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## Rock and folk gig

Preparations are well under way for the first annual Limerick Rock and Folk Charity Gig to be held at the Markets Field on Sunday, August 28th, at 3 p.m., says former T.D., Mr. Steve Coughlan, chairman of the organising committee. Former lead guitarist with Horslips, Johnny Fean, who is with Zen Alligators, will be present, as will Brush Shiels, the re-formed Grannies Intentions and Limerick's up and coming band, The Outfit.

All the artistes taking part are doing so free of charge to help raise money for charity. The vice-chairman of the event is Mr. Charlie Haran; secretary, Ms. Anne O'Dwyer, and assistant secretary, Mr. Barney Ryan. Tickets will be on sale shortly at Tots to Teens, Patrick Street.

Spring tides and the dry spell combined this week to leave the 20-ton barge, Voe IV, high and dry on Carraig na mBo in the Deel Estuary. The barge is owned by Bill Hanlon and David Floyd of Foynes, who purchased it recently. It was used during the construction work on the jetty at Aughinish. The 240 horse-power vessel was refloated and brought to Foynes, where it will be repainted.

□ Picture:  
OWEN SOUTH.



## LEADER BRIEFING

### 3rd level soon a thing of the past?

By LEADER REPORTER

THIRD level education may become a thing of the past for many young people in Limerick city and county, according to a survey conducted by the Union of Students of Ireland.

Referring to the recent changes in grant requirements for third level VEC colleges, the USI point out that the majority of young

### Opening of restaurant

A fully licensed restaurant, "The Jolly Prawn," opens at the Atlantic Hotel, Kilkee, this Sunday.

The hotel, which was closed for three years, was recently fully renovated, and is now operating under its new owner, Mr. Jan Kaminski. Situated on the seafont, it has 95 modern double rooms. A disco club will be held on each Saturday and Sunday night.

The first of many concerts scheduled for the hotel will take place on this Friday night, July 15, featuring the Furey Brothers.

### Injured in cliff fall

# HAILS STORI MID-W SWEL'



"On one of my stays back in Dublin I worked with an advertising agency and was responsible for all the ads on the side of CIE buses around the country," she said.

"I went to Japan to write a series of articles for an American publication and one of my articles dealt with Sumo wrestling, which is the national sport. I was also commissioned at that time to write about Alcatraz, where Al Capone was imprisoned," said Elizabeth.

Between times she lived in Mexico, Canada and then Hawaii, where she taught at a private school for boys. Three years ago she joined the World Bank in Washington as an executive's assistant. And at night she lectures at the Catholic University of America

University that has been compiled on her works, and Georgetown University in Washington have now commissioned me to expand on my thesis. I will be back in Ireland for five weeks and I would like to hear from any persons who have any papers or anecdotes about Kate O'Brien or who knew her. I will devote three or four years in my own time on this research. Anybody who would like to contact me, can do so by phoning Limerick 28364 or 51120.

The World Bank have paid my fare back for my five weeks holiday, as it is their policy to ensure that non-American staff keep in touch with their home culture."

She said that from living in the U.S. she had learned a new zest for life as the Americans have a

## Granny's good Intentions for good cause

THEY were the most successful pop band ever to come out of Limerick, making a name for themselves all over Europe. Yet the members of the Granny's Intentions never made money.

"Many people thought we were making a fortune, but I can tell you none of us made any money out of the group," reflected guitarist Johnny Hockley this week.

They rose to fame overnight with a hit single, lived in Dublin and London and toured parts of Europe on three occasions.

"We never had any money in our pockets. Everything was paid for. If I saw a pants I liked in a shop, I would have to ask our manager if it was alright to have it."

They rose to fame overnight with a hit single, lived in Dublin and London and toured parts of Europe on three occasions.

"We really lived rough," added Cha. "We were all 16 and lived in a flat in Leeson Street."

### Hammock

"I used to sleep in a hot press with a hammock. It was really that bad. There were no beds," he added.

"I think we had one bed alright," said Johnny. "I remember four of us piling into it."

But success came and the Granny's Intentions with the clean look — none of them drank or got involved with drugs — became one of the most successful groups in the country.

They had a fanatical following. "There was a tremendous demand for us to play and we played six nights a week," said Cha.

After making it in Ireland it was off to London. They stayed there for three years and toured Great Britain, Germany, France. It was all go.

The Limerick band's first big hit was "Story of David", which they wrote while down in Hyde Park one day.

"The manager was on the phone to us one day and asked us had we anything. We sang it to him over the phone and that is the Story of David," explained Johnny.

This was followed up with another success, "Never An Everyday Thing", "Take Me Back" and the L.P., "Honest Injun".

From 1965 to 1970 the group stuck together. "We were young and innocent but learned an awful lot about life," added Johnny.

They all went their different ways. Johnny is now very much into the classical guitar and studied under Alirio Diaz, recognised as one of the top classical guitarists in the world.

Johnny was one of eight guitarists from all over the world to be chosen to have "master classes" with the great Diaz.

"He really is not receiving the recognition here in Limerick that he deserves. He is truly a great guitarist," said Cha.

### Concert

Most of the group are still involved in the music business in one way or another with notably Johnny Duhan having plenty of success as a singer/songwriter in recent times.

Now for the first time in 15 years the group are to get back together again. They are heading a major charity concert at the Market's Field on Sunday, August 28.

"We are hoping to see many of our old fans who are now parents of teenager sons and daughters, at the concert to relive the good old days," said Cha.

The group were persuaded to come together, because of the

nature of the special concert, which is to raise funds for several local charities, including Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Millford House Hospice building fund and the Army and Garda Benevolent fund.

Also in the line-up at the concert will be Brush Sheils, formerly of Skid Row; Johnny Fean, formerly of Horslips and now with Zen Alligators; Village, the well-known Limerick group; Rake 'n Ramblers Folk Group; Blaze, and The Outfit.

"Stewarding will be very strict and we will be ensuring that everything is run properly," stated former Mayor Steve Coughlan, one of the organisers.

RTE Radio 2 are promoting the concert. Souvenir programmes which have been well supported by local business people will be distributed free at the concert which is being hosted by Mike McNamara. Tickets are available at Star Discs, Patrick Street, John Murhane, Spaight's, £1 for adults and 50 pence for children.

### AN ROINN POIST AGUS TELEGRAFA

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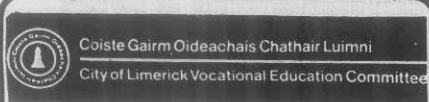
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Scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination.

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Conditions of Award and Application Forms are available from the undersigned.

Latest date for receipt of completed application forms is **Friday, 9th September, 1983.**

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water, Ardacrusha, rests with her dog, Suzy, on a sunny day walk in the glorious sunshine.

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The spokesman also welcomed Mayor Terry Kelly's commitment to cleaning up Limerick's litter problem.

## Anxious

Mr. Sean Griffin, chairman of the association, said that they were anxious that any anti-litter campaign will not be aimed at the city centre only.

"If the litter problem is to be beaten then the schools and the local areas are the places to start," he said.

He also thanked the Corporation for their co-operation in supplying skips in Southill. He also revealed that the association are to issue a special anti-litter poster in the near future.

The association has also called on people to report anyone, even neighbours, who cause litter.

Litter has been a major problem in Limerick's largest housing estate for some years, but now it is the residents' intention to set an example for other areas to follow.

A spokesman said that with a bit of effort and commitment from other residents' associations the litter problem could be curbed.

## ruled out by local punters.

Voting will take place at The Dalcassian Hall, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., this Wednesday. This is the third successive election organised by St. Mary's Parish Handicapped Committee. Again this year the proceeds—derived from an immediate post-election Mayor's installation social dance—will be devoted by the committee to helping the parish's adult and juvenile handicapped persons.

Mrs. Mary McGrath and Mrs. Teresa Delahunty-Ryan, treasurer and secretary, respectively, said the committee is already planning to take 20 of the parish's handicapped persons on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1984—as they successfully did, last year.

Recently, the committee organised a highly enjoyable bus outing to Kilkee for 50 juvenile and adult handicapped fellow parishioners. "We wish to thank the many local people whose generosity helped to make it such an enjoyable seaside outing for our handicapped fellow parishioners," Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Delahunty-Ryan added.

They emphasise that help is always generously available from local people for the various events they organise to help local handicapped persons—or entertain their young fellow-residents.

They specially want to thank their Irish Army fellow parishioner, Tony Loughrey, and his fellow 12th Battalion Physical Culture Team soldiers, who gave a spectacular exhibition of their gymnastic skills to hundreds of St. Mary's Park Estate children last week.

In order to ensure adequate funds to aid all the handicapped persons, the committee is currently conducting a silver circle draw and are collecting further funds through donation bottles in local taverns.

The other St. Mary's Parish Handicapped Committee officers and members are: Mr.

is concerned. "Our tee's aims and effect the welfare of all the persons of the Old and its modern suburb bally area," they pointed out.

The St. Mary's Parish Handicapped Committee will traditionally impress this month's religious St. Mary, Patron of ceremonies, at the church and The Shrine, at St. Mary's.

**THE Small Firm** recently surveyed a small number of firms to ascertain their views on the constraints to small business profitability. 100 firms were surveyed and the response was 70 per cent.

In summary, the survey indicates that the assistance available to smaller firms is inadequate and their effectiveness is hampered by government policies which create excessive demand on management time and proportionate and costly to small firms, and (3) per cent.

While a solution to these problems can only be found over time, the survey believes that the Government should step in to formulate economic policies, giving priority to the productive sector. It regrets that the Government's joint commission on small businesses is due to examine the Government legislation affecting smaller firms.

The survey reflects the response to the survey offered by the I.A.G. Agencies. Good news is available for companies and further developments, however, criticism is directed at the bureaucracy in the area.

## Congrats!

Mr. Ted Russell, chairman of Limerick Harbour Commissioners, has written on behalf of the Commissioners to the Harland and Wolffs shipyard congratulating them on securing an order to build four container ships.

## BIG CONCERT AT MARKETS FIELD

Tickets for the giant nostalgic Charity concert "Back Trackin'", at the Markets Field on August 28th, are now on sale at Star Discs, in Patrick Street.

The concert, which will see Limerick's most successful group of the '60's, "Granny's Intentions" together again, has been organised to raise funds for several local charities, including St. Vincent de Paul, Little Company of Mary Hospice Fund, and the Garda and Army Benevolent Funds.

Work on the concert is progressing well, under the chairmanship of former Mayor of Limerick, Mr. Steve Coughlan.

The programme includes Brush Shields, formerly of "Skid Row"; Limerickman, Johnny Fean, of "Horslips" fame; the well known Limerick group "Village", "Rake and Ramblers" folk group, and Limerick's up and coming band, "Blaze and the Outfits".

The concert is produced by Ian Wilson of Radio 2 and hosted by Mike McNamara.

## Two bodies taken from river

Two Limerick men drowned in separate incidents in the city over the weekend.

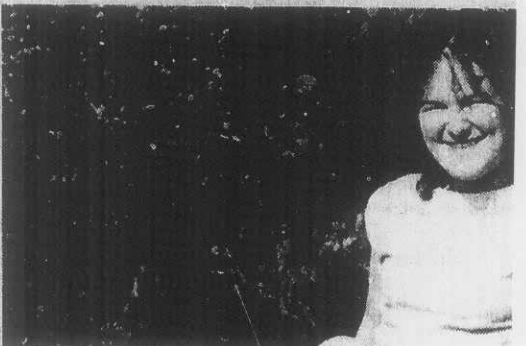
The body of a 55-year-old Limerick city man was taken from the Abbey River near Barrington's Hospital on Sunday. It is believed that he fell into the river late on Saturday night. He was identified as Mr. Sean Molloy, of Lee Park Estate. Mr. Molloy, who was single, lived with his father and sister.

A second body was taken from the Shannon, near the docks, on Saturday evening, and has been identified as Mr. Thomas Mulcahy of Mun-

## Allocated to institutions

A total of £23,000 has been allocated to three institutions in Limerick by the Department of Health to extend their facilities in the city.

Ald. Frank Prendergast, T.D., has been informed by Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Health, that £5,000 is to be issued to the Moyross Community Council towards a Community Centre; £8,000 to CURA, Limerick, towards the cost of purchasing a house; £10,000 to the King's Island Community Centre towards the cost of erecting a Terrapin premises on a site provided by Limerick Corporation.



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## Rock concert is a top hit



Limerick's successful band, Granny's Intentions, on stage yesterday at the Markets Field charity concert and (bottom picture) an admirer.

FOLLOWING yesterday's highly successful first ever open air rock concert in Limerick, calls have been made to make it an annual event.

And chief organiser, former Labour T.D., Steve Coughlan, said after the concert that it was worth a second effort. Over 2,000 people packed the main stand of the Markets Field, both young and old, and the concert passed off without incident.

"Let this be an example to the rest of the country as to

what can be done when an event like this is properly organised," Mr. Coughlan said afterwards.

The concert was sponsored by RTE Radio 2, and D. J. Michael McNamara, who compared the show, said that he hoped that this would become an annual feature in Limerick.

### Pleasant

"The atmosphere here is so pleasant and there are people ranging in age from 4 to 64, it would be a tragedy if it were

not to be staged again," he said.

Over £3,000 was raised for local charities by the organising committee. Stewarding was provided by off duty soldiers from Sarsfield Barracks who also built the stage for the concert.

Several Gardaí were on duty inside the Markets Field but they were not called upon to take any action.

No bottles were allowed inside and refreshments in paper cups were provided inside.

Shops and hot dog stands

were opened by the organisers inside the grounds also.

The rock show got under way at around 3 p.m. when "Village" took to the boards as the crowd were still piling into the stands. They were followed by "Blaze" and the up and coming Limerick group, "The Outfit" drew tremendous reaction from the fans.

Dublinaer Brush Shells gave a display of showmanship that delighted the fans and his heavy metal guitar versions of "A Nation Once Again" and "The Green Fields of France" had the crowd delighted. He

was followed by Johnny Fean of Horslips fame.

The Rake N' Ramblers folk group came on stage before the appearance of "Granny's Intentions" — the highlight of the afternoon.

Back together for the first time in 15 years, this hit group of the '60's — they brought the crowd to their feet.

Johnny Duhan, lead vocalist, who at present is in the Radio 2 Top 30 with "It Could Happen To You", pranced Mick Jagger like across the stage to the delight of the crowd.

## Lectures on drink problem organised

CLARE Alcoholism Counselling Service will present one of the most vital series of lectures and discussion sessions at the offices of the Social Service Council, O'Connell Street, Ennis, commencing on Monday, September 5, and ending on Friday, September 9.

Entitled Alcoholism Consultancy Week in Clare, it will not be open to the general public but will be aimed at all those involved in dealing with the problems of alcoholism and so many others related to the disease.

It will be of particular interest to members of the medical profession, to social workers, personnel managers and, indeed, to all those in various walks of life who are dealing with these problems daily.

### Problem

The Alcoholism Counselling Service in Clare was introduced in 1978 and has done some remarkable work in tackling the whole complex problem of alcoholism and its dramatic effects on family life and, particularly, on all structures of the home environment.

The service is highly professional and confidential and offers not only consultation and counselling but support to individuals and to families. It also offers group help towards recovery and all the latest information and education on alcoholism.

Certainly, this is one of the vital services available under the umbrella of the Clare Social Service Council and runs a special alcoholism counselling programme.

## Shaun goes country style

FOR the first time in its history R.T.E. 1 will televise a live "Country Music Show" from the "Festival Dome," Tralee, on Thursday, September 1, during the "Rose of Tralee" Festival Week.

A host of top names in the Irish music field are listed including T. R. Dallas, Jessie and the James Boys, Ann Breen and her Band, Paddy Cole, Dermot Moriarty and Gypsy Fever, Two's Company, Tony Stevens, Susan McCann (1982 European Golden Star Award Winner), Philomena Begley (1983 European Golden Star Award Winner) and Limerick based singing star, Shaun O'Dowd. The show will be compered by R.T.E. D.J. Pádraig Mooney and promises to be one of the most spectacular shows ever screened by R.T.E.

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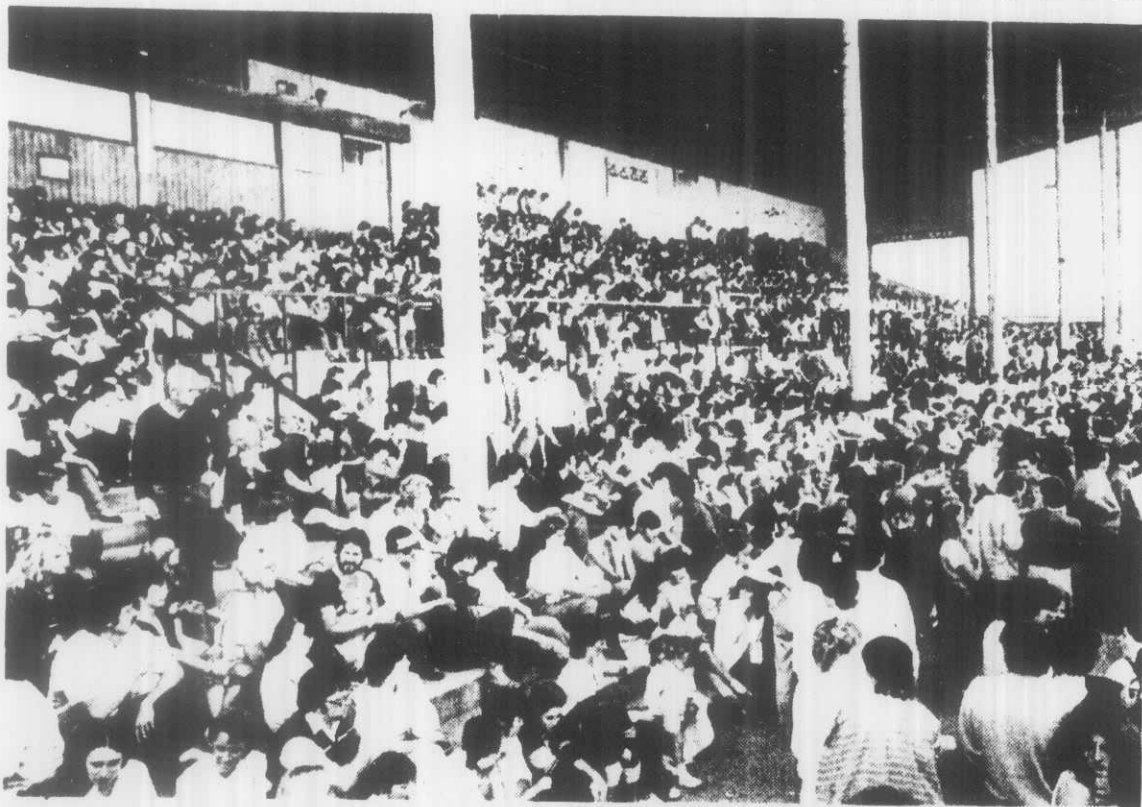
**Limerick Todds**



# WITH TWO BIG HAULS

**A young Kilmallock shop manager was knocked unconscious as he closing his premises in Shear Street last evening, and raiders got with £850 in cash.**

And thieves got away with a £10,000 haul from the home of a Limerick city businessman on 5 night.



A view of the large crowd at the Markets Field for the Charity Concert.  
Picture: OWEN SOUTH.

## Technology points to way out of recession

IN the 1982 Annual Report of the National Board for Science and Technology — the State-sponsored body responsible for scientific and technical activities — published recent

competitors in Europe seek to counter the recession by a heavy reliance on technology in their development planning," Mr. Hardiman stated. The Board says that the

developed to support rather than substitute for innovation in companies.

During 1982, the principal  
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Gerard O'Shea, 41, Hill, Bruree, who runs a supermarket in Shear Street was closing the shop at 9 p.m., when he was hit on the head.

He was knocked unconscious, and when he awoke the next day he found the days takings, an amount of approximately £850, had been taken. The shop is owned by his sister Marie.

The victim did not see the thieves, but he reported the break-in to Gardai John Donohue, who found him stunned when he called to the shop.

Gardai in Bruff and Limerick are investigating the crime.

Cash and valuables worth almost £10,000 were taken at a break in at the home of the city chef.

Thieves entered the home of Mr. Brian Hanrahan, 41, Henry Street, Dublin Road, at 9 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. Saturday night, Sunday morning by breaking a window.

They took £5,600 in Irish currency, £1,100 in sterling, jewellery worth £2,000 and a television set and a video.

Mr. Hanrahan, 41, Henry Street, Dublin Road, was at the Orchard Hotel in Dublin when he was alerted.

Gardai at Henry Street are investigating the crime.

The thieves gained entry by kicking in a window. Mr. Hanrahan was at home when he returned at 5 a.m. on Sunday morning to find his home ransacked by the