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Marion Taylor, Caherdavin Heights, who won the under 10 Munster O'Connell's championship at Kilmurry at the weekend and first prize in the 11. She is a pupil of Scott Dal Gaisle.

Croom plant

Mr. John Donnellan, T.D., Minister for State at the Department of Health, told Senator Pat Kennedy in the Seanad this week that the Minister for Health would "within the next few weeks" decide whether or not to approve the £750,000 tender for a new operating theatre at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital.

LEADER BRIEFING



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By TOM BROWNE
A NEW AIR charter transatlantic service starting this Friday, coupled with a Christmas series of Pan Am flights, will yield an additional £2 million in revenue at Shannon Airport this winter. The Eagle Air flights will operate twice weekly from Milan to Havana, and from next month, alternatively from Rome or Vienna to the Cuban capital.

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Winner

The winner of the £100 shopping voucher offered in last week's Property Scene is Mrs. Margaret O'Regan, 41 Dalgaish Park, Moyross. The winning entry was drawn by Rose of Tralee, Diane Hannagan, at the opening of the Parkway Shopping complex this Thursday.

Weather

Temperatures will drop this Friday night in Limerick and there will be frost in many inland places. The further outlook is for dry, settled weather and frost at night. The first half of next week will be very cold with fresh south-easterly winds, according to the Shannon Met. Office.

Deaths

Death notices are on page 2.

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LEAVY'S SHOES

Baby search in Limerick

Garda investigations into the reported disappearance of a nine-month-old baby girl who was stated to have been in a car which was stolen in Maymooch last night switched to Limerick this Friday. Although the estate car was found in Lucan, the child, Bridget McDonagh, may have been with relatives in Limerick, said a Garda source.

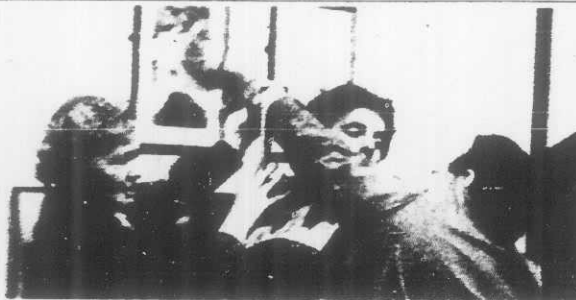
Gardai now believe that the baby may not have been in the car when it was stolen. Gardai were visiting itinerant settlements in the city this Friday afternoon.

LATE FLASH: the baby has been found in Tullamore.

Kate O'Brien

The Mayor of Limerick, Deputy Frank Prendergast, will give the opening address at the Kate O'Brien Literary Seminar in the Beltable Arts Centre at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday. The two-day seminar will conclude on Sunday afternoon.

Picture Exclusive on attack on prize exhibit



Mr. Coughlan (back to camera) encounters resistance.

DRAMA IN CITY ART GALLERY

Report: CONOR KEANE

Pictures: OWEN SOUTH

DETECTIVES AT EDWARD STREET were this Friday investigating a Limerick cafe-owner's attempt to destroy an award-winning drawing at the EVA Exhibition in the Municipal Art Gallery at Pery Square because he thought it was pornographic.

The Limerick Leader had received information that the attack was imminent and was present in the gallery this Thursday when Mr. Richard Coughlan of the Treaty Cafe, Nicholas Street, broke the glass in the frame of the exhibit by Limerick artist David Lilburn.

As the glass broke, Mr. Hugh Murray, chairman of the exhibition committee, rushed to Mr. Coughlan and pushed him away from the drawing as he was about to spray it with paint. Mr. Murray and Mr. Coughlan scuffled as Mr. Coughlan continued to try to deface the drawing. Mr. Murray managed to prevent further damage to the exhibit, which was slightly torn, but in doing so he and Mr. Coughlan fell to the floor.

An attendant at the library then came to Mr. Murray's aid and order was restored.

After that a loud conversation ensued between Mr. Murray and Mr. Coughlan. Mr. Coughlan: "That is absolute filth. I have a daughter of 15 and she is a member of this library and I will not allow her to see that. It's disgusting... a man with an erect penis... do you call that art?"

Mr. Murray: "I have three children of my own and they have been in here and I have no objection to that. You are entitled to your point of view but that does not mean that you can destroy other people's property."

These and similar exchanges passed between the two men for some time. Mr. Coughlan demanded to be arrested "for causing wilful damage".

Comments
Mr. Murray replied that he would not humour him by having him arrested.

At the time of the incident - just before 5 p.m. - there were several people in the gallery, including a nun and a priest. Both left hurriedly when they saw what was happening.

Mr. Coughlan to the Limerick Leader that he wanted to destroy the picture because he considered it pornographic.

"I want to be charged with destroying it and I want the Corporation charged for allowing it to be displayed - it's nothing but filth", he declared.

The drawing by David Lilburn won £500 in the graphic section of the exhibition and had been purchased by Mr. Paul O'Reilly of the Limerick School of Art and Design for £60. It is entitled "Towards the Chains of Office".

Its companion piece "From Duivendrecht to Daragh", has been purchased by Mr. Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Labour, for £60.

Some damage was caused to the drawing and a small hole was punctured in the drawing by the broken glass.

Mr. David Lilburn, the artist - an audio-visual technician at N.I.H.E. - told the Limerick Leader this Friday: "My initial reaction is one of amazement, not that someone did not like the drawing but that they went to such lengths to destroy it."

He said that it was a pity that someone wanted to destroy it as it was an original print and could not be reproduced.

In reply to the charge that the work was pornographic, Mr. Lilburn replied: "It is not pornographic, it is part of the nature of art that it is up to an individual to react to what he sees."

Limerick gives, gives, gives for Ethiopians

By PATRICIA FEEHILY

IN AN overwhelming display of compassion for the starving people of Ethiopia, Limerick's GOAL fund has been boosted by £25,000 in the past week alone.

And the momentum continues, as the first Irish airlift of food and medical supplies left on Wednesday for Addis Ababa, on a Boeing 737 made available by the Shannon based Guinness Peat Aviation.

GOAL is chartering its own flight on next Thursday to transport 22 tons of supplies to its feeding centres.

One of the organisers of the Limerick GOAL famine relief fund, Miss Breda McAuliffe, reports that they have now collected £35,000 and money is still flowing in.

Overwhelming
"The fund has increased by £25,000 in one week," she said. "The response has been overwhelming."

Schools, businesses and groups continue to organise fund raising events and individual subscriptions received during the week included one of £2,000, one of £1,343 and one of £1,000.

In Limerick city a national school cake sale raised over £1,000 for GOAL. A group in Fadamore parish collected £300 from a film show, and a sponsored cycle organised by Mrs. Fran Hogan, Lisnagry, produced £2,000.

A group of Co. Limerick musicians, Micky Dunne on pipes, Mike O'Brien and Maxi Moloney on guitars, Owen



Open-air concert for Ethiopia: Micky Dunne, Mike O'Brien, Maxie Moloney, Owen Mac Aodhgan, Peadar Carberry, John Barry, Danny Foley, Noel McCarthy and Austin Flourish, all from the Cappamore and Caherconlish areas, playing outside Todds.

How to help

Subscriptions to the Limerick GOAL fund can be made to Breda McAuliffe, Limerick Leader, Ann Reidy, Barrington's Hospital, or by bringing the Bank Giro Form on page 2 to any bank.

Mac Aodhgan and Peadar Carberry on flutes, John Barry, Danny Foley and Noel McCarthy on fiddles, and Austin Flourish on accordion, raised £800 in a concert outside Todds on Saturday and collected 400 signatures urging the release of EEC food surpluses to Ethiopia.

Parkway

This Thursday night, at the opening of the new Parkway shopping centre, the All Ireland Wren Boy champions from Kilkishen, have a show to raise funds for the Limerick

GOAL fund and the McCormack Singers will give a recital there at 8 p.m. also for GOAL.

Mr. Sean Keating, O'Connell Ave., sets out shortly on a 120-mile cycle for GOAL and has already received sponsorship from three local firms.

Limerick County Councilors contributed their expenses at last week's meeting and next Tuesday the ladies of Castletroy Golf Club are having a special outing in aid of Ethiopia.

The Mayor of Limerick Alderman Frank Prendergast, who 'lunched' a Concern famine fund last week with a personal contribution of £500, received a cheque for £900 from workers at Krups on Tuesday, and has also received an individual contribution of £1,000. Over £3,000 (Turn to Page 2)

Astonishing crowds flock to Parkway £5m shops complex

Report: JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY Pictures: DERMOT LYNCH

OVER 10,000 people passed through the new £5m Parkway Shopping Centre on its first day of trading on this Thursday, it was revealed this Friday. The volume of traffic was so great the cars were parked within a half-mile radius of the centre, where provision has been made for 50 spaces.

The massive publicity campaign and the Church Holiday combined to make it a bumper opening and traders were delighted at the huge turnout.

Endorsed
There was no let-off up to closing time, twelve hours later.

The general consensus was that such a facility was very badly needed on the east side of the city, a view endorsed by the Mayor of Limerick, Ald. Frank Prendergast, T.D., who officially opened the centre with the 1984 Rose of Tralee, Diane Hannagan.

Praising the confidence and investment in the city by Mall Holdings, the Mayor paid tribute to the chairman, Mr. Charles M. Kenny, for his decision to open the Crescent Shopping Centre eleven years ago.

"This further development on the Dublin Road, he said, 'will be a tremendous facility for the people of the East Liberties - an area which has experienced great development in the private housing sector over the same period.'

He added, that a total of almost 200 jobs would be provided by the 25 units complex. 'There will be a powerful spin-off of badly-needed jobs in the service sector and the facility will be a tremendous boon to city shoppers - I wish the project every success and prosperity,' the Mayor commented.

Confidence
Mr. Kenny of Mall Holdings said that his company had every confidence in the future of Limerick and they were delighted to be able to provide such a facility.

He thanked all those associated with the venture, especially the builders, John Sisk, and the many sub-contractors. It was, he said, situated in an area which would serve Garraheen, St. John's, St. Patrick's Road, Corbally, Castletroy, Monaleen and



Naomi Power of Ballyclough presents bouquets to the Mayoress at the Rose of Tralee.

Castleconnell, as well as customers from near parts of East Clare and North Tipperary. 'The workers of Limerick can be justly proud of their achievement in getting the Rose of Tralee, Dian Hannagan, led a party on months,' concluded Mr. Kenny.

EEC meeting cancelled

The meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers from EEC countries arranged for Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare, this weekend, and expected to give Irish tourism a world-wide publicity boost - was called off on Thursday following the assassination of the Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Gandhi. At Dromoland Castle, where a tight security plan was about to be put into operation, managers Miss P. Barry, a sister of Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Peter Barry, said that they realised when they heard of the assassination that the meeting would be cancelled.

She felt that it was now unlikely that the meeting would take place in Dromoland - the hotel will be closing for winter on 11th November. Most of the Foreign Ministers are attending the funeral of Mrs. Gandhi.

Break-in

Gardai at Henry Street are investigating a break-in at a house at Bog Road, Castleconnell, which occurred this Thursday. Items of jewellery and coins were taken by the thieves.

Sale of work

The Parents and Friends of Catherine McAuley School will hold their annual sale of work in the Franciscan Hall, Henry Street, on Saturday, November 10th, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Action call
'They just cannot throw a young girl and her son out on the street with nowhere to stay,' he said.

'Something will have to be done - and done fast.'

'I understand that other people have been on the housing list longer than I have, but they must have somewhere to stay on the day they would be out of the

to court.'

The house is situated in De Vere Court, Southill, and had been unoccupied from February to September.

'There is no way I can leave here,' she commented. 'I have nowhere else to live. If they throw me out of here, I will have to sleep in the streets.'

She said that she would be quite willing to leave if accommodation could be got for her somewhere else.



The house in Southill.

UNMARRIED MOTHER'S FEAR

By EUGENE PHELAN

A 20-YEAR-OLD unmarried mother fears that Limerick Corporation may evict her and her son. Margaret Braddish's world was completely changed when she found she was pregnant.

Waiting

Following an argument, she left home. Fourteen weeks ago she gave birth to baby Brian.

'I am trying to live on £35 a week while I am waiting for my unmarried mother's allowance of £51 a week',

she said this week. After finding it impossible to live in rented accommodation with her income, she heard last August of a distant relation living in a Corporation house who was in hospital.

'I contacted her son and he was delighted to leave me stay there, because I could mind it from 'vandal', she continued.

But three weeks ago the official tenant of the house died in hospital and, according to Margaret, the Corporation told her to leave the house. 'They said that if I did not they would bring me

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