Concern is expressed in modern society on the influence of "late" discos for our young people.

We tend to forget that in previous decades young people were just the same. "The Leitrim Observer" of the 1930s carried advertisements for "All-Night Dances" — generally from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. — throughout the county — Carrick-on-Shannon (in the Gaity); Bohm's Hall, Drumgownagh; Kavanagh’s Hall, Drumnamore — even in Mooney's Hall, Drumshanbo!

If our youth suggested an 10 p.m. — 6 a.m. disco today the country would be up in arms!

Perhaps the "safety valve" was that the halls of the 1930s were "dry halls" where refreshments stretched only to the humble cup of tea.

Such a hall was "Tommy Liddy's Loft" in Killargue — where music was supplied by the Liddys themselves — Annie and Joe on the fiddle and Mick and Tommy on the accordion.

Looking at Liddy's Loft today it is hard to envisage it as a "Ballroom of Romance", but such it was!