

Actor Harris critical of 'Ashes'

THE only Oscar "Angela's Ashes" deserves is one for special rain effects, according to Limerick actor Richard Harris.

"I saw Angela's Ashes and I think the only Oscar it deserves is for special rain effects. The movie is two and a half hours of rain," said Harris, in a live interview on Gerry Hannan's show on RLO radio.

"It is more Dickensian in its squalor than it is accurately Limerick," said Harris, "If so much rain fell in Limerick we would be famous for our water polo teams."

The Limerick actor, speaking from London, said that the film was boring, dull, and very repetitive and was totally unmovable.

"I admit that McCourt

had a wonderful sense of humour, an ironic sense of humour, which is characteristic of most Limerick people, but I found that the picture does not have one bit of it," he added.

"The movie is nothing short of a two-hour moan and the book was one long moan, and 'Tis' is even worse," he protested.



Two pretty Limerick ladies, Kay Mulcaire and Laura Scanlon, modelling at the Jurys Hotel wedding fair

Councillors fear more flooding

CITY councillors are worried that floods this coming weekend may be as high as those experienced over the Christmas.

Speaking last night at a meeting of the transportation and infrastructural committee Cllr John Ryan said: "There are reports that flooding may be as high this weekend, January 22 and 23. Even if the

tides are not quite as high, we're still going to have flooding at Athlunkard Street and the Abbey area."

Seamus Ryan, project engineer, with the main drainage scheme, stated: "It is unlikely that there will be flooding this weekend. The predicted tide level for January 22 and 23 is 7 metres, which is not

excessive. Weather forecast for the weekend is good and heavy rainfall is not expected. This coupled with the fact that high winds are not forecast means that there should not be any problems."

Mr Ryan continued: "I understand that councillors and the general public are concerned, but weather conditions are

not predicted to be similar to those over the Christmas."

He commented, however, that if there are conditions like those over Christmas, flooding would occur.

"We are in a position if it happens again to eliminate the problem much faster," Mr Ryan explained.

Blaze at city pub

CAHILL'S pub, on Mulgrave Street, was the scene of a fire, last evening at 8.30. Two units of the fire brigade were called to the blaze.

The outbreak on the first floor of the pub did not cause much damage as the premises had been

gutted to allow for renovations. Floor boards on some of the upstairs rooms were burned.

There is no reason to believe the fire was caused maliciously.

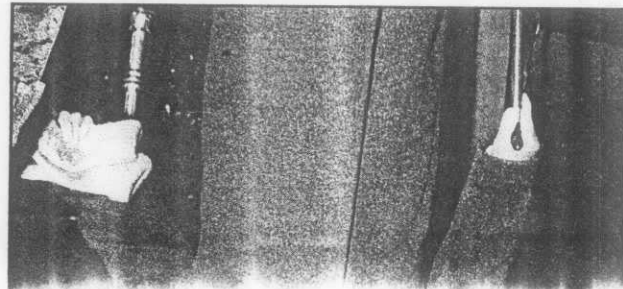
Considerable renovations have been carried out to the premises.

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Ivor Stack and Paddy O'Neill enjoyed the match



All dressed up for the occasion. Jack Sheehan, Marian Avenue, travelled to Pontypridd



Bob McConkey and Mary Guinlan at the Munster v Pontypridd game