



In The Groove (from left): Bryan Healy, Brendan Wallace, Charlie Smyth, Paul Healy and Alan Cheevers.

NEWS LINES

Protest over rocky roads

Roads in the West Clare Peninsula, a favourite haunt of Limerick holidaymakers, are disintegrating, according to a local protest group at this week's meeting of Clare County Council.

Their spokeswoman, Mrs. Roseanne Harvey—who with her husband John owns the O'Curry Arms, Doonah—declared that the potholes, cracks and craters are devastating tourism and endangering livelihoods. And she warned of drastic action unless the roads are repaired.

Dramatic clean-up

Limerick Corporation is hoping for a dramatic improvement in the city's litter problem next week. They have enlisted the services of Theatre Omnibus.

The scheme will help increase public awareness of the problem. Instead of showing fairy tales on sunny beaches, the Theatre will be doing "modern miming" on the streets. The actors and actresses will be students from Crescent College drama group.

Television

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BORDERLINE

Limerick's leading rock group are going places

By LEADER REPORTER

IT'S A LONG WAY from the back room of the Mill Tavern on the Dock Road to playing before 60,000 music fans in Croke Park. But that's the rocky road young Limerick band The Groove will take when they play support to world-conquering U2 in June.

U2 are now the uncrowned kings of the music world and their Dublin concert in June is set to be the highlight of their current world tour.

Four bands will play in Croke Park, with U2 topping the bill. Two of the other bands, The Pogues and The Pretenders, have played big gigs before. Not so, however, the third band, Limerick's The Groove—the biggest crowd they have played to date is 700 in Close Encounters in Abbeyfeale.

Everything

But everything has changed for the Limerick rock quintet since they won the Borderline band of the year competition on RTE last Saturday. Over 600 groups from Ireland and Britain submitted original material for the contest. Six bands were chosen to appear on t.v. — five from Dublin and The Groove.

The city's musical reputation did not suffer one whit against the formidable Dublin opposition. The Shannonsiders won the day and the Dublin-based rock pun-dits flipped when The Groove were named winners.

And the prize, according to drummer Brendan Wallace from Jamesboro, "is something else again!"

The Groove will now have their original winning song *Blue, Blue Monday* recorded in the coming weeks in Dublin's Westland Studio under top producer Denis Woods. The EMI record company are to give it a massive hype when it is launched.

The boys got £2,000 in equipment and, last but not least, they play support to U2.

"The exposure for the group to play alongside U2 in Dublin will be great. Every music hack from here to Rangoon will be here for this gig", declared band manager Bobby O'Connell, also from Limerick.

Brendan Wallace and the

other band members — vocalist Paul Healy from Jamesboro, Alan Cheevers, vocals and guitar, from Granville; trumpet player Charlie Smyth from Rosbrin and bass player Bryan Healy from Hyde Road — are all determined to give Croke Park their best shot.

Many of the band's Limerick fans were very disappointed with the amount of time The Groove had to play on the Borderline band of the year programme. The show went on for 90 minutes yet the band were on for only about three minutes.

Just 12 months ago when The Groove needed a place to practise, Ger Fahey and Malachy Cosgrove of the Mill Tavern put the bar's back room at their disposal.

Work-to-rule at St. Joseph's

Members of the Psychiatric Nurses Association of Ireland in St. Joseph's Hospital began a work to rule this Friday in attempt to save the jobs of 17 nursing colleagues.

"Many of them are now being forced to emigrate in search of permanent employment after spending four and a half years at the hospital where they had the expectation that they would be awarded permanent positions at the conclusion of their training", stated Mr. David Ward, local branch secretary. He said that the nurses were initially employed in 1982 on foot of an agreement between management and the unions which resulted in a saving of £250,000 each year to the Health Board with the ending of overtime payments.

May Eve

The rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of hundreds of children from all over the city who celebrated bonfire night in style this Thursday. The fire brigade reported no problems. In Thomondgate, near the Shannon Development small business centre, youngsters had a fire still blazing at 9 a.m. this Friday. □ Pictures: page 15.

Ballad

"The Ballad of Ben Dinneen," by local painter, Jack Cantillon, has been recorded by the Rare 'n' Ramblers and will be sung this Friday night at a public meeting in Connolly Hall to celebrate May Day.

Club decide to fulfill ill-fated Junior Cup fixture



PLUCKY PIKE RVS WE WILL PLAY ON

By CONOR KEANE

PIKE ROVERS are to field a team to replay their drawn Munc Cup game with Middleton, the club's executive committee decided Thursday night in the wake of Sunday's coach crash.

Unanimous determination to see the cup campaign out in the face of adversity emanated from the club P.R.O. Mick Penny told the *Limerick Leader* this Friday.

"We are going to field 11 shirts for the replay with Middleton on Sunday week next on our home pitch in Crossagala", Mr. Penny added.

Only three of the 13 panel members who travelled to Cork on Sunday last will be fit to take the field for the replay — Tom O'Shaughnessy, Christy Coll and Robert Hennessy. All three travelled home by car.

The remainder of the team travelled in the ill-fated bus and are currently recovering from injuries.

Other clubs

However, Mr. Penny explained that an extraordinary general meeting of the clubs in the city will have to take place to allow Pike play players from the B and C panels for the remainder of the season.

With the indulgence of the local clubs, Pike hope to field 11 with other A players in the club, nine B players and the club's C panel.

Currently top of the Limerick Premier Division, Pike have five games to play with four points in hand.

"We were heading for our best season ever with our best team ever", commented Mr. Penny.

"The club have also taken legal advice about the consequences of the crash to club members as a result of the injuries sustained.

"We hope to be able to ensure that everyone knows what legal options are open to them", a club spokesman explained.

Mr. Penny said that the club owed a tremendous debt to the community for the assistance that was given to them following the crash. "We have received so many messages of support that it's just unbelievable from all sports in the city", he said.

Gratitude

"We would like to thank everyone, especially those who worked so hard to save lives on Sunday night. The staffs of Barrington's and the Regional — the doctors, nurses, radiologists and the people who handed out cups of coffee.

"The gardai were just fantastic and the Limerick Blood Transfusion Service, the ambulance men. But most of all we would like to thank the locals in Ballynanty who were simply magnificent. They did everything humanly possible", stated Mr. Penny.

Mr. Tony Hanley, 9 St. Laurence's Park, who died following the bus crash, was buried this Wednesday follow-

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City hospital closing a floor

By EUGENE PHELAN

THIS SUMMER, for the first time ever, Barrington's and Jo will each have a floor closed down for at least three months. It is decided definitely not to close Barrington's casualty or weekends. And Mr. Tim Kennedy, secretary/manager of Jo also revealed that to make further savings it has been decided theatre activities at weekends to emergencies.



Cratered pitch at Ballynanty.

BORD GAIS OFFSIDE IN MOYROSS, B'NANTY?

By LEADER REPORTER

PEOPLE in Ballynanty and Moyross are "irritated" with Bord Gais, who they claim have ruined one of the few playing pitches in the area.

"It has been left in a terrible state and people can't play there any more", complained Mr. Peter Cleary of 155 Cliona Park, Moyross, in reference to what is locally known as the "clinic" soccer pitch, a few yards from Thomond Park.

The men bringing natural gas to the area had to lay pipes, and Mr. Cleary and others claim that they have now left the pitch in a dangerous state.

Many others sat on the wall to watch. Mr. Cleary says that since the picture above was taken some grass sods were put over the rocks, but says that this has made little difference. Every evening locals in the area used play football and many others sit on the wall to watch.

"It is the only thing we have. We are all unemployed and it is the only pitch we can use", said Mr. Cleary.

No comment

While nobody in the gas company was available for comment, Deputy Willie O'Dea has made representations. He was told "that they would look into the matter straight away".

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