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## Mayor urges McCourt to get premiere for Limerick

By EUGENE PHELAN

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.

Already however the Irish premiere of the film has been organised

for Dublin on January 13 with the Limerick equivalent the following night.

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

travel to Limerick," says 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's world premiere

of Bloomfield and Maureen O'Hara's Only the Lonely," said Mayor Bourke.

The Mayor has also suggested that the proceeds from the premiere might go towards providing university scholarships for young men or women in "ordinary" circumstances to attend the University of Limerick.

"This would be for people who cannot afford university. The Frank scholarship has a nice ring to it," he said.

Mayor Bourke says that the staging of the film premier of the book would be an enormous plus for the city and would be a source of colossal pride for the people of Limerick and Ireland.

# ORGAN REMOVAL HAPPENED IN CITY

By LAURA RYAN

PARENTS were not aware that some children who died were buried without their organs after post-mortems at Limerick Regional Hospital.

