

## Priority listing

Limerick is to get 'priority' for the setting up of factories and the salvage-construction, expansion starting of existing ones."

It was stated by Alderman Patrick Kennedy, Mayor of Limerick this weekend following the reception of a deputy minister for Industry and Commerce in Dublin.

Mayor Kennedy stated the sources of the Minister's comment and the various agencies would be available to restart, save or expand existing industries.

Mayor Kennedy was concerned that Limerick would get "priority" it was announced officially for the first time.

## Alexander Brothers at Two Mile Inn

Alexander Brothers, who opened on the Late Late Show on Saturday, will top the bill at the Two Mile Inn Hotel this weekend. They are one of the attractions to play in Limerick in a long while.

Alexander Brothers have several LP records, and Andy Dunne, Two Mile Inn manager, must be complimentary in securing them. They will be in Limerick for one performance only.

Their extremely heavy Andy Stewart show at the Parkway Motel on Tuesday night, is at present on a tour of Ireland.

Barleycorn will be at the Two Mile Inn on next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and will give a special performance from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

—J. O'S.

**T**HE MAIN TOPIC of conversation over the weekend was the disastrous fire which destroyed Limerick's main stores, Newsoms and McCarthy's, and damaged at least three other buildings on Saturday morning. It is estimated that some £1,000,000 worth of damage was done to Eugene McGovern's, Gents Outfitters; sweet shop owned by V. Durack, and the premises on Street.

Mayor Pat Kennedy praised the Limerick Fire Brigade, the contiguous fire services, the Garda authorities, the various units of Limerick Corporation and all the citizens who helped in any way for "their remarkable efforts in containing and controlling this disastrous fire."

Mayor Kennedy said that he was hopeful that alternative accommodation would be found so that the businesses which were the victims of this fire could be continued and jobs saved.

Mayor Kennedy also said that a comprehensive inspection of buildings at risk would

need to be carried out and suggested the appointment of a fire prevention officer.

Fire Chief, Michael Walsh paid tribute to all the firemen and particularly to those from Ennis, Shannon, Killaloe and Rathkeale, for their help.

He also thanked the Gar-

# Art exhibition by ten city artists

**A**N ART exhibition by ten Limerick artists began at the Crescent College Comprehensive, Dooradoyle, last Saturday. The Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Patrick Kennedy, performed the opening.

It will include paintings, sculpture etchings, printing, wood carving, and ceramic sculptures.

This is the first exhibition by the artists in Limerick. They have been to the Cork Art Society Gallery and the Emmet Gallery in Dublin, as well as open exhibitions all over Ireland.

The group has come together solely to exhibit their works and it includes practising artists, teachers and students.

## Chosen

The exhibits were chosen by the artists themselves. This is the first time that this kind of exhibition has been

held in Limerick on such a large scale.

The Ten Limerick Artists Group is: Ursula Brick, Kate Hennessy, Benedict Tutty, Charlie O'Donovan, Tom Fitzgerald, Dietrich Bolodeau, Peter Holloway, Jack Donovan, Terry Leahy, and Sam Walsh.

There are four invited artists also taking part. These are Dudley Herbert, Michael Coleman, Michael FitzHarris, and Gerry O'Mahoney.

The organisers of the exhibition are grateful to the authorities of the comprehensive for the use of the facilities and the assistance they received.

The exhibition will run for one week, and may be visited by the public between 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

## Advised to shop at home

Shannon town residents have been advised to shop at home this Christmas to spare petrol.

Mr. Downey, chairman of the Traders' Association, pointed out their extra buy power in the money spared petrol by not going outside their area.

The rise in living costs some Shannon workers pay by the increase in the price of petrol was condemned today by trade unionists and industrialists on the Shannon estate.

The majority of the 700 workers on the estate and the airport commute to work in cars from places in Clonmel and Limerick—some from distances of 60 miles.

The extra costs for the workers would be as high as £3 a week.

Councillor Frank Prendergast, secretary of the 40 members of the Shannon branch, I.T.G.W.U., said that the increase in petrol prices was going to cause difficulties for Shannon workers travelling from outside areas.

Mr. Prendergast called on employers to review the structure of travel allowances which was now being increased to alleviate any hardship.

## 'A target for beer'

"This place is becoming a bit of a target, and beer seems to be the most popular," commented Inspector Joseph Flanagan at Limerick City Court when two juveniles were prosecuted for stealing a gallon of beer, worth £1.60, from the premises of Arthur Guinness at Carey's Road, Limerick.

Inspector Flanagan said that the two defendants were from Looney's nearby and found two large sweet j-

