Preservation order sought

A call that a preservation order should be slapped on Limerick's Savoy was made by Cllr. Gus O'Driscoll, deputy Mayor, when speaking at a Limerick Civic Week press conference at the Guinness Brewery in Dublin on this Thursday. Cllr. O'Driscoll said it would be a crying shame were this famous theatre allowed to fall into the hands of speculators. "This is now the biggest theatre in Ireland, with a capacity of 1,500, and it is in our own interest that we should preserve it."

He told the conference that all the major Civic Week events were being staged at the Savoy—a venue which, unless it was given some type of injection, was in danger of being lost to the city. Mr. Ray Joyce, director, Civic Week, said he regretted that the Golden Voice was not being televised "live" and that little opportunity was being given to classical singers in Ireland. Civic Week co-ordinator, Mr. Fergus Quinlivan, and Mr. Frank Prendergast, B.C., also spoke.

Crowley in Limerick

The chairman of Allied Irish Banks, Mr. Niall Crowley, this Thursday night urged the Government to exempt education from the cutbacks in public expenditure "that are forced upon us."

A report of his wide-ranging address — the theme of which was "The Way Ahead" — to the annual dinner of the Mid West Regional Committee of the Irish Management Institute, at the Limerick Inn, will appear in next Tuesday's Limerick Chronicle.

Everyone invited

Limerick's first-ever major exhibition where the stand-holders will not be selling anything, but will be giving free advice to citizens, was due to be opened this Friday at 2 p.m. by the Mayor, Cllr. Bobby Byrne.

It is at the new Youth and Community Centre on the Galvone Industrial Estate and some 30 stand-holders will give advice to the public. It will remain open until tea-time this Friday and on this Saturday from 10 a.m. to lunch-time. People from all over the city are invited.

Hockedy recital

Limerick's foremost proponent of classical guitar, Johnny Hockedy, will give a recital in Christ Church, O'Connell Street, on Monday, March 3, commencing at 8 p.m. Johnny, who teaches the instrument at the local School of Music, will play pieces from the early 16th century to contemporary.

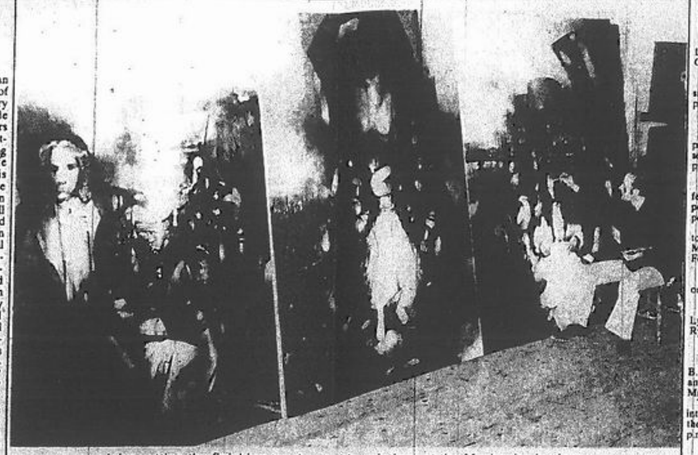
Winners

Kilmallock and Lynwood Park scored wins over Park Gardens B and Bruree, respectively, in the opening round of the Community Quiz being held in conjunction with Limerick Civic Week. They will now participate in the next round at the Royal George Hotel on next Wednesday.

Appearing in The King & I

The forthcoming Cecilian Musical Society production of "The King & I" is in the very talented hands of Claude Byrne. Known for many years in Limerick musical and theatrical circles, Claude is being ably assisted by his wife Darina. The musical director is Mrs. Deirdre Clancy and the guest conductor will be Declan Townsend from Cork. All parts have now been cast and are as follows: "The King" Jim Sexton, well known in the legal profession in Limerick; "Anna", Kathleen Daly, who originally comes from Nenagh and has played many times with the Roscrea Musical Society, — she is now living in Clonmel and has played with the local musical society there; "Tuptim," Aileen Banks, who is well known to Cecilian audiences; "Lady Thiang," Audrey Henehan; "Lun Tha," John Ryan; "The interpreter," Pat O'Sullivan; "The Krahlahome," Roger Quilligan; "The Captain," John Kennedy; "The Ambassador," Hugh Mason Fennell.

The society are confining themselves to a ten-night run, opening on the Friday of Civic Week, March 21. "It is interesting to note the 'The King & I' is at present enjoying a most successful run in London's West End, and has proved to be exceptionally popular with the public," said Mr. Louis de Cource, P.R.O., Cecilian Musical Society.



John putting the finishing touches to his paintings at the Mechanics Institute.

Photographs: JOHN F. WRIGHT

Heroic Limerick . . . captured on canvas

BY FERGAL KEANE

THE Williamite sieges of Limerick are the subject of three masterly paintings currently being prepared for unveiling in Civic Week by artist John Shinnors.

The works measure 18 feet across and are eight feet high. They have taken Limerick-born John the best part of 15 months to complete and they are now in the final touching up stages.

"I painted them for the simple reason that they had to be painted. Somebody had to paint them not only as a tribute to the defenders of our city in 1690-91 but as a reminder to the people of Limerick of their historic past", John explained.

The paintings are to be unveiled by the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Bobby Byrne. "I went down to Fergus Quinlivan (civic week co-ordinator) with the idea and he was impressed and agreed to have it as part of Civic week", said John "I think the city art gallery advisory committee have shown wisdom and I thank them for the gallery as the venue for the unveiling ceremony".

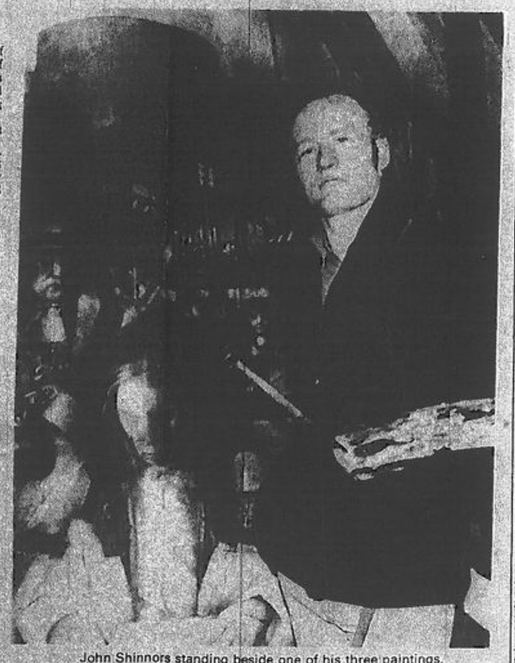
The first picture shows the capture and blowing up of the Williamite siege train by Sarsfield at Ballymoty on August 10th, 1690. The defence of the great breach at St. John's gate by the women of Limerick is illustrated in the second. And the third depicts the singing of the civil and military articles by Lord Lucan on October 3rd, 1691.

John has been painting for 13 years and has been commissioned for many major works, like "Resurrection 1 and 2" which now hangs in a Munich art gallery.

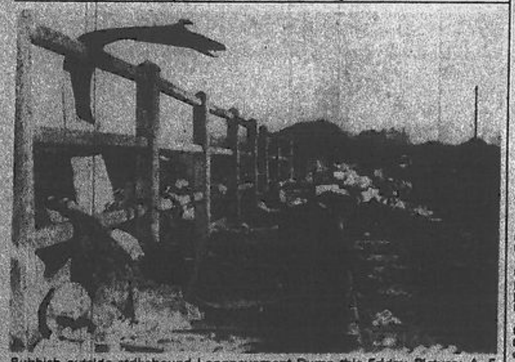
By his own account, painting in Limerick is not a very profitable business and he does some part time work to supplement his income. "I would never prostitute my art for money", he told me. "Once you start doing that you should give up".

John, of Glasgow Park, is putting the finishing touches to his paintings at present at the Mechanics Institute, thanks to the Limerick Trades Council who own the building.

Hopefully, the long hard months of work will bring John recognition he deserves because, even to the most untrained eye, these are magnificent paintings.



John Shinnors standing beside one of his three paintings.



Rubbish outside strikebound Longpavement Dump this Friday. Picture: A. F. FOLEY.

'LET TALKS BEGIN'

BY LEADER REPORTERS

MR. BILL Davores, president of the No. 1 Branch of the I.T.G.W.U. in the city, which represents men involved in the Corporation dispute, said that "unofficial action is out completely" though he had the greatest sympathy with the workers.

However, he said, the unofficial action was not helping their case and he hoped they would resume work and allow officials to begin talks on their behalf. The men had, he said, a good and honest case and particularly those employed in the cleansing department who had been trying to get £6.50 a week for several months for working in inclement weather.

Meanwhile, the Corporation have asked motorists to use great care in driving in certain parts of the city where road works are incomplete. The areas include the junction of Farranshone and Sexton Street North, Hassetts Cross and the Tipperary Road.

Rubbish continued to pile up this Friday as the dispute entered its fifth day. Refuse was scattered outside strikebound Longpavement Dump.

Deputy Mick Lipper said this Friday that the very drastic action by Corporation workers in Limerick should have been anticipated.

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DEATHS

BARRETT — February 22, 1980, Willow, 22 Pearse Ave., Janesboro, Limerick (late Capt. E Coy., Old I.R.A.). Very deeply regretted by his loving sons, daughters, brother, sisters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, relatives

Are you going to tell me horse was drunk? asks DJ

BY LEADER REPORTER

A GARDA'S car was badly damaged when it collided with another "mechanically propelle vehicle" . . . a cart drawn by a mule!

But the description of prisoner Jeremiah Nolan's mule and cart as a "mechanically propelled vehicle" resulted in two of four summonses brought against him at Listowel Court being dismissed this week. However, he was fined a total of £20 for driving an animal-drawn cart while drunk and for dangerously driving the mule and cart.

Nolan (71), of Glountcilough, Listnaw, was also ordered to pay £13 travelling expenses to Garda William J. Murphy. Mr. Michael Condon, solr., informed the court that Nolan's animal was in fact idle. These were in respect of allegedly having no headlamps and rear lamps on the cart.

Mr. Condon, dealing with the summonses for dangerous driving of the cart and for driving an animal-drawn vehicle while drunk, said Nolan was on business all day and might have had a drink too many on the way home. Nolan noticed a drop to the left side of the road into which he had fallen previously, and he decided to go across the road to avoid it.

Justice Maguire said he did not think he could impose a mandatory disqualification on Nolan from driving an animal-drawn cart.

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BRIDGE

Sunday, March 2, 1980. Venue, Limerick Youth Centre, 5 Lower Glentworth St.

OPERA CUP

1st session 2.30 p.m., 2nd session 7.30 p.m. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

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2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Entry fees. Major competitions £2 per person. Open pairs £1 per person per session.

Entries for major competitions to Mrs. A. Walshe, Nadia, Fort Mary Park, tel. no. 52207, before Feb. 27th.

Open pairs: Entry on the spot. Refreshments will be available on the premises during all sessions.

99 BRIDGE CLUB

Howell: 1, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lynch; 2, P. J. Keane, Mrs. E. M. Ryan; 3, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cleary.

LIMERICK BRIDGE CLUB

De Courcy Cup (mixed pairs): 1, B. Pattinson, Mrs. B. Kirby; 2, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keane; 3, M. Lynch, Mrs. M. Quaid.

Thurs., Feb. 24th, Regional intermediate A pairs will be held in the Monument Club. Start 2.30 p.m.

NORTH MUNSTER REGION CBAI

The regional team of four (sponsored by G. C. McKeown & Co. Ltd., Computer Consultants, Limerick, Cork and Dublin) attracted an excellent entry of 22 teams and was played over 2 sessions in the Monument Club, 67 O'Connell St. The competitors were welcomed by Mr. J. Power, regional president, and the tournament was directed by Mr. J. Levins.

RESULTS

1, B. Pattinson, P. Liston, A. Leahy, J. Power (Limerick); 2, P. Stokes, Dr. C. McGovern, W. Dowling, J. Barry (Thurles); 3, M. Howard, M. Minniter, M. McLoughlin, L. Quinn (Kilrush); 4, D. Roche, Mrs. G. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. T. McCarthy (Newcastle West).

The above 4 teams qualify for a play off in the Kelbourne Cup, the final of which will be held in Athlone on 10th, 11th of May. The 3 leading teams qualify for the play-off in the inter-provincial trials to be held in the Galtee Hotel, Cahir, on March 7th.

N.B. The intermediate A regional pairs competitions will be held in the Monument Club, 67 O'Connell Street, on Sunday, February 24th.

99 BRIDGE CLUB

Results, teams: 1, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cleary; 2, Mrs. B. M. Ryan, Mr. A. Leahy, P. J. Keane, J. Power; 3, Mrs. B. Finlay, Mrs. S. Cleary, Mrs. A. Power, Mrs. A. Keane.

Switch pairs: 1, Mrs. M. Lynch, G. C. Ewart; 2, Mrs. M. Cooper, Mrs. U. O'Sullivan; 3, M. Lynch, Mr. M. Kavanagh.

The winter switch prize was won by Mr. M. Lynch.

LIMERICK BRIDGE CLUB

Invitation team of four: 1, B. Pattinson, P. Liston, Mrs. A. Power, Mrs. A. Keane; 2, D. Healy, Mrs. P. O'Sullivan, Mrs. K. O'Boyle, Mrs. M. Manning.

Best visiting team, Castletroy: D. McNeill, Mrs. C. Stokes, P. J. O'Dea, F. Bourke.

HAZEL BRIDGE CLUB

De Courcy Cup results: 1, Mr. and Mrs. Levins; 2, Mrs. J. Power, Mrs. P. Keane; 3, Mrs. P. O'Sullivan, Miss M. O'Sullivan.

1st session: Ms. Liston and Burke.

2nd session: Mr. and Mrs. C. Murray.

Photographers in final

Two Limerick photographers qualified for the finals of the Press Photographers Association of Ireland annual competition in Dublin this week.

Kieran and Michael Clancy — brothers — featured in the final 100 with entries in features work and sport respectively. it was the first time any Limerick photographers had entered the event. The overall winner was Brian Barron of Dublin.

Kieran Clancy works as a photographer with the Cork Examiner. Michael is a freelance. An exhibition of the final entries will tour the country and a visit to Limerick is expected soon.

Against cuts

Government spending cuts in the educational field have caused dismay and anger among local students. Mr. Mike Jennings, regional secretary of the Union of Students in Ireland, warned this week that the cuts would be fiercely resisted by all students. A statement from Mr. Jennings will be published in next Tuesday's Limerick Chronicle.

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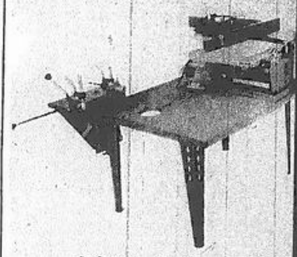

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