

More and more complaints WRECKERS DESECRATE LIMERICK GRAVEYARD

BY PADDY MORONEY

ST. MUNCHIN'S GRAVEYARD, a notable part of Limerick's heritage, was desecrated this week by people knocking over or smashing headstones.

But this was only one of an increasing number of violations of the consecrated ground—recently the church in the graveyard was attacked.

And Villiers' Homes for elderly people, which are adjacent to the churchyard, are now being pelted regularly with stones, causing broken windows.

This is quite apart from the increasing frequency of house-breaking and trespass on the property.

There are reports of young couples misconducting themselves in the graveyard at night.

Evidence

And on top of that, there is evidence—with beer bottles scattered around the grounds of drinking by intruders.

St. Munchin's Church, its graveyard, and the Villiers' Homes stand together on King's Island, just across the road from King John's Castle.

The most disturbing aspect of the trouble, quite apart from its disrespect for property consecrated by the church, is the fact that it is on the increase: there has been a phenomenal increase of complaints over the past 18 months.

Commenting on the trouble this week, the Dean of Limerick, Very Rev. Dean Walton Empey, said: "There seems to be so few facilities for the children around this area.

"There are a lot of young lads going across the lawns and shouting abuse at the old ladies there, and I suppose it may be because the place is a little off the beaten track."

Housebreaking

But he emphasised that while the trouble in Villiers Square was caused by young people, mainly children, this was not necessarily true for the graveyard.

One instance of housebreaking occurred when an elderly lady in one of the Villiers'

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Many attractions planned for Limerick Show

BY JIMMY WOULFE

DETAILS OF LIMERICK Show, which will be held on August 29 and 30, were announced at a Press conference in Limerick this week.

One of the features of the show will be the final of the National Showjumping League (sponsored by Bord na gCapall), which will be held on the first day.

On the second day the feature competition will be the Benson and Hedges Championship which has the added attraction of being a qualifying competition for the Spillers riders championship.

Top riders

Some of the top names in showjumping will be appearing at the show and are sure to draw huge crowds to Greenpark. They include: Eddie Macken, who will be riding Oatfield Hills in the "League"; Comdt. Ned Champion, who won the Hennessy Dillon Stakes at the Dublin Horse Show; Capt. Larry Kiely and Leslie Fitzpatrick.

The show also incorporates one of the country's leading dog shows. This is always a highlight, and this year the entries have reached the 100 mark, an increase of 103 on last year.

Mr. J. K. Lang, sales promotion manager, Benson & Hedges, said his company were very happy to be of assistance by way of sponsorship.

"We feel that Limerick Show is worthy of the general support of the whole community," he said.

Baby found dead in stream

A baby's body was found submerged in a stream outside Patrickswell during the week. It is believed that the body lay in the water for nearly 24 hours before it was discovered by a woman who was searching for some animals.

Patrickswell Gardai are investigating the death of the infant. A woman is believed to be helping them in their inquiries.

Protest.