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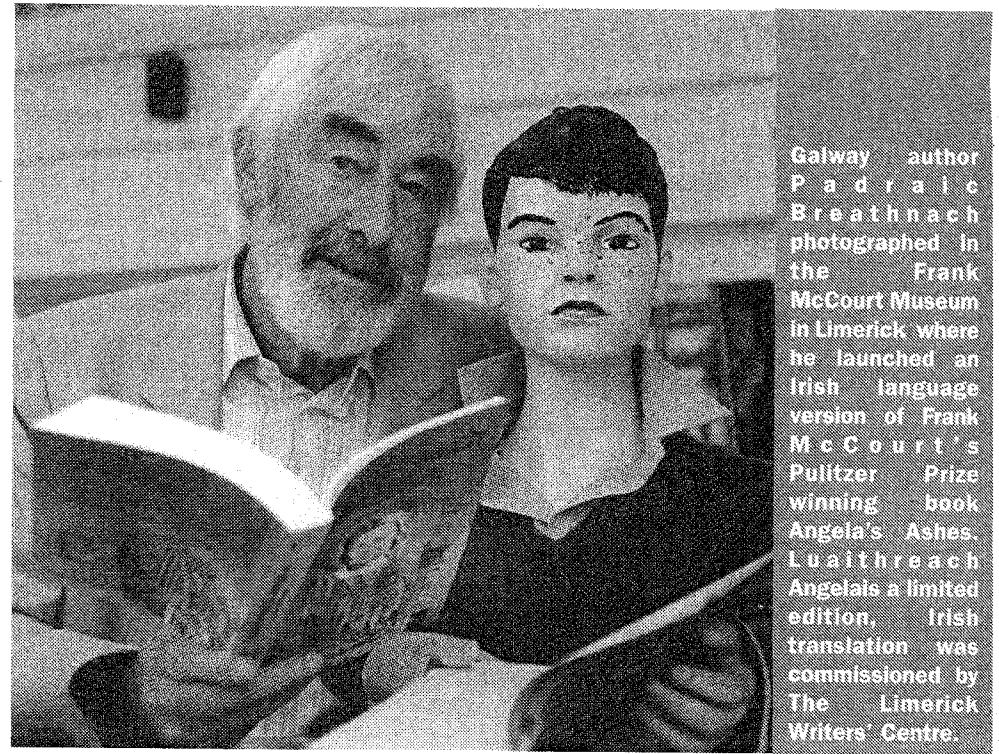
Irish Ashes launched in New York

by Bernie English

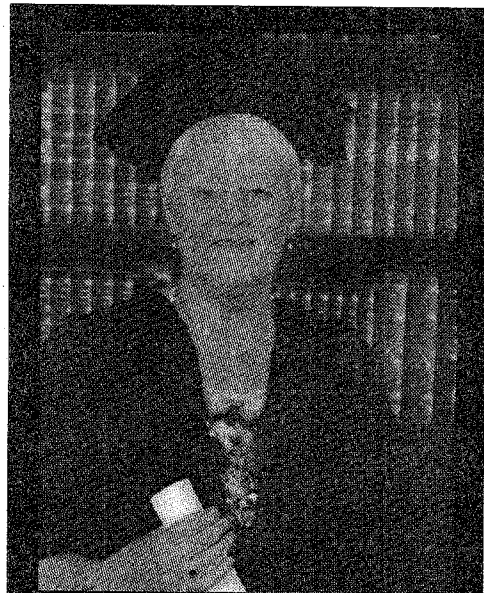
THE Transatlantic link between Limerick and New York in the Pulitzer prize-winning 'Angela's Ashes' was celebrated with the launch and a reading from the Irish translation of the book in the Big Apple.

'Angela's Ashes' has sold millions of copies and been translated into more than 25 languages. However, until now, the Irish language was not one of them.

'Luaitheach Angela' is a limited edition, Irish



Galway author Padraic Breathnach photographed in the Frank McCourt Museum in Limerick where he launched an Irish language version of Frank McCourt's Pulitzer Prize winning book Angela's Ashes. Luaitheach Angela is a limited edition. Irish translation was commissioned by The Limerick Writers' Centre.



Marie Heffernan, who recently graduated in the FETAC 5 Level Carer of the Older Person course at the conferring ceremony in the Carlton Castletroy Park Hotel. Marie works for Caring For Carers, John Street, Limerick.

translation of Frank McCourt's book. It was undertaken by The Limerick Writers' Centre, a non-profit organisation established to nurture and support writers. They commissioned writer and translator Padraic Breathnach, to translate into the 'native tongue'.

Speaking about Luaitheach, Angela, Dominic Taylor, the project editor, explained the reason behind publishing this new version;

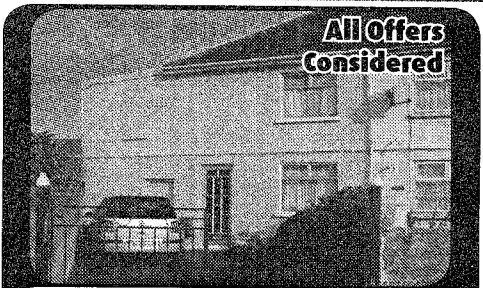
"The publication in the Irish language is a tribute to Frank McCourt's Irish roots.

"On the occasion of Frank's untimely passing in

2009, the Limerick Writers' Centre made a decision to honour our famous author in a significant way and after much deliberation, we decided that it would be appropriate for us to publish an Irish edition of Angela's Ashes, the book that put Limerick on the literary map".

He also expressed the hope that an Irish edition may encourage more people to read books in Irish.

The publication and launch of the book took place in association with The Frank McCourt Museum in Limerick.



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