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BANKS BLACKLIST UNEMPLOYED

Banks are playing a major part in forcing unemployed people into the hands of money lenders. Hatch 33 launched an investigation on the major bank's policies as regards giving loans to the jobless. A Hatch 33 reporter posed as an unemployed person seeking a loan of £500 towards buying a motorcycle. At every bank he tried he was treated with indifference and practically regarded as a second-class citizen.

The first bank our reporter tried was A.I.B. When he made his request the first question the bank asked was "Where are you working?" When he replied he was on the dole they immediately said "We wouldn't think there's any chance of you getting a loan as you're unemployed". They didn't even ask him if he had any collateral. Just plain "NO!"

He then checked out the Ulster Bank where he was almost sneered at when he said he was jobless. "Not at all, not a chance" was the assistant manager's reply to his £500 request.

Our reporter then tried the other two main banks and was told in the same manner that he had no chance of a loan.

After the investigation we contacted the banks and asked them had they any specific policies on giving loans to the unemployed. The assistant manager at A.I.B. told us that they had no specific policy. "We assess everyone individually" he claimed. Trustee Savings Bank told us that they do indeed give loans to the unemployed. "If they can afford a loan, we give it although to be honest an unemployed person is unlikely to get a large loan." How much is considered a large loan? "Over £1,000." Our reporter asked for £500 and was shown the door.

Clearly then unemployed people can forget about going to banks for loans. You've been left with few options but to run into the ever-welcoming arms of the money lenders.

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CREDITS

Hatch 33 is an unemployed centre production. It was written and composed before a live audience at the Thomas Street Studios. Words are by Kevin Barry, Ann Kenny and Des Langford. Ads and publicity - Clodagh Buckley and Kevin Barry. Other contributions courtesy of Freeze Frame Photography, Mike Miller, The Art Class, Gus Quin and others too numerous to mention.

TABLE QUIZ SUCCESS

The table quiz run by the Unemployed centre on Friday, May 13th, at the CIE club in Carey's Road was a great success. 17 teams were in competition, and the honours eventually went to Tony Liddane's team, with the Unemployed centre coming in in third place after a nail-biting tie-break which eventually took the CIE team into second place. A great evening was had by all, with spot prizes being distributed throughout the competition. The Unemployed Centre would like to express their thanks to the companies which sponsored the prizes, as well as all those who participated in the quiz. The object of the exercise was to raise funds for the Centre.

McKnights

Call in to us for lunch, porter and traditional Irish music
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31, Thomas Street, Limerick.

THANKS

The centre for the Unemployed would like to express their thanks to those who supported our **Flag Day in May**. Your contributions are being put to very good use by the centre. **Gingerbread**, the association for single parents, ran a Flag Day on the 16th/17th of May. They would like to thank all their contributors.

WRITE FOR YOUR FIGHTS

Are you annoyed, angry, want to put the boot into a Government Department? Then write a letter to "Hatch 33", and we will publish it in our letters column. We would like to hear your honest opinions about "Hatch 33", and reactions to our articles. If you feel you can contribute any material (articles, photographs etc.) to "Hatch 33" then drop in and have a chat with us.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

You are entitled to 2 weeks holiday in the year while signing on. Sometimes you are given an alternative exchange to sign on at or else you receive your payment on returning. Up until recently you weren't allowed leave the country but under new measures you will now be able to claim social welfare if you're going abroad. Details at the Labour Exchange.

NEED ADVICE?

The centre for the Unemployed in Thomas Street provides an **advisory service** for anyone who has difficulty with the social welfare system, or questions about it. There are three advisors in the office, and at least one of them is always there to answer your questions or give advice.

The advisory service is constantly in use, and deals with a very wide range of problems. In the month of April we had 139 clients. Most of them were long term unemployed, but we had employed people call on us as well. 24 were queries about unemployment benefit and pay related benefit, 13 dealt with unemployment assistance, 18 were disability benefit, and 12 were questions about emigration. Among other problems dealt with were housing and rent, unfair dismissal, redundancy, maternity benefit, jobsearch, water rates, education and tax.

If you have a problem with any area of the social welfare system, call in to us. If we can't help you, we'll tell you who can. Ask for **Brian, Mike or Catherine**.

PART-TIME JOB INCENTIVE SCHEME

The part-time work scheme is to go ahead. As reported in our last issue unemployed people will now be able to work up to 24 hours a week and still be entitled to an income supplement from the Department of Social Welfare. The supplement will consist of £45 for married people and £27 for unmarried.

Unfortunately, the implementation of the scheme has been held up due to a dispute involving members of Civil and Public Services Staff Union and the Department of Social Welfare. The minister for Social Welfare Dr. Woods, however, says the scheme will not involve major administrative changes so things should be ironed out soon. In the meantime be sure to keep making inquiries to the Labour Exchange.

TAKE NOTE

Signed articles in 'Hatch 33' represent the views of the writers and may not represent the views of the Limerick Unemployed Centre.

WOMENS WRITERS WORKSHOP

On the evening of **Friday 24th of June**, the Unemployed Centre will host the opening of the **Womens Writers Workshop**. This is an event not to be missed by anyone who has ever though they would like to express themselves in any form of writing. A number of workshops will be held over the week-end covering journalism both news and feature writing, prose, poetry, drama and video.

There will be some well known writers, journalists and poets who will conduct the workshops and give help and advice on methods of writing. **Ciana Campbell** of R.T.E. fame will give talks on video scripting. Talks will be given by **Liz McManus** of the Sunday Tribune, **Emma Cooke** a local well known published author, and **Maeve O'Brien Kelly**, former Hennessy literary award winner and well established poet and author, currently working on her second novel. Finally a representative from **Brandon Press** publishing house will give a talk on how to get published.

There will also be plenty of informal sessions during the day in McKnights bar, adjacent to the Unemployed Centre, over coffee. So mark this week-end in your diary as an important occasion for aspiring writers.

We welcome everybody of all ages and levels. There will be no charge for the workshops. **All enquiries please phone Aileen or Gabriel at the centre 46056.**

WOMEN WRITERS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH:

VENUE: SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL & MANAGEMENT STUDIES.
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PROGRAMME:

- 10.00-11.15 - Liz McManus on Feature Writing.
- 10.00-11.15 - Dorothy Freeman, on Biography, T.V. Script.
- 11.45-13.00 -- Maeve O'Brien-Kelly, on "Challenges facing writers today", Short Story.
- 11.45-13.00 - Steve McDonagh Brandon Publications, on Publishing.
- LUNCH BREAK.
- 14.00-15.15 - Ciana Campbell, on Video Script.
- 14.00-15.15 - Deborah Conway, on Poetry.
- 15.45-17.00 - Kate Shanahan, on 'Pop Journalism'.
- 15.45-17.00 - Emma Cooke, on the Novel.
- 20.30 - 'get-together' at McKnights', 31 Thomas Street, Limerick.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th

PROGRAMME:

- 10.00-11.15 - Arthur Quinlan, Irish Times.
- 10.00-11.15 - Ms. Helena Close, on Community Magazine.
- 11.45-13.00 - Eileen Mulcahy, Meera Books "How We Started".
- Close: 13.00



CO-OP COURSE CONCLUDES

The **Co-operative Development** course which has been running in the Unemployed Centre since last November came to an end in May. The course was organised through AnCO and run by **Liam Morrissey** of the Irish Productivity Centre. He said that he was very pleased with the standard achieved by the participants and wished them the best of luck with their enterprises. He said "they are leaving this course with all the basic knowledge needed to make a start in the Co-op business. I will be very surprised if at least some of them don't make a success of it. Of course, it's a game of chance going into business, and even the best training in the world can't guarantee success."

Most of the participants in the course plan to make an immediate start. **Joe Flood** and **Ger Wallace** are starting a Photographic studio under the name "FreezeFrame", and have been given access by the Unemployed Centre to the darkroom facilities in our basement. Other enterprises emerging from the course include Knitwear, Soft toys, Food processing, Christening gowns, French polishing and a Launderette. A great deal of thought, initiative and imagination has obviously gone into the course, and Hatch 33 wishes the graduates the best of luck in their businesses. Co-operative enterprise is still one of the newer options in business, and it seems a promising possibility for the future.

Arts Club Launch

The **Studio 55 Arts Club** will be officially launched on **June 30th**. The venue is the **Belltable Arts Centre**, and if you would like to attend, it's free admission. Just be there for 5.30pm. The launch will feature an exhibition of work by six artists in painting and sculpture. There will be live jazz music, and **Brendan Kennelly** will give a poetry reading. **John Hunt** of the Arts Council will perform the official opening. So if you're into jazz, art or poetry, come along. The club also plan to launch an **Arts Newsletter** at the end of the month. Best of luck with the venture.

SEE PHOTOS ON PAGE II.

If anything is happening in your area that you wish to publicise, please write in.

Legal Aid Centre comes in for flac (k).

Everybody needs legal advice at some time. Those with a reasonable regular income can generally afford to pay for it. But if you are unemployed or on a low income, the cost of getting the help you need could be crippling. Some solicitors in Limerick realised this in the seventies and started giving Free Legal Aid. These eventually got together as the **Free Legal Advice Centres**, or **FLAC**, and operated as such until 1979. In '79 the government established a civil legal advice centre in Lower Mallow Street that was theoretically the same thing as **FLAC**, so **FLAC** in Limerick disbanded.

The thing about it is that the legal aid provided by the centre in Mallow street isn't exactly free and is a little hard to get. First of all, you must fill out a means test form. If your disposable income in the year is above £5,500 in the year, you are not poor enough to be helped. In the event that you are poor enough, a minimum "contribution" of £1.00 for advice or £15.00 for legal aid is required. If you fill those requirements of combined poverty and ready cash, you are eligible for an appointment with a solicitor. We have heard of cases where it has taken **five weeks** to get an appointment to see the solicitor.

Another feature of the centre is that it offers only Civil Legal Aid. It does not touch on criminal law. Nor, in general, does it deal with property law or conveyancing. It does deal with Landlord-Tenant relations and Family Law. If, however, a husband and wife both require legal aid or advice, one of them will have to go to the Limerick centre and the other to the advice centre in Galway. *The centre will not deal with two members of the same family simultaneously.*

The centre is open between 10.00 am and 12.30 in the mornings, and from 2.00 to 4.00 in the afternoons, Monday to Friday. The Advisors there are **Fergal Rooney** and **Josephine Fair**, and if you can manage to get to them, they will probably do their best for you within the government-imposed limitations. If you can't get to them - either because you are too wealthy, too poor, or the wrong sort of problem, contact the Community Information Centre in O'Connell Street. The workers there are voluntary, and haven't got legal training, but at least they can advise you. And finally, you can always call in to the advisory officers in the Unemployed Centre. They'll do their best to help or refer you to help.

A final word of advice to the government. Next time they take it into their heads to replace an existing voluntary service, try to do the job properly, or don't bother.

TROUBLE OVER BRIDGED WATERS

The people of Limerick had their chance on the 30th of May to let the government know their feelings and they certainly took that chance. The Taoiseach, Mr. Haughey, was greeted at the opening of the new Shannon bridge by a large and very dissatisfied crowd. Water-charge protestors, anti-rod licence fishermen, the unemployed and a large number of people who are unhappy with things in general let the Taoiseach know in no uncertain terms how they felt about the current administration, and when words failed, they said it with eggs.

Mayor Tim Leddin apologised for *"the bad taste of some of my citizens"*. What was shown on May 30th, however, was nothing compared to the bad taste shown when Mr. Leddin invited Charles J. Haughey to Limerick. Bishop Edward Darling also apologised saying that Mr. Haughey had a difficult task as he was *"a bridge builder for the whole country"*.

Later in the day Mr. Haughey planted a rowan tree on the Ennis Road where he shook hands with the P.D. leader Mr. Des O'Malley. The tree is to act as an outside toilet for the region's dogs. The two great leaders were to inaugurate the tree but it was feared that their combined efforts would surely put a swift end to the sapling's short existence. So they refrained..

Mr. Haughey left the city late in the afternoon, his day's work done. He flew off into his imagined sunset in his helicopter. Ride on, Cha, Ride on.



"Bless you, Tim"



"Never laid a finger on me....."

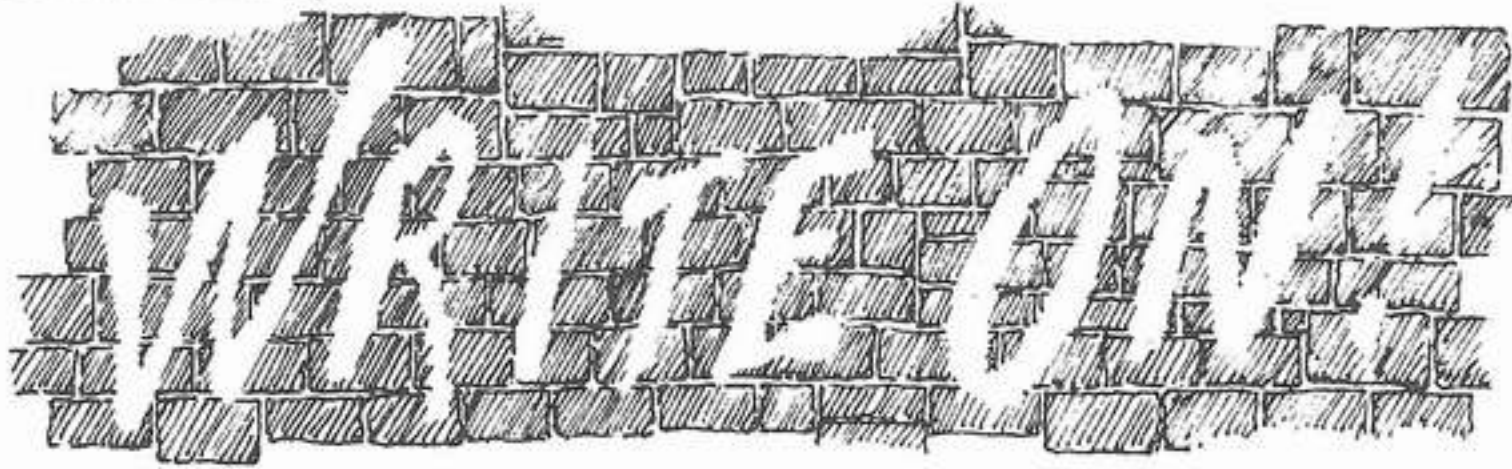


"Beam me up, snotty"



Egg on the starboard bow, sir

PHOTOS BY
KEVIN WALLACE
and MICHAEL O'DOHERTY



**YOUTH
SUPPLEMENT.**

Write Intro

Are you a Zig and Zag fan, young, free and jobless, under 25? Hold It! We're not offering you a place on a Teamwork scheme. No, instead we're offering you the news, blues and views of a very lively Teamwork group.

"Write On" was written, produced and edited by the "Quality of Life" Teamwork scheme. Now it may not improve the quality of your life, but it will definitely improve the quality of your reading... Zig and Zag never had it so good! Read on if you dare ...

PIC: KEVIN CLANCY - PRESS 22



Boys on film - take 50!

INTO THE GROOVE!

Three local lads have just finished a pop video for Limerick band "The Groove". The video which features the song "Eyes of the World" was filmed entirely on location in the city. Venues included The Granary, the red church on Henry street and parts of the famous Parish!

The video was made as part of the work of the "Quality of Life" Teamwork Scheme. Many thanks to Paddy Ryan of the Granary, the County Council and the people of the Parish! Special thanks to Limerick Unemployed Centre and the VEC for loan of equipment. Aiken and Waterman - eat your hearts out!

STOP PRESS

The Groove's latest single "Eyes of the World" is due to be released in mid-June. So come on, hatchlings, support your local rock band!!!

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THE BRAZEN BODY CLUB

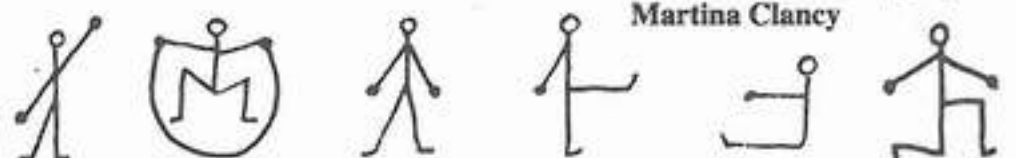
Teenagers in the Rosbrien area are preparing for a very active summer. For Rosbrien is to have a new youth club, thanks to efforts of two members of the **Quality of Life Teamwork Scheme**. The **Brazen Body Club** runs every Wednesday night in the local Scout hall from 8 - 10pm and response to date has been excellent!

The club caters for 15-18 year olds from Prospect, Weston and Greenfields - an area that has lacked these facilities for the past five years. **Marion Colbert**, one of the club founders, told "Write On!" that "the teenagers here are crying out for a youth club so we decided to do something about it!" Marion herself a native of Prospect, and **Martina Clancy** first surveyed the areas in order to gauge interest, and they were astonished by the response both from young people and parents alike.

Marion assures us that The Brazen Body Club will be a youth club with a difference. "there will be something to suit all tastes", she says, "from drama and aerobics, to soccer and badminton. We are also planning day trips for the summer."

Both Marion and Martina wish to thank everyone who helped set up the club, but especially the club members; The Brazen Bodies themselves!

Martina Clancy





Twenty Reasons Why Not to Emigrate

1. It's a lovely country!
2. Loads of unemployment
3. Every second house on the block has been burgled twice.
4. Charlie Haughey is in Government.
5. Ronald Reagan isn't (yet).
6. P.A.Y.E. (Pay As You Emigrate).
7. Donkey Fords fish 'n chips.
8. Social Enjoyment Schemes.
9. The G.A.A.
10. New Potatoes ("Irish")
11. Public swimming pools (potholes).
12. Maurice Pratts exciting adverts.
13. John the Man.
14. The weather.
15. Limerick's Tercentenary (???)
16. Zig and Zag.
17. Prospect United.
18. Singing bridges.
19. Guinness.
20. The Jobsearch Experience.

"DANCIN' IN THE STREET"

Street life, street music, street dancing, Lark in the Park, fire-works display, carnival parade, are just a few events provided in the year's biggest ever "SUMMER FESTIVAL" to hit the streets of Limerick from June 30th to July 3rd

A fun packed four days costing £40,000 is now being organised jointly by Juior Chamber, Shannon Development, Michael McNamara and Shaun Hannigan City Arts Officer.



"It's really important that Limerick city has a major celebration during the Summer" said **Shaun Hannigan** in a recent interview. His enthusiasm is so great that Shaun can foresee the setting up of a Limited Co. in the future to establish and protect this annual event. Who knows, maybe some day it will be as big as The Guinness Jazz Festival or The Rose of Tralee.

Only 6 weeks to go. If you would like to participate on a voluntary basis, or have any ideas for special events contact Mr. Hannigan, City Gallery. Tel: 310633.

Elaine Richardson
Shirley Hogan



"No, this is not my confirmation photo!"

BABY FACE!

The fame of Shirley Temple's Babyface set her up for life. Not my luck, even though my name is Shirley and I have lots of curls too. No Broadway hits for me, just a special "Limerick Bouncer". It all started on a Saturday night not so long ago...!

Dressed not to kill, with shining hair, a little make-up, off I go happily to meet my friends. Outside, the pub was filled with some of the atmosphere from within, loud clattering and lots of laughter, when suddenly I was greeted by this big six foot muscle man.

My heart stopped. "Who is he" I thought, "I've never seen him before". Waiting for him to open the door for me, I stood, when suddenly I heard this deep husky voice: "Sorry love, you're too young". Dumbfounded I stood there desperately trying to defend myself. "I'm 19" I said, my face red from ear to ear. "Don't make me laugh luv, I've got a pair of boots older than you". I eventually walked away hearing him still laughing at me.

This really gets on my goat. I've been going to the same pub for the last year, it's nice, the staff are nice, and shock horror, a nice bouncer. I'm fed up being told "try somewhere else". Where? Everyplace has bouncers now!!! I get so agitated, so frustrated, I don't even go to the discos anymore. I can't be the only one who is 19 years old and no one believes me.

My only hope is when the Government introduce ID cards for young people. Then I'll be taken seriously, and won't have to listen to remarks like "don't worry, sure when you're 40 you'll look 20". What good is that to me?

My parting words are to my friends the bouncers; until the ID cards appear, please give us "Babyfaces" a chance to enjoy ourselves and LET US IN!

Shirley Hogan

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Charlie Haughey,
c/o Members Bar,
The Dail,
Dublin.

A Government Scheme,
Somewhere in Limerick
1/6/88

Dear Charlie,

I'm desperate. I'm writing to you personally, because I know you really care about the young people of Ireland. I think you should know me by now, after all I have been on 6 of your schemes already. So now Cha, I want a job. A real job, with real wages and who better to employ me but your good self? I don't want a place on a Teamwork scheme, a work experience scheme, a Cert scheme or any other scheme that you have up your sleeve. You've been training me for the past 4 years, you must have a vacancy for me at this stage. I'm willing to do anything from being your personal hairdresser to being your new Scheme Creator.

Charlie, like yourself, I'm a veteran Schemer. I would just like to ask you and your partners how many of your children have been on schemes? How many of them are facing the dole queue? I see your son is doing ok. for himself, he's moving into the gold digging business - or is that a government scheme as well? Not on your nelly Charlie, he would never work for £50 a week.

So Cha, before you vamoose to your private island for your holliers, gis a job!!!

Yours In Desperation,

Marion Colbert.

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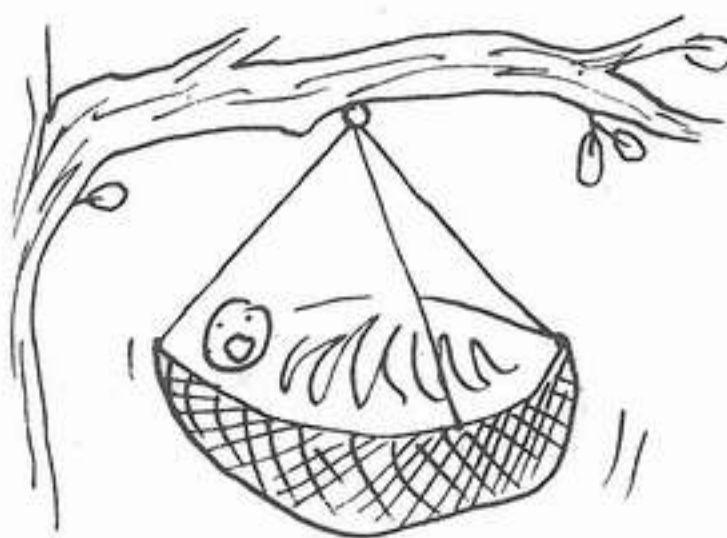
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Knock-A-Bye Baby!

You're reading this article on your own O.K.? However, do you remember when you couldn't read, talk, or even walk? Remember still when you were picked up and bounced around and when you were dumped back down in your cot or pram. Remember with horror those nursery rhymes croaked at you with a mixture of sad and smiling faces which usually ended up Koo chi Kooing you.

Did you feel sorry for old Jack-who fell down and broke his crown and 'Humpty Dumpty' who waddled along? How about that monkey that chased the weasel around the Mulberry bush? All they say is 'Pop' goes the weasel, I'll let you into a secret, it put me off weasels straight away. It's no wonder that babies usually end up screaming at bedtime!



I had enough, they had enough. They can't handle anymore. Did we really want to learn 'Ring a Ring a Rosy, atishoooo, atishoooo We all fall down. We fall down alright, fall down dead, from chronic old age, or cheerful youth, this or that disease, it get's us all some day! I nearly forgot, what about the old lady that lived in a shoe, did she really murder her kids every night? I bet she was a T.V. sponger too.



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Did You Pass Your Mean(s) Test?

Three pounds and fifty pence. This is not a five year olds pocket money. This vast sum folks, is a nineteen year olds dole money. Honest! Now this would be a grand amount if the world was full of unemployed five year old who sign on. But it isn't.

I am nineteen and the dreaded Mean(s) Test got me. Three hundred and fifty pennies at my disposal, what an exciting social life lay ahead for me! I mean I could go to the cinema and have a bottle of coke. I could have five trips into town on the bus. Or I could be really adventurous and have two drinks in the local pub. Or better still I could blow the £3.50 on new underwear and have a stroll across the new bridge for free! The possibilities are endless.....

But I must mention here just how generous the dole office really is. I mean they do give me butter vouchers and this makes up for my miserable income. Its no problem living on £3.50 a week and 2 lbs of cheap butter every month. Wow! And here I am thinking I was hard done by!

Yes, the Mean(s) Test got me good and proper. But the bloody Government made a stupid mistake. They means-tested my parents!
Ebony Cryer-Hall

These cruel nursery rhymes have been around for donkeys years, isn't it time for a few new ones? Of course it is, and that's why I've invented one now:

*Rock a bye baby,
On the tree top,
When the wind blows,
The cradle will rock,
When the branch breaks,
The cradle will fall,
Down will come baby,
Cradle and all
Splatter your guts on,
The pavement below,
Everyone watching,
Goes Ho Ho Ho
Take you to Barringtons,
Get you stitched up,
But Barringtons are closed,
So tough shagging luck.*

So what's the moral of all this? Like everything else, there's probably none!

ROUND ABOUT CASTLETROY IN 80 MINUTES

Is it a bird, a plane, or a roundabout?

There I was, my leaving cert. in my bag, told I could handle most things, but no no no! I was wrong. They were wrong.

Once upon a time driving to Castletroy was easy, but then, in came the Corporation to spice up my life with a daily diet of confusion.

There's nothing worse than coming out of a shopping centre at 4 O' Clock with nagging kids, a nagging headache, to be faced with the worlds no. 1 traffic puzzle and no Corpo warning saying "Confusing Road Works Ahead".

Just turn left, no right, follow that sign and here I am back in the Parkway Shopping Centre again. Robbing Fort Knox would be easier. Try again and again and again. Drive straight across the road - I did - I'm a new woman.

Have you got a spare afternoon, then go and sit in the middle of the roundabout and look at those faces in the ever circling cars. It beats any video.

Ebony Cryer-Hall

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So, if you are over 18 with the mentality of a 4 year old please contact **Ebony Cryer-Hall** and **Shirley Hogan** at the Limerick Unemployed Centre for further details.

ART + ALL SORTS

Strange things have been going on in the windows of Ormston's buildings on Patrick Street. On occasion mermaids have appeared there. A herd of cows were also seen grazing quietly in the windows. Who or What is responsible for this? A group of people who go by the strange title of **All + 10 Sorts** are renting the first floor and part of the ground floor of the building. Though it appears quiet from the street, upstairs is a hive of activity. The honey from this hive can be seen in the small gallery around the corner in Ellen Street.

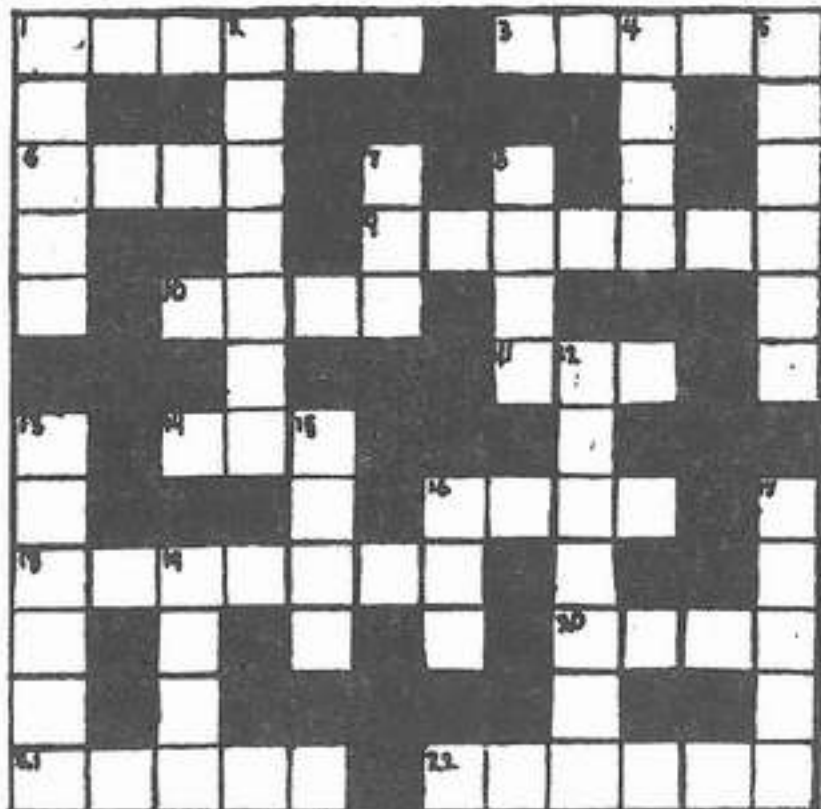
The name All + 10 Sorts gets across the variety of work this group of artists make. They came together for a number of reasons, the support of a group and the fact that they could not afford to rent space as individuals.

As well as showing their own work the gallery has shown work by artists from all over Ireland. During March All + 10 Sorts was the venue for **Drawing on the Dole**, an exhibition of work from classes run by the Unemployed Centre. During June there will be paintings on show from **Lorraine Murphy** from Dooradoyle, and later a show of work by the whole group.

Why not call in some afternoon? All + 10 sorts is an example of what co-operation can achieve in unhelpful times.

Mark Leahy.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Ready to go (3,3)
3. He died August 10, 1977 (5)
6. In 3 acts (4)
9. Directions on envelope (7)
10. 'O' (4)
11. Power people (1,1,1)
14. Short for etcetra (3)
16. First Man (4)
18. Drunken Thady 'the Bard of _____' (7)
20. Plassey College (1,1,1,1)
21. A pop you lick (5)
22. Shakesperian _____ fourteen line poem (6)

DOWN

1. 'A' is for _____ (5)
2. Pigs home over table for hairdresser (7)
4. Disgusting (4)
5. Up and down at an angle (6)
7. 'Zigs' friend (3)
8. Not working (4)
12. Munster champions (7)
13. Sales prices (6)
15. Blockage in a vein (4)
16. 'PLUS' in maths (3)
17. Olympic _____ (5)
19. A car 'Kaddet' (4)

Devised by Mike Kelly

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STATE OF THE NATION.....

A member of a respected organisation has recently been visiting girls secondary schools in the city. The person has been giving talks to 15 and 16 year old girls on the thorny subject of sex. We won't go into the details of the talks (genital warts are mentioned) but suffice to say by 1995 the birth rate in the city should have fallen close to zero. Well, fair play to you anyway Sir. Isn't it grand to see we still have a strong backbone of good, upstanding moralists left in our poor unfortunate troubled country.

With the introduction of licences for anglers, the **Hatchet Man** suggests that similar licences be issued to politicians who want to go fishing for votes.

In the Dail recently, **Mr. Haughey** agreed that statistics for the unemployed were "subject to a number of difficulties in relation to interpretation". Well spotted, Charles.

Man struggles into emergency ward of Limerick Regional Hospital. Bullet wounds in his belly. Arms hanging off. Blood stained tourniquet wrapped around his thigh. Helpful nurse come over. "Excuse me Sir, do you have £10 on your person." The man hasn't, his wallet has been shot from his pocket. "Well sorry so," says helpful nurse "we can't help you." The above is a slight exaggeration of a recent incident at the Regional Hospital when a victim of a mugging was refused treatment because he didn't have £10. It's a sorry pass we've come to.

THE HATCHET MAN

TAKE NOTE (IF YOU CAN)

The Fás offices (used to be Manpower) in O'Connell Street have a notice board for jobs. While the idea is a good one, surely the most suitable place for such a board would be in or near the dole offices. Lets face it, the Fas offices are three floors up, and the place isn't exactly private. Sitting around in there waiting for an interview while somebody else is circling around you trying to read the notice board is an uncomfortable experience, and will

not encourage a large attendance at the offices. It should be possible to locate the board in a more public and anonymous area, such as the reception area of the building, a main ground floor window somewhere, or in the dole offices. There are numerous job centres in England and in the North that could serve as a model for a real employment service.

FACTFILE GLUE-SNIFFING

Gluesniffing is a new and very dangerous aspect of the drugs problem. Its real menace lies in the cheapness and availability of the substances used, and in the fact that it is mainly affecting the teenage and pre-teen population. In other words, it puts children in danger of permanent physical damage, brain damage or death.

The products used are glue, petrol, gas, lighter fuel, paint thinner, aerosols, "Tipp-ex", dry cleaning fluids, nail polish remover, model aeroplane cement and so on. None of these products has any medical use or value, and are not intended for use in the human body. They

are in fact very dangerous when misused.

These "delirants" are inhaled either from a moistened cloth, or by placing the chemical in a plastic bag or container to concentrate the fumes. At first, there is a mild feeling of intoxication, followed by excitement and exhilaration. Then there is a loss of coordination and extreme confusion. Hallucinations and convulsions may occur.

The fumes can cause temporary blindness, and damage to the lungs, brain, liver, blood and bonemarrow. Deaths have occurred from suffocation caused by plastic bags held against the face. Sudden death may also occur from the inhaling of concentrated amounts of aerosol products.

School Project

The Limerick National School Project recently held its second A.G.M. The project plans to open a multi-denominational school in the city similar to other schools currently around the country.

A talk was given at the meeting by **Mr. Gerry Ryan**, Principal of the multi-denominational school in Cork which opened in September last year. He described the sense of unity and community that the school has already developed, and went on to emphasise the importance of parental involvement. He claimed that more than half of his students in Cork had parents who were involved in the activities of the school.

The school operates within the national school system and its teachers are paid by the Dept. of Education. When it eventually opens, the Limerick school will operate in a similar fashion.

Patricia Byrne, Secretary of the project, said, "our first priority is to get a temporary premises here in the city. Also, fund raising is vital to us. We'll be holding an art exhibition in the Granary on June 20th, and we hope it will be well attended and supported."

The committee hope that the school will be open for September 1989. If you are interested in the project, phone 355479 for further information.

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RESIDENTS ANGERED

"I have been a resident of **St. Mary's Park** for many years now and myself and many of my neighbours have been waiting for years for the Corporation to carry out repairs and improvements on our homes. We are very annoyed by the fact that modern bathroom suites are being installed in houses which have only just been occupied by new tenants. Surely we long-established tenants should be first on the corporation's waiting list. *It's just so unfair.*"

**Angry Resident,
St. Mary's Park.**

Sick And Tired

I am living in Moyross in one of the new estates, and I want to say this to the people living around me. I am sick and tired of the way the area is being treated by litterlouts and vandals. No wonder corporation estates get a bad name. If people would respect their houses and the streets where they live, life could be an awful lot better for everyone. But if we set out to wreck everything that we have, and if we don't stop the wreckers living with us, *our houses and our families are going to suffer for it.*

**Tom,
Moyross**

AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY

Summertime. And with it comes the annual litany of ego-inflating concert appearances by the music business big boys. Unfortunately for welfare-dependant citizens the prices of tickets for these gigs are grossly over-priced and when you count in travelling expenses, the cost of getting to even one of these shows this Summer is going to leave one hell of a hole in your dole money. However if you can scrape up the cash to get to a gig, here's this summer's schedule.

First the bad news. As you read this you've just missed a brace of gigs by the wonderfully depressing **Leonard Cohen** at

boring old hippy **James Taylor** is playing Dublin on July 1st and 2nd while July 7th sees the return of **Bruce Springsteen** with his "Tunnel of Love" Express. The last time he played here he was at the height of his "Born in the U.S.A., Fists in the Air, lets blast the Commies" period. Fortunately, Hatch 33's American correspondent reports that the "Tunnell of Love" tour features a far more restrained Bruce playing more restrained melodic and meaningful material. Might be worth missing "Neighbours" for this time even though Kylie Minogue et al may yet prove preferable to four hours standing alongside



PIC: DARRIN TOWELL.

LAUGHING LENNIE, YAWNO JACKO, and TENACIOUS TERRY.

the National Stadium on June 4. Fret not however, as on June 17 the excellent **Ry Cooder** is also playing the National Stadium. Cooder (who's Paris Texas' soundtrack is the best film-score ever-EVER!) promises that the show will cover all the various periods of his distinguished career.

There was some confusion over the **Fleetwood Mac** show this Summer. It was originally scheduled for May but now it looks certain that the gig will go ahead on June 25. If you decide to go..... a word of warning. Fleetwood Mac are fine on record but notoriously "rockist" on stage. 43-hour long guitar solos could be the order of the day, so be wary.

some over-excited yuppie yelling "Broooooce" at the top of her voice.

Pink Floyd are playing Dublin on August 10 and (unless you're masochistically inclined) must be avoided at all costs.

The biggest concerts this Summer are of course the brace of **Michael Jackson** gigs in Cork at the end of July. Support acts are yet to be confirmed but Kim Wilde has been mentioned. That should be interesting. Also rumoured is (gasp) a double support of **Prefab Sprout** and **Terence Trendy D'Arby** which would surely be as close as most of us will get to a simultaneous orgasm this Summer.

Anyway the bleach-skinned boy wonder himself promises a two hour extravaganza of glitzy entertainment featuring a glass stage, millions of lights and thousands of costume changes. Pack the sick bags.

TRAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS

After last issues rundown of the Local Music scene, a complaint was lodged that not enough coverage was given to the thriving traditional circuit. With humble apologies we will now attempt to rectify the situation.

On Monday nights there is a trad session in **Mc Knights** bar with Nesson O'Donoghue, Gus Quin, Christy O'Donovan and many others. Tuesdays has the celebrated session in **Nancy Blakes** which is always packed full when Donal O'Connor, Christy Dunne and others take to the floor.

Wednesday night sees a highly recommended session in **Pa McGraths Pub**, 5 miles out the Ballysimon Road. There are usu-

ally up to ten players and it's always worth the trip.

There's a trad session in **Costelloes** on Thursday nights. Meanwhile on Friday nights there's a regular gathering of musicians in **Galloping Hogans** which is 5 miles out the Broadford-Ardnacrusa road. Saturday night has a session in the **Ballyhane Inn**, 6 miles out the Dublin Road. That's your lot.

Thanks to Mr. Gus Quin without whom the above article would not have been possible. Thanks also to Mr. Quin's parents without whom Gus himself would not have been possible.

Kevin Barry

All Dressed Up And Somewhere To Go

For those of you who are looking for a night out with good music and atmosphere, the **Desmond Arms** in Catherine Street might be the place for you. They offer a bar and lounge, with live music seven nights a week. There is no cover charge for admission, and a good crowd is guaranteed.

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ANGER AT PARK FACILITIES

In the last issue of Hatch 33, we published a brief note warning parents about the dangers of letting toddlers play unattended on the Playground facilities in the Peoples Park. We were surprised at the response we got to this short piece, with a number of people calling in just to let us know they agreed totally with the warning, and to complain further about the quality of the play facilities for children in the city.

We contacted Limerick Corporation to find out what the full story was. **Des Murphy** is the executive Superintendent of Parks with the Corporation, and he was the man we spoke to. He told us that the Parks Department are doing their best to maintain the facilities, but that lack of funds and lack of public responsibility were their two main problems. *"We're doing our best. The play facilities in the park are inspected on a weekly basis, and any damage is either repaired on the spot, or the item is taken away for repair. The cost of damaged items or buying new amusements is very high, and we're working on a limited budget. If an item becomes dangerous, it is removed"*.

But apart from the swings, roundabouts and slides, the most dangerous part of a playground is the ground. That's the main cause of injury to knees, elbows, backs and heads. The surface in the Peoples Park is a tarmac surface, which is not considered a safe or suitable surface for childrens play in most European countries. Mr. Murphy told us that the traditional alternatives were sand and sawdust or wood shavings. These, he said, tended to blow away, leaving the original hard surface exposed. *"Also, dogs and children use them as an outside toilet, and the dirt gets buried in the sand or sawdust. That makes for a dangerously unhygienic play area"*. We asked about this new cork or synthetic surface that is being used in playgrounds in England. *"We can't afford it"*, was the short answer.

While Mr. Murphy's sincerity is not in doubt, "we can't afford it" is hardly a realistic answer from a corporation that can afford to immortalise it's members names on a plaque on the new bridge, and that can afford regularly to study the methods of corporation and councils on the continent of Europe. The real monument they are leaving behind them is the growing delinquency problem in the city centre, the broken arms and legs of toddlers, the brain damage, the stitches and the medical bills that so many families in Limerick are going to have to bear. If, as our politicians keep telling us, our children are our future, then surely it's about time our local authorities started taking care of them.



ANN McKEOWN PRESENTS JIMMY PRIOR WITH HIS IPC CERT

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Do you want to get into soccer and rugby matches at reduced prices? You can if you get an **Identity Card** from the **Limerick Unemployment Centre**. The I.D. card also entitles unemployed people to discount in many local shops and cheap rates for swimming pools, gyms, etc. The card will cost 30p initially and 15p for renewal. So if you're unemployed, and want to save money, drop into 33, Thomas Street, and ask for our Identity Card.

GET FIT FOR SUMMER

There are several sporting opportunities currently being offered by the Unemployed Centre. There is five-a-side soccer in Corbally at 3p.m. on Tuesdays with swimming from 4 to 5 in the Roxboro pool on the same day. There is keep fit for ladies on Tuesdays from 2.45 to 3.45 in Corbally.

If there is enough demand the centre will also have basketball and volleyball courses on offer.

Meanwhile there will be a tennis course starting on Tuesday nights in Laurel Hill.

For information on any of the above courses, contact **Tom Hehir** at the Unemployed Centre at the following times:

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