

As things stand they rely on the Irish Wheelchair Association bus to transport the people to the centre. This is limited in the number of people it can take. "If we did not have that we could not go on," Olive commented.

At the centre they do a little printing—invitation cards and personal stationery and the like—basic furniture restoration and making Christmas logs and stockings. The centre needs orders for its products as well as seeking sub-contract work to help generate cash flow and to help the disabled people to develop some independence.

The centre has the use of some FAS Social Employment Scheme people, as well as having a high input from volunteers. "There is a very high input on a one to one basis and a lot of patience is required," Olive told the *Limerick Leader*.

She added that the future for the adults attending the centre was not in their hands but in their minds.

Computer?

"What we need is a computer," she said. "We feel we have to have it. It would be a great help." She added that they hoped to get it in the New Year if they could find someone to sponsor it.

She said the centre was about helping the adults to be more independent and to give them a sense of achievement.

They could take more if they could get a larger bus to transport them to and from the centre. "There are 20 more people who need to use the service and there are more each year," Olive went on. "This centre is a bottleneck. The people stay with us. They do not move on." She said they hoped to increase the number to 12 next year to 20 the year after but to achieve this they would need some serious funding from the National Lottery.

'Physically impossible for the 2 to pass'

By LEADER REPORTER

JOHN O'Shea, Ballymacshaneboy, Effin, pleaded guilty at Bruff court to a charge of driving without due care and attention, and was fined £20, with endorsement.

Superintendent Liam Leonard said that the defendant was driving an articulated truck which went out of control on a left-hand bend, colliding with a Post Office van.

Mr John Power, solicitor, said that the superintendent had perhaps overstated the incident. It had been physically impossible for the two vehicles to pass, and that his client had stopped his truck, but the rear went outward.

LIMERICK motorists were this Friday labelled "meanies" and "cruel" and accused of causing hardship on disabled motorists. For the special spaces allocated by the Corporation, in yellow boxes, on streets throughout the city, are being taken up by ordinary motorists.

"They could not care less and look the other way. It is no good putting up signs, you would really have to tow away the cars to get any action," says Mr. Martin Rainsford, a disabled driver. The disabled drivers have complained to the Corporation, and this week Mayor Paddy Madden appealed to the public to play their part in ensuring a space for the disabled drivers. "There are just 12 spots in the city and I don't think it is asking a lot to leave them free. It really is cruel to take them," he stated.

The disabled motorists for their independence need to be assured of a parking spot and some space to get out of their car, be near shops, and to be able to get into a wheelchair. Some, like Mr. Rainsford, go shopping and to work on their own. "We have got a number of complaints but unfortunately some of the public just ignore the special areas," said Mr. Michael McNamara, senior executive engineer with the Corporation.

He pointed out that there were 2,000 on-street parking spots and just 12 allocated for the disabled.



Caught in the act



Paul and Phyllis Crow Bangladesh. Phyllis

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THE CONCERN (takes place in the Lin Thursday, Friday and theme for the camp Today for a Better To

The Concern team who are giving today tomorrow are Paul and from Limerick City; Fife, a nurse/midwife from Eithne Teresa O'Brien Kildimo, all of whom Bangladesh; Jack I Limerick city who is 1

ALL PLUS 10 SORTS GALLERY TO CLOSE

By PATRICIA FEEHILY

INNER City development has opened up new prospects for many people but for one group of innovative artists it has painted a less happy picture.

As property values soar in the Patrick St./Ellen St. area, the enterprising All Plus 10 Sorts art gallery, established nearly five years ago, has been forced to close its door.

This Friday sees the final public exhibition at number 20, aptly titled "Alas the last".

One of the 14 artists operating out of the centre at the moment, Mr Tom Ryan, said that they couldn't afford to live any longer in the now commercially sought after Ellen St.

But that doesn't mean the end of the group, which includes such well known names as Des Farrell, Lorraine Murphy and Vivienne Bogan.

"All Plus 10 Sorts worked for over a year before we got a premises at all," Mr Ryan said, "and we are certainly going to stay together now".

At the moment they are negotiating with Limerick Corporation and with Shannon Development in an effort to find another suitable premises.

The group was established in 1984 to provide studio space for young graduating art students in Limerick. Past members include



Artist Tom Ryan.

John Shinnors and Charles Harpur.

It has held numerous shows and exhibitions since the artists moved into 20 Ellen Street, and although this is the last one there, plans to hold exhibitions in Cork, Waterford and Newcastle West are going ahead for the new year.

Of this Friday's exhibition, Mr Ryan said: "We are going from these premises on a high note".

The Ellen Street gallery was more than a of collection of studios. The artists themselves placed big emphasis on exhibiting the work of young contemporary artists from around the country, and it was also a regular venue for art lectures and life drawing classes.



Is your name on the draft register?

LIMERICK COUNTY Council have just completed the draft register of electors for next year in the Limerick area comprising 72,000 people in the county. And with the European elections in June the council this week advised people to make sure they are on the register for that vote.

The draft register is a pink document and is available for inspection in post offices, sub-post offices, court offices, Garda stations, libraries, dispensaries and county council offices, Mr. Jimmy Feane, staff officer with the

"We have now reached the limit of what we can do ourselves, now we need the public to participate and ensure their names are on the list," said Mr. Feane.

January 15th is the deadline for changes to the draft register.

Those who should in particular take care are people who have moved into the areas in recent months or changed house. A survey carried out by the E.R.S.I. published in 1986 showed that 157,000 names "were redundant from the register nationally".



Renewed policy within a week

By LEADER REPORTER

KIERAN O'Connell, Old Hospital, was fined £75, endorsement, when convicted of driving without due care and attention.

Mr John Cooke, solicitor, said that his client had been stopped by Garda Gus Fox on 10th, and that he had renewed policy within a week. Mr O'Connell's father had normally charge of such paperwork, but in hospital at the time, he was

The family business was described by Mr Cooke as a reasonably sized contracting concern.

For not having a current licence Justice Peter Smith imposed a £25 fine, with a penalty for not having no plates.

Garda probe

Gardai at Hospital continuing their investigation of a break-in at the filling station at Colough, Hospital.