Death of former Mayor Rory Liddy

The death has taken place of Mr. J. P. (Rory) Liddy who was twice Mayor of Limerick and who for many years was a Director of Shannon Development Company.

Aged 78 the late Mr. Liddy was born in Limerick to parents of a strong Republican background. Tributes were paid to the late Mr. Liddy by civic leaders today.

The Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Gus O’Donnell in a tribute said that he had the pleasure of sitting on the council with him from 1967-74.

As a councillor he had a great knowledge of local government administration and procedures.

He was a great man to advance the interests of the city and county.

"He respected the right of other politicians, was a great mediator and was very fair," he said.

Mayor O’Donnell said that he had been a great loss to his family but also to the city and to the Flannia Fall party, he served very well and not for selfish reasons.

He was a founder member of Flannia Fall in Limerick in 1936 and he was one of the most loved and decorated members of the party in the entire country. He was elected general election since the Flannia Fall was founded for more than 20 years he was chairman of the City Council and was a member of the City Council for many years.

In 1959 the late Mr. Liddy contested the election to the city council and was defeated 2-1 by the successful Mr. The late Dan Burke.

For 23 years he remained a member of the city council and in 1975 and again in 1980 he was elected Mayor. On each occasion he carried out his duties with dignity and when President Nikon visited Limerick he received him and was then invited by Mr. Nixon to return the visit to the White House which he did in 1972.

A number of the Limerick City Vocational Educational Committee for many years the late Mr. Liddy was also the Limerick corporation director on the Board of Shannonair Tourism for some years.

A fine-looking gentlemen of Castle gardens the late Mr. Liddy paid an early and captured the first ever Limerick team to play in the Munster minor hurling championship.

John Duggan this Monday.

TAXI ATTACK: MURDER

By MARY HEenan

A MAJOR investigation was launched in Limerick this Monday, after a second taxi driver was the subject of a horrifying ordeal early on Sunday morning, which bore a grim resemblance to the events which led to the murder seven weeks ago of Henry Hurley.

The murder still remains unsolved.

And it is believed that a passing motorist played a vital role in helping 45-year-old taxi-driver, John Duggan, 51 Faugheen, to escape from his two male attackers, who had earlier hired his taxi to bring them to Killakee, at Coolock, Arklow hollow on Sunday morning.

Although no links have been established to link the murder and the latest incident, the special investigation unit leading the murder hunt and the gardaí at Henry Street, under Supt. Jerry Higgins, have joined forces in the investigation.

John tells of terror ordeal

By ALAN ENGLISH

Taxi driver John Duggan spoke this Monday of his terror ordeal, when thoughts of his former colleague Henry Hurley went racing through his mind.

John picked up his two passengers outside "Bis" at Nicholas Street. They said just one went to buy on entering the taxi: "Killakee".

At Barry's Corner one of them put his hand on his shoulder and pressed his fingers down hard. He was raising a belt to his shoulder with his elbow as well.

"He said something like 'Drive straight up or I'll twist your neck off.'"

One of the men began shouting orders at John, and grabbing the gearshift from him. They told him to drive slowly.

John said that when the taxi was moving up a very narrow road, thoughts of the ill-fated Henry Hurley, murdered by two of his passengers, "over- roamed" his mind.

Reversed

As the driver reversed into the side-road, he let his car run forward onto the main road. Just at this moment a car came and was forced to slow down because the taxi was on the road.

This diversion gave the driver a chance to open the door and escape with the keys of his car. The two attackers, escaped on foot.

After hiding for twenty minutes he returned to his car and drove back into the rear part of the taxi.

Gardaí at Henry Street were alerted at 3.15.

According to the Gardaí at Henry Street, there was no weapon used in the incident.

Supt. Jim Dennehy, who is leading the murder hunt investigation, told the Limerick Leader this Monday that they had now interviewed over 2,000 people in relation to the brutal murder of Henry Hurley at Crecora, just seven weeks ago.

"We are stillallowing a number of lines of inquiry."

He said that he had been made aware of the recent attack.

"It is very early to connote yet on both incidents. There are some similarities," he agreed.

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The most elegant lady at Limerick show, Jane Neville, from Molygortane (centre), pictured with judges, Samantha Wheatham, Ger Cassidy, chairman of Crescent Traders' Association; Hilary Thompson, "Facem" Model Agency, and John Mooney, secretary, Crescent Traders.

Jane is best dressed

CITY girl Jane Neville, from Molygortane Gardens was judged the most elegant dressed lady at Limerick show yesterday.

Dressed in an eye-catching matching accessories, blonde Jane, who works at Analog, was a popular winner.

She received an ornamental award from the Crescent Traders Association, including a 1 Litre Decanter, a Gala Creal trophy and a fashion voucher from "Blue Chick" presented by Mr Ger Cassidy, Chairman of the Association.

Deaths

Deaths on June 14.
Rory Liddy

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PENSIONSHIP IN 1932 was the late Mick Mackay's made his debut on the same team which lost to Waterford.

For more than 20 years the late Mr. Liddy was employed as Stores Manager with Pat Am at Shannon.

He was pre-deceased in 1958 by his wife Garry and he is survived by his three sons, Corn nave, Sales Editor, Limerick Leader; Peter, a sales representative with Woodfress and Garry, managing director of Nova Couriers, Debertte. He is also survived by his sister Margaret; eight grandchildren; sister-in-law and by his niece and nephews.

Trilisk poured in this morning from all walks of the community on learning of the death of Mr. Liddy.

Mr. Liddy, who had been ill for some time was described by Mr. John O'Connor, member of the National Executive of Flannia Fall as "the key man in Flannia Fall in Limerick East".

"He was left out to learn of his death. He gave a dedicated and unselfish service to the party and the community for the last 45 years.

"He was held in the highest esteem in the city and this was borne out by his two terms as mayor."

Mr. O'Connor also said that the late Mr. Liddy was highly regarded by the Taisleach, Mr. Charles Haughey.

Cousin and friend, former Labour deputy, Steve Coughlan, who had known Mr. Liddy for many years, was also there with his family.

"We were lifelong friends. We served together on the Corporation for 15 years and though we differed politically, the differences were over once the words were said."

"He was a very devoted man and a very understanding man. He was not vindictive in any way and he is a pity that we haven't seen people like him in the political life of the city."

As far as this life is concerned, he had two out-

The recent tragedy on the return journey to Limerick.

FROM this week-end children will be on their way back to school after the summer holidays.

Thoughts of school have occupied them for the past month, thanks to those stores cash clearer than using a credit card after a recommendation to the Government from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that retailers should be able to offer discounts to cash customers.

Some years ago I advised readers that when they were paying by cash in a shop that accepted credit cards, they should insist on getting a discount.

Remember, retailers are currently charged between 2 and 4 per cent on credit card transactions. On an item costing say £100, that can amount to £4.

When prices are being marked up in shops you can bet your bottom dollar that such extra charges are taken into account, on the basis that 50 per cent of customers will be paying by credit card.

After all Shopkeepers are in business to make money.

Also Quality Coal & bag (£25 per 1/2)

This Offer is for August only and will be placed on or before 31st August.

P.S.—Watch for our Septemle

Weather

Rain will spread in all parts of the region this Monday evening and will be mild and close overnight with temperatures only falling to 13°C. It will continue mild on Tuesday, with good sunny spells and occasional showers. It will become windy on Wednesday, with further rain.

Pool closed

The Roxboro Road swimming pool will be closed from today until September 11 due to renovation and upgrading of the changing rooms.

Rory Liddy with Garry Collins, T.D. Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Flannia Fall East Limerick convention.