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Limerick supporters
showed their
appreciation, however
of their team's
achievements when it
was estimated that
20,000 turned out to
greet them on their
return home from
Dublin.

Two years later
Limerick were back
again in Croke Park,
this time with
Wexford as opposition,

Ireland club
championship.

What Shannon
achieved in rugby this
decade, Fairview
Rangers will be
attempting to emulate
them in the F.A.I Cup
when they go for their
four-in-a-row next
season. "The most
successful local junior
soccer club of the
century" said Seán
Curtin, long-time
Leader and Chronicle
junior soccer
correspondent.

Missing bishop

IN December, 1994,
concern was expressed
about the whereabouts
and state of health of the
bishop, Dr. Jeremiah
Newman. Nothing had
been heard about the
bishop since he went to
the U.S.A. for treatment
in July. Friends of the
bishop hit out at unfair
media coverage which
claimed the bishop was
being treated for
alcoholism. "He has a
problem with his blood
system and physically is
not well," one high
ranking clergyman
stated.

In January 1995, Dr.
Newman was flown home
to Dublin in a seriously ill
condition. Bishop Magee,
apostolic administrator of
the diocese, asked for
prayers from the faithful
for the bishop.

After 21 years as
bishop, Dr. Newman died
in April, 1994. Many
tributes were paid a man
who through all of his
episcopate was not shy to
speak his mind, and Seán
Rushe, former CEO of Co.
Limerick VEC, made
comparisons with one of
his predecessors, the
formidable Dr. Edward
Thomas O'Dwyer.

For the requiem and
burial a packed St. John's
Cathedral heard Cardinal
Cathal Daly refute the
image of the late bishop
as a distant and lonely
figure.

"For a person of
outstanding intellectual
ability, he seemed to have
a strange sense of
inadequacy. This may
have brought him his
share of suffering,
although I believe that on
the whole he was a happy
man," he said.

Tracing his career, Ron
Kirwan reported on the
friction that sometimes
arose between the bishop
and politician Jim

Kemmy and recalled
Kemmy's boycott of the
bishop's ordination,
which he claimed was
accompanied by too much
pomp and ostentation.

Dr. Dónal Murray,
Auxiliary Bishop of the
Archdiocese of Dublin,
was consecrated Bishop
of Limerick in March,
1996.

purposes kidnapped" said
a parent. To the relief of
Fr. Walsh and the
principal, the Gardaí
eventually arrived and
freed them.

Clare babies

A BABY boom was
expected in the Regional
Maternity Hospital
around June 1996
following Clare's historic
All-Ireland Hurling the
previous September. "We
are always very busy
nine months after any big
celebration. We expect
the same after the Clare
victory," said matron
Joan McCarthy.

Intimidated

IT was reported in the
autumn of 1995 that
fishery wardens
protecting salmon stocks
on the Mulcair and
Shannon rivers were
suffering serious
intimidation as criminal
elements took over the
poaching business.

Dolores and the Princess

THE singing of the Ave
Maria by Dolores
O'Riordan of the
Cranberries brought

voyage and hopes were
high that he would make
it this time. He did, and
he got a memorable
reception when he sailed
into Foynes.

Castleconnell

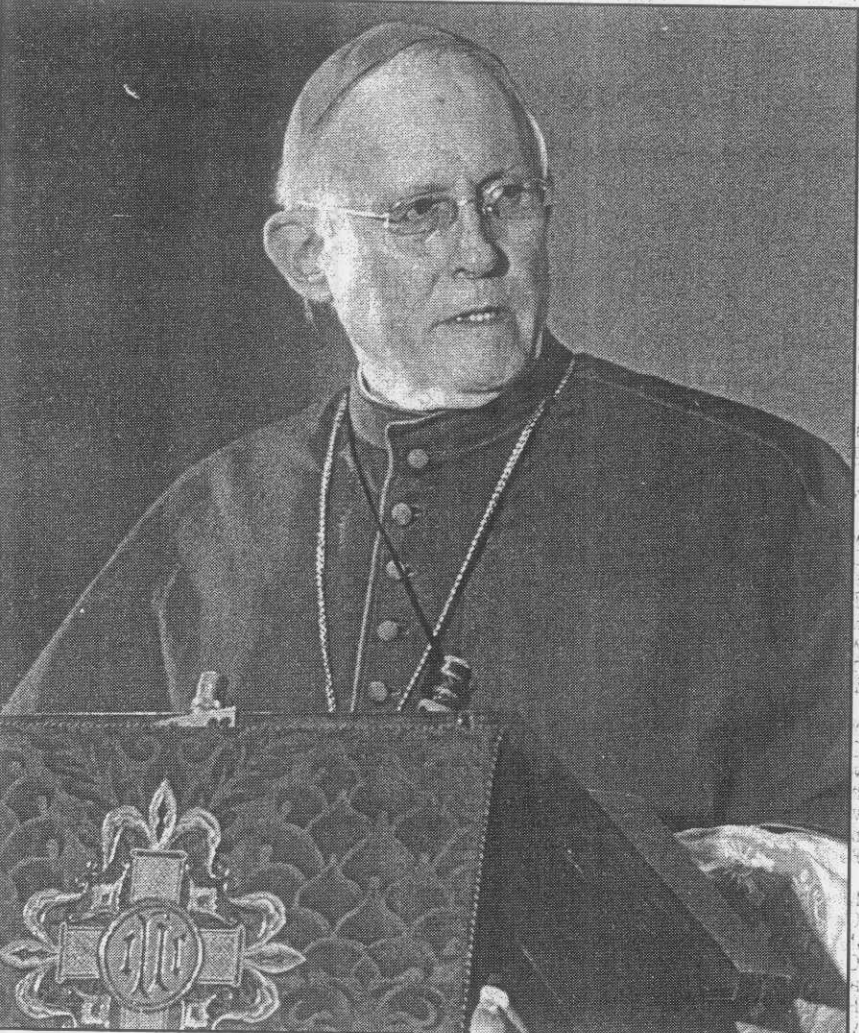
MUIREANN Sheehan
and Roisin O'Donovan
from Castleconnell N.S.
in 1995 raised hundreds of
pounds for the Third
Word Agency, GOAL.

Burning

THERE was widespread
grief when in October,
1994, the funerals of
brothers Andrew and
John O'Brien took place.
They had perished in a
fire in their house in
Boston. Both had been
outstanding oarsmen
with Limerick Boat Club.

Mr. Noonan reinstated

WEST Limerick T.D.
Michael Noonan was
brought back into the fold
of the Fianna Fáil
Parliamentary party after
being out in the cold. He
had been expelled for
criticising Taoiseach
Albert Reynolds' stance
on Articles 2 and 3 of the
Constitution.



Always willing to speak his mind, the learned bishop, Jeremish Newman dies