



**Mugged woman recovering**

Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, 8 McNamara Terrace, Limerick, who is recovering from a broken hip and dislocated shoulder, after being attacked by two men of Fri. last who stole her handbag, was said to be "comfortable" this Wednesday in Croom Orthopaedic Hospital.

Detectives at Edward Street Garda Station are investigating the incident which occurred at around 6.40 p.m. in Barrington Street, Limerick. Garda later recovered the van belonging to a Limerick City firm in which the two men made their escape after attacking Mrs. Ryan.



**Limerick Leader**

The Limerick Leader will not be published next Monday and Wednesday. The county and city editions of the weekend Limerick Leader will appear on Thursday and Friday respectively of next week. There will be no Limerick Chronicle next week.

The Limerick Leader offices will be closed from 5.30 p.m. this Friday until 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 27.

**That's Entertainment**

The complete programme for Christmas and New Year entertainments may be found on pages 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. The entertainments section also includes a special feature on the opening this Friday of the Carousal Niteclub in the River Room Motel in Newcastle West.

**LEADER BRIEFING**



**Oriental express**

Eastern Food Market, 34 Parnell Street, Limerick — Munster's first Oriental ingredients shop — opened this week.

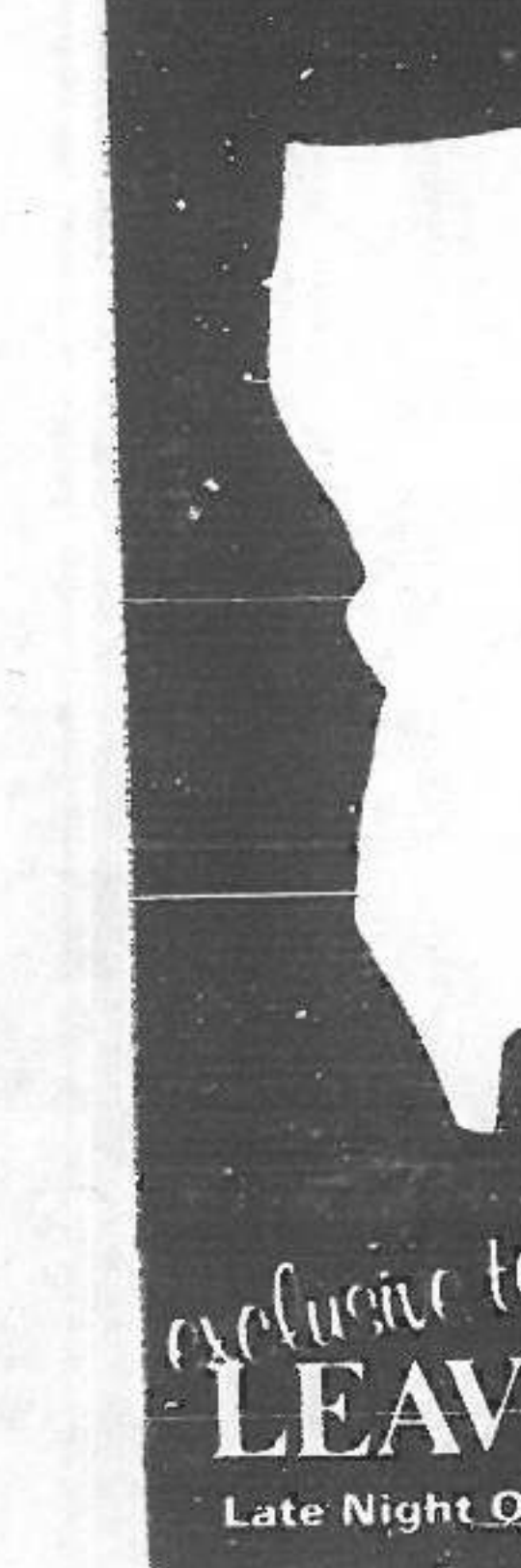
Mrs. Monica Ho, the proprietor, commented: "More and more people are turning to home-cooked Chinese food, so there is now a great demand for such ingredients as bean sprouts, flavouring powder, sauces, etc."

**Fasting for the elderly**

SHARE (The Schoolboys' Harness Aid for Relief for the Elderly) will conduct their annual relay fast this Thursday in Limerick and it will continue until Christmas Eve. Fifth and sixth year students from Limerick city and county schools will take part in the fast to raise funds for the elderly in the area.

**Deaths**

Death notices are on page 5.



**LEAVY'S SHOES**  
Late Night Opening this Friday, Dec. 21

## £50,000 secures 'priceless' treasures

# COUNTY COUNCIL PURCHASE LOUGH GUR

By CONOR KEANE

**THE FUTURE OF LOUGH GUR as a major archaeological and tourist centre is now assured following the purchase of nine properties in the area — including the Great Stone Circle at Grange — by Limerick County Council.**

County manager, Mr. R. B. Haslam, told the *Limerick Leader* this week that he hoped to entice the Office of Public Works to restore another of the properties, Bouchier's Castle, and to have it developed as an interpretative centre and museum — displaying artifacts found in Lough Gur — by transferring the ownership of the national monuments involved to the O.P.W.

Mr. Haslam told this month's meeting of the County Council of the purchase of the properties. He also disclosed that the £50,000 tag on the priceless monuments was shared equally by the Office of Public Works, Bord Fáilte and the Council.

The properties are: the water area of Lough Gur and Geroid Island; Glen Bog; Rusheen Bog; Bouchier's Castle; Black Castle; Grange Schoolhouse; Beechwood Cottage; the Great Stone Circle; New Church (Teampall Nua) and graveyard.

**Limerick social whirl of man sought by U.S.**

By EUGENE PHELAN

**NORMAN MCCAUD**, labelled as one of America's most wanted men, lived in Limerick for about two years and mixed with top socialites.

This Friday he is to appear at a Dublin District Court as attempts are being made to extradite him from Ireland to the United States.

**At Raheen**

McCaud, who lived in Raheen and also in a bungalow near Newport, County Tipperary, is wanted in connection with a murder in Buffalo.

American police suspect him of killing a reputed mobster Gino Albini back in 1970.

While in Limerick, McCaud drank in up-market pubs, mingled with well-known local personalities and ate in the most expensive restaurants.

Although local people knew little about him, the Garda, it is understood, were well aware of who he was and kept a close eye on him.

The Garda could not move until last weekend, when a secret extradition treaty between Ireland and the U.S. became law.

McCaud, who was described by one local Garda source as a "polished performer", was arrested by the Garda Special Task Force at his luxury home in Ashbourne, County Meath.

McCaud sometimes used the name Norman O'Sullivan while here.

Wanted by the F.B.I. on a warrant for unlawful flight to escape prosecution on a murder charge, he has been indicted by a New York grand jury on heroin trafficking charges.

**FOYNES PORT CRUX DEEPENS**

By JIMMY WOUFFE

**THE FINANCIAL** crisis of Foynes Port deepened this week and Fianna Fáil deputy, Mr. Gerard Collins, repeated his call for the Department of Transport to pay up a £900,000 loan which he claims has been long approved.

He accused the Department of endeavouring to confuse the issue with reference to a £900,000 loan in an RTE radio interview which followed last week's *Limerick Leader* story on the troubles of Foynes Harbour Trustees.

**Refusal**

Mr. Collins slammed the Minister, Mr. Mitchell, over his continued refusal to meet the trustees on the matter. And he revealed that the problem had been worsened, said Mr. Collins.

"With regards to the issuing of the £900,000 from the Local



The winning portraits in the Limerick Leader/Niall St. John Under Five Competition. □ Left: Nadine Smyth, of 15 Moylish Road, Ballynanty Beg, Limerick, born on November 23, 1980, winner of the under-two category. □ Right: Lorraine Ellen Naughton, of Meadowlands, Kilsannell, Ardagh, County Limerick, born on October 1, 1980, winner of the over-two category.

## Christmas times in Limerick's churches

**CHRISTMAS** ceremonies in Limerick churches are as follows:

**St. John's Cathedral:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3.00 to 9 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 10.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 8.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**St. Joseph's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 11 to 1 p.m.; 2 to 4 p.m.; 7 to 9 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 12.15 p.m.

**St. Michael's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**St. Munchin's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**St. Lelia's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.

**St. Patrick's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. and 11.00 to 12 noon. Mass: Christmas Eve, 12 midnight, Christmas Day, 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Franciscan Friary:** Confessions all day Christmas Eve, Mass, 10.00 p.m. Christmas Day, Mass, 7.00 a.m., 8.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**St. Brigid's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 12 noon to 1.00 p.m. and 9.00 to 10.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 10.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m.

**St. Paul's:** Confession, Christmas Eve, 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon; 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 11 p.m. Christmas Day, 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**St. Saviour's:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, all day. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon, 1.00 p.m., 1.45 p.m.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 11.30 to 12.30 p.m.; 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Christmas Day, 8.30 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Confessions, Friday, 23rd, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Christmas Eve, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 8.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**Our Lady of the Rosary:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 2.00 to 3.00 p.m., and after 7.30 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 7.30 p.m., 12 midnight, Christmas Day, 8.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.15 p.m.

**Holy Family:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Corpus Christi:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 10.00 to 12.30 p.m., 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 10.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12 noon.

**Christ the King:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.30 a.m., 10.45 a.m. and 12 noon.

**Raheen:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.; 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 12 midnight, Christmas Day, 9.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. (no evening Mass).

**Mungret:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.; 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 10.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

**Creora:** Confessions, Christmas Eve, 7.30 p.m. Mass: Christmas Eve, 9.00 p.m. Christmas Day, 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Augustinians:** Confessions, Christmas Eve from 10.00 a.m. until 7.30 p.m. Mass, 8.00 p.m. Mass: Christmas Day, normal Sunday Masses with no evening Mass.

**Church of the Sacred Heart:** Confessions, Monday, 24th, all day. Christmas Eve, all day. Mass: Christmas Eve, 8.00 p.m. and 12 midnight. Christmas Day, Masses every hour from 6.00 a.m. through to 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.



**Garda at Henry Street, Limerick, are trying to trace racehorse owner and farmer, Mr. Patrick Joseph Madden (55), Derryfadda, Clonlara, who has been missing from home since Thursday, December 13. He is father of National Hunt jockey, Niall Madden, and racehorse trainer, Mr. P. J. Madden, Jr. The missing man is 5' 10" tall, stout build with receding hair and a redish complexion. When last seen he was wearing a brown check tweed sports jacket, a brown hat, grey pants, black shoes and a brown tweed overcoat. His car was located in Ely's Street, Limerick.**

**Green grow the rushes**

A refusal by the O.P.W. on removing weeds from Limerick rivers because would ultra vires "exceed their powers" has been criticised by county manager Richard Haslam. "They are only looking at it from a point of view and taking a narrow interpretation of the law," he said. "We gave them £28,689 last year and we can't ask them to do any more."

**Weather**

Widespread heavy rain throughout the Limerick region this Wednesday night gave way to cold weather showers on Thursday. Friday, according to the Office at Shannon, Wednesday, Windy with light and there is the prospect of early morning frost. For outlook: colder with rain or showers.

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