

Comdt. Peter Daly greeting Corp. Michael Byrne, Moyross, at Colbert Station, on his return from the Lebanon this week.

Pt. Larry Johnson, O'Malley Park, and his wife, Marion. Children, Alan, Laura and Melissa, were also at the station.

Cpl. Sean O'Connor, Kincora Park, wife, Martha, and children, Keith, Gillian and Martin. Pictures: DERMOT LYNCH.

Lebanon

By LEADER REPORTER

THE first contingent of Limerick troops serving with the 51st Battalion in the Lebanon arrived at Colbert Station this Thursday.

The 13 men, all serving with B Company were greeted by their families and friends.

Comdt. Peter Daly from Sarsfield Barracks was there to greet them, too.

Little Ann Johnson, from O'Malley Park, ran the length of the platform to welcome home her dad, Private Larry Johnson, after his six month stint in the Middle East.

Second tour

Larry, who was on his second tour of duty to the Lebanon, said that this was a quiet trip. "Still, it is great to be home," he added.

The 13 bronzed, blue-bereted troops cut dashing figures as they stepped from the train. Over 30 Limerick troops were serving with the 51st Battalion and this Thursday the first of the replacement troops of the 52nd Battalion arrived in Beirut.

Private Michael Troy, from Ballynanty, also arrived home this week and agreed with others that this had been a quiet trip.

Beirut

"We flew out from Beirut - the place looked a bit of a shambles - but we did not see much of it because we were taken through detours," he explained.

Cpl. Michael Byrnes from Moyross, who returned home with the others this week, had his own radio show while in the Lebanon. "It was on Radio Malish, a Swedish radio station for their troops. I had three shows a week," said Michael, who was on his first trip with UNIFIL.

"It was a fair peaceful trip, but things did get a little cagey on and off," he added.

Feature on energy-saving

Next week-end's issue of the Limerick Leader will contain a special eight-page feature on how to conserve energy and save money. The domestic and industrial scenes will be fully covered in a series of specially written articles which will be well worth your study and attention.

This will be one of the biggest supplements of its kind ever carried in a provincial newspaper. Advertisers who have not yet booked space should do so immediately by contacting Miss Mairead Haugh, at (064) 45233.

Weather

According to Shannon Met. Office, Friday night in the Limerick region will be cold with some ground frost in sheltered areas. The broken weather is expected to continue over the weekend.

No Leader

The Limerick Leader will not be published next Monday as a bank holiday.

MOSEY TO GA

By LEADER F

A LIMERICK seven who topp at last week's Gael Ard Fheis to the national this week discuss that they may run local or general. "At the moment definitely not this thing in any other declared Mrs. Ros Greystone, Li topped the poll to be elected to the "I love the a side of things and the main runs forward," she ex

Husband

At last week's Mrs. Moylan, by personality. Dec tremendous over topping the poll preference votes was 360.

She got the first in election and person from the region to win a executive. As a her in the area, thrown into the the forthcoming Clare.

On her election Limerick Leader of work into it. "Of course, I from Galway and few votes there relations in lo around the ex helped," she said laugh.

She thinks it w that there is a between the "gr Dublin" and this she will be tryi during her time. tive.

Secretary

"I have been involved for years but it has been r the scenes," she Mrs. Moylan worked with Mr. Mell, T.D., N. European secret ter co-ordinat dates "during ti elections.

Chairperson Eoin branch of i is involved in charitable organ chairperson of S pital fund-raisin

DEAD

NOONAN-Oste Barrington's Ho (Tommy), 54 O Limerick Very d by his loving s brother, sister's daughters-in-la nieces, grandch grandchild, relati May he rest in p Mass in St. Manchi Friday, at 2 o'clock. Pui to Mount St. Laure

LEADER BRIEFING



CIE inquiry continues

The CIE internal inquiry into the "disappearance" of a Knock Pilgrimage train en route to Limerick on Sunday, October 10th last, is continuing. Area rail manager, Mr. Paddy Burns, said this week.

CIE have not placed a timescale for the completion of the inquiry and it is believed that there are still many witnesses to be called.

Candy Ball

The sixth annual Limerick Candy Ball will be held at the Limerick Inn on this Saturday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

There are many spot prizes to be won, including a Continental holiday for two, sponsored by Golden Vale; a week in Donegal (Irish Foods) and a week-end in London (Basons). The proceeds are in aid of local charities.

O'Donnell seeks meeting on Ranks

A CALL was made this Thursday for the Government and the E.E.C. to formulate an appropriate strategy for Ireland which would maintain employment in Ranks Ireland Ltd., and in the milling industry as a whole.

is faced with possible extinction unless positive action is taken.

It is feared that two thirds of the 192 workforce at Ranks, Limerick, could lose their jobs next month as part of a rationalisation programme.

"I have called on the Minister for Agriculture to convene an immediate meeting of all the interests involved, millers, bakers, importers, unions and farming organisations," he said.

Mr. O'Donnell called on the Government to take the necessary initiative in consultations with the E.E.C. to safeguard employment in the industry. He claimed that irrespective of E.E.C. regulations no Irish Government should stand idly by and allow the native flour-milling industry to die.

WEEKEND SPECIALS

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TROUBLED LIMERICK INDUSTRY FOR SALE

By LEADER REPORTER

THE MINISTER for Agriculture is trying to find a new owner for Matternsons, the Limerick food processing firm owned by the Irish Sugar Company, it was learned this Friday.

With projected losses of £250,000 this year at Matternsons, the Sugar Company have recommended to the Minister that the canning section at the plant should be closed with the loss of over 70 jobs out of the 180 workforce.

Last year Matternsons losses were in the region of £1 million while the Sugar Company's total losses amounted to £12 million.

A deputation led by the Mayor, Cllr. Tony Bromell, met the Minister, Mr. Brian Lenihan, this Thursday and afterwards the Mayor said: "The Minister accepts the case that Matternsons is potentially viable and that is important."

Confidence

"He has been trying to get a new buyer." Mayor Bromell pointed to the fact that the IDA and EEOGA (the EEC grant agency) had approved £500,000 in grants for Matternsons and said this was an indication of their confidence in the company.

The Minister is to keep in close touch with the Mayor in his efforts to find a new owner for the entire Matternsons operation.

Mr. Lenihan received the deputation which was made up of union officials from the ITGWU, ASTMS, NEETU along with Deputies Dessie O'Malley, Tom O'Donnell, Jim Kemmy and Senator Richard Hourigan.

They argued that Matternsons was viable, given the goodwill and co-operation of all concerned.

Expansion?

Other points made: Not alone should it be kept in production, but it should also be expanded. Some of the plant used in the factory is the most modern of its kind in Europe. The loss of the canning section would have a knock-on effect in other areas of the Sugar Company.

The money that would be due to the workers if they were made redundant would be greater than any anticipated loss for the current year.

Said Mayor Bromell: "We also stated that there were good indications such as a saving of £250,000 this year because of a drop in the price of beans; the provision of a £45,000 EEC subsidy for peas and a drop in the price of cans." He added: "We would hope that Matternsons is still viable. I think the future lies in Matternsons being allowed to do its own thing."

Michael G. Clancy

The death occurred this Thursday of popular Ballybunion publican, Mr. Michael G. Clancy. He owned and ran the Railway Bar in the resort's main street for many years. "He is survived by his wife Marguerite a member of the Kennedy family of Listowel and family. The remains will be removed this Friday at 8 o'clock to St. John's Church, Ballybunion. The funeral will take place this Saturday at 11 a.m. Mr. Clancy died in Listowel Hospital.

Press Ball prize: a holiday for two

By LEADER REPORTER

THE MAJOR spot prize for the Limerick Press Ball will be a holiday for two for two weeks in Ibiza or Malaga. It has been presented to the Press Ball committee by Mr. Paul Maher, general manager of Blueskies. It was arranged through Mr. Tony Brazil of Limerick Travel.

The ball will be held in the Limerick Inn on November 12 next. Tickets are selling extremely well and those intending to attend the ball should contact one of the committee urgently: Cormac Liddy, Limerick Leader, 54 O'Connell Street, Limerick. Tel. 45233; Michael Walsh, RTE, Bank House, O'Connell Street, Limerick. Tel. 40402; Billy Kelly, Limerick Citizen, 27 Mallow Street, Limerick. Tel. 49901; or Jim O'Connell, Limerick Echo, O'Connell Street. Tel. 49966.

Proceeds

The proceeds of the ball will go to the widows and orphans funds of the journalists' unions.

The organisers of the event have acknowledged the continued support of the Bank of Ireland, Allied Irish

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Grant delays pose problem for schools, says principal

By LEADER REPORTER

PRIVATE secondary schools are being placed in difficult financial positions because of the delay by the Department of Education in paying State grants. Mr. John Ruddock, principal at Villiers School, said this Friday afternoon.

At the annual prize giving day at the school, Mr. Ruddock said the main portion of the secondary education grant was not paid till late in the summer term, and Department grants were often delayed for up to six months.

He added: "Recent rumours about possible cuts in grants are somewhat disturbing but are without foundation."

Fee increases

"Boarder parents particularly must be very pleased with the help they receive towards fees, and those in receipt of

large grants should be well able to cope with the proposed increases in fees which will be announced before the end of the year."

Commenting on the school syllabus, Mr. Ruddock said Canon Ernon Perdue had assumed responsibility for religious education in the school.

"Whether or not we get a demand for the proposed new syllabus in religious studies remains to be seen," Mr. Ruddock continued.

"A syllabus has already been prepared by an inter-denomination group but this has not yet been approved for the post primary curriculum."

Leaving Cert

He described this year's Leaving Certificate results as "uniformly splendid," and said most students were able to follow the subjects of their choice.

The main objective during the next few years, he said, would be to clear the current debt on the new buildings and all the ancillary works recently carried out at the school.

ANOTHER CRUEL CRIME

By EUGENE PHELAN

"IT SEEMS that even the best efforts of the Garda cannot help handicapped sister and brother, Esther and Paddy Moore, who have been hit once again by heartless thieves."

Readers may recall that gardai at Edward Street recently clubbed together to buy a radio for the house-bound pair after they had been robbed of one of their prized possessions - a transistor radio - which kept them in contact with the outside world.

Square one

Now, unbelievably, the radio provided by the Garda has been stolen and the Moores are back to square one. A young girl, aged about 14, knocked on the door of their house at around 11 a.m. this week.



Esther and Paddy.

Paddy answered the door and she brushed past him and into the bedroom where Esther was sleeping. "I asked her what she wanted," recalled Esther. "She said that she was looking for someone and thought they were here." She then went out of the room and grabbed the transistor radio.

This was the cheekiest of the next robberies to their little Corporation dwelling in the city centre in recent times. Also taken recently was an electric heater. The door was kicked in early one morning when the radio was stolen. Terrified at night, the Moores are now hoping to have a phone installed so that they can ring for outside help when needed.

Announce

A number of local Gardai from Edward Street, this week voiced their annoyance at the "system", with nothing being done for the victims of violence and robberies. Esther told the Limerick Leader that a Garda who visited them put new bolts on their door to increase security and that overall, the Gardai were very good to them.