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Limerick Corporation officials are livid over the incident as numbers were

not among the invitees. They are now furious and refused to confirm this week if they intend to send a bill to the

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Flanna Fall councillors are known to be embarrassed.

# THIEVES DRIVE BOAT CLUB ON ROCKS

By PADDY MORONEY

**THE future of one of Limerick's oldest sporting institutions, Athlunkard Boat Club, is threatened by mounting debts, mainly caused by break-ins. The clubhouse, a city landmark, may be sold off soon.**

The debts, it is reliably learned, could be as much as £50,000 in the current year. The City Sheriff has already served notice on the club, which will be sold if the increasing debts cannot be paid off in the near future, club president Mr. Christy Madigan has warned.

The worsening finances of the club, winner of many all-Ireland trophies in its 90 years on the water, are due in the main to a spate of break-ins, particularly in recent times, and to public liability claims.

Mr. Madigan told an extraordinary general meeting, this week, of the worsening situation.

The club's problems started with an unprecedented run of break-ins, particularly in recent times, estimated to total about 30. The loss of stock as well as repairs to property, was in the region of £10,000.

A recent court award on a public liability claim resulted in an award for £8,000 against the club, plus about another £4,000 costs.

Through a misunderstanding with the club's broker, there was no insurance cover for public liability on the grounds.

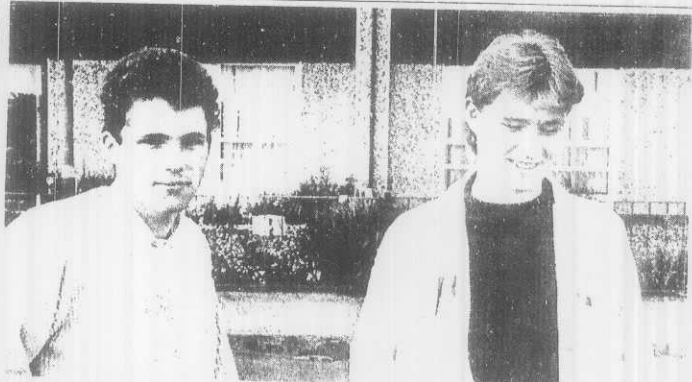
Other debts, which include repayments on the four-year-old boathouse, and a small membership from which financial return is minimal, are other factors in the club's problems.

A special committee was formed, this week, to save the club. Several members have intimated their intentions of subscribing £100 each towards the fighting fund: this committee will follow up these commitments and appeal to other members, business interests and the general public.

Athlunkard Boat Club, founded in 1898, holds a singular place in rowing; it was the first club to bring the four eights championships (old-termed senior, junior, maiden, and inter-provincial) to Munster.

Countless young oarsmen and women have been given the chance, down the years, to master the arts of rowing on the adjacent Abbey River.

Contact with the club can be made through the president, Christy Madigan (061-55365) or any of the sub-committee: Anne Browne, sec; John O'Dwyer, Claire Murphy, Pa Cooney, Kieran O'Neill and Sean O'Neill.



Scot Lewis, Redgate, and Jim O'Connor, Clareview, Leaving Cert. pupils at St. Nessian's Community College.

## Hamlet takes some students by surprise



Jennifer O'Brien, Meelick, leaving St. Nessian's after yesterday's Leaving Cert. geography exam.

**FOLLOWING** day two of the Leaving Certificate examination, students were in agreement, that very detailed information was being sought by the examiners.

Scot Lewis, 8 Willow Grove, Redgate, speaking to the *Limerick Leader*, following the completion of his geography paper, said "I felt they were looking for detail, we were not given an open choice in many of the questions".

Jim O'Connor, 25 Merval Park, Clareview, who is hop-

ing to continue his education at Moylish College, referring to the English pass paper said "the poetry was very hard", but that the geography paper had a "few easy as well as a few hard questions".

But despite recent criticism of the Leaving Certificate examination both students felt it was necessary.

### Studies

"After studying for five years, there needs to be some kind of an examination at the end of it", said Scot.

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Children collecting eel fry on the banks of the Cathedral in the background.

## The city council accused of playing to Press

By DYMPHNA BRACKEN

A call to Limerick city councillors to take more pride in their city, and not to be looking for cheap publicity was made this Thursday night, by Mr. Finbar Dorgan, an official of NEETU.

Speaking at a meeting of Limerick Council of Trades Unions, Mr. Dorgan was referring to a report in the *Limerick Leader*, this Wednesday, in which members of the city council called for the army to be called in to quell the state of anarchy in the vicinity of Hyde Road.

"It should come from this Trades Council, to call on members of the city council to be more careful, take pride in their city, and not to be looking for cheap publicity" said Mr. Dorgan.

### Edited

The matter was raised by Mr. Jim Wallace, president of the Trades Council, who said that the report may not have been complete, and that points may have been edited out.

Cllr. Joe Harrington said he had spoken at the meeting, but was not reported.

At the city council meeting, Cllr. Harrington said he had proposed that community leaders in the area be asked to get involved, and also that caretakers be employed.

"They are the proposals which the Trades Council should support", he said.

"Calling in the army is not on, that was only just playing to the press", he added.

### Impression

Mr. Wallace said that the report gave the impression that "mobs were looting" in the area.

Mr. Seamus Quinn referring to looting said "the only thing they could loot is rats. If they are looting up

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## Man jailed for hitting warder

A CLONLARA farmer was granted an adjournment at Limerick city court, for assaulting a Fishery

The defendant, Patrick, was granted an adjournment to answer the charges on Board, did not turn up in court.

The court was told that salmon in the net put up found a revolver hidden in

### Summonses

There were two sets of summons issued. The first related to June 5th a net to capture fish in a contrary to section 95 of the seven unlawfully captured was also charged with having June 25th, 1987, with O'Brien in the execution of Officer, Patrick Murtagh.

Mr. Adrian Frawley, Regional Fishery Board, Michael O'Brien, Fish finding a net set across the Clonlara.

## Had cannabis

Gerard Ryan (30), of Hyde Road, Ballinacorney, Westport, received a 12-month suspended sentence, and was fined £100 when he pleaded guilty to Limerick Court to possess of cannabis resin at F Bow, Limerick, on July 1986.

The court was told that defendant had had two previous convictions.

### DEATHS

**BIGWOOD** (nee Ryan) — 4, 1988, at Hillington Hos Eileen, 23 Dearly Road, South and late of O'Curry Place, Limerick. Beloved wife of Denis. Deeply regretted by her loving husband, Brian; sisters, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Funeral on Friday, June 13, at 1.30 p.m., from Anselm's Catholic Church, St. Ann's.

**CRONIN** (Limerick) — on 8, 1988, at St. Camillus' Hos Theresa, late of 91 High F Thomondgate. Deeply regretted by her loving niece, Josephine Baltimore, U.S.A.; relative friends. R.I.P. Removal from Camillus' Hospital to St. Ann's Church this Thursday

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## Going to bed with computer

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