



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'Driscoll 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 interest of the city of Limerick.

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

Mayor O'Driscoll said that his death would not only be a great loss to his family but also

to the city and to the Fianna Fail party, he served so well and so dignified.

He was a founder member of Fianna Fail in Limerick in 1926 and he was one of the most loyal and dedicated members of the party in the entire country. He was active in every general election since the formation of Fianna Fail and for more than 20 years he was Chairman of the City Comhairle Ceanntair. He was honorary treasurer of the Limerick East Comhairle Dail Ceanntair for many years.

In 1950 the late Mr. Liddy contested the elections to the city council and failed by a handful of votes. In 1952 he was co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the death of former Mayor and Dail deputy, the late Dan Burke.

For 22 years he remained a member of the city council and in 1958 and again in 1970 he was elected Mayor. On each occasion he carried out his duties with dignity and when President Nixon visited Limerick he received him and was then invited by Mr. Nixon to

return the visit to the White House which he did in 1971.

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

A life-long supporter of Gaelic games the late Mr. Liddy played for Cloughan and captained the first ever Limerick team to play in the Munster minor hurling cham-

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TAXI ATTACK: MURDER LINK

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.

This murder still remains unsolved. And it is believed that a passing motorist played a vital role in helping 42-year old taxi-driver, John Duggan, 73 Fairgreen, to escape from his two male attackers, who had earlier hired his taxi to bring them to Killaloe, at Coolerra, Ardnacrusha on Sunday morning.

And though no links have been established to link the murder and the latest week-end incident, the special investigation unit leading the murder hunt and the gardai at Henry Street, under Supt. Gerry Higgins, have joined forces in the investigation.

Incident

"We are very concerned about this latest incident,

particularly in that the events appear similar to those which led to the death of Henry Hurley.

"We will be investigating the incident very carefully, while there are similarities, we have nothing to connect both incidents at this stage," said Supt. Higgins.

Forensic experts from the Technical Bureau in Dublin travelled to the scene on Sunday.

This latest incident happened early on Sunday morning, just after 1 o'clock when two males flagged down a taxi at Nicholas Street and requested to be taken to Killaloe. One of the passengers sat in the front seat and the second sat in the rear of the car.

Just four miles out of the city, the ordeal began for the taxi-driver when the man sitting in the rear pressed his fingers against his neck. He ordered him to continue driving to Killaloe. However after travelling just a short distance, the back seat passenger put further pressure on the driver's neck with both his hands. And as he was passing a side road he ordered him to reverse back and drive in this road.

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 city.

Gardai at Henry Street were alerted at 3.15. According to the Gardai at Henry Street, there was no weapon used in the incident.

Supt. Jim Drudy, 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 Cratloe, just seven weeks ago. "We are still following a number of lines of enquiry."

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

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



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

Jane is best dressed

CITY girl Jane Neville, from Mayorstone Gardens was judged the most elegantly 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 armful of awards from the Crescent Traders Association, including a £100 cheque, a Galway Crystal trophy and a fashion voucher from "Blue Cloak", presented by Mr Ger Cassidy, Chairman of the Association.

Deaths

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John Duggan this Monday.

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 "Stix" in Nicholas Street. They said just one word to him on entering the taxi: "Killaloe".

"At Barry's Cross one of them put his hands on my shoulder and pressed his fingers down hard. He was burning a hole in my shoulder with his cigarette 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 gearstick 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, "crossed my mind.

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CONGRATULATIONS also to the County Clare publican who refused to take advantage of a Limerick family of five who dropped in for a refreshment on their way to Kilkee.

The father ordered three cokes for his children and the men behind the counter suggested that he should economise and instead buy a large bottle of Coke for £1 and fill away to his heart's content into the three supplied glasses.

Each child enjoyed two servings for which the over the counter bill would have been £4.32. A saving of £3.32 was nothing to be sniffed at. No doubt he dropped in again on the return journey to Limerick.

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THE recent tragedy on the

of people could be controlled. Nature being what it is, there would be just sheer panic.

True, there are lifeboats and lifejackets on modern ferries (not enough surely to accommodate that many people) but with time an important factor, allied to the expected confusion, the chances of their being lowered must be considered slim.

Were passengers on the Thames pleasure cruiser acquainted with the drill procedure devised for such situations, the loss of life may not have been as great. Shudder the thought, but it would be a different story out on the Irish sea with 1,400 (the capacity of the old Savoy) fighting for survival.

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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 cheaper 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.

Cash customers, in fact, subsidise credit card holders so why should they not stand up for themselves.

JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Rory Liddy

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...pionship in 1929 when the late Mick Mackey 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 Pan Am at Shannon.

He was pre-deceased in 1981 by his wife Garry and he is survived by his three sons, Cormac, Sports Editor, *Limerick Leader*; Peter, a sales representative with Woodfab, and Garry, managing director of Nova Couriers, Dublin. He is also survived by his sister Margaret; eight grandchildren, sister-in-law and by his nieces and nephews.

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

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

"I was very upset to learn of his death. He gave a dedicated and unselfish service to the party and the community for the last 60 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 Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey.

Cousin and friend, former Labour deputy, Steve Coughlan said that his death was both a big loss to the city and to the party.

"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 it is a pity that we haven't more people like him in the political life of the city.

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

looks, Fianna Fail and the G.A.A. His death will be a big loss to all," said Mr. Coughlan.

President of the GAA County Board, Mr. John O'Connell said that he was saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Liddy.

"I have known him since we were children. He was a good friend.

"He was deeply involved with the G.A.A. And had the distinction of being the captain of the first minor Limerick team in 1929.

"He was always a great devotee of the game and was known to travel the length and breadth of the country, following teams of all grades," said Mr. O'Connell.

"He also had a great knowledge of the sport and was a good judge of hurling and players," he said.



Rory Liddy with Gerry Collins, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Fianna Fail East Limerick convention

Weather

Rain will spread to all parts of the region this Monday evening. It 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.



Lawless

Round-the-world Limerick sailor Pat Lawless continued his epic voyage this Monday. After over 90 days at sea, Pat is reported to be making excellent progress and is now approximately 1,500 miles from Capetown.

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