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ne also runs an elec-
repair service, which
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DUTY Michael
eane called on the
cil to impose the new
ations on wandering
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t O'Connor, assistant
ity manager, said that
nty county was a con-
area under the
dering Horses Act.

Vaccine probe by health board

By TRISH O'DEA

Mid-Western
th Board have con-
ed that they are
aring a report on any
eine trials involving
dren in orphanages in
Mid-West.
his follows recent accu-
ons of the use of children
esidential institutions as
nea pigs'.
he Mid-Western Health
ard's Community Care
artment, under Mr
rtin Duffy, is said to be
estigating the matter in
region.
However, neither the
partment of Health nor
Mid-Western Health
ard are saying if any of
five orphanages used in a
0/61 study were in the

Mid West.
Earlier this week the
Southern Health Board
confirmed that one of the in-
stitutions was a home for single
mothers and their babies
in Blackrock, Cork.
Health Minister Brian
Cowen has described the use
of the term 'guinea pigs' as
"inaccurate and extremely
unhelpful", in relation to
both the tests in the '60s and
further tests in 1973 which
have led to the recent con-
troversy.
He maintains that the
administration of the vac-
cines to the children was not
in any way experimental,
and that the children were
due to be vaccinated in
accordance with scheduled
vaccination programmes at
the time.
The 1960/61 study, which
involved 52 children in five

orphanages, was a compara-
tive study between the 3-in-
1 vaccine, for Diphtheria,
Tetanus, Pertussis (whoop-
ing cough), with a separate
Polio immunisation; and a
4-in-1 vaccine combining all
four vaccines.
The 1973 tests involved
116 children, 59 being in the
community and 57 from two
children's homes in the
Dublin area.
These tests compared four
types of the 3-in-1, or DTP,
vaccine.
Minister Cowen stated:
"All the information avail-
able to me indicates that not
only were the studies carried
out in accordance with the
then prevailing ethical
guidelines but that addition-
al measures were taken on a
voluntary basis to ensure the
highest standards of safety
and efficacy."

Philomena Barrett, Ardagh, with a copy of "OK" magazine which featured her son's Di-style story.

Two are charged with the murder of Det McCabe

TWO County Lim-
erickmen were charged
at the Special
Criminal Court in
Dublin this Wednes-
day with the capital
murder of Det Garda
Jerry McCabe in
Adare last year.
They are the first peo-

ple to be charged with
the murder of Det Garda
McCabe who was shot
dead by the IRA during
an abortive post office
van robbery in Adare on
June 7, 1996.

Capital murder carries a
mandatory sentence of 40
years imprisonment on
conviction.

Jeremiah Sheehy, 36, of
Abbey Park, Rathkeale,
and Michael O'Neill, 46,
of Lisheen Park,
Patrickswell, were each
charged with the murder of
Det Garda Jerry McCabe
at Adare on June 7 last
year, he then being a mem-
ber of the Garda Síochána
acting in the course of his
duty.

The two men were also
charged with attempting to
murder Det Garda Ben
O'Sullivan at Adare on the
same date.

Sheehy was also
charged with conspiring
with Michael O'Neill and
others, between June 5 and
June 8 last year, to commit
robbery in Adare and
O'Neill was charged with
conspiring with Sheehy
and others to commit ro-
bbery in Adare between the
same dates.

Supt Albert Treacy gave
evidence of handing the
men copies of the charges

in the cells area of the
Special Criminal Court on
Wednesday morning.

Both men were remand-
ed in custody until October
7. Sheehy and O'Neill
already faced charges of
possession of a firearm
with intent to endanger life
at Adare on June 7.

In addition O'Neill has
been charged with IRA
membership and Sheehy
with IRA membership.

Council backing for sports grants

CLARE councillors have
backed a bid for £50,000 in
County Council grants for
Shannon soccer and rugby
clubs next year, as long - as
other areas of the county
are treated the same.

In a motion before the
July meeting of Clare
County Council, Cllr
Patricia McCarthy called
for the money to be set
aside from the 1998
Council budget for four
Shannon soccer clubs and
one rugby club who are at
present developing their
own facilities.

Cllr McCarthy was sup-
ported by Ennis councillor,
Raymond Green, who said
that such a fund should be
available in other areas of
the county.

"We have a similar situa-
tion in Ennis where we
need 10 pitches and there
are clubs which are willing
to develop their facilities,"
he said.

Shannon councillor, Sean
Hillery, accepted that Ennis
was in need as well as
Shannon, and said that in
light of their recent sports
sponsorship to other sports
the Mid-Western Health
Board should also be asked
to contribute to the develop-
ment of sporting facilities in
Clare.

Cllr Sonny Scanlon sup-
ported the money for the
Shannon clubs. Cllr Brigid
said that

Ardagh for London to make
his name and fortune. Since
then John, 40, has climbed
to the top of his profession
and is hairstylist to
Hollywood stars and to
New York's richest and
most glamorous women.

John is son of Philomena
Barrett of The Cross,
Ardagh, who proudly said:
"He made it on his own to
the top."

In last weekend's edition
of US society magazine
"OK", John was pho-
tographed along with all the
glitterati of New York soci-
ety who flocked to a recep-
tion at Christies.

More importantly, there
were several photographs of
Princess Di with her "new
look" hairstyle - virtually
guaranteeing that John will
be the hottest "snipper" in
town for years to come.

John Barrett however is
not a man to be phased by
such attention. For several
years now he has featured
as a top London stylist in
magazines such as Marie
Claire and Cosmopolitan.
Following a move to New
York about four years ago,
his clients have included
Irish actor Liam Neeson
and Natasha Richardson as
well as the entire cast of the
top-rating American come-
dy, "Friends."

Up to last season, John
travelled to Hollywood

Gingerbread is 'Limerick

By GILLIAN DEVLIN

LIMERICK lost a valu-
able service for lone par-
ents when the local
branch of Gingerbread
Ireland Ltd disbanded,
said director, Frank
Egan, in a Limerick
Leader interview.

The decision was made at
the annual general meeting
on June 28.

The national organisation
expressed disappointment
that the branch was forced
to disband, and it is hoped
that an information service
will be made available to
lone parents in Limerick in
the future, said Mr Egan.

When chairwoman,
Jennie Hogan, died in June,
the branch was left without
a leader and nobody was
willing to offer the time and
commitment to take on her
responsibilities, Mr Egan
explained.

Most members had been
in the organisation for a
number of years and they
felt it was time for a break,
he said.

He described Ms Hogan
as the driving force behind
Gingerbread Limerick: "her
death created a vacuum."

Ms Hogan always made
sure members' children
were well looked after:
"She organised parties and
if kids were in hospital
when would visit them or
arrange for someone else to

