PEOPLE working in hospital operating theatres

are subject to serious environmental hazards, says

report in the current edition of the Irish Medical

Journal.

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A marked increase in abnormalities has been demonstrated in foctus produced by women exposed to the theatre atmosphere. The abortion rate also is markedly increased in theatre personnel.

Because of the evidence that has accumulated the Journal says it would seem wise to consider methods of reducing gas levels in operating theatres.

"Although no definite cause and effect relationship has been proved, the evidence could be used in medico-legal action as evidence of dillure to take reasonable precautions to prevent a work-related liness," it says.

Special

cabaret

A benefit cabaret in aid of the relatives of the late Jimmy Close, the former Limerick hurler, will be held at the Parkway Motel on tomorrow (Tuesday) night, at 8 o'Clock.

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IMPORTANCE OF FERENKA PROJECT

SPEAKING at the opening of the new Work in training centre at Ferenka in Limerick, the Minister for Industry and Comtheatres merce spoke of the importance of the project nationally and locally. hazards

"Both in terms of the regional community and the wider national economic scene this project is economically attractive," Mr. Justin Keating said.

"A few figures can place the importance of the project in perspective," said the Minister. "The initial capital investment here at Annacotty was £20 m. The plant is located on an 87 acre site and the actual covered floor area extends to 40 acres. The total annual wage bill amounts to three and three quarter million pounds. The plant provides high quality industrial employment to some 1,500 people and a further £1 m. is spent on various goods and services in the locality. All the output from the plant is exported (55 per cent to the United States and the balance to Britain and Continental Europe). "Because it is an export or-

"Because it is an export orientated industry it aids our
balance of payments. Because
of the signfleant wage injections into the local economy and
the fact that goods and services are purchased locally demand is created in other sectors
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"In relation to the size of the project the quality of the employment is of a high calibre; a new set of engineering skills has been introduced into the Limerick area by the establishment of this project.

"The further importance of this industry here is underlined

The premises is

by the various industrial set-backs which the Limerick area is currently encountering," he added.

Textiles

"These employment set-backs have occurred predominantly in the traditionally textiles sector. Priority must now be given to bringing new industries currently in the pipeline or under construction to the production stage, as quickly as possible.

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"Such major projects as Syntex, Burlington and Alcan have been earmarked for the general Limerick area. Already construction activity is underway at the Synthex site in Clarecastle, while the Burlington project for Clonlara has moved to the site preparations stage. These industries will, in many ways, further strengthen the core of new industries in the Limerick area, and create further employment opportunities. I am satisfied that there is a bright industrial future for the area," he concluded. concluded.

The training centre cost £213,000. The 775 square metre centre, one of the biggest of its kind in Irish industry, includes machine and craft instruction areas and lecture rooms, and can cater for up to 80 trainees at any one time.

Attendance

The opening was attended by Dail and Senate representatives for the Limerick area and representitives of the IDA, AnCO, iocal atthorities, the FUE, the Shannon Free Airport Development Company, the ITGWU, ETU and NEETU, the National Manpower Service and the Institute for Higher Education.

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Ferenka manufactures brassplated steelcord for the tyre industry and the plant, representing an initial investment of £20
million, covers 87 acres, 40 of
which are under roof. The company employs 1,450 people and,
in addition to the £3° million
annual wage bill, spends £1 million on goods and services in the
area.

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Welcoming the Minister to the plant, Dr. Herrema said that Ferenka's 1,450 employees deserved full credit for the company's high production level. He also thanked the IDA, SFADCo, the FUE, AnCO and the National Manpower Service for their support and expert idvice. Dr. Herrema added: "Ferenka looks forward to continued coperation with these bodies and to their continued help in developing, with our work-force, a secure future for the steelcord industry in Ireland."

Remanded in custody

Three defendants were remanded in custody for a week with consent to bail by Justice M. de Burca at Limerick City Court.
They were Daniel Power, 20
Fairgreen; Noel Casey, 46 Well Field, Garryowen, and Edmund Coughlan, 14 Claughaun Road South, Garryowen. They are charged that between 6 p.m. on October 12th and 1 a.m. on 14th October they broke into the lock-up premises of J. W. Harrison Ltd. and stole wedding rings, dress rings, a watch and a gold charm, all to a total value of f1,645 approximately, the property of J. W. Harrisson.

Were fighting over hurling game

"Why don't you let those people fight it out themselves," remarked Justice M. de Burca at Limerick City Court after he had been told that a defendant was fighting over the Limerick and Clare hurling teams.

John Sweeney, 12 Crawford Street, Kilrush, was fined if for being drunk and disorderly at 11.55 p.m. on November 15, at O'Connell Street.

Garda J. Foley told the court that on the occasion that defendant was fighting and was very drunk.

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Gerard Lee, 55 Colbert Ave.,
Janesboro, was also fined £4 for being drunk and disorderly on the occasion.
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was very drunk and fighting but that he was not the worst of the the three. He had been more co-operative.

Births and deaths

There were 23 births and nine deaths in Limerick during the week ended Saturday, November 16.



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"WILD and unfounded" . . . that's Kemmy described Rev. Fr. Kay accusation that Irish men and women prepared to work anymore. Cllr. Kemn at the second annual dinner-dance of Stone Layers' Union, which was hele Banqueting Suite.

He called upon Rev. Father Kavanagh, C.SS.R., to tour the building sites in Limerick will social welfar him for one week and that he would see just how hard those employed in the trade really "Our woo casualty in:

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Relaxing in the Bavaria lounge in Clare Street, Lime-

rick (from left): Mr. John Conway, his sister Anne,

reputedly Ireland's only geruine German gasthaus outside Dublin.

and Mr. Jurgen Blaser, manager.