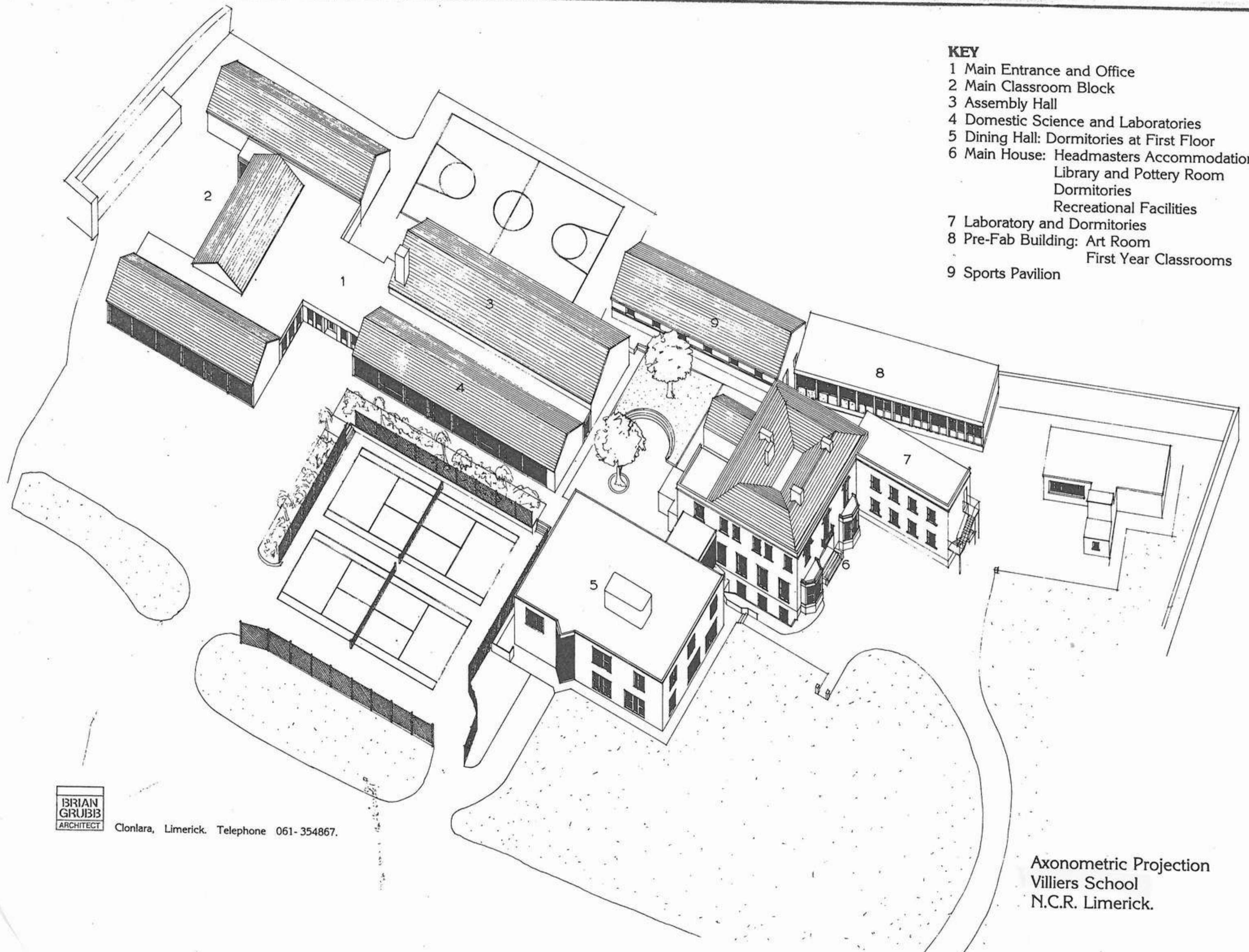


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- 2 Main Classroom Block
- 3 Assembly Hall
- 4 Domestic Science and Laboratories
- 5 Dining Hall: Dormitories at First Floor
- 6 Main House: Headmasters Accommodation  
Library and Pottery Room  
Dormitories  
Recreational Facilities
- 7 Laboratory and Dormitories
- 8 Pre-Fab Building: Art Room  
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- 9 Sports Pavilion



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in the work of the Church.

The Governors admit a limited number of orphans (girls) as boarders to the school, free of charge, and may also admit other orphans at reduced fees, this being in accordance with the scheme already referred to.

The National School adjoining the Widows' Homes has about 21 pupils and is in the charge of Mrs. Nellie Muspratt, widow of Mr. Frank Muspratt, Organist of St. Mary's Cathedral for 47 years, and it is interesting to note in passing that Mr. Muspratt's immediate predecessor was his father-in-law, Mr. Handel Rogers, who was organist of the Cathedral for about 50 years.

Mr. W. J. Paul was headmaster of the National School for many years. He came from Raphoe in the year 1887 and died in Limerick on 30th October, 1917. His widow and family left Limerick in January, 1918. Mr. Paul, who published an anthology of Irish poets was Precentor of the Choir from 1887 to 1896. He had a family of ten, all born in Limerick. The eldest, Robert James, left Limerick for Trinidad in January, 1913.

The inscription on the front of the Widows' Homes reads as follows :—

“These Alms Houses and Schools endowed by Hannah Villiers were erected by her Trustees, the Rev. John Duddell and the Rev. John Pinkerton, A.D. 1826.”

St. Munchin's Church referred to was rebuilt in the year 1827 by the Rev. John Duddell, Rector from 1791 to 1841. He was born in England and is interred under the Church.

#### THE LATE MRS. MARY JANE BANNATYNE'S BEQUEST, £500

This is now £577 17s. 0d. 3½% War Stock. The income to be used for General Church purposes and Zenana Mission.

The original bequest was received on 12th July, 1907. Mrs. Bannatyne, who died on 12th November, 1906, at Bath, was the widow of Alexander Bannatyne of Woodstown, Lisnagry, a son of James Bannatyne, Senr. (Woodstown is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Goodbody,

in Germany and was a fluent German speaker. She was a Candidate B.A. of the Royal University of Ireland. She is the widow of Alister Macleod and resides in the old home of her father at Boyle. Frances Maud Watson is the wife of Canon A. E. M. Hewetson-Jones of St. Munchin', Limerick, and is a Graduate of the Royal University of Ireland. Another daughter of the Rev. John Watson is Mrs. Edith Adelaide Wilson, wife of Mr. Henry Wilson of Corbally, Limerick.

The Rev. John Watson was a Graduate of Queens College, Belfast. He was over 50 years Minister of Boyle Presbyterian Church and for many years Clerk of the Connaught Presbytery; he was also a Moderator of the Synod of Dublin. He founded two schools in Boyle, one under the National Board and one under the Intermediate Board of Education. These schools functioned until quite recently and were attended by Protestants of all denominations.

Miss Amy Isabel Watson succeeded Miss Sarah Harrison, sister of the late Rev. S. Lyle Harrison, B.A., one-time Minister of Castlebellingham; and aunt of the Rev. A. Lyle Harrison, B.A., late of Fortwilliam Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

Miss Lisle Boyd, B.A., of Limavady, who was Headmistress for many years, until about 9 years ago, was a sister of the late Rev. Mr. Boyd, Presbyterian Minister of Kells, Co. Meath.

The late Miss Edna Scott, daughter of the late Rev. Richard Scott, Presbyterian Minister of Ennis, was Matron of the School and Head of the Kindergarten Department from August, 1937, to the date of her death, 23rd October, 1942, and during that time the school progressed substantially and the number of girl boarders increased by twenty-four.

Her sister, Miss Jessie Scott, is the present matron of the School.

Another Presbyterian on the staff for many years was Miss Evelyn Eager, Dundalk, now of Rosleven School, Athlone. Miss Eager, who was an old scholar, left Limerick about four years ago. She was Secretary and Treasurer of the Presbyterian Girls' Auxiliary and took an active part



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FitzGibbon and the Right Honourable John Naish (the Judicial Commissioners constituted by the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885) and approved by the Privy Council.

The present Governors are :—

EX OFFICIO :

The Rev. Canon A. E. M. Hewetson-Jones, M.A.  
(Chairman),  
Rector of St. Munchin's Church  
and

The Rev. Wm. Moore Cargin, M.A. (Secretary),  
Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

REPRESENTATIVE :

Miss C. M. Delmege, Castlepark  
(St. Munchin's Church)  
and

Mr. Hugh Lilburn, Belle Vue  
(Presbyterian Church).

CO-OPTED :

Captain E. R. Shaw, M.C. (Church of Ireland),  
Ballinacurra House  
(Director W. J. Shaw & Sons, Ltd., Bacon Curers)  
and

Mr. S. J. K. Roycroft (Presbyterian), Quinsborough  
(Managing Director, Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd.).

The Secondary School is situated in Henry Street and is carried on under co-educational principals, but originally it had separate departments for boys and girls. At present there are over 70 pupils, of whom about 25 are boarders. They receive a good education under the Headmastership of the Rev. G. H. J. Burrows, M.A., H.Dip.Ed., and his staff.

Over twenty years ago there were on the staff two sisters, Miss Amy Isabel Watson and Miss Frances Maud Watson, B.A., daughters of the Rev. John Watson, B.A., Presbyterian Minister of Boyle, Co. Roscommon (who died about 25 years ago). They were appointed to the staff in the year 1906. Miss Amy Isabel was Headmistress of the Girls' School. Before coming to Limerick she spent three years

Mrs. Hannah Villiers, a wealthy Presbyterian, relict of Edward Villiers of Kilpeacon (High Sheriff of Limerick in the year 1820), died in Middlesex. By her will dated 3rd August, 1819, she founded Villiers Schools in Henry Street, The Widows' Homes and National Schools, adjacent to St. Munchin's Church in Nicholas Street. She also left bequests to several charities in the City and County of Limerick.

The Rev. P. FitzGerald and J. J. McGregor, in their History of Limerick (1827) refer to the Widows' Homes and Schools in Nicholas Street, as follows :—

“ Among others, there is now erecting, under the superintendence of the elder Mr. Pain, adjoining St. Munchin's Churchyard, a very handsome structure of hammered stone, beautifully and classically ornamented with Gothic members, which comprises three sides of a square open to the West : the centre is ornamented with a clock and cupola. This noble structure is intended as an asylum for Protestant, or Presbyterian Widows, who will each receive £24 per annum, besides most comfortable accommodation, consisting of three bedrooms each : there are also to be two schools within the premises, one on the right and the other on the left, in the rere, for males and females. The ground was purchased by the late Mrs. Villiers several years before her decease : the cost of the building, which is nearly completed, will be between £3,000 and £4,000 : the annuity of the Widows, twelve at £24 each, £288 per year : besides salaries to school masters and mistresses and servants.

Mrs. Villiers was a native of the City of Limerick and the only child of an opulent gentleman of the name of Scott, and maternally related to the Tuthill family. By Mrs. Villiers' Will, her own relatives (if any apply) are to be preferred as pensioners on this establishment.”

(An Edward Villiers of Kilpeacon was elected a Member of Parliament in 1761 and Mayor of Limerick in 1762).

The first Trustees were The Rev. John Duddell, Rector of St. Munchin's, and The Rev. John Pinkerton, Presbyterian Minister. The Institutions are now carried on by Governors under a scheme dated 21st December, 1889, framed and signed by the Right Honourable Gerald

About that time the Congregation had been considering the question of adding a storey to the Manse in Glentworth Street, as it was not large enough for Dr. Wilson's family.

The Minister succeeding Dr. Wilson was the Rev. R. H. Semple (1895), and he first lived at 25 Barrington Street, the commodious premises at the corner of Barrington Street and O'Connell Avenue, now occupied by the City Club, and later he removed to 80 George Street, now O'Connell Street (the residence of his father-in-law, Thomas A. Ferguson), at present owned by Mrs. W. T. Savin, where he lived until his retirement in the year 1919.

On the installation of the Rev. A. W. Neill (1919) the Congregation rented a furnished house in Eden Terrace, North Circular Road, and in October, 1920, the present Manse, situated at the corner of Verona Esplanade and O'Connell Avenue, was purchased, and was first occupied by the Rev. A. W. Neill, and then successively by the Rev. G. A. McIlhatton and the Rev. W. M. Cargin ; the last-named removed to a house purchased by himself, known as "1 Lansdowne Villas," Ennis Road, a year or two after his installation in the year 1933. The present Manse in O'Connell Avenue has been let by the Congregation since then. It will, no doubt, interest the present members of the Congregation to learn that the proceeds of the sale of the old Church and Manse (in Glentworth Street) in the year 1904 were not required by the Congregation until 16 years later, when the Verona Esplanade Manse was purchased. In the meantime the money was invested.

#### ENDOWMENTS AND GIFTS TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LIMERICK

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Minister	...	...	...	...	£84	16	0.
Church Funds	...	...	...	...	5	5	0.
Poor of Congregation, per Minister	...	...	...	...	7	2	7
Poor of Limerick, per Minister	...	...	...	...	4	3	5

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nothing of that nature. There is nothing against them before and they are all very respectable young boys.

### "BLACKGUARDISM."

The Justice told the defendants that the charges against them were ones under which they could be sent to prison for six months. Their conduct on the occasion was nothing short of pure unadulterated blackguardism. They were entitled to play all the games they liked on condition that they did not obstruct traffic or assault people.

"If you come here again," he said, "you will not get away with it. I will fine each of you £1."

## New School For Prospect

Steps are being taken to build a new national school in the Prospect area of the city. This school will replace Leamy's in Hartstonge Street, which is to be closed down.

In the Dail this week the Minister for Education, General Mulcahy, told Ald. J. Carew (F.G.) that the sketch plans for the proposed new school at Ballincurra East, near the new housing area at Prospect to replace the present Leamy's National School, had been prepared by the Manager's (Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's) architect and were being considered by the Commissioners of Public Works, who hoped to be able to furnish a report as to their suitability at an early date.

He was unable to say when work on the construction of the new school was likely to be commenced.

## HAD THE WIRELESS SET ON TRIAL

Summoned for being found in possession of an unlicensed wireless set, Michael Mooney, of Feakle, Co. Clare, said at Tulla District Court yesterday that he had the set on trial for a week when a postal official called and told him licence it, which he did in a few days. Then a long time afterwards he got a summons.

Justice Gordon Hurley said the whole trouble was that a postal official had to attend Court from Limerick to prove the offence. That expense could have been avoided if the defendant had been properly advised. The official claimed £2 5s. but he would allow only £1 and dismiss the case under the Probation Act.

## FRANCISCAN

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

No year passes without some big pilgrimage from Limerick to Knock Shrine. Already preparations are going ahead for the

charge of failing to stop and disqualified defendant from driving for four weeks. He found the charge of dangerous driving proved, but dismissed it under the Probation Act.

## Dr. Hodges Opens New School

Right Rev. Dr. E. C. Hodges, Protestant Bishop of Limerick, formally opened yesterday evening the new Villiers Secondary School, in the North Circular Road. Following closing down of the old school in Henry Street, the Board of Governors purchased premises, standing on their own grounds, in the North Circular Road.

Before the opening ceremony the annual prize distribution took place in the Presbyterian Hall, by Professor T. Finnegan, M.A., LL.D., President of the Magee University College, Derry. The Ven. Archdeacon Hewetson-Jones, M.A., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided.

In the evening a Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Mary's Cathedral, at which the special preacher was the Bishop of Killmore, the Rt. Rev. F. J. Mitchell.

## B.B.C. ENGAGEMENT FOR LIMERICK MUSICIAN

Norman Metcalfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Metcalfe, Limerick, has been selected by the B.B.C. to lead his trio in a broadcast series, entitled "Search for a Song," heard every Friday evening at 7 o'clock. He will also give B.B.C. broadcasts on the 22nd and 24th March in two "Workers' Playtimes," on the Home Service.

Norman Metcalfe has been heard on numerous occasions from Radio Eireann, and his trio comprises the Hammond organ, piano and drums.

## NEITHER APPEARED

At Tulla District Court yesterday William Lynch, of O'Callaghan's Mills, was summoned for driving a motor car with only one front light and no rear light. The case had been adjourned from the previous court for the attendance of a solicitor. Neither solicitor nor defendant appeared yesterday and Justice Gordon Hurley imposed a fine of £3.

## THE LATE MR. MICHAEL J. LENIHAN

In a report appearing in our last week-end issue of the funeral of Mr. Michael J. Lenihan, 40 Patrick Street, Limerick, the name of Rev. T. J. Lyons, C.C., St. Michael's, was inadvertently omitted. He was deceased at the solemn Requiem

Limerick). Junior Slip Jig—1, M. Killa (McGuigan); 2, M. Butler (do. Intermediate Hornpipe—1, Philpott (Hall, Cork); 2, J. O'R (Kane, Dublin).

Four Hand Jig—1, M. Guiney class (Hall, Cork); 2, M. Re and class (Fitzgerald, Limerick). Any Six Hand Figure Dance B. Walsh and class (Fitzgerald, Limerick); 2, A. Lynch class (O'Rourke).

Boys' Double Jig and Hornpipe—1, J. Cullinane (Cullen School, Cork); 2, J. Reddin (Fitzgerald School, Limerick).

## New Trial Ordered In Libel Action

A new trial was ordered costs of his appeal awarded to the reserved judgment was today by the Supreme Court, in the appeal brought Patrick Kavanagh, novelist, journalist, Pembroke Road, Dublin. Mr. Kavanagh appealed from judgment of the High Court dismissing his action against Leader Ltd., Dublin, and A (1952) Ltd., Drogheda, claiming damages for alleged libel.

He had claimed damages against "The Leader Ltd." as publisher and against "Argus Ltd." as publishers of a "Profile" of him which had been published in "Leader" of October 11th, 1952. He was, he said, defamatory of the jury had found that article was not defamatory of and judgment was given for Leader Ltd. and "Argus" with costs.

One of the grounds of the appeal was that no reasonable person ought to have made such a finding.

Other grounds were that the court had not apprehended real issues to be tried and been influenced by considerations not legally applicable in making that finding and that the findings of the jury had been against evidence and had been perverse.

## THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—Let us hope the male personnel for the new Regional Hospital will be selected from many unemployed married men with families in the city county. From a Christian charitable point of view, they will serve more sympathy than hundreds of able-bodied men who will be seeking the posts.

Thanking you for publication,  
Yours faithfully,

"UNEMPLOYED MAN'S VOICE"

## OIL REFINERY SITES

Replying in the Dail to a question about the location of a

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\* **VILLIERS SCHOOL**

At the annual meeting of Villiers' Past Pupils' Association, held at Villiers' School, N C Road, Limerick, the following officers were elected: president, Cecil V Dean; chairman, W Trevor Morrow; hon sec, Averil O'Grady; hon treas, Echlin Stanley. Committee: John Pomeroy, G A Trousdell, N P D Fogerty, Mrs D Fitzgerald, John Read, Miss A Stanley.

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A Political Week

THE popularity of the British Labour Party would seem to have reached all time low ... In two of the constituencies, Mr. Wilson had the mortification of seeing majorities of ... turned into deficits resulting in the loss of both seats, ... in the third instance the Labour majority was reduced ... We do not know all the circumstances ... almost certain that a general election there would ... present time see a return of a Conservative Government. As far as this country ... concerned shock election results are a rarity. It is seldom ... there is any great shifting of power from one side to the other, even though there are occasional changes in political allegiances. The reason is, of course, that our electoral system, conducted on the basis of Proportional Representation simply does not permit of landslide results. It has ... been argued that this system militates against any party having a comfortable majority, and tends to create instability, but peculiarly enough history has shown that it has worked out reasonably well.

MR. DE VALERA wanted to ... P.R., but when the ... went to a referendum the people rejected the idea. Now it is scarcely a secret that ... which at that time ... any change in the electoral system, has been ... second thoughts, and ... round to the view- point that it stands a better chance of attaining office by a ... such as the single trans- formable vote than under P.R. On the other hand, the Labour Party cling tenaciously to the existing electoral system, hav- ing a very shrewd idea that ... any other system it would be likely to lose Dall representation. Proportional representation is in fact a safe- guard for minority groups, and ... parties avid for power that would wish to see it abolished.

NEXT week, for instance, will provide an admirable opportunity for the people to study this electoral system of ours. We have two by-elections, one in Cork City and the other in West Limerick. Whether it be true or not there seems to be an accepted tradition that a Government in power stands to lose, if not ... at least ... but it must be said that ... in the in- stances of Waterford and West Kerry. However, twelve months may make a vast difference in a political climate, and it will be of interest to ascertain if ... has lost ground in one of its traditional strong- holds. The Government Party has always held a strong grip in West Limerick, and invari- ably top, it has also managed to hold the allegiance of the voters of Cork City. Should there be no change from the ...

Parents are told: VILLIERS N.S. THREATENED WITH CLOSURE

VILLIERS' National School is threatened with closure under the Government's policy of amalgamating schools, said Rev. W. Mills, M.A., chairman of the Board of Villiers' School to parents on prize day.

The school is sited in Villiers' Square, near Thomond Bridge, and was built in 1821. It caters mostly for children living on the west side of the Shannon. Mr. Mills added that the Department of Education had proposed the erection of a school on the east side of the river—in Barrington Street.

It is understood that this school would occupy the same grounds as St. Michael's School, which stands at the corner of Barrington Street and Pery Square. Said Mr. Mills: "This proposal does not meet with the approval of most of those intimately concerned with education in the city." He explained that although the city was expanding everywhere, the growth was most evident on the west side of the river. "As the city expands west-wards, the school will become even more remote from the homes of pupils. Even now, at least 70 per cent of the city children live on the west bank," he emphasised. He said that if Villiers' National School was amalgamated with St. Michael's, the new school would "be neither one thing nor the other: partly brick and partly timber pre-fab, an end result that would not compare favourably with the new schools of other traditions."

APPROACHED He reminded his audience that about 12 years ago the ... of Villiers' school approached the Department on the question of additional primary school accommodation. He pointed out that when Villiers' Secondary School left Henry St. to occupy its present site they re-established the school with a similar enrolment to the old school in view, with an allowance for a modest increase. "In the first year we doubled our number. Consequently, accommodation was at a premium." "We were forced to build further and engage more staff without any assistance from the Department. The majority of

Government's proposal to site the new school on the east side of the river with St. Michael's, under its amalgamation of schools policy. Mr. Mills remarked: "The justification of this policy is not educational, but financial. "But the parents and pupils of our community and, in time, the community itself will have to suffer for the folly of others."

Strike at Ennis P.O.

As a result of strike action by telephonists and clerical staff, Ennis Post Office closed an hour earlier than usual yesterday. A statement issued last night by members of the Strikes Committee said: "Telephonists at the Ennis Exchange took strike action at 2 p.m. to-day in support of one of their colleagues. All efforts to effect an early settlement of the dispute failed and at 4.30 p.m. the clerical staff stopped work, in support of their colleagues, and also withdrew their labour. Last night the telephone service from Ennis had been seriously disrupted, and outgoing mail was suffering a delay. The Ennis telephone exchange services North and West Clare, and yesterday afternoon it was not possible to get through to parts of North Clare. Callers to Dublin, however, were able to get through as these calls are handled through the Limerick exchange."

Bench warrant is issued

A bench warrant was issued at Limerick City Court by Justice M. de Burca for the arrest of Mary Craig, Caravan, Ballysimon, Limerick, who failed to answer charges of assault on Garda Dermot Walsh, and obstruction of Garda Benjamin O'Sullivan at Cathedral Place on September 21. He continued: "They did agree, and on the basis of tentative estimates of conversion costs gave us a grant of £5,000. "But the final estimates were nearer £11,500. "Both the Department and ourselves were unhappy about the whole project and, after consultations with the Department's architect and on the promise of a new school, we remitted the £5,000 grant to the Department." PROPOSAL He then referred to the

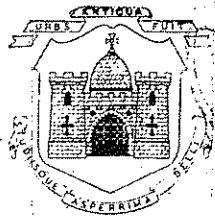


The Callins electronics firm on the Shannon Industrial Estate has selected eight finalists for their annual "Miss Callins" competition. The girls are, left to right (back)—Mary Ginhane, Newmarket-on-Fergus; Ann Rice, Limerick; Catherine Murray, Shannon; Kitty O'Connell, Broadford, Co. Clare. Front—Elizabeth Smith, Bruff, Co. Limerick; Ann Mann, Clarina, Co. Limerick; Breda Purcell and Eileen Flaherty, both from Limerick. The final of the "Miss Callins" competition will take place at the company's annual dinner dance in Limerick on Saturday, December 2nd.

Film Industry Committee meets Mr. Colley, Minister for Industry and Commerce, speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Film Industry Committee in Dublin yesterday, said that the interest in establishing an Irish film industry was a long stand-

COURT IS TOLD: Motorcyclist was sent into the air

Week-end campaign The Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, will speak at meetings in Rattkeale (8 p.m.) and Abbeyfeale (9.30 p.m.) tomorrow. Many Government Ministers will hold after-Mass meetings in West Limerick to-morrow. Vacancies for



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...ding the Cecilian Musical Society's "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Crescent recently were, from left to right: Mrs. Peggy O'Shea, Lansdowne Park; Bro. ...ne, S.J.; Mrs. Nan Griffin, Newenham St.; Miss Eileen Fitzmaurice, Mount ... and Mr. Jim Griffin, chairman, Cecilian Musical Society. LL photo

# Mayor's tribute to Villiers' tradition

"THE STORY OF Villiers is one of which Limerick is very proud", said the Mayor of Limerick, Ald. Michael Lipper, at the annual prize giving of the school at the Royal George Hotel, this week. "But let me hasten to add", he went on, "that it is a story that would not have been recorded without the dedication of your staff who have struggled for so long against odds that would have broken the spirit of so many others".

"That spirit has been one of determination coupled with dedication and loyalty in an effort to secure a firm standing for Villiers in the educational life of Limerick. There were times when some felt depressed as the problems began to develop and spread forth—but at no time was there despair. For this wonderful spirit alone, I would be fully justified in honouring the name of Villiers and the outstanding record of the past ten years—ten years that have found a place in history—ten years that have won the admiration of the people of Limerick in all walks of life.

trophe Villiers was no more tomorrow morning we would have lost far more than an academic institution—we would have lost part of ourselves inasmuch as the tradition, the ethos, the heritage—call it what you will, which we want to hand on to our children would have received a crippling blow. That is the chief reason why I as a parent, am deeply interested in the future of this school."

Dean Empey paid particular tribute to Mr. Ruddock for his dynamic leadership and intense interest in a knowledge of every pupil at the school.

He also paid tribute to the work Mrs. Ruddock does for the pupils.

He thanked the staff as well.

## Happiest

"To-day, the happiest chapter in your history has been written, Villiers' School has stepped into the prominence it has fought for down through the years."

Alderman Lipper also made an interesting comment on how he was introduced to politics.

It was Mr. James Galvin, a teacher at Villiers, who proposed Alderman Lipper in a local election in 1960 and he won the 17th seat. This was the Mayor's first step into politics and only for that he would never be Mayor of Limerick.

Mr. Galvin was present at the prize-giving.

## Stressed

Dr. Moore-Rinvuoluri, director of the U.C.C. centre in Limerick, who presented the prizes, stressed the importance of people being themselves and realising their own resources.

She also paid tribute to Mr. Ruddock, headmaster of Villiers, for his work in the field of music. She commented: "Only for the headmaster there would be no music in Limerick."

Mr. J. W. Stokes of Villiers board, expressed appreciation and thanks for the Mayor's presence.

Dean W. Empey, deputising for the Rev. Mills, who was unable to attend due to a family bereavement, gave his impressions of what he expected a school to do for his children.

## "Molly coddle"

"I don't want or expect the school to shoulder my responsibilities as a parent. I do not expect it to solve the problems which should have been sorted out in the home. I do not expect the school to "molly coddle" my child or to put him in some special category just because I might believe that he is someone special," explained the Dean. "I expect objectivity and I expect consultation not on every little unimportant matter but on serious questions relating to his behaviour and general education."

The Dean later went on: "If through some terrible catas-

## Re-think

Mr. John Ruddock, Headmaster at Villiers said, in his annual report: "I now feel that I must re-think our own system of options for the first year Leaving Certificate. In future, our fourth year students will have to decide their fifth year options before Easter. This is done successfully in some of the larger Dublin schools. We will try and guide pupils to wise choices but, in these days, I think it important that pupils of 18 plus should know what they are planning careerwise and should be in a position—with teachers and parents advice—to know what subjects they wish to take in depth for L.C."

## Grateful

Mr. Ruddock went on: "I am grateful to a number of parents who contributed towards the provision of the new wood-work room which will be open shortly. I have always been conscious of our lack of wood work amenities and I feel that the new room will provide countless happy hours and profitable ones too for those who will be the good fortune to take up carpentry."

## Change of programme

The dispute which has affected Odeon (Ireland) Ltd. has resulted in a change of programme at the City Theatre this evening. A Quiet Place in the Country was to have been shown at the Sexton Street Cinema, but since this film is being handled in Ireland by the Rank Organisation, it has been withdrawn from circulation.

Mr. Jack Bourke, manager of the City Theatre, has instead, secured The King And I, starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. This fascinating movie never fails to please.

# Minister opens new roller bearing firm

MINISTER for the Gaeltacht, Mr. Tom O'Donnell, T.D., today officially opened the 22,000 square factory of Roller Bearing Company of Ireland at Limerick.

Subsidiary of the Roller Bearing Company of America, Trenton, New Jersey, the company is engaged in the manufacture of self-aligning roller bearings in its specialised factory 3 miles from Limerick.

High-technology industry and skilled workers, the company's workforce is expected to increase to approximately 100.

### TRIBUTE

O'Donnell paid tribute to the Limerick Free Airport Development Company and the I.D.A. for attracting industries to the West Region which introduce new sophisticated skills and enhance the region's technical resources.

Established in 1919, the Roller Bearing Company of America manufactures roller bearings, ball bearings, rings, bushings and parts for planes, tanks, trucks and heavy equipment at its plants in West Virginia and Harpersville, South Carolina. The company has distribution centres throughout the United States and Canada. The Irish subsidiary will export to already established markets in the U.S., Germany, France, Italy, Belgium and Sweden.

## Accident

Enquiry at Limerick Regional Hospital today, it was



Mr. Michael Neville has been appointed Limerick area representative for the new Denis Coakley & Co. Limited, Wine & Spirits Department. A native of Limerick, Michael spent many years in the hotel industry, during which time he worked with major hotel groups, including Jury's and Ryans in Ireland and the Dorchester in London. He joins Denis Coakley & Co. Limited from Allied Breweries in London.

# Power cuts are possible tonight

POWER cuts are possible this evening in wide areas of Limerick, because of the worsening crisis in power supplies throughout the country.

Should these cuts occur, they will be between 5 and 10 p.m. and will be restricted to two zones in Limerick: zones C and F.

Zone C takes in Limerick city south and west: Dooradoyle, Ballinacurra, Jamesboro' and Southhill.

It also takes in the city centre outside the boundary "described in Zone B"—this Zone B takes in, among other places, the city centre north of the Tipperary Road, as well as Mulgrave St., Carey's Road, Wolfe Tone St. and Alphonus Street.

Zone F—the second zone where power cuts are expected—takes in North Cork and

## Telephone services disrupted

In Limerick, the torrential rain had a disastrous effect on the telephone service and the Limerick Regional Hospital was hardest hit. Hard-pressed local Post Office officials eventually had to rig up an emergency line to the Limerick Corporation Fire Brigade ambulance service. Personnel then took the calls intended for the hospital and relayed the messages by radio to it.

## Body taken

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Limerick Corporation to develop a park donated by Sen. G. E. Russell at was made by Mr. Bertie Wixted, the Irish Amateur Rowing Union, the annual dance of St. Michael's Rowing Club at the George Hotel on Friday night.

representatives for their votes in gaining his election as vice-President of the IARU.

## Dedication

Cllr. Michael Kennedy, deputising for the Mayor, Cllr Gus O'Driscoll, paid a tribute to the work done by St Michael's Rowing Club down the years, and said that rowing was a sport that demanded great dedication and energy from the members.

He expressed the hope that the promised slipway on the River Shannon would become a reality soon as the Corporation were giving the matter favourable consideration.

Mr. Tom Tobin, President of St. Michael's, welcomed all the guests and members including captain, Michael Marninan, and paid a tribute to the management of the Royal George Hotel for the wonderful meal.

The dance was a tremendous success, thanks to Bud Clancy and his band, who maintained their high reputation with a fine selection of music.

## Fined for assault

A defendant who struck a man standing at a news stand in O'Connell Street on September 15 was fined £10 by Justice M. de Burca at the City Court.

Paul McInerney, 37 High St., Limerick, pleaded guilty to assaulting Denis Quinlivan on the occasion.

an outstanding success of his presentation of this unusual play.

The play will continue for eight nights up to Sunday night next, and is recommended to anyone who appreciates an interesting night of theatre. Booking is at Messrs. Todds during usual business hours.

housewife or mother was at home and the bread-earner was away.

Women were, he said, easily frightened or impressed by the appearance of officialdom at their doors.

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# Tribute to Villiers school

"THE Villiers", as it is affectionately known, is as much part of the Limerick scene as any other landmark in the City, said the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Gus O'Driscoll, when he addressed the large attendance at Villiers School Past Pupils Annual Dinner-Dance in the Two Mile Inn on Friday.

The Mayor said that it was a great pleasure for him as Mayor of Limerick, to be the guest of the Villiers Past Pupils' Association.

"Functions such as this," he said, "have an important place in the social life of the community. They provide an ideal opportunity for an interchange of ideas between people who shared the same environment during their formative years, but who have since branched out into widely different walks of life. The fact that they come together for an annual re-union is a worthy tribute to the old school, and to the training for life which it provided down the years.

## Significant

"It is not necessary for me to stress the significant contribut-

ion which Villiers School has made to the life of this city over the past 150 years. So many of its pupils have distinguished themselves in commercial, social, cultural and sporting circles, that it would be invidious of me to single out individuals for special mention. It is sufficient to say that the Villiers, as it is affectionately known, is as much part of the Limerick scene as any other landmark in the city.

## Expansion

"We are going through a period of considerable development and expansion in this region. The furtherance of education, especially higher education, is a subject which has engaged the attention of serious-minded citizens for the past two decades, and the fact that 1972 will see the opening of the National Institute of Higher Education in Limerick is a matter of general satisfaction. The further announcement that a major College of Physical Education will be set up on the same campus was warmly received in this area.

## Resolved

"It is important than difficulties regarding Villiers School should be resolved without further delay, so as to ensure that no young person from this region is denied the right to whatever level of education he or she chooses, irrespective of class or creed, and I shall be pleased to do whatever is within my power, as Mayor of Limerick, to bring about this happy situation at the earliest possible opportunity.

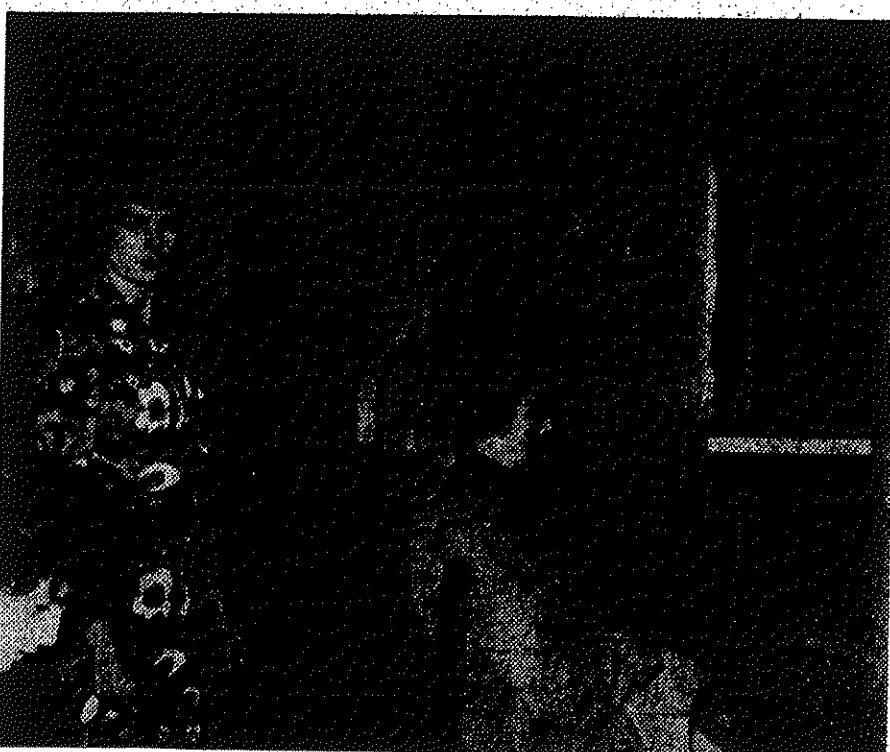
Mr. Charles Davis was chairman of a most enjoyable function at which 160 past pupils, parents and friends attended.

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# School head leaves after 23 years

By PADDY MORONEY  
**JOHN Ruddock**, for over 23 years headmaster of Villiers School, leaves this summer to a well-earned retirement in Rathfarnham, Dublin—the city he spent so many years teaching in after graduating there.

And at the annual dinner dance of the school's Past Pupils Union, he and his wife, Doreen, were made formal presentations, silver salver, hostess trolley—to go with the many tributes to his work in Limerick.

John Ruddock took over as headmaster in April, 1963, immediately on arrival from Dublin — he had for many years taught at St. Andrew's College, where he was senior mathematics master — and it was in the years that followed that Villiers School grew to the size it is today.

"There were about 90 pupils in the school then," said John, speaking of a time when Villiers advertised itself as an attractive school on its own grounds. Today the numbers there are 220, all post primary.

Speaking of the development of the school, he said: "We had wonderful co-operation from the board, and they really have been very far-seeing."

"With all the other comprehensive schools Villiers had to do something and we got great support and encouragement. The only thing to do was to forge ahead to compete. Villiers School is a fee-paying school."

## Boarding

The school is also, in part, a boarding school.

"We are building a new boarding block to house 45 boys and we are also building a new dining room — really part of an expansion going on over the past 23 years," he remarked.

John's wife, Doreen, is matron of the school for the past ten years, which effectively means looking after the boarders and their general welfare.

But he was not only headmaster, but a father as well. A daughter, now Gillian McCutcheon, is a doctor in Dublin, married to an account.



Alan Whisker (left), a staff member at Villiers School, making a presentation to John Ruddock, on the occasion of his retirement after 23 years at the School.

A son, Alan, is a journalist, coming home to Ireland from abroad next

September. John, a Carlow man, graduated in 1943 from Trinity

Savoy, St. Mary's Cathedral, Villiers School (for the public at large) and other local venues.

John is today secretary of the LMA, and will continue for a year or so after his retirement from Villiers School. "Though I am looking for a successor," he remarked hopefully, "but we will always be keeping in touch, and be down to Limerick for recitals."

The most recent recital was at Villiers, though the LMA will be holding future recitals at NIHE, where the 31 year old Russian pianist, Andrei Gavrilov, gave his first ever Irish performance in the school hall. John has been trying to get him to Limerick since he won the Tchaikovsky International Competition in 1974.

So far, the LMA has had more than 420 concerts, and its members number about 250, quite a size for Limerick city. The last recital to be held in Villiers will be on July 8. John Ruddock himself retires at the end of July.

Asked what his initial impression of Limerick were, he immediately replied: "The main thing we found about Limerick was the tremendous friendliness—particularly in the shops."

"That is something you would not get in Dublin. We found that that was really something about Limerick, being able to ring up the Leader and get something in about the Music Association. You couldn't do that in Dublin."

One thing which does warm John's heart, as he leaves Limerick, is the commencement of the Third Bridge across the Shannon.

College, Dublin, where he took a degree in general subjects and a Higher Diploma in Education.

From an early stage, he was much involved in music, being an organist — he played the organ in St. Andrew's Church, Matahale for many years, and for two years was organist in Killybeg Church.

It was here that he acquired his wide knowledge of music which was to stand him in so much good stead, when he founded the Limerick Music Association in 1969; over the years, countless numbers of distinguished musicians visited Limerick to give recitals at the



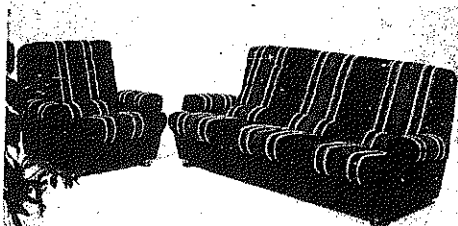
John Walsh, President, Villiers P.P.U., and his wife, Benita, pictured at the special function in honour of John Ruddock, who retired from Villiers School after 23 years service.

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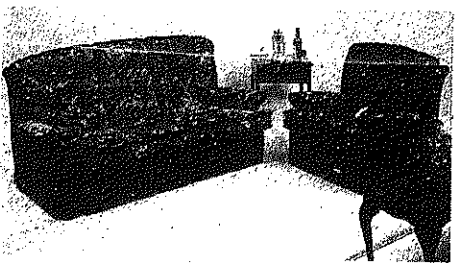
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Thomas Hardy, headmaster, speaking at the Villiers prize day ceremony.

# Villiers' very special event

By LEADER REPORTER

**THE OPENING** of a new extension, memories of days gone by and ambitious plans for the future made Prize Day '88 at Villiers School a very special occasion.

Welcoming the parents and students, Mr. Thomas S. Hardy, headmaster, described the many activities enjoyed in the school and said: "My vision of the school is one of activity. We can and do cater for the community; our buildings are a resource, and from their use as such, both school and community can benefit," he added.

In a tribute to the teachers, Mr. Hardy said that 38 students who sat their Leaving Certificate, received "quite good" results and that the Intermediate class secured an average of six honours per student.

Mr. Hardy paid a special tribute to two members of the staff, Mr. Geoff Griffin and Mr. Eric Prosser, who were celebrating their 25th prize giving day in Villiers.

Plans for the future, according to Mr. Hardy, include the development of woodwork in the school, a rugby pitch on land owned by the school, across the North Circular Road, and renovation of the boys' dormitories. "The most immediate change which will take place is the re-establishment of a school library in the old dining hall," he added.

Away from the academic world, Mr. Hardy said that Villiers allowed every child a chance to enjoy the pleasant things in life. This could certainly include sport, he said. Hockey was a major force within the school, and this year three students, Norman Teyers, George Blackwell, and Robert Ryan, each played on a Munster junior team, he added.

Other significant sporting achievements by students referred to by Mr. Hardy were the winning of the boys' Limerick and district table tennis league, finishing fourth out of a field of

100 teams in the All-Ireland horse-riding school championships, and Jennie Deakin and Jo-Ann Hanrahan who competed for Ireland in the European surf championships.

Other school activities include theatre, ballet, art and debating. Success in those areas included the winning of a Texaco award by Peter Hopkins, and the de Courcy cup by Clare Hartigan at the Young EVA exhibition.

A new pottery room was provided in the school this year by funds raised by the school development committee, under the chairmanship of Ms. Jean Webster.

Referring to school income, which is limited to school fees, Mr. Hardy said that another very important development at Villiers was the establishment of summer camps. In the winter months adult education classes were held.

Concluding, Mr. Hardy thanked Miss Margaret Carey, school secretary; Mr. Walter Mordan and his kitchen staff; Mr. Robert O'Neill, school gardener, and the school board of governors, Mr. D. Webster, Mr. T. Bell, Mrs. P. Schütz, Very Rev. J. M. Sirm and Mr. T. Morrow.

Deputy Mayor, Alderman Tim Loddin, congratulated everybody involved, and said that if he still had the "power," he would be disposed towards granting everybody a half-day in honour of the occasion. Referring to the forthcoming Tercentenary celebrations, Alderman Loddin invited students of the school to get involved in whatever way they saw fit.

Very Rev. J. M. G. Sirm, board of governors, paid tribute to Mr. Hardy, and his wife Roberta for their contribution to the success of the school.

### Prize winners

Mr. Jerram Burrows, headmaster at Villiers between 1934 and 1947, presented prizes of books to the following students:

Form 1: Karen Abbott, Birr, Co. Offaly; Niall Wilson, Castleconnell, Limerick; Lisa Ryan, North Circular Road, Limerick; Clare Hartigan, Castleconnell; Edwina Kearney, Castletroy, Limerick; Olive Goggin, Clancy Strand, Limerick.

Form 2: John Chadwick, Moneygall; Gail Haslam, Birr; Michelle Finnan, North Circular Road; Cynthia Begue, Dooradoyle; Emma Ruddle, Castletroy; Saul Harvey, Kilmish.

Form 3: Dawn Metcalfe, Ashbrook, Limerick; Clare Fitzell, Roscrea; Lynn Moloney, Roscrea; Grainne Galvin, Ennis; Charlotte Glynn, Mill Road, Corbally; Siobhan Anderson, Killaloe.

Form 4: Naomi Bovenizer, Patrickswell; Erica Borge, Ennis; Ruth Hanley, Castletroy; Tara Galligan, Ennis; Christopher Deakin, Bunratty; Christopher Willettis, Shannon.

Form 5: Jennifer Barkman, Adare; Ciomhe Dunne, Lisnagry; Hugo Burke, Castleconnell; Leon Goughnann, Killaloe; Alison Garruthers, Askeaton; and Jessie Castle, Nenagh.

Special Prizes: Senior Boys Progress — Thomas McNamara, Ballysimon, Limerick; Senior Girls Progress — Caroline Duddy, Templemore; Gwynne Memorial Prize, based on English results in the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate; Senior — Gerald Fitzgerald, North Circular Road, Limerick; Junior — Naomi Bovenizer, Patrickswell; Craig Gardiner prizes based on results in the Intermediate certificate — 1. Erica Borge, Ennis; 2. Tara Galligan, Ennis.

Eileen Fogarty Memorial prizes, based on Form 1 results — Clare Hartigan, Castleconnell; Lisa Ryan, North Circular Road; Karen Abbot, Birr, and Niall Wilson, Castleconnell. O'Mahony prize, for best overall Leaving Certificate results — Jennifer Deakin, Bunratty; Villiers Past Pupils Association Cup, for best overall results in the Intermediate Certificate — Naomi Bovenizer, Patrickswell.



Attending the Villiers prize day ceremony.



The headmaster of Villiers, Thomas Hardy, centre, with past headmasters and guests at the prize day, from left: Gilbert Colton, Rev. Gerald Magahy, John Ruddock and Canon Jerram Burrows.



Very Rev. J. M. Sirm, Dean of Limerick, left, chatting to Rev. Patrick Towers, Askeaton.



Joint editors of the Villiers year book, Helga Morrow, left, and Caoimhe Dunne.

By LEADER REPORTER

**THE PRESENCE** of four former headmasters and the first vice-principal, provided a historic note, to the 1988 prize-giving day at Villiers.

The five, Mr. Jerram Burrows, Mr. Gilbert Colton, Mr. Gerald Magahy and Mr. John Ruddock — received loud applause, on their introduction to the parents — some former pupils — by Mr. Thomas Hardy headmaster. There were only 90 pupils — compared with 226 to-day — in Villiers, then in Henry Street, when Mr. Burrows, was appointed headmaster in 1934. He left in 1947 to become head of Cork Grammar.

The first vice-principal in 1942, was Miss Wallace, an English teacher who was instrumental in setting up the first school magazine.

Mr. Colton, was headmaster in Villiers from 1947 until he left in 1953 to become head of Kilkenny College, where he remained until 1978.

### The move

He was succeeded by Mr. Magahy, who was one of the persons responsible for the school moving to its present location, on the North Circular



Looking at the Villiers year book, from left: Geoff Griffin, vice-principal; Peggy Butler, Billy Butler, Limerick Leader Printing Ltd., printers of the book, and Roberta Hardy.

Road, Mr. Magahy left in 1961 when he was appointed headmaster at Kings' Hospital. Mr. Matt Lynn, who died on the Isle of Wight earlier this year, was headmaster at Villiers from 1961 to 1963.

Mr. Ruddock, who succeeded the late Mr. Lynn, served as headmaster at Villiers for 23 years, up to his

retirement in 1986. He now lives in Dublin and is a director of the National Concert Hall. Each of the former headmasters were presented with a bound copy of "Villiers '88", the school magazine, revived this year after an absence of 20 years.

Mr. Hardy thanked everybody associated with the magazine, including Mr. Geoff Griffin, vice-principal, Ms. Caoimhe Dunne, and Ms. Helga Morrow, joint editors, and their editorial staff, and Mr. Billy Butler, Limerick Leader (Printing) Ltd.

As well as giving a resume of the school activities, the magazine also includes articles by former headmasters.

## £400,000 EXTENSION

By LEADER REPORTER

**A NEW EXTENSION**, completed at a cost of £400,000, was dedicated by the Right Rev. E. F. Darling, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, and Rev. Tony Davidson, chairman of the Board of Governors.

Officially opened by Mr. John Ruddock, former headmaster, the new extension includes dormitory accommodation, dining area and new kitchen area.

Mr. John Hardy, headmaster, told the Limerick Leader, that the new areas would also make provision for

more indoor recreational facilities.

He said that the internal fund raising for the project was already on target. "We already have six years of the 10-year loan paid off, and are working towards having the balance paid off within the specified time," said Mr. Hardy.



At the opening of the dormitory/diningroom extension.



John Ruddock cutting the tape to officially open the new dormitory/diningroom at Villiers. Also included, from left: Thomas Hardy, headmaster; Alderman Tim Loddin, Deputy Mayor; Rev. Tony Davidson, chairman, Board of Governors, and Right Rev. Edward Darling, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe.



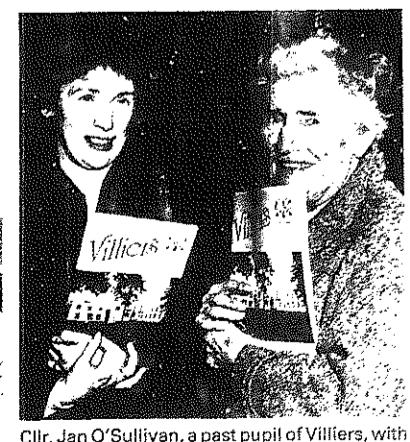
1st year prizewinner, Lisa Ryan, North Circular Road, with her mother, Noreen.



Keren Abbott, Birr, prizewinner.



Rodger Beck, president, Villiers PPL, presenting the PPU award to Naomi Bovenizer, Patrickswell.



Clr. Jan O'Sullivan, a past pupil of Villiers, with her mother, Mrs. Pat Gale, former teacher.



Ireland's greatest operatic figures and one of Limerick's favourite sons. He studied in Milan under famous teachers and at the early age of twenty-five sang a very important role in the English Opera House.

O'Mara was at once recognised as an artist of great skill and power with a striking gift for dramatic interpretation. In 1893 his growing reputation came under notice of the celebrated Sir Augustine Harris and under his patronage he toured Ireland during the following three years. From this stage onwards his career for many years was a record of unbroken success. At Drury Lane and Covent Garden, his delightful voice drew thousands of music lovers.

He retired from the operatic stage in 1926 and Thursday's ceremony marked the fortieth anniversary of his death.

**FARRAN FOLK GROUP**

SINCE their formation, three months ago the Farran Folk Group have had a remarkable series of successes and they now rank with the foremost folk combinations in the Limerick area.

The four, Tony Cremin, Damien Patterson, Fred Hockedy and Brian Quinn are accomplished musicians and vocalists.

**VILLIERS NATIONAL SCHOOL**

VILLIERS National School is threatened with closure under the government's policy of amalgamating schools said Rev W Mills MA, chairman of the board of Villiers to parents on prize day.

The school is sited in Villiers Square and was built in 1821. It caters for children living on the west



... during 1947. From ...



**Richmond R.F.C., City Cup winners, 1944-45. Back row (left to right); T. Farrell, G. Keyes. Second row: L. Quinn, A. O'Donovan (RIP), J. Rochford (RIP), J. Hanly, M. Kerley (RIP), S. O'E**

side of the city. Mr Mills added that the Department had proposed the erection of a school on the east side of the river, in Barrington Street.

It is understood that the school would occupy the same grounds as St Michael's school which stands at the corner of Barrington Street and Pery Square.

Said Mr Mills: "This proposal does not meet with the approval of most of those intimately concerned with education in the city."

He explained that although the city was expanding everywhere, the growth was most evident on the west side of the river.

As the city expands westwards the school will become even more remote from the homes of the pupils.

**BALLYNANTY ESTATE**

THE Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Ted Russell, and Mrs Russell, this week inspected Ballynanty Estate. They attended the 11.30 am Mass at Ballynanty Community Hall on Sunday last.

They were received on arrival at the hall by John Quinn, chairman of the Development Committee.

**30 YEARS AGO**

**MUNSTER TEAM**

THE Munster team to play Leinster in Dublin was selected as follows:-

- T J Kiernan, M Lucey, B O'Brien, P McGrath, R Donwrth, MA English, B O'Farrell, M O'Callaghan, P Lane, BGM Wood, T Nesdale, J Murray, D Kely, H Wall, L Coughlan.

**PRICES**

SOME prices at Ormston's supermarket were: Large

Brylcream 3/11d, Stork margarine 10d, Chivers jellies two for 1/5d, Maggi Soups 1/5d, Mi-Wadi orange and lemon 2/9d, Chivers Honey, 1lb, 3/4 d.

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

ELEANOR Roosevelt, widow of the former US President Franklin D Roosevelt, died in New Yrk at the age of 78. During the war she travelled to Foynes, in the course of a visit to Europe and was a guest of the Dunraven family in Adare.

**JIM MARSHALL**

JIM MARSHALL opened business on his own account at number 9 Upper William Street. November was his lucky month. After leaving school in his native Fedamore on November 30 1934, he went to Messrs Spaights as an apprentice. Another big event took place in November 1952, when he joined McLysaght and Hayes after 18 years of service in the various departments of Spaights. In Noveber 1954 he went to the EMSA as manager of their Limerick branch. Now on the last day of November 1962, his life-long ambition of a place of his own was realised.

His flair for pleasing customers was widely recognised. A case in point was at a Dublin Springshow when an American visitor came up to the EMSA stand

and asked where he could get an Irish jaunting car. Jim had it delivered to the customer's "Corner of Ireland" Park in the State of Massachusetts a few weeks later.

**BOWEN SHIELD**

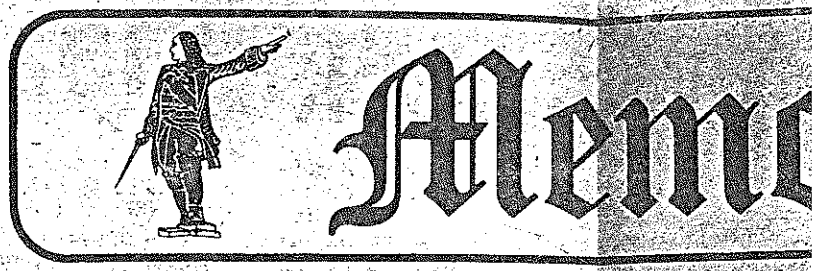
CRESCENT College and PBC drew 9pts-all in their Bowen Shield tie at Priory Park. Both teams gave an excellent display in one of the best games seen in Limerick for some time. The Crescent College was: B Staunton, V Quirke, K Quin, B Reddan, K Uniacke, I Morris, M Wallace, D Gallivan, T Barry, G O'Callaghan, D Hickey, W Foley, M O'Reilly, C O'Connell, St John Kelly. The referee was C Sheahan.

**35 YEARS AGO**

**STATION MANAGER**

E J COUGHLAN, station manager for BOAC at Shannon, was made a presentation by senior airport officials on the occasion of his retirement. He was the first person to retire from a civil aviation post in Ireland on reaching the age limit.

A native of Clonmel, he was over 20 years with British Airways, having joined Imperial Airways before the trans-Atlantic proving flights of 1937. He came to Foynes as assistant station manager in 1942. For over 12 years he was a radio operator with various



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Football captains describes the vast, disparate range of qualities that make great individual team players into winning team cap-

Lennon, Brian Smyth, John Joe O'Reilly, Dan Spring, John Dowling, etc. Well researched and presented, Football Captains

tained their counties to victory on All-Ireland final day. It was in September 1992 that Brian made up his mind

for a fine read, and is priced at £15.99, hardback. —JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

# Villiers' — bookings are now well into the next century

By PADDY MORONEY

PARENTS have booked places at Villiers' School for their children, well into the next century, announced headmaster John Hardy, last weekend.

"As it stands, today," he revealed, "I regret to say we are full and overflowing for entry in 1994.

"Very quickly, we are getting to that stage, for 1995.

"Indeed, there are bookings for every year, until well into the new century."

Speaking at prize day, at the school, he explained: "Our numbers have crept up to 319, this year, inclusive of 125 boarders.

"I know there is a worry among some parents that we may become too big. I can assure you that we are also aware of this danger.

"Yet, we are still the smallest second-level school in Limerick, and, by the way, the oldest too.

"We plan a growth over the next few years up to a maximum of 350/360. We are catering for the undoubted demand for places here in the Limerick region... We cater for the boarding students in an 80-mile radius of Limerick, and even further afield.

"Inevitably in the long-term, we will be affected by the predicted drop in population and, at this stage, I see us reducing our size back again.

"We will have developed the school and its resources sufficiently to cope with the competitive world of the 21st century."

The prizegiving was performed by the mayor, Senator Jan O'Sullivan, herself a former pupil and teacher at Villiers', who spoke.

Mr Hardy praised his staff: "Without their hard work, dedication and commitment to the school, we would have very little to offer. Villiers has a wonderful atmosphere of staff willingness, at all times and in most places, of co-operation, of long hours' involvement — a keen sense of

satisfaction in a job well done."

Mr Hardy instanced the achievements of Villiers' pupils: "We were very proud of our Leaving Certificate class of 1993, and it is interesting to note their current locations — scattered all over Ireland and the UK.

"Indeed, our guest speaker last year, Dr Edward Walsh, certainly highlighted the University of Limerick in his speech and this is reflected in the number of ex-Villiers' students out there, today.

"Our Form III performed very adequately in the Junior Certificate — 46 took the examination, and the average number of honours was five-and-a-half per student."

He said of the transition year, Form IV — now very much part of school life: "Virtually all our students enter this year, which encompasses everything from the usual range of academic subjects into the wonderful world of horticulture, typing, Italian, First Aid, craft metalwork, woodwork, and so on.

"They even sample the world of work, with two weeks' work experience."

Mr Hardy reported: "Transition year produced a school magazine with Mr Griffin's help. They ran a very successful fashion show here in the school, with Geoff Penny as compere, and produced Oscar Wilde's 'Lady Windermere's Fan' under the watchful eye of Valerie Brouder."

He continued: "Students had the opportunity to travel — to Austria skiing, to Italy sightsseeing, to Delphi in Mayo for outdoor pursuits, to Dublin for theatre, and even all of Form I had an overnight trip to the Burren, based at Spanish Point.

"Mr Griffin organised a wonderful careers' evening in January — over 75 career areas were covered — a very comprehensive presentation about the world of work, for our senior students."

Other school activities the headmaster reported: "The school librarians — Paddy Sirr, Dorcas Buckley, Mary

O'Sullivan, and Dermot O'Hanlon — have put in a great effort into our school library. We now have a lending library as well.

"We held a 'Writers' Week' in the school with visits by such eminent writers and storytellers as Liz Weir, Caroline Swift, and Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill.

"The 'Readathon' run in conjunction raised over £1,200 for library funds.

"Our computer room is about to happen, as this very week I have sent out our order for tender."

Mr Hardy stated: "Our students play a major role in all areas of sport. Our hockey tradition is still strong. Quite a few of our boys and girls got Munster trials with John Gill at under-16 and Mark Kingston at under-18 level eventually playing for Munster in the Interpro series.

"We played tennis, athletics, rugby, soccer and badminton matches. Our boys' table tennis team of Gary Acheson, Clive Cox, Robert Gardiner, and Guy Patterson won the Howmedica Division II Cup.

"Mark Fitzgerald played rugby for the Munster under-18 team, while Suzie Horgan competed for showjumping for Ireland in both England and Wales. We have some very good sailors and horseriders in our midst, not to mention go-karters."

He declared: "Our annual action day, held in May, is now a great success.

"For the second year, we co-hosted the All-Ireland Schools Hunter Trials with Glenstal. Over 125 teams, including 4 from Villiers', and 600 individuals from all over Ireland took part.

"We won the event in 1991 and — just to prove a point — we very nearly did it again, being just beaten by 30 seconds by St Peter's, of Wexford.

"This team of Paula Flannery, Lucy Boelens and Susie Horgan deserve great credit for their performance. Paula also picked up a rosette in the individual competition. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr Mary Flannery in this competition: she virtually single-

handedly ran the event with such great enthusiasm, ability, energy and attention to detail.

"The school benefitted financially from the event, and you will be pleased to know that the money will form a basis of the fund required to buy our new computers."

On another field, Mr Hardy set out the progress made.

"Our music tradition is strong in the school," he said, "from primary grade up to grade 8 being achieved by Karen Abbott. Now we are able to offer tuition in violin, clarinet, oboe, flute and recorder as well as piano.

He concluded: "Music reminds me of Mr Gray in his two other roles in the school. I mention these as a way of looking for your support for our end-of-term carol service in St Mary's Cathedral on December 17 at 12 noon, and also on December 15 for our school pantomime.

"Transition Year will 'kill' me if I don't mention their fashion show here in the hall on December 7 and, yes, Mr Griffin will have his Christmas bulbs ready for sale before the end of term."

The headmaster thanked the Board of Governors —

two of them ex-pupils and five having been parents — and several others of staff who helped out: his secretary and burser Peggy Carey, assistant Janet Bray, and kitchen manager Walter Mordan.

Closely involved with them is the school's parent-teacher association, which was got off the ground by Margaret Watts and Lucy Kavanagh: its committee is headed by Annie Hildesley.

The new matron of the school is Anne Dawson, of the Gate Lodge, who has already impressed, as has her husband, Albert, who looks after the grounds. And Jean Webster, after 7 years as pivot of all the external activities of the school, has handed over the Beverley Callender, leaving behind a successful adult education programme involving over 255 students this term.

Mr Hardy, in expressing pride in the achievements by recent past pupils, named but a few of them at random.

"We had Pamela Shier, our head girl of 1990 who not only qualified as a chef, but has won a very major award from CERT, the catering industry trainers," he recalled.

"I recall Clodagh Redden, who won the Victor Tracey

Award in Kilkenny for sculpture. I think of Ken Moloney and Keith Shepard, who went to Athlone RTC and are now completing degrees in English universities.

"I think of Jennie Schutz and, indeed, her older sister, Susan, who picked up awards at the Cathal Brugha Street College of Catering.

"There is Jennie Deakin, our head girl of 1988 who has been awarded a scholarship to do a master's degree in Trinity for hydrology.

"I have even had to salute the obvious beauty of our Villiers' students — not just our two Rose of Tralee winners in the past, but the present 'Miss Limerick' holder who is Julie Stokes, and, of course today we salute as our guest a past pupil who has not only become a city councillor but has progressed through to the Senate and to the honoured position of Mayor — the third lady to hold that office: Jan O'Sullivan.

"And isn't it interesting that one of the other two had also a very strong connection with Villiers': the late Mrs Frances Condell, who taught here in the school."

A tribute was paid to the Rev Tony Davidson, school chairman, whose final Villiers' prize day this was.



The Limerick Food Centre and Ard Scoil Ris jointly organised a very successful 'Food Evening' at the Limerick Inn Hotel to demonstrate the varying uses for locally produced speciality foods. Pictured at the Limerick Inn Hotel (left to right): Michael Field, principal, Ard Scoil Ris; Alain Bras White, restaurant De La Fontaine, who gave the food and wine presentation; Anne Condon, chairperson, parents' committee, and Oliver Kehelly, Limerick Food Centre.



## EDUCATION

# Villiers set to expand



Siobhan Moriarty, Villiers School bursar and headmistress Jill Storey with the school's newly-acquired property, 'Derravoher'

VILLIERS School is set for expansion following the purchase of a 200-year-old property adjacent to the school grounds.

The development marks the most significant expansion of the school since the move from Henry Street to its current North Circular Road campus in 1953.

The property, known as Derravoher, became available for purchase last year; Villiers campus is now two acres larger and is complemented by two

additional residential buildings.

Derravoher, the larger house, is an impressive period house in keeping with the school's history and traditions as the Villiers was established almost 200 years ago.

Headmistress, Jill Storey said: "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Villiers and provides us with the scope to extend, enhance and enrich the school campus for study, boarding and sporting facilities.

"We are delighted that we have been able to secure the property which will be of immense value to not only our current students but for generations of students to come. It's an investment for our future and one we couldn't afford to miss, located as we are in an urban setting."

She added that school resources "continue to be prudently managed" for the development, particularly while "successive governments reduce our teacher allocations".

## PROPERTY TAX

## Hogan 'haphazard' - Heffernan



Limerick Labour Party Senator James Heffernan

LIMERICK Labour Party Senator James Heffernan has hit out at Environment Minister Phil Hogan on how his department has mishandled the issue of unfinished estates and the controversial property tax.

He said that the decision to include houses in estates that were not completely finished wasn't well thought out and was a "money-grabbing exercise that must have been thought up in cloud cuckoo land".

"I fail to see how approximately 43,000 homes could have been exempt last year but only 5,100 are exempt this year."

"The property tax is taking money from people who in many cases are living in deplorable and unsafe estates. Some estates are rat infested, there are no public lights, there are problems with sewerage and water supplies and various other problems.

"To expect people who were exempt from paying the household charge last year to pay the property tax this year, when there has been no improvement in the conditions in which they are living, is a disgrace."

"I think Minister Hogan could do with

spending some time in these estates", he said.

"I am aware that in my own neck of the woods the larger estates that were exempt last year are now liable for the property tax, with very little or no works having taken place, whereas the only estate still exempt is the smallest one in the area.

"I am also not aware of any inspectors having visited the estates in my locality to assess their condition."

He said he thought the approach by the Minister and his department had been haphazard to say the least.

"I will be writing to Minister Hogan and Minister of State Jan O'Sullivan to try to get more housing estates on the list of exempted properties. It is ridiculous to expect people who are living in what are still essentially building sites to pay the property tax."

"I appeal to residents of other unfinished housing estates who feel they have been unfairly or incorrectly included to contact me so that I can make representations on their behalf to the relevant Ministers", Senator Heffernan concluded.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Government must tackle criminal black market

■ FIANNA Fáil TD Willie O'Dea says criminal gangs are posing a threat to struggling retailers with their black market trading in Limerick and is calling on Finance Minister Michael Noonan to "sit up and act". Deputy O'Dea is urging that immediate action be taken to help protect small retailers from the devastating impact caused by criminals involved in smuggling, laundering and counterfeiting.

"Minister Noonan and the rest of the Government need to sit up and act on behalf of small retailers, who are seeing their businesses under constant attack from criminal gangs involved in smuggling and counterfeiting. These black market criminals are putting jobs and viable businesses in the retail sector at risk, and as far as I can see Minister Noonan is failing to act".

He added that a recent 'Tackling the Black Market and Retail Crime' report states that black market criminals are costing the taxpayer €861m a year.

### Charges linked to Limerick burglaries

■ A MAN who is to face trial at the Criminal Circuit Court in connection with four burglaries in rural county Limerick has appeared on charges of evading gardai during the course of their investigations.

Laurence Kiely (24) of Kilbarry Cottage, Old Mallow Road, Cork was arrested last May near Raheenagh and appeared before Limerick District Court accused of two counts of alleged dangerous driving, driving without insurance and driving without a valid licence. Judge Aeneas McCarthy heard that he is due before the next sittings of Circuit Criminal charged with allegedly committing four burglaries at Hilltop, Martinstown; Corelish, Pallasgreen; Park Row, Ballysheedy and at Boher Load, Ballyneety.

The charges before the court the previous week arose from the same set of circumstances that involved a Garda pursuit last May. The matter was adjourned, on consent, until after the Easter vacation.

### Christmas burglar accused in custody

■ A MAN who was arrested and charged with committing several burglaries in Limerick city as well as threatening a woman with a 12-inch blade has been further remanded in custody pending the directions of the DPP.

Joseph Carrig, (32), of O'Curry Street is accused of producing the blade at a house on Clancy Strand on December 30 last, as well as carrying out burglaries on the North Circular Road and in Thomondgate.

The accused appeared at Limerick District Court this Tuesday via video link and defence solicitor Darrach McCarthy, noted that his client was in custody since his arrest in early January.

Judge Aeneas McCarthy heard that the matters were likely to proceed by trial on indictment, but adjourned the matter until April 9 next pending the full directions of the DPP.