

The Mayor to bring meeting to a conclusion. After the conferring there will be a reception for Bishop Whelan at St. Michael's C.B.S. meeting, Assembly Hall, Sexton Street.

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professional companies, whose sole prerogative this type of play has hitherto been, seems to be that Limerick audiences were not ready for 'The Hostage', the spokesman said.

"This surely is a slight on the theatregoers of Limerick, when one considers 'The Hostage' has been produced in all the major cities of the world, and accepted for what it is, a complete send up of society. Nobody, least of all Behan, intends 'The Hostage' to be taken seriously, and yet for all its bawdy laughter, and rollicking revelry, it points its finger, with amazing accuracy, at many social ills.

"We believe that Limerick audiences are as mature and sophisticated as any in Ireland, and accept this play for what it is.

"When one considers this play was professionally produced in Cork, the slight to Limerick is even greater. This production is a challenge to the maturity of Limerick, something that has been questioned recently.

"It is up to the people of Limerick to prove their critics wrong.

"The College Players, as a group, has never believed in vulgarity for vulgarity's sake, neither has it shied away from bringing plays of international standing to Limerick.

"In an effort to ensure that the standard and interpretation are professional, we have engaged the services of Seamus Brennan, one of the younger lights in Irish professional theatre, to direct this production.

"Seamus has already directed Behan in Maynooth, and we feel sure his sensitive interpretation will not be calculated to give offence.

"Normally plays come to Limerick subsequent to being produced by the Abbey. This is a feather in the College Players cap as the Abbey has only begun casting 'The Hostage'.

Grange Fianna Fail Cumann

The annual general meeting of Grange Fianna Fail Cumann was held recently. A very large gathering was addressed by Mr. Desmond O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence; Mr. Michael Noonan, T.D., and Mr. Thos. Ryan, M.C.C.

Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. Bartholomew O'Brien; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Dan O'Riordan; Secretary, Mr. B. Conway; Joint Treasurers, Messrs. T. O'Donoghue and Martin Ryan; President, Mr. Jas. Kirby.

Committee: Messrs. D. Conway, K. Conway, B. Leo, D. Leo, P. Leo, P. Ryan, J. Reardon, Christy Barron, Jas. Ryan, Jas. Madden, Thos. O'Connell, D. Ryan, M. O'Donnell, M. O'Brien, John O'Regan, Wm. Nealon, T. Dillon, S. Hogan, T. ...

The BIG beat concert

ALREADY over six hundred tickets have been bought for the Big Beat Concert to be held in the City Theatre tonight.

The show, which is to start at 8 o'clock, is full of Ireland's top talent in beat.

Skid Row will be guests. They have been voted Ireland's top beat group.

Tonight they will get a great welcome.

Buses are coming from Nenagh, Clare and Tipperary and it would be advisable to go as early as possible to the show.

Another top group to appear tonight will be Tim Lizzy, from Dublin.

Limerick's latest beat group, Jimmi Skinner, will also be appearing, along with Honey Sweet.

Mike Rave will be D.J. There are still some tickets on sale in Trudy's Boutique.

Tickets will also be on sale at the City Theatre before the show tonight.

Full coverage of the show will appear in next week's "Scene Around" page.

Donald Finnicke ("La Boheme" soprano who will play "Mimi" in "La Boheme" (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday); Neilson Taylor, a baritone who plays "The Barber of Seville"); Edna Graham, a soprano ("La Boheme"); Limerick's leading baritone, Michael McCann, who plays "Marcel" in "La Boheme," and Hilda Moore, contralto ("The Barber of Seville").

The producer is Mr. Eamonn Henry, one of the founder members of the Limerick Choral and Operatic Society in 1957.

The conductor of "La Boheme" is Mr. Anthony Hose (London).

The conductor for "The Barber of Seville" is Mr. John Brennock, formerly of the Army School of Music.

Mr. John McKenzie, vice-president, welcomed the guests to the reception, and paid a tribute to the press and sponsors, and to the management of the Savoy for the excellent meal.

Sensational headings

The Spring issue of Studies (Talbot Press; 7/6 plus tax), has a wide variety of interesting reading. The first article is a long report on the Bishop's Synod, last October, written by Fr. Patrick O'Connor, the Columban priest-journalist, whose accounts of the Korean War won him world-wide recognition.

This article is noteworthy for the series of extracts from Bishop's speeches, which help the layman to understand what the Synod was all about. One story told by Fr. O'Connor shows how easily mistranslation can lead to sensational headings about Church affairs in the world's newspapers.

Serving as an Air Traffic Controller, Flight Sergeant joined the R.A.F. in 1955. Mrs. W. Boleman, live a Limerick, Eire. Flight S also served with the R.A.F. in Singapore by his children—three sons.

EMIGRANTS' RE-UNIONS IN LONDON

MOST REV. Dr. Thomas Morris, D.D., Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, will be attending the following emigrants' reunions in London:

Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Tuesday, April 8, at the Irish Centre Camden Town.

Oola, Solphead, Emly, Palla and Doon, Wednesday, April 9, Tipperary and Bansha, Thursday, April 10.


Annacotty, Donohill, Knockavilla and Cappawhite, Friday April 11.

The three latter functions will be held at the Cavendish Rooms (Spotted Dog), Willesden, London N.W.2

A list of those invited has been forwarded to all concerned, and they and their friends are invited to attend.



Skid Row star at the City Theatre to-night.



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