



The city market in 1961 and these ladies are subjecting the turkeys to some serious scrutiny before deciding which will be gracing their tables for Christmas.

10 YEARS AGO

MAYOR URGES MCCOURT TO GET PREMIERE FOR LIMERICK

MAYOR Jack Bourke has pleaded with Pulitzer Prize winner, Frank McCourt, to ensure Limerick and not Dublin hosts the Irish premiere of *Angela's Ashes*.

And Mayor Bourke has suggested that funds used from the event go to help the disadvantaged attend the University of Limerick.

"I want to make a special request that you use your undoubted influence to bring this event to your native city," the Mayor says in a letter sent to Mr McCourt this week.

However, the Irish premiere of the film has already been organised for Dublin on January 13, with the Limerick equivalent set for the following night.

"We have every facility necessary to stage the premiere with the University Concert Hall in UL; an international airport at our doorstep, and enough top class hotels to cater for a large number of those who would travel to Limerick," said Cllr Bourke.

He believes that newspapers, television and radio would give wider coverage to the event because of the connection of the city with the book.

"Also because this would be only the third premiere in the city, the others being Richard Harris' world premiere of *Bloomfield and Maureen*."

O'Hara's Only the Lonely," said Mayor Bourke.

MARKET'S FIELD FREEHOLD IS PURCHASED FOR £325,000

BORD Na gCon yesterday purchased the "freehold" of the Market's Field for £325,000.

And while the price would seem a "snip", the greyhound body were leaseholds to the owners of the property, Limerick Market Trustees, and the figure paid was above its valuation.

"I believe it is reasonable to both sides. Bord Na gCon were leaseholders and were buying the freehold," said Ald Pat Kennedy.

Bord Na gCon, while renting, actually own all the buildings including the stand and bar.

Now they own the property lock, stock and barrel and intend developing it into a major leisure centre.

Ald Kennedy said that the greyhound authority would have been entitled to a long lease. The Market Trustees met yesterday to vote on the offer from the authority and gave the deal a green light.

Now the greyhound body will be able to go ahead with plans to totally refurbish the track in what is hoped will be a £6 million development.

Negotiations have been ongoing for about a year with the Market Trustees who were not happy with the initial offer.

"Yes, we are recommending the

deal as we now feel we have been offered a fair and reasonable price for the property," Brendan Woods, one of the negotiators for the trustees, told the Limerick Chronicle.

40 YEARS AGO

GREEN LIGHT FOR CITY'S NEW 'TECH

THE DEPARTMENT of Education has given final approval to the erection of a new Senior Technical School in Limerick.

This follows a meeting held a fortnight ago between officials of the Department and the City of Limerick Vocational Educational Committee.

Confirmation of the approval in writing is expected by the Limerick VEC to come by post, which was delayed by the stoppage in Heuston Station, Dublin.

The announcement of the Department's approval came at today's meeting of the Educational Committee, when the chairman, Mr. Padraig O'Cuilleanain, said: "We are in a position to give the architect instruction to prepare drawings."

The new Senior Technical School is expected to cater for electrical and mechanical engineering, the building trades and ancillary skills, including plumbing, as well as courses for Leaving Certificate students with emphasis on the applied sciences.

Speaking of the meeting between the Department and the Committee, Mr O'Cuilleanain said: "We had a very

full discussion, for a whole fact.

We now intend to instruct to prepare a sketch of on the schedule of accom.

It has not yet been possible how much the new building this will only be possible delayed letter arrives.

The Committee's are Edward O'Dwyer, said that plans could be prepared and working plans could be within six months.

"Optimistically, we could tender for the job in twelve he stated.

COUNCILLOR RAPID LIMERICK TRADER

COUNCILLOR Jack Bourke cised the traders of Limerick subscribing sufficiently to the provision of Christmas

"It is up to the traders enough to the fund if the city are to be decorated scale," he said at a City Counciling.

He did not agree that the tion should be asked to mtribution towards the fund.

"I think if the traders show the lights," he stated.

Cllr Bourke referred to the Limerick Development tion had to cut down on the of the lights because some t not give enough money to t

He called on all traders t