

Limerickman's Diary

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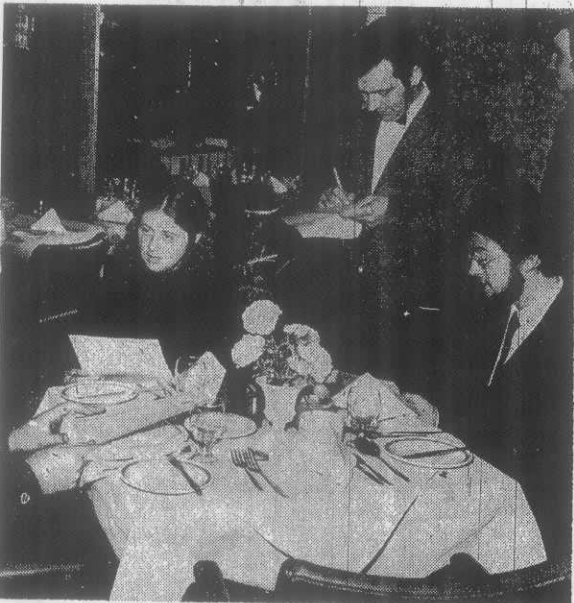
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Brochure

For the launch of the Swedish promotion next year, a special brochure in Swedish will be issued and an advertising campaign undertaken. Mr. Brian Cuning, the Aer Lingus District Sales Manager in Sweden, will use a promotional kit which has been prepared by Shannonside.

Mr. Cuning will have the support of Mr. Joachim Skoj, a Swede diver who has been on regular skin-diving holidays in Kilkee and whose personal contacts and expert knowledge of the Irish diving scene will be invaluable. An extremely attractive all-in package holiday which can be bought by either individuals or groups has also been put together, and the all-in price including air fare will be as low as present surface rates. This package includes accommodation in Kilkee and the provision of self-drive cars and minibus.



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Season opens on bright note

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making various recordings of his music, will give an all Scriabin recital in both London and New York in December, 1972. Ashkenazy lives with his wife and three children in Reykjavik, Iceland, where they established their home in 1968. He recently acquired Icelandic citizenship.

Bumper

The L.M.A. expects a bumper audience for this particular recital and music lovers are urged to obtain their tickets well in advance. Reserved tickets cost £1.25 and unreserved tickets can be had for 75p. (Students' tickets will be available at door only). Booking is open at Rlordan's Travel, Hutchinson's and Pauline's. Incidentally, booking is also open at the Savoy for the return visit of the Vienna Boys Choir on Tuesday, October 24, at 8 p.m. Their programme will include the comic opera "Fables from the Vienna..."

Coarse angling gala week

Highlighting the coarse angling competition at Plassey during the coming week is an exceptionally proficient team from Leicester headed by Ivan Marks. Two year ago, Ivan, who is a member of the English coarse angling team, was honoured with the British "angler of the year" title in this class.

The Leicester team, however, will meet with strong competition from groups from the Manchester and Birmingham areas, and a good team from Limerick will also be in the reckoning. The anglers, numbering 65 in all, will arrive at the Parkway Motel this Saturday afternoon and the competition will begin on Sunday at 10 a.m. and continue to 4.30 p.m.

Welcomed

They will be welcomed to Limerick by officials of Shannonside Tourism Organisation, Mr. Martin Bradley, angling adviser, and Miss Aileen Finnegan, public relations officer. The competition, which is promoted by Bord Fáilte and Shannonside Tourism, carries a handsome total of £500 in prize money. There is a first individual overall prize of £120 and championship trophy (donated by B.E.A.), with second prize £50, third £30 and fourth £20. There are substantial prizes, too, for daily competitions on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, and for teams of four overall.

Catches

The catches in Plassey waters are fairly substantial in an Angling Times winter league final last year, the individual winner, Mr. Austin Clussett, landed 101 lbs. 6 ozs., and the winning team, Cofon Hackett, landed 273 lbs 13 ozs. Last May, in the competition organised by Sports Argus, Mr. Joe Davis landed 61 lbs. of bream in four hours of fishing. The presentation of prizes for the present competition will take place on Thursday next, September 28.



Artist Tom Ryan with his portrait of Sean Keating at the opening of his exhibition at the Thomond Antiques Gallery, Cecil Street. LL photo

Thomas Ryan's exhibition at Thomond Antiques Gallery

An exhibition of paintings by the eminent Limerick-born artist, Thomas Ryan, R.H.A., was opened by the Countess of Dunraven at Thomond Antiques Gallery, 37 Cecil Street, on Wednesday evening last. She said: "I have asked Thomas Ryan's permission to quote from a letter he wrote to me about his proposed exhibition. He says that he paints in the old-fashioned academic manner—my people recognisable as people, landscapes as landscapes instead of unhappy mould deposits, and trees like trees instead of omens of doom that might have such titles as 'Sacrifice of Wreckage '72.'"

Thomas Ryan luckily has not fallen a victim to this disease. "I thank him on your behalf and mine for bringing his paintings and drawings to Limerick, and I thank George Stacpole for making it all happen."

Tribute

Mr. Ryan thanked Lady Dunraven for opening the exhibition. Continuing, he paid a tribute to his old teacher at the Limerick School of Art, Richard Butcher, a very competent man who trained him very well indeed. Afterwards when he went to Dublin to study under Sean Keating there was not very much to learn. The pictures on view here, he said, representative of his work as an artist. There are twenty paintings and ten drawings in the exhibition all of which reveal the artist's tremendous power of expression—the portraits, landscapes, flower paintings, still life and drawings. The exhibition will continue to October 11. It is well worth a visit. Every picture makes one feel proud that Tom Ryan is a Limerickman.

Fortunate

She continued: "I feel sure that most of you will agree that we are fortunate that there are still artists today who have the academic training plus the talent to paint pictures such as these—pictures which stir the imagination to give lasting pleasure. There is a terrifying spirit abroad today that attempts to make us scorn and reject and undermine all that is beautiful."



Attending the opening of Tom Ryan's art exhibition at Thomond Antiques Gallery were, from left: Mrs. K. O'Malley, Mr. Tom Ryan, and Mrs. S. M. Stokes and their daughter, Mary Grace Stokes. LL photo