

the Ring Road, and in fact her long term aim is to go into politics as a full time representative for East Limerick.

Dunraven Arms sold

The Dunraven Arms Hotel in Adare has been purchased by Bruff, Co. Limerick born Mr. Carl Shanahan and his uncle, Mr. Joseph Shanahan, who is a well-known personality in the hotel and catering business in the United States.

Mr. Joseph Shanahan will take direct responsibility for the running of the hotel but the present manager will continue in that post and he has also been appointed a director of the new company.

Tributes

At a recent meeting of the Limerick Health Board, warm tributes were paid to Mr. Pat Hartnett, programme manager, who has now retired.

Weather

This Friday night in the Limerick region will be cold with frost in exposed places. Saturday will be dry and bright with sunny spells. There will be a return to broken weather on Sunday, according to the Met Office at Shannon this Friday.

Deaths

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beyond keeping it from spreading to most of the main building. The picture was taken at the height of the blaze by a passer-by. All classes, with the exception of the secretarial, pre-employment and Leaving Cert. classes, are cancelled until further notice.

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Mr. Clr. O'Connell, Estates Manager, Shannon Development, Mr. Frank McCabe, Chairman, Shannon Development, and Cllr. Clem Casey, Mayor of Limerick, at the Limerick Corporation/Shannon Development press conference this week on urban renewal in the city.

Picture: JOHN F. WRIGHT.

GEARY'S TO CLOSE ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

Forty-one face redundancy

BY CORMAC LIDDY

ONE OF LIMERICK'S oldest and best-known industries is "celebrating" its 100th anniversary this year... by closing down. It was confirmed this Thursday that Geary Sons and Co. Ltd., Shannon Confectionery Works, Merchants Quay, is to close at the end of this month with the loss of more than 40 jobs.

Severe trading losses were incurred over the past six or seven years and the company sought a grant from For Teor (the State rescue agency) but the application was turned down.

If a grant had been forthcoming the company might have been able to survive.

But company manager, Mr. Michael O'Doherty, who has been with the firm for more than 30 years, said this week that the entire staff of 41 - seven left in recent weeks - were under notice that the factory was to close on October 30th.

Down the years Geary's have manufactured the famous "penny bar" and, ironically, it is this line which has been responsible for the major part of the company's problems.

Famous

The famous Geary's "current top" was known throughout the country. They also manufactured bulls' eyes, mixed fruit rock, jelly Indians and such lines.

But the cost of raw materials has seriously hit the company and one line alone went up on cost from £300 six years ago to £2,000 per tonne now.

Those who will lose their jobs are: 15 confectionery workers; seven bake house workers; eight salesmen; two foreladies, one workman; one working director, three office staff, a mechanic, a baker, a fitter, a foreman and one sugar boiler.

The company supplied its good to 26 counties and particularly to the Limerick area.

Couple jump to safety

The downstairs livingroom of 22 Cronin Park, Shannontown, was gutted by fire on Thursday.

The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flynn, jumped to safety from an upstairs win-

City drink prices rise

BY BERNARD CAREY

DRINK PRICES rose in Limerick this Friday, following the implementation of the increases granted by the Government recently.

The Limerick branch of the Irish Federation of Vintners at a specially convened meeting on Wednesday decided to pass on the increases to the public but decided not to seek further increases.

The price of the pint of stout is increased from 58p to 62p with pro-rata increases for ales and lagers. The pint bottle of stout is increased by 6p and the small bottle by 3p with pro-rata increases for other beers.

Whisky goes up by 4p a half glass from 56p to 60p.

New law

It is understood that the meeting also considered proposals to be incorporated in the Government's new Bill on changes in the licensing laws.

The preliminary prop-

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25 LOSING JOBS AT FERRIER POLLOCK

BY VINCE MORAN

FERRIER Pollock Distribution Ltd, a wholesale drapery firm in Clontarf Place, Limerick, is also to close its doors with the loss of 25 jobs. Staff have been placed on eight weeks' notice.

The firm, which has been in operation in Limerick over the last two and a half years, was taken over from Switzers. Last June, 40 workers were made redundant from the firm's Dublin branch and according to Mrs. Avril O'Connor, general manager, were paid three times the standard redundancy rate.

'Minimum'

The local workers were, she added, being paid the minimum redundancy rate and they are at present fighting to get parity with their Dublin counterparts.

"We are also fighting to keep the place open", said Mrs. O'Connor.

Meanwhile, Cllr. Clem Casey, Mayor of Limerick, has

expressed concern about the impending closure and said he would like to know what efforts, if any, were being made to save the 25 jobs.

The unions involved in the company are the ITGWU and the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks.

Up With People

The internationally famous Up With People group will visit Limerick from October 22-25 and will give four concerts at the Savoy Theatre. They will have a cast of 100.

This will be Up With People's fourth visit to Limerick.

Rang Gaeilge

Irish classes for adults have commenced in Hall Ide, 18 Thomas Street, every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

On the move

UDT Bank have moved premises to 86 O'Connell Street.

This week the Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Mr. Desmond O'Malley, T.D., formally launched the Limerick Renewal Committee.

The new group will tackle the problem of urban renewal in Limerick. This is a joint venture between Limerick Corporation and Shannon Development.

And the first major work of the committee is to undertake the restoration of a grade II listed building, Michael Street, dating from 1747, it is to be restored at a cost of £2 million by C. Limited, a Dublin based property investment company.

Renovated

It is expected that the building will be renovated within two years. At that time it is expected that Shannon Development will set up an office there. The building will also include an extension featuring the type of small industry in the West.

An entertainment centre for tourists is also to be built there.

Plans drawn up by Shannon Development envisage the building being used as a district tourist complex, with a quiet centre, craft workshop, restaurant and offices.

Mr. O'Malley said in his speech that he wanted Limerick to be a living city with a vibrant core, a city that could all be proud of, a city that requiring many citizens to live in large housing estates removed from the city was harmful both for the city and for the people living there.

What was needed, he said, was not only private enterprise in the city centre but also industrial and commercial units to provide employment for the people living in the heart of the city.

Heritage

The Minister said that the architectural heritage of Limerick had not been served as it should, and must be made to count in this position was challenged.

At the same time, he said, the demands of industry, commerce and housing must be met. To maintain the last and serve the new was the main task of the committee.

At the announcement of the committee, a new film "Limerick, Portrait of a City" was launched.

This was commissioned by Shannon Development and will, no doubt, enhance the image of the city.

Mayor Clem Casey said in his tribute to Shannon Development for commissioning the film that he hoped it would provide an opportunity of seeing the city in a new light.

Mayor Casey said that the Corporation welcomed the prospect of working in co-operation with Shannon Development and hoped that the linking of the two bodies may speed the restoration of the areas of the city.

The city manager, Mr. McDermott, and the city of Shannon Development, Mr. Frank McCabe, also attended the function which was held at the Royal George Hotel. Paul Quigley, general manager, Shannon Development, presided.

£3,000 for craft enterprise