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Persons involved are asked to contact Fergal O'Grady at 410155 or Paul Fitzhenry' at 419944 before the end of November.



Fergal O'Grady and Teresa O'Beirne from Limerick and Shannon College of Hotel Management.

Primary school-goer numbers show big drop

By **DYMPHNA BRACKEN**

THE numbers of children in primary education in the city have dropped by 1,198 in the past 10 years.

This is principally the result of demographic factors, related to a drop in fertility and emigration out of the city and region.

The schools whose numbers increased dramatically were located in the suburbs, while those whose numbers declined were located in the borough of Limerick itself.

City centre schools were worst effected.

In 1986, a total of 1,262

persons aged between 15 and 29 reported that their full-time education had ceased before the age of 15.

This amounts to 7.8 per cent of the total population in the age group.

However, in the absence of Ward data, it is impossible to determine the relative concentration of this group in the various wards.

In 1981, this group comprised a relatively large proportion of the same age-groups in deprived areas.

According to the Corporation's demographic projections, the numbers of primary school children are set to decline further over the coming 15 years.

With regard to community development and education it is the policy of the

Corporation to encourage the provision of community halls or social centres in suburban residential districts.

It is prepared to assist in so far as financial resources permit, local communities willing to undertake the provision of such centres.

And it is the policy of the Corporation to assist the Mid-Western Health Board in the enhancement of existing health facilities and the promotion of new health facilities.

The Corporation are also anxious that new schools would be provided near churches and shopping centres to that in time new schools will be accepted as part of the community facilities of a district.



Tom Leydon, from Lancashire, England and Mark Hayes from Limerick who graduated last week from the Shannon College of Hotel Management.

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