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City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Audit of the Accounts of the above named Committee for the periods 1st January, 1982, to 31st December, 1984, will be opened in the Administration Offices, Athenaeum Building, Upper Cecil Street, by Mr. L. Gavin, Local Government Auditor, on the 14th May, 1985, at the hour of 10 o'clock when and where objections to any matter contained in the said several Accounts will be heard. The Accounts will be open during office hours, for seven days before the Audit, to the inspection of all persons interested.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1985.

MURIS O'CEALLAIGH, Chief Executive Officer.

Administration Offices, Athenaeum Building, Upper Cecil Street, Limerick. (14c)

LIMERICK CORPORATION TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION 1985

Limerick Corporation invites entries in its 1985 Tidy Districts Competition under the following categories:

- (1) Best District. (2) Best Housing Estate.

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Consideration will also be given to the presentation of prizes under the following categories:

- (3) Best Shop Front. (4) Best Commercial Shopping Street.

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Clearance of new and unused surplus engineers tools, garage equipment and farm sundries.

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TOM BROWNE files a special report from SHANNON AIRPORT



Aer Rianta Irish Airports



Shannon leader: Liam Skelly.

Dully lauds tip top local team



THE AER Rianta team responsible for promoting Shannon is led by Mr. Michael Guerin, deputy general manager, and includes Mr. Charles McCarthy, aviation consultant.

During the year they made several coast-to-coast visits to the United States for talks with airline executives. In a tribute to Mr. Guerin and his executives, chief executive, Mr. Martin Dully says: "In my experience I have seldom come across a group of executives who searched so continuously and so hard for new ideas, some of which are rejected almost immediately, some of which are re-shaped and pushed into the corporate system for detailed consideration."

Sensitive

Mr. Dully adds: "Even in a good season like this, the management here is sensitive to the fact that this airport's viability could be threatened overnight by a recession, a rapidly falling dollar, a change in Aeroflot's operating policy, a new FAA regulation on noise level, a change in Government policy relative to air fares and by unreasonable wage demands — even by a serious hike in energy costs."

Limerick Comhaltas

CONGRATULATIONS to the following County Limerick competitors on their successes in the All-Ireland finals of Ceol an Aghaidh held recently in Belmullet, Co. Mayo: Daisy Kearney, Ballyhahill, 1st in senior storytelling; John Larkin, Templeglantine, 1st in 14-18 stringed instruments; John and his brother, Willie Larkin, 1st in duet 14-18; John and Willie were joined by their sisters, Brid and Siobhan in the open quartette and obtained 2nd place; Ardagh got 3rd place in both the under 14 and 14-18 sets, and Templeglantine got 2nd in the 14-18 8 band dance. Brenda Curtin, Tourmalina got 1st in both stringed instruments and English singing.

Teenagers took hub caps off Mercedes

By LEADER REPORTER

TWO YOUNG men who took the hub caps off a Mercedes told Askeaton Court that they had thought the car belonged to a relative. John Gammell (19), of Pound Lane, Rathkeale, and Dan McCarthy (19), of 3 Roche's Road, Rathkeale, pleaded guilty to taking the four hub caps — said to be worth £240 total — on September 21 last between 10.30 and 11.30 p.m.

Supt. John McCormack, prosecuting, told Justice M. C. Maguire that at 10.45 p.m. Mrs. E. Sheehy parked her car in the car park near the Coach Inn, Kilkoran, and returned by 11 p.m. to find the hub caps gone. She reported the matter, and three days later the two defendants were interviewed — they were hawkers by occupation and had no previous convictions.

Statements

Mr. Seamus Casey, solr., defending, pointed out that defendants made statements in which they had said that the reason they took the hub caps was that they thought the car — a green Mercedes — belonged to a cousin, a Michael Slattery. John Gammell, replying to Mr. Casey, said in evidence that they meant no harm, they thought it was the car of a Michael Slattery, down from Belfast, and had intended giving the hub caps back the following morning. Justice: "But you had them for three days."

Mr. Casey: "He immediately admitted it to the Gardaí and made a statement." Each defendant was fined £100.

Scaraway Shannon will fly even higher

SHANNON Airport turned over a phenomenal total of £49 million last year, it was revealed this week. All but £9 million was revenue earned by Aer Rianta — the balance taken by airport authority's two subsidiaries, Shannon International Hotel and Shannon Aviation Fuels. The net profit alone on Aer Rianta's £40 million trading was £3 1/2 million.

This spectacular performance merits national recognition. It was achieved mainly by independent action: by the dedicated Shannon based Aer Rianta team, who explore every air-lane of the Atlantic in search of new business. Although a new revenue record was established in 1984, and passenger numbers at 1,090,752, began to climb again towards the 1977 record of 1,174,380, the airport aimed at further achievement in 1985. It would appear to be on track to do this. Traffic and sales up 10 per cent for the first three months. The Aer Rianta team have plotted the course meticulously to ensure that 1984 was not a one and only performance. And the plans are exciting. Hampered for many years by the multi-national oil companies, whose expensive fuels at Shannon "frightened off" the airlines, Aer Rianta now plan to purchase fuel on the "spot market" to supply the charter companies. Competitively priced fuel — the airport's chief executive, Mr. Liam Skelly, is convinced — will be a major incentive along with other enticements forming an irresistible Shannon package.

VITAL STATISTICS

THE SHANNON shops turned over £11,877,951.00 in 1984, an increase of 37% on the previous year. Catering activities, always a loss maker because of concessions to staff, broke even at £5,014,541. Tours and banquets up 23% returned £3,697,000 while Mail Order sales reached £9,819,847 an 18% increase on 1983. Revenue from landing and parking fees amounted to £4,276,639 a 25% improvement. Passenger load fees reached £2,179,499, up 19%, while rents and concessions netted £2,490,322. THE AER RIANATA boom contributed significantly to the region's economy. The currency paid out some £11,690,280 in wages and related costs. There were further gains to the region in payment for material and services which totalled £2,460,000. MORE THAN one million passengers passed through Shannon in 1984, with a 23.6% improvement in the North America travel trade. European and U.K. passenger traffic declined, however — with a drop of 4.7% on the London route and Continental passenger numbers were slightly down, 0.7%. Gross passenger movements reached 1,090,752, up 10.1% on 1983. Terminal passenger figures improved by 9.7% to 632,603, while transit passengers climbed to 458,149 from 415,318 in 1983.



Relaxing amid the bustle.

FURTHER FACTS

DURING THE year Shannon Aviation Fuel sold 3.8 million gallons of aviation fuel to charter airlines. THERE WAS a 150% increase in training flights. Cargo traffic rose by 4.1%. THE CATERING Division, managed by Mr. Jimmy Kelly, served one million meals and established a new one-day record in September — serving 6,000 meals. AMONG THE new projects was an extension to the pier building, a new airbridge, extension of the hydrant refuelling system, renovated fuel shop in the Duty Free and the provision of a new 2 million gallon fuel tank. AEROFLOT, the Soviet Airlines, was the biggest single transit customer with 149,000 passengers. AMONG THE new projects was an extension to the pier building, a new airbridge, extension of the hydrant refuelling system, renovated fuel shop in the Duty Free and the provision of a new 2 million gallon fuel tank. THE CATERING Division, managed by Mr. Jimmy Kelly, served one million meals and established a new one-day record in September — serving 6,000 meals. AMONG THE new projects was an extension to the pier building, a new airbridge, extension of the hydrant refuelling system, renovated fuel shop in the Duty Free and the provision of a new 2 million gallon fuel tank.

Feedback

But the Shannon terminal market has not been "fully tapped", he claims. This is the feedback from the Aer Rianta team who have visited the U.S., promoting the technical stopovers. "Our research has shown there is tremendous potential in further developing the terminal business. Our plan is to fully explore this market," the Shannon chief executive revealed.

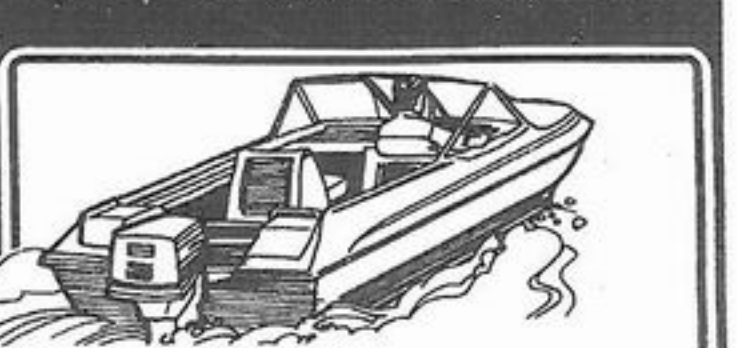
Brendan O'Regan oft repeated the proverb: "Nothing succeeds like success." He explains that his successor's motto. Having accomplished an astonishing task propelling Shannon back into profitability in the past two years — for the gloom of the turn of the decade when losses amounted to several million is etched indelibly in the airport's history — Liam Skelly's goal is to activate further progress. Conscious of the attractions of a colourful environment, his aim is to make Shannon the world's most distinctive airport — relaxing lounges, pleasant no-rush shopping facilities and landscaped lawns. And some £1 million was ploughed into physical improvements out of the 1984 profits.

Terminal business.



In the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at the opening of a conference, "Technical Certification of Building Products", were three members of Southern Chemicals Ltd., Askeaton (from left): Joe Condon, Fergus O'Brien, T.D., Minister for State at the Department of the Environment, who opened the event, organised by the IIRS; John Nash, and Ivan O'Riordan.

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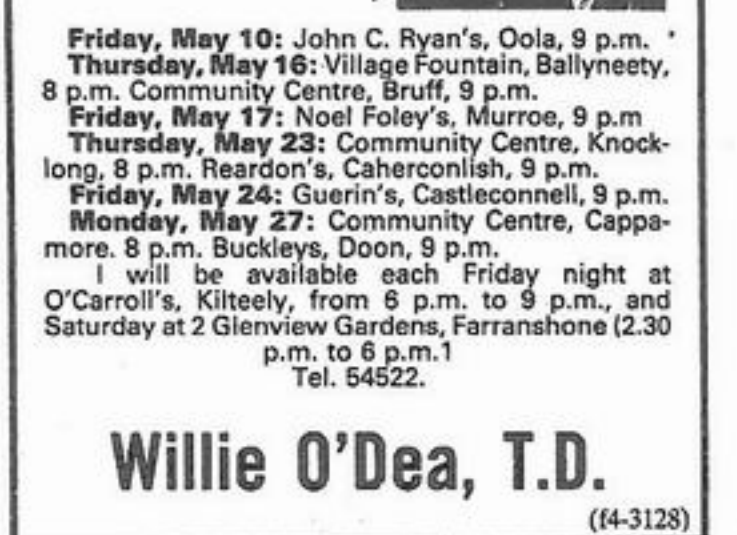
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ANNE O'KEEFE, Chairperson. (Sponsored by Barclays Bank, Limerick) (14-3244)

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