

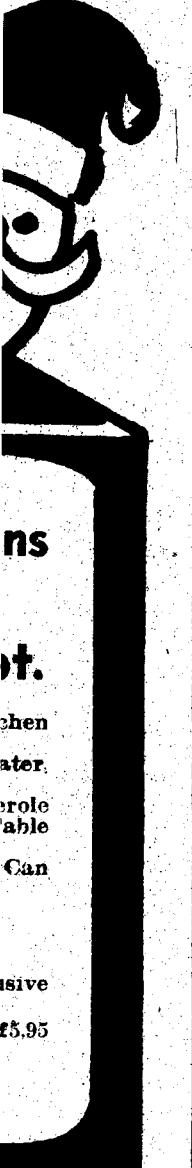
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these being taken care of.  
Mr. Paddy D'Arcy, the Cor-  
poration's housing officer, told  
me that at present there is a  
pilot improvement scheme on

St. Mary's Park had been car-  
ried out and "quite a few of  
the people had no complaints,  
and were very happy with the  
houses the way they were."

# Baggott Estate: public inquiry held in Limerick

BY PADDY MORONEY

**A VIGOROUS CASE** was put in Limerick this week  
by the building firm of Portland Estates against  
the Corporation's scheme to buy the Baggott Estate.

The outcome of the inquiry,  
which lasted a full day, will  
not be known for some time.

The Corporation endeav-  
oured to show that the estate  
was needed urgently for parks  
and recreation amenities —  
that projected population in-  
creases indicated a 40 per  
cent. deficiency in the district.

Portland Estates, however,  
out that within 1½ miles—  
"a reasonable walking distance"  
—there were 19 open spaces  
and training/recreation facili-  
ties.

## Greenpark

All of these—including the  
giant Greenpark Racecourse  
and its grounds—were within  
the present borough boundary.  
There were other lands just  
outside the boundary, exten-  
sive and suitable for recrea-  
tion.

While the equal suitability  
of these "county" lands for  
housing was not debated at  
length, the builders, through  
Mr. Pat McGuigan, their sec-  
retary, emphasised the need  
to have a housing estate as  
near to the city as possible,  
i.e., on the Baggott Estate.

Public drainage officer, Mr.  
Pat Handy, however, said that  
his office would not be in  
favour of any interference  
with the back drains of the  
land or the embankments  
themselves.

"If there was a failure of  
those banks, there would be  
desolation for amenity areas  
or housing areas", he said.

"Any use of our banks for  
a public area would increase  
their maintenance."

Mr. Larry Coyle, chief  
assistant planning officer of  
the Corporation, said that of  
the 28 acres involved over 4  
would be required for roads,  
the remainder for develop-  
ment for public amenity at a  
cost of 3,000 over 5 years.

He was replying to questions  
from Mr. Ronan Keane, S.C.,  
instructed by Corporation  
Law Agent, Mr. Richard  
Woulfe, and from Mr. Dermot  
Kinien, S.C., instructed by Mr.  
James Sexton, solr., for Port-  
land Estates.

Mr. Michael MacCurtain,

City Engineer, said that it  
was not possible to say, at  
present where exactly (to the  
nearest foot) the roads would  
run, thus effecting maybe cer-  
tain gardens.

Mr. Niall Gaffney, solr., said  
that over a half of Mr. Thos.  
Delahunty's acre of cultivated  
land would be absorbed by  
road proposals. And more than  
a half of Mrs. Moloney's half-  
acre would be so affected.

Evidence for the Corpora-  
tion was also given by Mr.  
Flann O'Neill, Planning Offi-  
cer, and Mr. Pat Meaney, Law  
Agent's Office.

## CHRISTMAS AND WIDOWS

THE DECEMBER meeting  
of the Association of Widows  
in Limerick, will be held on  
Wednesday next at the Social  
Service Centre, Mrs. Ita Fitz-  
gibbon, P.R.O., announced this  
week.

"Our hearts go out at this  
time to all widows, but parti-  
cularly to those who are fac-  
ing their first Christmas with-  
out their beloved husbands,"  
she said.

"Families should make a  
special effort to rally around  
them at this time, as the ter-  
rible sense of loss is highligh-  
ted at Christmas.

"Friends are often inclined  
to stop issuing invitations to  
a widow when she loses her  
husband, at the very time  
when she needs consolation  
and companionship."

"Let everyone make a re-  
solution that in 1975, the In-  
ternational Women's Year,  
they will give a thought to  
widows among their friends,  
and include them as their  
guests on special occasions.

"All women have a talent of  
home making or for business,  
and don't lose these talents or  
personality because they be-  
come widows."

There will be a Tupperware  
demonstration by Mrs. Patri-  
cia Lawlor, at Wednesday's  
meeting.

big debt incurred on the school  
and the church, and other ev-  
ents, such as a sale of work  
in the Spring, contribute too."

He said children from all  
over Limerick would be wel-  
come.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTED

THE FOLLOWING candi-  
dates were elected to the  
Southill Community Council  
this week:—

Mr. C. Dillon, 26 O'Malley  
Park; Mr. M. O'Flaherty, 36  
O'Malley Park; Mr. C. Clancy,  
24 O'Malley Park.

Mrs. K. Boland, 570 O'Mal-  
ley Park; Mr. J. Hoare, 565  
O'Malley Park; Mrs. F. O'Con-  
nor, 581 O'Malley Park.

Mr. C. O'Callaghan, 300  
O'Malley Park; Mr. H. Barry,  
324 O'Malley Park; Mr. J.  
Guinnane, 600 O'Malley Park.  
Mrs. Grace, 139 O'Malley  
Park; Mrs. Shine, 134 O'Mal-  
ley Park; Mrs. Murphy, 137  
O'Malley Park.

Mr. E. Hennessy, 1 Rose  
Court; Mrs. K. Slattery, 15  
Lilac Court; Mr. N. Browne,  
23 Lilac Court.

Mr. T. Allen, 13 Salvia  
Court; Mr. J. McNamara, 3  
Salvia Court; Mr. N. O'Mah-  
ony, 23 Aster Court.

## PEGGY DELL FOR SHANNON

PEGGY Dell, start of RTE's  
"Peg O' My Heart," tops the  
bill at Shannon Knights Inn,  
Shannon Town Centre, on  
Wednesday and Thursday  
next.

Cabaret is the most recent  
innovation in the Knights Inn,  
the large lounge bar complex  
which was acquired earlier  
this year by Limerick business-  
men, Mr. Jack Bourke and  
Mr. Stuart Clein. Both have  
extensive business interests in  
the area.

The Shannon Knights Inn is  
one of the most extensive  
pubs in the Mid-West region.

General manager, Mr. Maur-  
ice Johnston, a former man-  
ager of the Limerick Savoy,  
supervises a staff of 16. Mr.  
Aidan White is the assistant  
manager. And the head bar-  
man is Mr. Gus Callanan.

Supporting acts in Peggy  
Dell's two-night run will be  
Ger Cusack and Frank Quin-  
lan, who will appear on Dec-  
ember 12, and the group,  
"Freedom," who will be fea-  
tured on Wednesday, 11th.

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