

# Mayor's plea for pride and unity to keep Limerick tops

By **BILLY KELLY**

THE MAYOR of Limerick, Ald Jim Kemmy, pleaded this week for unity of purpose between city and county.

He warned of the disastrous consequences which could face the entire Mid-West region if the population within the borough boundary dropped below 50,000 and Limerick lost its status as a city.

He made his plea for unity between rural and urban Limerick to overcome this difficulty.

"There are too many people in the county, perhaps, who try to ignore the city of Limerick's dilemma with its falling population," Mayor Kemmy declared.

"If Limerick city goes down as capital city it brings down the whole region," he warned.

"If you take Cork they would take a different attitude altogether. Cork people would be very proud of Cork city as the Southern capital.

"Similarly we must have the same attitude in Limerick and the Mid-West. We should be proud of the city of Limerick.

"If we fall below a population of 50,000 we lose our status as a city and that would be a disaster for us, particularly now that we are 800 years old."

After making his plea for unity between the city and county he added: "Unfortunately there were not too many county councillors here to hear me."

Mayor Kemmy was speaking to the Limerick Leader after the official launch of the Limerick Show in the AIB Bank, 106

O'Connell Street.

He stressed the role of the show in bringing the people of the city and county together.

"The Limerick Show is a very good bridging of the gap between the urban and rural communities," he went on.

"It provides a link-up between the city and county when both communities put their best foot forward and show what Limerick has to offer. It is a unifying force between city and county where we often have too many divisions."

He said novelty was the key to attracting crowds to this year's Limerick Show at Greenpark.

"They will have the novelty of the cat show—and the hat show as well. It is a novel way of attracting younger people to the event. It is important that the show keeps changing and keeps abreast of the changing world outside. That is the best way to bring in new people to the show and I welcome that," he added.

Mayor Kemmy said Limerick Show always brings the best out in us. It is one of those occasions when we stress what we have in common not what divides us.

In the past the city and county were far more obviously linked through all the markets when the farming community came to the city to sell their produce. He recalled that he had markets for hay, milk, fowl, potatoes, calves, cabbage and many more.

"In those days the city and county were very close and were clearly interdependent. It is important to stress that on this occasion".

The Mayor urged city people to go out and support the show. He said it was a great day out and was great fun.

"I myself enjoy the show very much," he declared. "I go out there and I usually wind up judging some novelty competition." However, he said he would not see himself judging the ostriches or deer this year. He said he might have a go at judging these events next year depending how he got on there this year.



Jim Sexton, of the Southill Community Services Board, Sr Rosi Hanley, local representative with Berger/Crown, Mathew Gai Southill this week.

## £417,000 grant for Estuary sail centre

THE controversial Kilrush Creek Marina will be the site of a new Sail Training and Outdoor Activity Centre, which should provide four full-time and seven seasonal jobs for the West Clare town, according to Shannon Development this week.

The centre is to receive a grant of £417,000 under the EU Operational Programme for Tourism, and local investors will match this. Already, £6.5 million of public money has been poured into the marina project.

Shannon Development have worked closely with the developers of the

planned centre, Kilrush Development Society Ltd, a community-based co-operative venture involving Kilrush Credit Union and local business interests.

When complete the centre will greatly enhance the tourism infrastructure and will benefit the economy of the area, says Shannon Development. The new facility will hopefully encourage visitors to stay longer in the area, and will have "a major impact on off-season business."

"We are delighted to have been able to play our part in bringing this project to fruition. When complete

it will create four and seven seasonal jobs with a total of 20 jobs during the construction period," said Flanagan, tourism project manager of Shannon Development.

The development will involve construction of a purpose built sail centre with lecture changing area, show lets, and on-site accommodation. The project plan to operate outdoor and water based activities at the centre, such as cycle hire, canoe hire, board sailing.

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At the site of the proposed Sail Training and Outdoor Activity Centre are Flan Quilligan, Shannon Development; George McGibney, Sailing Operator; Tom Williams, director, Kilrush Development Society; Michael Culligan, project co-ordinator; Aidan Cahill, director, K Development Society Ltd; and Frank Larkin, project manager, K Marina.

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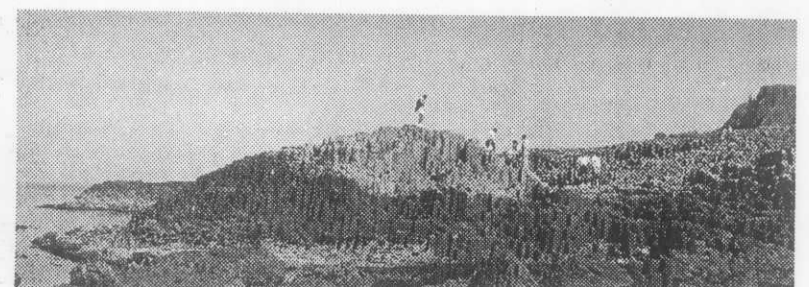
### No tax displayed

AIBP, Rathkeale, were fined £25 at the local court for having no tax displayed at Ballingarry last November 22. A charge of having no tax was dismissed, as were similar charges against the driver.

### Fined for parking

TED O'Donoghue, Kilmoreeh, Kildimo, was fined £40 at Askeaton Court for parking on Main Street, Pallaskenry in contravention of parking cones last November 28.

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## Region comes second in job creation league

By **KEVIN O'BRIEN**

A TOTAL of 596 jobs have been created this year in the Mid West

Abbeyfeale, Anderson International, Rathkeale, AST, Plassey Technological Park, Analog, and Dell, Raheen, for their "record perfor-

management and workforce for the success, and said that the figures look set to rise by November.

This jobs bonanza, being

## More for Mid-West

DEPUTY Michael Minister for Health announced that he is allocating £500,000 to the Western Health Board as additional capital for 1995.

The sum comprises £450,000 for fire pro-