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Peoples' Park. is aged about 20, pocket face, 5' 7", was wearing a jacket, denim jeans, navy r and tie. man approached two nine-ld girls who were on a school from Dublin, and followed into the toilet. Gardai say he girls were uninjured but hocked.

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are treating this as a very s matter", said a Garda sman. He stressed: "Howev- is an isolated incident and is no need for alarm". kily for the young girls they ned loudly and frightened off attacker. rdai at Edward Street would to hear from anyone who ed anything suspicious at id 5 p.m. on Wednesday at ublic toilets in the park. r. Jack Bourke, who raised atter about toilets at numer- Corporation meetings, said eck that Corporation public s should be modernised and ised, or else closed down. has complained about men women "operating" from c toilets, after numerous e contacted him about the ar.

Assurance on water

hen Cllr. Michael Collins d the county manager, Mr. Haslam, for an update on the ing water main, at a meeting imerick County Council, he told that the Corporation had approached and an assurance given that the frequent inter- of supply would now e as a result of a duplicate i having been installed over affected area. have assured industrialists at een that the problem has now i rectified", said the county ager.

Postal plans for Monday

here will be no deliveries etters or parcels in Limer- postal district on Monday t, a bank holiday. A ial night despatch of let- will be made up at 9.30 ., that night, and all city r boxes will be cleared, luded in this despatch. special outward despatch also be made up at non.

Irish American warns on pickets

A LEADING Irish-American has warned of the damage that might be done by those who plan to protest during President Reagan's visit to Ireland this weekend. Hospital, Co. Limer- ick-born, Joseph English, who is managing director of the Holi- day Inn in Oaklawn, Chicago, and who is a member of the American tourism board, in a statement on the visit has pointed out that the American media will be present in strength and will report on every aspect of the visit.

"Irish-Americans and good friends of Ireland would be hurt if their efforts to encourage investment and tourism were to be undermined by a few unrep- resentative publicity seekers," said Mr. English.

"Americans are puzzled these days by reports from Ireland in the papers and on the television news programmes. Some includ- ing many Irish Americans, are also upset. What they hear is that President Reagan's visit to Ireland may be marred by protests and demonstrations against the Administration's foreign policy, especially in relation to Central America.

"These people are not neces- sarily ardent Reagan support- ers, indeed, many have voiced disagreement with many aspects of the President's policies. But even in an election year, whether they are democrats or republi- cans, they are agreed on one issue: when Ronald Reagan visits Ireland, he does so as President of the United States, leader of the American people. Furthermore, he is seen as an authentic Irish American returning to his kinfolk.

"The Irish are renowned for the warmth of their welcome for foreign visitors. All the more reason then that we should welcome one of our own. President Reagan will meet with the Government, which has stated that it will fully explain our problems with some areas of U.S. foreign policy. This is as it should be. If you have a problem with a friend, you talk to him privately.

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Well played

The Quish Brothers, who recently won the World Handball Championships, were congratulated on their achievement at a meeting of Limerick County Council.

are "Let Erin Remember," "The Boys from the County Cork" and "Kelly the Boy from Killane."

The band was formed in 1944 and Mr. O'Brien says there is "fierce tradition" in the area. Obviously a very popular band, they get invitations each weekend to play in different areas.

Members

MICHAEL HARTNETT HONOURED

By CONOR
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Michael Hartnett

LIMERICK poet Michael Hartnett is to attend the prestigious International Poetry Biennial in Liege as this country's representative at the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs, it was disclosed at the opening of Writer's Week in Listowel this Wednesday evening.

Opening

And this Thursday, Volume 1 of his collected poems will be launched at the annual gathering of the scribes by the Feale, marking a watershed in his distinguished literary career.

Writer's Week was opened by Sunday Independent journalist, Ciaran Carty in the Listowel Arms Hotel at which the presentation of literary awards were also made.

Linda Guerin, of 3 Roches Row, Roches Street, Limerick, won the coveted American Irish Foundation sponsored open poetry competition with "The Storm".

Author Charles McSherry from Shannon Banks received third prize in the Kerryman Originals Competition.

And Mrs. Marie Murray, who is serving a life sentence in Limerick Prison, won the "play" section in the Writing in Prisons Competition with "When Scales Fall".

Templeglantine poet Michael Hartnett, speaking to the Limerick Leader at the opening of Writer's Week, disclosed that he was to attend the 14th International Biennial in Liege. He added that he was delighted at the prospect of represent- ing Ireland.

"It is on from the 30th of August to 3rd September and there will be poets there from all over the world — I am really looking forward to reading there," he added.

Hartnett's volume of poetry which will be launched this Thursday, contains all his work in English from 1958 to 1974. A second volume, containing his many translations from the Irish, Spanish and Chinese, will be launched later this year.

In 1975 he forsook English as a medium for his poetry and now writes in Irish — "I don't miss it at all."

A short book of Irish poetry "Do Nuala" will also be launched this week.

Of late he has toyed with the idea of writing an opera "something in that vein" with Shaun Davy, who composed the theme music for the documentary of the Brendan Voyage. Davy is married to Agnes Conway from Newcastle West.

Writers Week

County Limerick Vocational Education Committee

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