable time and revenue."
"Were this runway not constructed, look what the position of Shannon would be now—stagflation and the tourist industry would be badly hit as well. Mr. Norton, Labour's Minister for Industry and Commerce, stated that these airports were only for millionaires, while Mr. Dillon's contribution was to the effect that Collinstown should enter for all air traffic."

"With the coming of the jets, and the knowledge that eventually super-sonic planes would be developed, the Government had to look ahead. Accordingly, the Industrial Estate was conceived, so that eventually air freight would play a big part in Shannon's development."
"It has been suggested that there is no connection between the airport and the industrial estate. This is incorrect. The question of the industrial estate utilizing air freight for the transport of their exports is a long term proposition. No one ever thought otherwise. This is growing annually. For instance, Messrs. Rippen, one of the largest and oldest firms in Shannon, has increased its exports by air freight in April, 1963, compared with April, 1962 by 63 per cent. Their existing production will be doubled by the end of this year."

"Other firms are making similar progress. If not as dramatic, it is true that a large percentage of

Mr. exports go by boat but the significance attached to the Taoiseach's visit, said: "I feel that what reductions could be drawn from the Taoiseach's visit to Shannon. After all, he went to Mr. Lemass started Shannon and never misses an opportunity of visiting the Airport to see the progress of the development. We went through the industrial estate and then to the terminal building and called to Bunratty as well."

NO PRODDING
"This Government does not need any prodding from political parties, who have already stabbed Shannon nearly to death. Shannon is quite safe under a Fianna Fail Government and we propose to see that it not only continues but prospers."

Government investment in new hotels in the area, so bitterly opposed by Fine Gael, has solved the bottleneck which existed in the tourist trade of the area. The next step will be to provide medium-priced accommodation.

SNIPING
"Perhaps politicians whose only interest in Shannon is a vehicle for political sniping will leave it alone and let the people with its interests at heart see that it flourishes, and with its continued success, a further upsurge in the economic well-being of the workers and traders of Limerick and Clare."
"The functions of the Airport would then be administered by Bord na gCon."
"However, Limerick and Clare will see that this opportunity will not be afforded to him. Mr. Lemass will be again in Limerick to open further factories. He will again visit Shannon, and with the tremendous goodwill existing in Limerick by the majority of our people, I think he will be well satisfied with Shannon's progress."

'All The King's Horses'

The College Players have obtained the services of a very strong cast for their production of "All The King's Horses", which will be presented at the Felle Theatre from Sunday night next. Such well-known players as Sheila O'Doherty, Ger Palfrey, Tony Lynch, Jimmy Quilty, Noreen Williams, Alice Guerrini, Jim O'Donnell, Eamonn Maguire and Liam Bourke will be playing parts in what will surely be a first-rate performance.
Patrons will be well advised to book early as this play is sure to be very popular with all Limerick playgoers.

POPE'S CONDITION GRAVE

POPE JOHN has taken a new turn for the worse, Vatican officials said this afternoon. The Vatican Press officials, in a sudden announcement after three days of increasingly optimistic reports, said the Holy Father had suffered another crisis. They said his condition was grave.

Details of the new crisis were not immediately available. It was believed that he had suffered new bleeding provoked by the internal stomach growth.
A non-confirmed report said the Pope had received Extreme Unction. Another report said he was falling rapidly.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY COMING?

It was learned to-day that it is now likely that President Kennedy will visit Limerick on Saturday June 29, in which case he would be given the Freedom of Limerick.

All suggestions with regard to a visit to Limerick are being studied in Washington, and the nature of enquiries from the White House point to a probable visit from the President.

Ceremony in C.I.E.

To-night at 8 o'clock a statue of Our Lady in the restaurant at C.I.E. premises, Limerick, will be crowned in connection with the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. Rev. Father M. Walsh, Limerick, will officiate at the ceremony.

Dail question on airport MINISTER ON FUTURE OF SHANNON

MR. T. O'DONNELL, T.D., in the Dail on Thursday, asked the Minister for Transport and Power for a statement on the future of Shannon Airport.

Mr. Childers said his actual words in his speech last Saturday were: "The permanent well-being of Shannon Airport as a passenger terminal could not be assured or guaranteed alone by the Government or the Irish Airlines."

The words permanent well-being could not under any conceivable interpretation mean anything but the growth of the terminal, passenger traffic. In his speech on Saturday he had gone on to say that the funds available to Bord Failte and the Shannon Free Airport Development Company would never be sufficient for this purpose, and for that reason he hoped the people of Limerick and the surrounding counties would support the new Tourist Federation by making available sufficient funds to ensure continuous high pressure salesmanship for tourist traffic and for promotional work and amenities. One of the objectives should be to sell Shannon to American tourists as the normal centre for seeing the matchless scenery in the West and for fishing, golfing and so on.

CONTRIBUTIONS
Mr. Childers said that in the present financial year, contributions amounting to over 11 million would be made directly for the maintenance and development of Shannon Airport and the housing and industrial estates. This will be made up of £360,000 for general improvement of the airport, £1,400,000 by Shannon Free Airport Development Co. for the Industrial Housing Estates, including £100,000 for warehousing at Shannon, and £40,000 would be spent by Shannon Free Airport Development Company for promotional work to attract tourists to Shannon. A further £1 million would be spent on publicity and sales by the National Airline, a satisfactory proportion of which would go towards attracting tourists to Shannon.

In addition, £50,000 would be spent by Bord Failte for publicity in the U.S.A., in which Shannon was clearly advertised as the first embarkation point for the scenic attractions of the West.
Mr. Childers said the only occasions when the future of Shannon Airport were in jeopardy were (1) in 1948, under the first Coalition Government, when Mr. Dillon had said that in his opinion it would be much better to spend most of the future appropriations on the development of air traffic at Collinstown; and (2) in 1956, during the term of the second Coalition Government, when jet aircraft became operational and no plans were made to adopt Shannon to their use.

The Minister said that in 1962 the number of transit passengers through Shannon was 207,100. This number was diminishing and would tend to diminish in the years to come.
CHANGES
Changes in organisation might become necessary to suit new patterns of traffic. The number of terminal passengers at Shannon in 1962 was 183,000, an increase of 77 per cent. over 1957. If the number of terminal passengers were to increase so as to maintain the permanent well-being of Shannon Airport as a passenger terminal, then as in the case of every tourist region in Europe adjacent to an airport, local associations should supplement the work of the national agencies in proportion to the traffic secured and in proportion to the expenditure by the national companies, making due allowance for the regional income and the relative prosperity of this and competing countries. He was glad to say that a wide measure of approval for this policy was more than evident on every side and that a number of tourist associations were in process of formation which would work in close co-operation with Bord Failte.

In a supplementary question Mr. O'Donnell asked the Minister to put an end once and for all to the confusion and uncertainty about Shannon by producing a comprehensive plan which would show quite clearly the place of the airport within the pattern of Irish Air Transport Development and to show how exactly local effort could contribute. He suggested that the Minister should avail of the estimate for his department to produce such a plan.

Mr. Childers said there had been a specific plan for the development of Shannon in operation for considerable time. The permanent buildings to deal with future traffic had gradually been completed and many changes had been made in the last few years.
Mr. O'Donnell said there was need for some co-ordination body to direct the work of the various agencies and organisations.
The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Aiken, intervened during the debate to say that "we want to stop Fine Gael knocking Shannon." Pointing at Mr. Dillon, he said: "You are the one who said 'rabbits would take over Shannon.'"
Mr. Oliver Flanagan said that if it was going to be like C.I.E. they all knew how Shannon would end.

Todds' new monster store opened
Messrs. Todd & Company's new store was opened to customers this morning, and its attractive layout was widely and favourably commented on.
The new Todds, with its spaciousness and comfort, its up-to-date lay-out, must rank as one of the finest warehouses of its kind in the city. The store is a centre of activity and much business being transacted there to-day.
This morning Right Rev. Monsignor M. Moloney, P.P. V.F. St. Michael's, officiated at the opening and afterwards the premises were blessed by Very Rev. T. J. Lyons, Adm., St. Michael's.

The new Todds adds a most imposing adjunct to the city's main shopping centre.
Venerer from Limerick to Germany
Within 24 hours after the new Irish German Venerer factory was opened by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, twenty tons of the venerer in 30 crates was on its way from Limerick to Rotterdam en route for Germany in the Limerick sea vessel, "Dromineer," under the command of Capt. Dan O'Loughlin. The vessel stopped at Penit Port and took on board five huge cranes from the German factory in Killarney.

This is the first time that cranes have been shipped direct from the Port of Penit on a Limerick sea vessel to London.
The "Molten" docked from Liverpool, and amongst its assorted cargo were 12 agricultural tractors for a Limerick firm.
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