

The news read by Vere Wynne Jones

By LEADER REPORTER

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CHARLES MITCHEL'S successor on RTE news is a Limerickman, Vere Wynne Jones of Radio 2 news.

Vere, originally from Kilfinane, and who later lived at Knockainey, starts the TV newscasting phase of his broadcasting career, presenting this Friday's 6 p.m. news.

In Limerick this week to speak to the local Rotarians on "The mike can be your friend," he says that he is looking forward to "the new challenge."

His mother, author Joan Wynne Jones, is a member of the de Vere family who owned Curraghchase, and his father, Rev. Martin, also a writer and former rector of Knockainey, is now retired in Cork.

He was RTE's first male production assistant: "I took a drop of £5,000 in salary to break into broadcasting and found myself in what was up to then a female dominated profession."

But he found it "tremendous training" for his later career, and had no regrets about leaving a teaching job at Newpark Comprehensive School, where he was one of a team developing programmes for the first transitional year students.

He later became involved in radio sports and presented "Sun-



Vere enjoys the lighter side of life in his native Limerick this week. Picture: JOHN F. WRIGHT

day Sport" in Jimmy Magee's absence: "Jimmy Magee was one of the heroes of my young days. I

listened to that programme every Sunday, but never dreamt that one day I'd be presenting it myself."

From sport he went on to Radio 2's new news unit, where his name has become nationally known.

"The only gap was in TV. So I applied for Charles Mitchel's job and got it," he said.

The job he says will be more precise after the more relaxed atmosphere of Radio 2.

Family

He and his wife Jeany and their two children, Stephen (4), and Ruth (3), live near the Montrose Hotel. He enjoys a game of golf. "I like all sport. I'm not very good at any particular sport, but it doesn't prevent me from enjoying them all," he says.

And the most enjoyable event he ever covered was the Galway races in 1982. "It was a lovely spontaneous event, and," he confessed, "I had a lot of winners."

Correction

Last weekend's issue of the *Limerick Leader* carried a report that damages of £525,000 with costs are to be paid to an eight-year-old County Limerick boy who was injured in a road accident. The boy, through his mother, sued his father and a Catherine O'Donnell, of Ballyvulhane, Bruff. The report should have stated that the action against Catherine O'Donnell was struck out by consent.

'Faecal pollution' in local water supply

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CLARE COUNTY Council officials were this week meeting leaders of the Meelick group water scheme after faecal pollution was alleged to have been detected in the supply from a Woodcock Hill stream source.

Limerick county secretary, Mr. Pat



biologist at the department of microbiology at Galway Regional Hospital found a sample of the water to contain 44 E. Coli/100 ml., which indicated the presence of recent faecal pollution.

"The bacteriologist who carried out the analysis found the water unsuitable for human consumption and pointed out that it should be boiled or subjected to a process of chlorination before being considered safe for drinking purposes", Cllr. McCarthy

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