

elector.
 re was an independent
 ate elected for this area
 t time. I hope that this will
 re to be the case. Nobody
 to see the spirit of the law
 .” said Mr Gilligan.
 co-option election was due
 held at the last meeting of
 ck City Council but was
 l for a month after a vote was

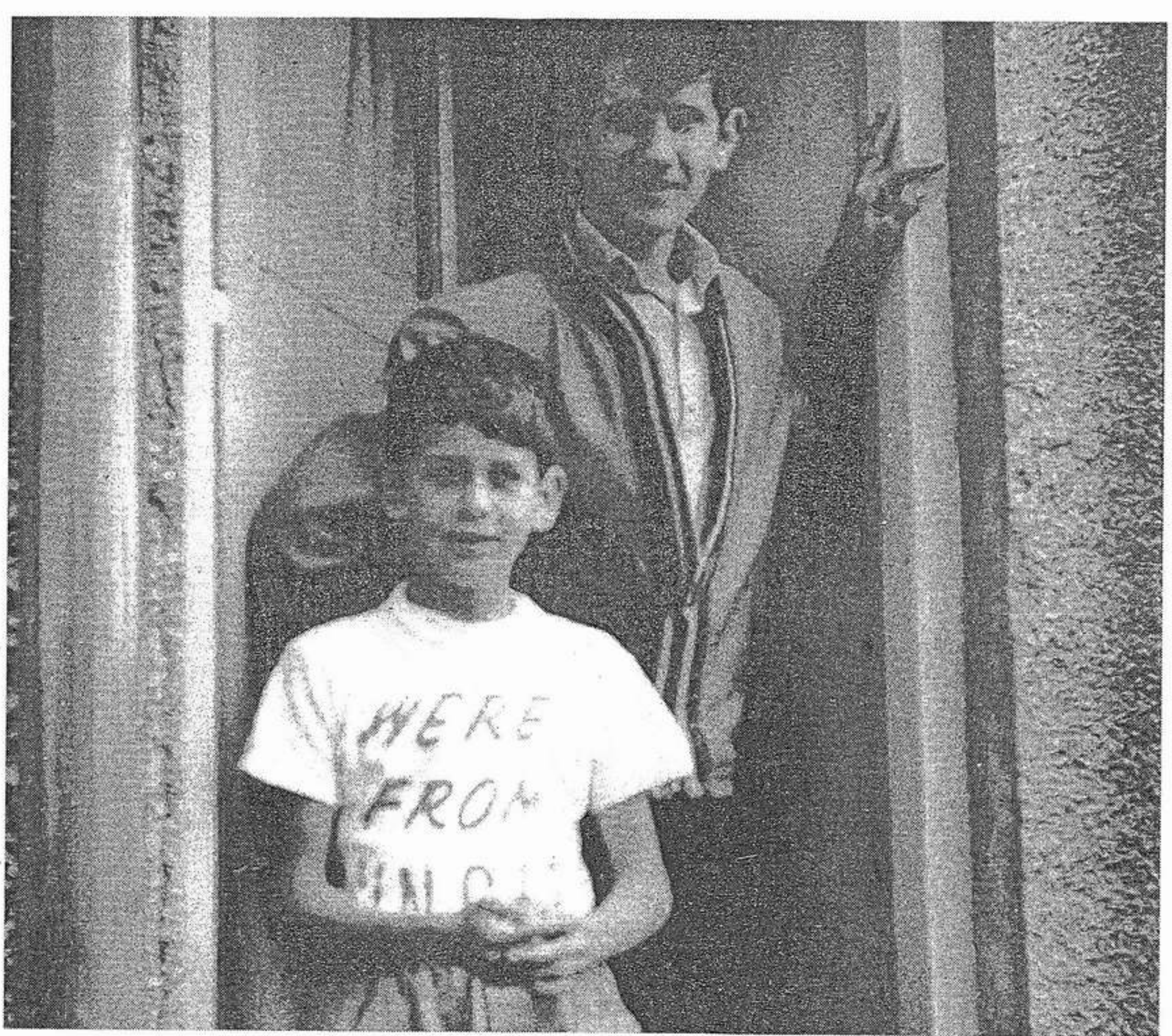
Rebecca Storm to perform at Concert Hall

BRINGING the spectacular
 s of the award winning
 l, Copacabana, last year
 ck Musical Society will
 : A Night with Rebecca
 on Sunday, March 9 at 8pm at
 iversity Concert Hall.

Rebecca Storm is Ireland's best
 and most popular female
 and her name is synonymous
 musical theatre.

in Yorkshire, her career
 as a cabaret and night club

her versatility combined
 with evident acting ability soon
 the way for her to become
 the leading names in UK and
 musical theatre.



Good times: This great picture was sent in by Noreen O'Connor of her brothers Brian, age 17 and Brendan age 7 at the the back door of their family home in Shannabooly Road, Caherdavin. The picture was taken in 1961 and Noreen recently sent the photo into the Leader's office from her home now in Coventry, England

lum".
 NTO says that the problem of
 e tests is particularly acute
 ay.

Council accused of invasion of privacy

MR Limerick city councillor
 Driscoll has described the
 ation decision to move a
 y man into a house at Cliona
 occupied by a young couple
 ir child, as an "invasion of
 r privacy".

Corporation spokesperson
 d that anywhere they have
 "squatters", they move
 rity people to guard their
 y.

ouple, Marlowe and Denis
 and their baby daughter,
 moved into the house at
 onia Park, after the death,
 eek, of Marlowe's uncle,
 pher O'Brien.

ie Corporation had allocated,
 O'Brien's death, the house
 her family at the top of the
 g priority list.

owe O'Brien, they said, was
 heir housing list.

O'Briens have since refused to
 ut, although water and ESB
 s were cut off.

elieved that Marlowe O'Brien
 n looking after her late uncle
 O'Driscoll said that at least
 ys had always been allowed
 Corporation in the case of a
 s death, for a family to sort
 affairs.

25 years ago

Closure of Barrington's hospital approved

BARRINGTON'S Hospital is to close. The Cabinet met yesterday and approved the decision already made by the Minister Mr Rory O'Hanlon.

And while there were no Government announcements following the decision, the Limerick Leader has learned that funding of the hospital will cease from March 31, on which date beds are to be transferred to St John's and the Regional hospitals.

The Cabinet is understood to have spent a short time discussing the issue, which was quickly passed by for more "urgent matters", said a source.

So despite the Dail vote and the efforts of Deputy Willie O'Dea, who voted against the Government, it seems certain that the hospital will close.

The tactics of the Government appears to be to keep this issue in low key, though Health Minister Dr Rory O'Hanlon is expected to make a formal announcement in the next few days.

Royal George hotel sold for £800,000

THE Royal George Hotel has been sold for a sum believed to be around £800,000 and the new owners intended upgrading the city centre facility straight away.

The new owners are understood to be well-known Listowel businessman Mr Xavier McAuliffe, and Mr John Costello of Glin, while manager Mr John Likely also has a share.

They immediately intend investing £250,000 to improve the facilities of the city centre hotel, which was owned by Mr Bobby Kennedy.

While auctioneer Mr Pat Kearney of Rooney's was not available to confirm the sale today, the Limerick Leader has learned that the purchasers have bought the premises "lock, stock and barrel".

There will be no redundancies and the Royal George, one of Limerick's best known landmarks, will continue to be managed by Mr Likely.

The new owners are two very successful businessmen. Mr McAuliffe owns Spectra Laboratories and has a share in the Skellig hotel, Dingle, while Mr Costello, who runs the well-known television and radio business, based in Glin, is understood to have a share in the Clare Lakelands Hotel.

Rooney Auctioneers have also, it is understood, completed the sale of the Ark Tavern, Corbally, for around £300,000.

Sammy Benson is local citizen of the year

THE LIMERICK citizen of the year for 1988 is Mr Sammy Benson, the popular band leader, it was announced last night.

The award was presented by Limerick Junior Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Gerry Garvey. Sammy Benson has been making music most of his life. He first came to attention as a young and gifted tenor sax player in his father's dance orchestra.

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