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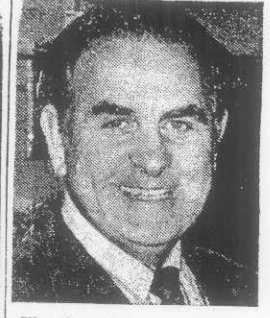
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Cllr. Clem Casey, the defeated candidate.

Sarsfield Bridge plaque: Kennedy speaks... BY PADDY MORONEY

AS HE LEFT the Mayoral office this week Alderman Pat Kennedy replied to critics of his controversial inscription on Sarsfield Bridge.

"I am pleased to have my name inscribed on the plaque on Sarsfield Bridge," he told the city council.

"Although my name will be up there, I think it is a personal tribute to you in person," he was delivering his annual review, before handing over the chain of office to Cllr. Thady Coughlan.

"I stressed last year that the provision of houses would be top priority of my mayoralty," he said.

"It was a great privilege for me to open the new Moyross development, a development which is a great credit to Mr. Paddy Darcy, a housing developer which has made special provision for old and young alike.

Mr. Tracey praised the loyal and dedicated service of the two men. Mr. Joyce served with the Army Medical Corps during the War. Mr. O'Brien was in Civil Defence in Belfast.

Mohawk chief... Mr. Lyle Storrer (44) of Montpelier, Ohio, U.S.A. who has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Mohawk Tools Inc.

Thady Coughlan, 24, elected Limerick Mayor by 10 votes to 6

COUNCILLOR THADY COUGHLAN, Labour, was elected Mayor of Limerick this week by 10 votes to 6 for Councillor Clem Casey, Fianna Fail. Mayor Coughlan is the youngest first-citizen in the city's history.

There was a packed gallery for the occasion and the Chamber looked bright and gay with the addition of floral arrangements.

The outcome was a foregone conclusion and the new Mayor received an ovation on receiving the chain from the outgoing Mayor, Ald. Kennedy.

Deputy O'Malley, proposing Cllr. Clem Casey, said that he with Cllr. Brocwell were the longest-serving members of the council who had not been elected mayor. He proposed a salary and expenses totalling £4,500.

Rotation Deputy Steve Coughlan seconded the nomination.

At this point, Deputy O'Malley observed: "I take it that the question of the rotation of the Mayoralty, as I referred to last year, does not arise, though a large number of citizens feel it should rotate."

Belie "In voting, their action would seem to belie their words previously expressed with great sincerity," said Michael Lipper.

Not prepared Deputy Coughlan: "Last year, we said we would be prepared to accept rotation, but not at the dictation of Fianna Fail."

Pledges "Notwithstanding the pledges given by Alderman Lipper, it concerned me that whenever there is a time when unity is needed in this city, when we have unemployment, it should be now."

Loyalists Cllr. Michael Crowe: "Every year we hear of powersharing and we are the very people who say that the Loyalists occupy all the seats and we criticize all those people. But just look at us; we cannot agree on powersharing here in Limerick."

Youngest In his inaugural address, Mayor Thady Coughlan said it was very difficult to express the sense of privilege and pride that overcome him on such an occasion.

"I am aware that I am taking up office in one of the most crucial periods in our city, that I am the youngest member here if not the youngest in Ireland and that I am the youngest Mayor ever in Limerick."

"I am in favour of breaking up the political closed shop. I look upon political families in the city, and I cannot see them doing much for the people of this city."

Clean He concluded: "As a word of consolation to the loser: there were two horses, Clem, and one of us had to win."

The night that Steve was briefly but visibly overcome...

BY CORMAC LIDDY

TRADITIONALLY, Mayoral election night is a colourful occasion... this time it was even more so, and while the number of interruptions from the crowded public gallery was down on recent years, there were, nonetheless, a few of the "off the cuff" comments which added to the atmosphere of the big night.

As is usual, too, there was a bit sprinkling of politicians, past and future (hopefully). Several candidates beaten in last year's local elections were present.

There was also the tremendous number of Corporation officials, two of whom "planked" under way. Cllr. Thady Coughlan, who had no intention of moving for the press.

Traditional The outgoing Mayor, Ald. Patrick Kennedy, delivered the traditional farewell address during which he reminded what he considered to have been the highlights of his term of office.

Others who had been expected to formally second did not take too kindly to doing so. They followed the almost traditional bickering about rotation of the office.

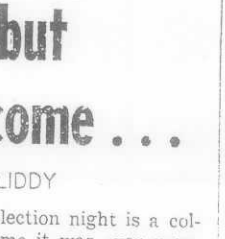
Mild This was something in the nature of a mild surprise but obviously the Fine Gael member...

people serving in apprenticeship to a craft or trade. In your case, your apprenticeship has been very short. I consider that your lack of experience and the fact that your involvement in the labour movement is very sketchy and it is not very impressive speaks volumes for the volumes of democracy when someone like you can be elected to office.

Families "I hope you will be a more democratic mayor than the outgoing mayor. We had worse mayors in the past, and we will have worse mayors in the future."

"You are wet behind the ears, and I feel that a whole business here of mayoral elections is hypocritical."

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He added that the question of good looks was very much a subjective personal matter that this point was just important as a good character and a sensible use of cosmetics will influence the judges.

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Limerick's Rose of Tralee will be chosen this weekend

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE 15TH AREA FINAL of the Limerick Rose of Tralee competition will take place at the Two Mile Motor Inn this Saturday. Twenty-four roses have entered this year's event and indications are that it will be one of the most successful finals since the competition was launched in 1961.

In an effort to make the final more attractive, the Limerick Rose of Tralee Association have increased the winner's prize to £100.

The Limerick Rose will also receive a beautiful trophy, and will qualify to represent her county in the Rose of Tralee final next September.

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