A huge crowd had gathered

in the town and among

them was a callow youth

who began his night in

these premises. He drank

his share with some other

youngsters and I must say

he was more genial in drink

than he was when he was

served behind the counter

from time to time were all

agreed that here was a very

charming young fellow indeed. He was curly-haired

and, for some strange reason that I simply cannot fathom, it is a well-known

fact that females are as

well-disposed towards

curly-haired chaps in this

day and age as they were

Anyway, as I have said, our young friend enthralled

every female in the place

with his lack of guile and

smile and curls. He was

frail and pale and self-

effacing. There was something about him I

couldn't quite put me finger

on and then, moments after

he left the bar to go down

the town, it dawned on me.

He was a martyr. Pure and

simply that's what he was,

a martyr. Others might say

Sure enough later on in

that he was cannon fodder.

the town he was struck a

blow in the jaw for no

reason whatsoever. It was

my own daughter who told me the story. She had been

passing by with a friend when they saw him sitting,

covered with blood, with his back to the wall of a

house. For no reason, or so

my daughter maintained, as

did her friend. The curly-

haired boy just chanced to

watching with his hands in

his pockets. Need I say more? The inevitable

happened which goes to

prove that no innocent

bystander is safe while he

when I was a gorsoon.

The various females who

arted the car and omewards but as ceeded into the side he made an on which the son

id the father to the u will look at my will see that it has sh or break saving which has never any harm and a danged sight in two warts or a ose. The reason I other mark is saw my father get of a fist as he was a row at a football saw the man who but I bided my knew the world tch up with him did, for he was nseless outside a some time after."

s no moral," said 'except that you oken nose and I

s the moral?" the

ee, gentle reader, ardy it is to play of innocent Just as the oth is attracted to so is the innocent attracted to areas Innocent s are frequently United States of and in other less states they are by police and These police that innocent rs are not as

they look or as id to be. orget it altogether, perhaps recall an vhich may be of fit to the reader. pened that it was ight of Listowel k which is also the All-Ireland Championship.

irke, martyrs

is bystanding.

Mountains, and elcomed Sullivan Beare llowers to his

Hely and Fr. O led for Ireland 579 and landed Disguised as y planned to

managed to see the prisoners before their execution, described Conn O Rourke as young, goodlooking and soft-spoken he was then about 30 years. On or about August 13, 1579, Patrick O Hely and Conn O Rourke were hanged on a little mound called Corchta, outside the town walls

Generous Limerick's £25,000 Somalia collection

THE Red Cross revealed this week that the people in the Limerick area had so far given £25,000 to the Somalia Appeal.
"We are thrilled with the

response and are getting about £1,000 a day, explained Ann Hickey Roche, local society treasurer.

Local factories and groups are organising collections and fundraising events as the horror of what is happening in Somalia becomes clearer day by

day. So far the Irish Red Cross have spent £250,000 buying emergency food and medical supplies and sending Irish personnel to the country.

Local contributions can be made by contact AIB 9/11 Upper William Street, Limerick, account number 70657586, bank code 93-55-14, any post office or Red Cross branch.

Walk on the Wildside

Walk on the Wildside, a five-mile sponsored walk in aid of the Irish Council Against Blood Sports, will be held in Limerick on Sunday, September 27th, leaving the Crescent Shopping Centre at 2.30

All those concerned about the cruelty involved in coursing and fox hunting are asked to join local celebrities in this fund raising event. You can obtain sponsorship cards by phoning 061/333644 (ext. 2283) between 3 and 5 p.m. week days. Anyone who collects £15 will get a free T-shirt and those wit £30 will get a free sweatshirt

Spillane

THE Limerick friends of the late Geoffrey Spillane, well-known to Old Crescent supporters, who died in Australia lately, have arranged a requiem Mass in his memory. It will take place at the Jesuit Church, The Crescent, next Tuesday at 8pm.

Fined

JIM Keane of 25 Dromore Rise, Raheen was fined £20 at Adare Court for driving at 45mph in a 30mph zone at main Street, Patrickswell on September 19 last year.

Too fast

LARRY Lyons of 2, Dromore Rise, Raheen, was fined £20 at Adare Court for driving at 45mph in a 30mph zone at Barnakyle,

Board pioneers health care programme for primary pupils

By DYMPHNA BRACKEN

A HEALTH education programme dealing with all aspects of children's health which was was pioneered by the Mid Western Health Board was this week launched by the Minister for Health.

The revolutionary programme put together by the board's health education unit over seven years, deals with primary children's physical, emotional, spiritual, social and envirnomental health.

The programme, Bi Folláin, was developed by the board's health educaofficer, Eileen O'Sullivan, from Kileedy, with the co-operation of parent bodies, teachers and health experts. It comes as a teacher manual comprised of education themes, activities and includes work-

Bí Folláin is the first of its kind to be developed in Ireland and is copyrighted by the health board.

Health Minister, John O'Connell, said the launch came at a particularly opportune time when the concept of the health promoting schools is coming to the fore as an issue for

schools.
"This concept can provide schools with ideal opportunities to cater for the all-round development of young people and to prepare them fully for the life that awaits them outside the school gates," he said.

In preparing pupils for

demonstrate that health is important and that it really

However, he added, the school cannot work in isolation in helping young people to develop healthy lifestyles and behaviours that are conductive to good

"It is vital that the mes-sages which the school is trying to disseminate are reinforced in the home by means of not only parental approval but all parental example," he added.

Frequently, said the Minister people take health for granted but then as soon as they become ill it becomes an item of con-

One very important aspect of health promoting schools, according to the Minister is the curriculum that is available to teachers to facilitate their classroom health education interventions.

He described the programme as one of the most comprehensive health education curricula for the primary school that has been developed, not only in Ireland, but in Europe.

He congratulated the health board for taking such a lead role in providing this resource for the many teachers, not only in the Mid-West, but for those throughout the country who are going to avail of this particular resource pack.

And, he said, if he was giving an award for good management and inhovate ideas, the Mid-Western Health Board would be the recipient.

Referring to Ms O'Sul-

livan, he said the board were very fortunate to recruit a person of her cali-

"Eileen has given much to ensure that this is one of the landmarks in curriculum development in this country," he stated. Health board chief exec

utive, Denis Doherty, said that fundamental to the success of the board's health education initiatives and, in particular to the implementation of Bí Folláin throughout the region and beyond is the need for the Department of Education to commit the necessary resources to the project.

"The most vital resource, in the case of Bí Folláin, is the sanctioning of a twoday release for teachers so as to enable necessary inservice education to take place," he said.

Ms O'Sullivan said, at the outset, the project recognised that to be effective, to have the required long term, positive impact, it would have to assist teachers, at a practical level, to plan topics and schemes of work which could be implemented with

ease in the classroom. Explaining the development of the course, she said, that in 1984 a comprehensive survey of teachattitudes to health education was undertaken.

Later, a comprehensive survey of parents' attitudes to health education was conducted in the region.

Parents responded most positively to the proposal that a health education programme be formulated for use in their children's

of Bí Folláin, she said, is unique in many ways.

"It caters for all ages of primary school children and specific programmes have been developed for each level," she explained

Teachers will receive the appropriate programme of materials only on completion of an in-service training programme.

Throughout the coming weeks, schools in the region will be circulated with an information brochure indicating the means by which they can acquire copies of Bí Folláin and avail of the in-service programme which accompanies it.

Concluding, she paid a special tribute to Liam Leland who recently lost his pattle with a long illness, for his input to the project over the years.
Peadar Cremin, lecturer

in social and environmental studies, Mary Immaculate College of Education, described Bi Follain as a tribute to co-operation across the professions, a cooperation, he hoped, would be matched by the between the Departments of Health and Education in casuring that this programme reaps the benefits that it is capable of reaping.

To often, he said als and programmes which have been developed abroad have been put into Irish schools regardless of whether they were entirely appropriate or not.

'It is most unusual, possibly unique, that a pro-gramme is as carefully planned and structured as the present one," he said.



At the launch of Bi Folláin were, from left, Denis Doherty, health board chief executive officer, lack Bourke, hoard chairman, Eileen O'Sullivan, education officer, and John O'Connell