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hort supply. matter regarding a proper cary service at the Limerick ial Hospital was raised recently the Senate by Senator Dan Neville who stated: "In view of the number of deaths from heart complaints, surely the Mid-West region deserve to have a cardiologist?"

He called on the Minister for Health to immediately appoint a cardiologist at the hospital and the setting up of a specialist cardiology unit to serve the region.

"This appointment was recommended by Comhairle na nOspideal in their review of consultant manpower in the Mid-west. On the appointment, the Department of Health will be required to fund the setting up of a specialist cardiology department at an estimated cost of about £0.5 million," he added.

Senator Neville said that patients at present had to travel to Dublin or Cork if they had heart complaints. He said that the 1990 consultant statistics of Comhairle na nOspideal showed that this region had the most deficient service of any in the coun-

"The Mid-West contains 8.9 per cent of our population, but has just 6.1 per cent of the total consultant establishment The number of consultants per head of population in the Mid West is in the ratio of 1:4,600 compared with the national average of 1:3,200." he added.

He said that if there were to achieve the same consultant ratio as in the South, our nearest neighbour. an additional 25 to 30 posts would need to be created.

He stressed that the most important and urgent need was the appointment of a cardiologist.

Chris Flood, Minister of State at the Department of Health, said that the primary recommendation of the Comhairle na nOspideal report on

consultant manpower in this region was that formal structures should be established which would mould the consultant manpower into larger groupings where they could plan and organise themselves into multi-disciplinary teams to deliver the most effective services to patients in the

"It is envisaged that the Mid-Western Health Board would expand their range of specialist services so that with the exception of a relatively small number of specialties of a national dimension, for example cardiac surgery, neurosurgery and organ

transplantation, expertise in the full range of specialities would be available within the region."

The Comhairle report recommended four new specialities be introduced - cardiology, nephrology, haematology and dermatology.

"The appointment of a cardiologist is high on the Mid-Western Health Board's list of priorities. However, there would be significant cost associated with such an appointment, these including staffing costs of a catheterisation laboratory," said

## rank Sarsfield: Limerick answers

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Players, White Heather
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ever present Frank, presided over his beloved City Theatre stage like a colossus, meeting the whims, the sometimes almost impossible demands of directors, players, musical directors, the public to ensure as only the great stage managers can, that from rise to fall of curtain

in the City Theatre.

being organised by the Limerick fund raising committee of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, To his wife, Vera; daugh-Crumlin.

The hospital is the national referral hospital for seriously ill children —JACK BOURKE (formerly of City Theatre, Limerick) from all over the country and is also the national organ transplant centre

> Over 100,000 children attend each year. The hospital now

A JUMBO barbecue

and a tennis classic are

urgently requires a CAT scanner on site to provide vital information for doctors and surgeons in their fight against serious childhood disorders, such as tumours, heart disease, spinal disease, severe head

injuries and infections and

committee, Kate Sheehan and Ralph Parkes.

traumatic injuries. The total cost of the scanner is £1.2m.

This includes the scanner, a special building to house it and the cost of training personnel to staff

Over the past year £600,000 has been raised nationwide with Limerick contributing £22,000 last

row (left to right): Bill O'Donovan, Betty Morrissey, Michael Murphy, Halen Tuchy, a member of the Dublin fund-raising

Continuing on their success a fund raising committee has been established again this year under the chairmanship of Michael Morrissey.

The main events being organised are the barbecue on Friday September 4 at Thomond Park and a tennis classic the following day.

In addition members of the uniformed services will come together to cycle the length and breath of Ireland to raise funds.

This cycle will come through the city on Friday September 18. Sale of Second S form of equipment which can provide three dimensional images of achild's body structure

abdomen. It can instantly provide surgeons with information which can not only be obtained by invasive procedures or even investigătive surgery.

including brain, chest and

The provision of a CAT scanner at our Lady's Hospital will mean that seriously sick children will no longer have to be

transported sometimes under sedation to adult hospitals throughout the city where both the equipment and the environment designed for adults are alien to a child.

The following are the members of the committee: Michael Morrissey, chairman; Fiona Casey, secretary; Niall Barkman, treasurer; Kate Sheehan, PRO; Jackie Cassidy, Bill Donovan, John Glynn, Anne Glynn, Michael Murphy, Betty Morrissey, Ralph Parkes, Helen Tuohy, Gerry Laing and Fr Joe Young.



Kathleen Burke, Raheen, Croagh, and Gerard Geansy, Reens East, Ardagh, who were married at Croagh Church. Picture: BAKER PHOTOGRAPHY The organising committee (seated left to right): Niall Barkman, Michael Morrissey, Mayor Quinn and Flona Casey. Back

## O'Connor chief to be installed

A NEW bloodline Chieftain of O'Connor Kerry, whose forebears reigned over Kerry from the first century, has been found in Co. Cork, after a search of many years and will be inaugurated in a ceremony, at Carrigafoyle Castle, Ballylongford, at the end of the month.

· He is Conor Mountifort Connor, of The Manse, Bandon, Co. Cork. He is descended from Phillip, blood relative of John O'Connor, of Carrigafoyle



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## BY ANTHONY (

THERE has been a dra in the number of calls Samaritans this month them being what the c would term "serious". I holiday season has bro spate of depression and

People in a depresse often pushed to the edge see friends and family days, leaving them alone

The organisation, wh confidential counselling individuals, say that Ang their busiest months-a the number of serious c rocketed.

In recent weeks there number of suicides an suicides in the city Samaritans flying squad, people who are in imme of killing themselves, is out on average once ever

A spokesperson sai should be decriminalis remove the stigma, and help bring down the nu

SUICIDE is painless, the song says. But nobody sings of the forgotten victims of suicide, the surviving family and friends

The pain endures for years, as they are forn by guilt, despair and loneliness (writes Anthony Galvin).

Each man's life, said Robert Louis Stephenson, is the peg that holds together a number of casual friend-

ships. Suicide violently rams out that peg, not only sundering those casual friendships bu driving a rift through fami lies, as the recriminations begin. Who could have said something, done something to prevent a loved one tak ing the appalling decision t end their life?

end their life?
Ten years ago: Jacki