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Mayor Tim Leddin presided over a meeting of councillors in the hospital this week, where unanimous solidarity was pledged under the portrait of the Barrington family who donated the hospital to the city in 1829.

Alderman Gus O'Driscoll described the hospital as "dear to every one of us".

"We need your help", he told the councillors. "There is a lot of work to be done". Councillors agreed to support the campaign individually and to man tables outside church gates in the city this weekend to collect signatures.

"I arrived home from work on Christmas Eve all ready to put my feet up and enjoy the T.V. programmes for the night and then just in the middle of *The Sound of Music*, it went off," said Mrs. Brenda Finucane, 9 Belfield Grove, Farranshane.

"It went after 5 o'clock and didn't come back until 9. Then it went again and the service was intermittent all over the week-end.

"The best night's viewing of the year and then it had to go — you wait all year for these programmes."

Complaints

Mrs. Finucane said that she had heard complaints in the past from viewers in other areas but they had never been affected before.

"I always had sympathy for these people in the past. Westward just have a monopoly," said Mrs. Finu-

A busy but bright Eimear Begley at work at O'Sullivan's Shoes during the current sale. **Wide awake shoppers: p. 6.** **Sales fever abates but business brisk: p. 5.**

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6-screen cinema complex for city

By LEADER
REPORTER

LIMERICK COULD shortly have its first multi cinema complex, courtesy of the Ward-Anderson Group who are owners of the Carlton and Central Studio and retain an interest in the Royal Cinema, which closed last year.

As part of their plan to revitalise the cinema industry in Ireland, Ward-Anderson, the largest exhibitors in the country, are to close a number of existing cinemas throughout the country and build multi screens instead.

It is understood that they have a six-screen complex planned for Limerick.

Mr. Leo Ward, a director of the group and who has strong Limerick connections, was not available for comment this Thursday. However, a spokesperson in his office did confirm that they had big plans for Limerick.

In the 'seventies Limerick had seven screens. With the city restricted to two cinemas it has meant a backlog of films awaiting release in Limerick. This is due partially to retentions.

It is not known yet if Ward-Anderson will move to a new location or develop one of their existing cinemas, possibly the Carlton.

It has been reported that they will close their six cinemas in Cork and move to a new site on the suburbs.

for lost time

This Thursday night's New Year celebrations will be delayed a little in arriving. In fact by one second. The Bureau Internationale l'Heure in Paris has decided that the earth has been spinning too slowly for the last three years and has lost a second.

And the time for catching up is at 23:59:60.

'Inner Space' prizewinners

Winners of the "Inner Space" competition in the Limerick Leader were: Kevin Kelly, 34 Crossroads, Thomondgate; Darragh Lowe, 89 Norwood Park, Ballysimon; Brian Fitzpatrick, 8 Hilltop Drive, Dooradoyle Estate, Limerick, and Glenn Casey, 75 Lenihan Avenue, Prospect.

The winners can collect their prizes at the Limerick Leader offices.

Grandstand finish

The new Mackey Stand at the Gaelic Grounds is scheduled to open next May, according to Noel Drumgoole, chairman of the fund-raising committee.

Work is going according to plan and the contractors have been assisted by the mild weather of late.

Ceili 'first'

The Brosna Ceili Band will feature in a new RTE series of traditional Irish programmes, commencing on January 7. They have the distinction of being the first ceili band in the series. Mr. Donal O'Connor, Principal V.E.C. Cappamore, is a member of the band.

Old friends

Limerick comedians Tom and Paschal, now over quarter of a century on the road, will present a special Christmas entertainment at the Belltable, starting on this Sunday. They have invited many of their old friends to join them on stage for the nine performances.

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