



Motor cycle tragedy


The funeral took place this Tuesday of 18-year-old John Collins, Jr., of Bogmount, Abbeyfeale. He was fatally injured when his motor cycle was in collision with a van at Ballintubrid at 2.50 a.m. on Saturday last.

Son of Mr. John D. and Mrs. Mary Collins, he is also survived by brothers and sisters.

Weather

Friday in the Limerick region is expected to be mild with rain at times. The broken weather will continue until Monday when conditions will become dry, according to Shannon Met. Office this Thursday.

NewsLines



Wanted: 1,000 acres

A County Limerick auctioneer and councillor is on the lookout for 1,000 acres suitable for forest plantation. Cllr. Kevin Sheahan, Askeaton, told the *Limerick Leader* this week that he is acting on behalf of clients who wish to establish forestry in West Limerick.

"There is now an 80 per cent grant to plant forestry and they want the land either in one big lot, or more likely in smaller parcels," he said.

Deaths

Death notices are on page 2.

Shannon customs deal next week

By LEADER REPORTER

SENIOR STATE Department officials from Washington led by the U.S. assistant immigration commissioner, Mr. Mervyn Gibson, are expected to conclude a new pre-customs and immigration clearance agreement with the Irish Government early next week, which will be a major breakthrough in attracting thousands of additional flights through Shannon.

Extra boost

Under the agreement, homeward bound Americans will be cleared through immigration, health, agriculture and other formalities at Shannon, thus considerably reducing "clearance time" on arrival at U.S. airports.

The new plan will be operated for a trial period next year. Apart from Aeroflot/Aer Rianta contract, it will be the most significant deal in attracting additional traffic to Shannon.

And a further boost to traffic at Shannon has been the decision of Finance

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Left: Mr. O'Malley recovering at home this week. Picture: DERMOT LYNCH.

EXCLUSIVE

O'MALLEY SAYS: I'M LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!

By CONOR KEANE

DEPUTY DESMOND O'MALLEY described this week how he escaped death by diving into the passenger seat as the top half of his car was mangled when it collided with the rear of a parked lorry.

Speaking to the *Limerick Leader* in his first interview since the near-fatal accident, Deputy O'Malley said at his home on the Irish Estates in Corbally that he was "a lucky man to be alive".

Recalling the moment of impact, he said: "I dived to my left and saved my life - the windshield, everything came in on top of me."

Pointing to the cuts on his face Mr. O'Malley explained how the glasses he wore at the time prevented the glass from the windshield getting into his eyes.

Glasses

"The glass cut my face everywhere except where the glasses were - even along my nose", he said.

"I came considerably close to being killed. It makes you think that some priorities may not be as important as you think."

This week he went to look at the remains of his car and commented: "It was an awful lot worse to see it from the inside of the car. It was really horrifying."

"The garage man who brought it in said that he had never seen a car damaged so badly from which the driver came out alive."

"I was still conscious after the crash and my leg was trapped under the brake pedal. I was afraid the car might catch fire - it was really terrifying."

"Some people tried to get me out but I was stuck. I think it was a fireman who crawled in and forced the pedal back."

There was a definite air of relief in the O'Malley home this week as Mr. O'Malley recuperated after the accident which broke his right ankle - he also received cuts to his face and forehead as well as a deep gash near the thumb on his left hand, the only place where he required stitches.

AUGHINISH BOSSES MEETING MINISTERS

CRUCIAL TALKS between Alcan bosses and the Government were going ahead this Thursday in Dublin. The results could determine the future of the Aughinish plant and the 800 jobs.

Tánaiste and Minister for Energy, Mr. Dick Spring, and Industry Minister, Mr. John Bruton, were meeting with the alumina plant boss, Mr. Senecal-Tremblay.

The findings by the special task force set up by the Government were to be revealed at the meeting.

Cllr. Kevin Sheahan, Askeaton, told the *Limerick Leader* that if the Government was prepared to up its investment in Alcan by giving it cheap natural gas, it would not be unreasonable to ask Aughinish Alumina to show their hand regarding the future expansion of the plant.

"A joint commitment by both the company and Government could be the launching pad to get the Shannon Estuary more developed industrially so that its enormous infrastructure can be harnessed," he said.

"The Free Port proposals being pressed by Deputy Gerard Collins is already leading the way."

"Any Government would have to be careful not to create a situation where all major industries would start making demands. But I see Aughinish Alumina as an exception because it is a showpiece industry in the Estuary and it is a physical proof to the world that it could be built. I think the Government should be leading rather than following."

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'Blood sport' issue erupts

By LEADER REPORTER

DEPUTY O'MALLEY can expect opposition from an unexpected quarter at the next general election.

The Irish Council Against Blood Sports has promised a vociferous campaign against him and will be asking their 500-strong Limerick membership to work against his re-election.

Mr. John Fitzgerald of Callan, Co. Kilkenny, a member of the council, told the *Limerick Leader* that Mr. O'Malley was one of several prominent politicians singled out by them.

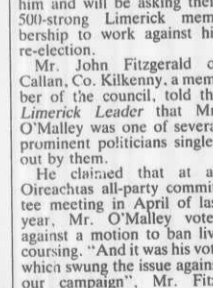
He claimed that at an Oireachtas all-party committee meeting in April of last year, Mr. O'Malley voted against a motion to ban live coursing. "And it was his vote which swung the issue against our campaign", Mr. Fitzgerald claimed.

"Mr. O'Malley has a lot to answer for. He is trying desperately hard to project an image of the liberal democrat but he stands accused of being a supporter of coursing, fox-hunting and other vicious and depraved activities involving the setting up of one animal against another for 'sport'."

The council, he said, would be working strenuously to ensure his demise at the next election.

Added Mr. Fitzgerald: "His defiance of his former leader and his various other pranks and publicity seeking gimmicks will be of little assistance to him when his support for barbarism is made an issue."

Mr. O'Malley refused to comment this week.



A.A.L. Manufacturers Day at the Two Mile Inn (from left): Mr. Francois Senecal Tremblay, managing director, A.A.L.; Mr. John Naughton, managing director, Auto Diesel Services Ltd., Limerick, and Mr. Michael A. McCann, materials manager, A.A.L.

Priest blesses hunt

Fr. George Bourke blesses the Scarteen Hunt on their first meeting of the season last Saturday. See page 13.



Mr. Tim Murphy, chairman, Abbeyfeale Rugby Club, presents a cheque to Pa Foley this week. Also included are Ms. Elzanne McMahon, secretary; Mr. Jack O'Rourke, treasurer, and Mr. Raymond Fennelly, P.R.O.

Rugby club rally round player in crash

By DYPHNA BRACKEN

ABBEYFEALE Rugby Club, moved by the poignant circumstances of one of their former players - permanently incapacitated as a result of a traffic accident on his return from a match - this week presented him with the proceeds of their fund-raising over the past year.

Twenty-three-year-old Patrick Foley, Hill Road, Abbeyfeale, who played scrum-half for the club, was involved in a traffic accident while returning from a fixture with Newcastle West on November 23, 1983.

Patrick, who was driving his own car, suffered brain damage and loss of an eye as a result of the accident. He was accompanied by two passengers who were not seriously injured.

Hospitals

Following his accident, he spent a considerable time in both Limerick and Cork hospitals, which was followed by a spell in the National Rehabilitation Clinic in Dun Laoghaire.

One of a family of four brothers - Frank, Newcastle West; Timothy, Tralee; John Joe, Tralee; and Gerard, Abbeyfeale - and two sisters, Josephine and Margaret O'Riordan, Patrick now lives with his mother, Rita, at Hill Road.

His father died two years before the accident.

Mr. Tim Murphy, local solicitor and chairman of Abbeyfeale Rugby Club, said that Patrick's playing colleagues, as well as friends and neighbours in the town, were very moved by the circumstances of his accident.

"It was a considerable priority with the club members that some form of relief be given to Patrick and to his mother," said Mr. Murphy.

In the year when the club celebrated their 25th anniversary, with the opening of a new clubhouse, fund-raising functions were held which raised a considerable amount of money.

Other clubs in the branch area were also circulated and gave valuable donations.

Friends and colleagues in the United States were also very generous with their encouragement and financial assistance.

Patrick's former workmates at Irish Filters, Abbeyfeale Industrial Estate, were also involved in the fund raising efforts.

Since the accident, Limerick County Council have completed an extension at Patrick's home.

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A local Anglo Irish question

Dromoland short-listed for summit

First with the news: last week's *Limerick Leader*.

Chairman lends Joe his chain of office

By LEADER REPORTER

MANY AN ambitious politician would have been delighted to have received as many votes as Mr. Joe Meagher in the Oola Mayoral election. And for his achievement he received the most prestigious political chain of office on offer in the county.

The Mid-Western Health Board community welfare officer raised a staggering £18,700 in the election to raise money for a Community Centre in Oola.

And so impressed was Cllr. Liam Hickey, Chairman of Limerick County Council, that he bestowed his chain of office on Joe on the night of the results at a special function in Doon.

Many an eye turned when Joe proudly went around the hall with the chain of office.

Explained

Asked this week about lending the chain, Cllr. Hickey explained: "I was there at the function myself. A priest put on the chain of office and I got it back at the end of the night."

Work on the community centre for Oola, which will cost £100,000, started this week.

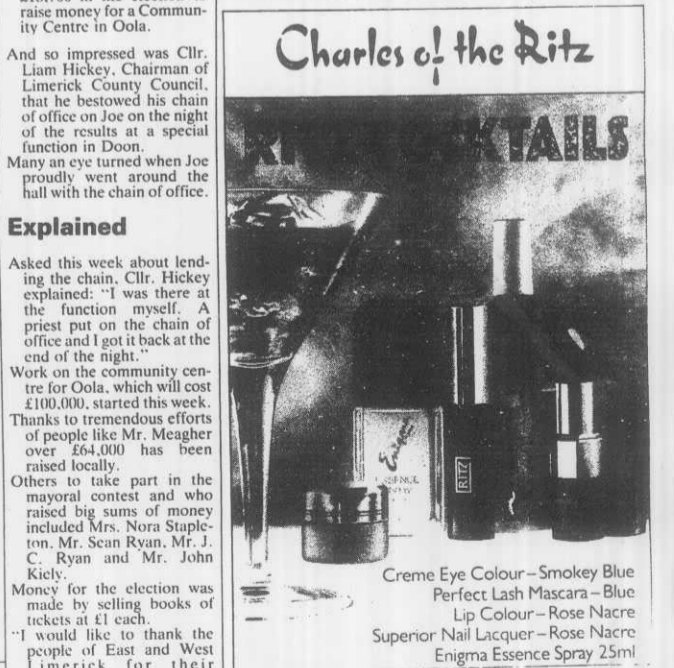
Thanks to tremendous efforts of people like Mr. Meagher over £64,000 has been raised locally.

Others to take part in the mayoral contest and who raised big sums of money included Mrs. Nora Stapleton, Mr. Sean Ryan, Mr. J. C. Ryan and Mr. John Kiely.

Money for the election was made by selling books of tickets at £1 each.

"I would like to thank the people of East and West Limerick for their tremendous support," said Joe.

How did he manage to raise so much money? "I sold tickets everywhere, from greyhound events to point-to-points," he said. "I ran no special functions as such."



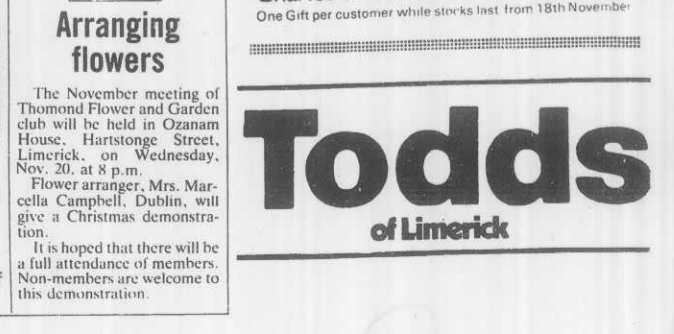
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Head Ryan, regional development officer, pictured at Borrisoleigh Conference Centre presenting an Education Award to Lorraine Doolan, Newport Youth Club, on behalf of the Cashel and Emly Youth Service, in appreciation for their community work.

Archdeacon Ryan, P.P.

able Archdeacon Ryan, P.P., 76, of Town, died unexpectedly Wednesday. A Murroe, he was a of Most Rev. Dr. former Archbishop and Emly. appointed P.P. of in December, 1962. at he was president Patrick's College, Removal this Thursday, to St. Michael's Tipperary. Concele- class will take place ay at 11 p.m. The will follow to the y adjoining St.

Students' Spectacular

Thursday of next week students from Shannon Hotel Management their annual fancy- lk to Limerick for ities. ill be led by chairper- Ailish Carew, Gaid treasurer James Mill Road, Corbally. and float will be a ar feature.

One, but not yet

Willie O'Dea has rmed by Bord Tele- they have selected a Knockaderry for a ephone kiosk. er, it will be some er it comes into as planning approv-

Summit

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ing room had been equip- ped with almost as many telephones. A receptionist at the hotel said that she didn't know what the lounge had been reserved for, and a man who was overseeing the delivery of the typewriters on Wednesday said that he could not comment on the delivery.

Meanwhile, security tightened even further at the entrance to Dromoland itself where a Press card no longer got you in. "You have to have a special pass" a garda told a Limerick Leader reporter.

Searched

Several vans were admitted after being searched by the gardai, who had also admitted an RTE employee who had "a good reason for going in". The back entrance to the castle from the Clare Inn was also guarded. Bord Telecom vans were all over the grounds of the two hotels - at least eight together on one occasion, and gardai asked for a list of officials of Bord Telecom working in the area. Meanwhile in nearby Newmarket-on-Fergus, rumours were circulating that the State china had arrived at the castle.

The prospect however, of one of the most historic events in the history of Anglo Irish relations occurring on their doorstep was arousing little excitement.

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O'Malley

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not locally", he told me. But the Re-elect Desmond O'Malley Committee in Limerick is continuing to grow and he himself estimates that there are up to 500 people in his fledgling organisation to date.

"It has been a tremendous boost to me", he commented. "I was afraid that the support shown last February when I was expelled twice would have died down - but it did not. The same degree of support has been in evidence in recent weeks".

He added that a finance sub-committee had also been set up and that some mechanism for gathering finance would be put into operation shortly - "maybe not a church gate collection".

This week also there was a major defection from Fianna Fail to Mr. O'Malley's side when Bruff Comhairle Ceann-tair secretary Mrs. Brigid Teefy resigned her position. She has become secretary of the O'Malley Organisation.

However, she has remained a member of Fianna Fail.

Asked was this a tactic by his supporters - Cllr. John Quinn and Peadar Clohessy have also remained within the party while openly supporting him - Deputy O'Malley said that was a matter for each individual.

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Shannon

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Mr. O'Shea said this Thursday that there was a very positive response from the U.S. airlines, Pan Am, Delta, and North-west Orient.

Mr. Donal Carey, T.D., said that Shannon would

Aughinish

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ing up in this type of situation," he added. Meanwhile this week the Aughinish company held an open day where they displayed 275 items which the plant needs, but which are at the moment imported from abroad.

"Representatives of over 500 companies throughout the country visited the exhibition and we hope that many of these companies will bid for the annual contracts to manufacture these items," explained materials manager Mr. Mike McCann.

Natural gas

Aughinish Alumina are seeking an urgent supply of natural gas because of the high energy costs amounting to £29 million annually. This bill is contributing heavily to the company's heavy losses since production began in September, 1983.

The depressed state of the alumina market worldwide is also adding to the Limerick company's problems.

Rugby

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His mother, Rita, said that Patrick now helps with small jobs around the house and seems very happy.

She is anxious to see him getting some form of training and is at present seeking to have him attend at the Rehabilitation Centre in Newcastle West.

"I am particularly grateful to the club members and to all others who were involved in this fund-raising effort," said Mrs. Foley.

Obviously delighted at meeting with some of his rugby colleagues, Patrick

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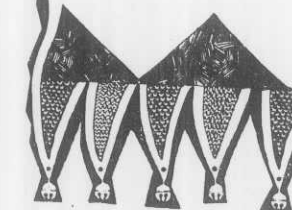
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