

CHRONICLE BRIEFS

St Nesson's opening

St Nesson's National School, Mungret are hosting the official opening of their new extension on Wednesday at 2.30pm. The extension will be opened by the Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council, Eddie Creighton and blessed by the Bishop of Limerick, Dr Donal Murray. Invited guests will include the Mayor of Limerick City, county and city councillors and the president of the INTO, Denis Bohane.

Free gig

KARL SPAIN will perform a free comedy gig in Clohesy's Bar, Howley's Quay on Wednesday, September 27. It is part of the ongoing Guinness Mid-Strength trial in Limerick.

Movie releases

THE big movies hitting Limerick's big screens this week are the critically acclaimed World Trade Centre and The Devil Wears Prada.

Cinema giveaway

DUE to popular demand the two for one offer at Omniplex cinema is back. Bring a friend for free to see the latest movie releases thanks to the Omniplex Cinema and the Limerick Leader. For more information please check out the cinema page in the Property & Business section.

GOAL Ball

THE annual GOAL Ball will take place in the South Court Hotel, Limerick on October 13. Tables of 10 people cost €1000 and are available from GOAL West of Ireland on 091-587901.

Taxi Fares

THE new national taxi fare structures have come into effect. The basic fare of €3.80 during the day and €4.10 at night, will apply to taxi journeys nationwide. Taxi drivers have until October 16 to implement the fares.

Dream Ball

THIS year's Dream Ball and National Children of Courage Awards will take place on Saturday November 25 in the South Court Hotel. Tickets are €120 each or €1000 for a table of ten. Call 061-343434.

Gospel recruit

LIMERICK Gospel Choir are looking to recruit members at their practice nights this Tuesday at St Michael's Church, Denmark St, at 8pm.

Mayor launches Jerry O'Neill DVD

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

A DVD commemorating the life of Limerick author and founder of London's Sugaw Theatre, Jerry O'Neill, has been launched by Mayor Leddin.

Author of Canon Bang Bang, Duffy is Dead and Bennett and Company, Mr O'Neill was widely regarded as one of the city's greatest authors by the time of his death in 1999.

He left Limerick as a young man, and worked as a pub landlord in London during the '60s. During this time he also wrote plays and novels capturing the world of the Irish emigrants, as well as founding the famous Sugaw Theatre.

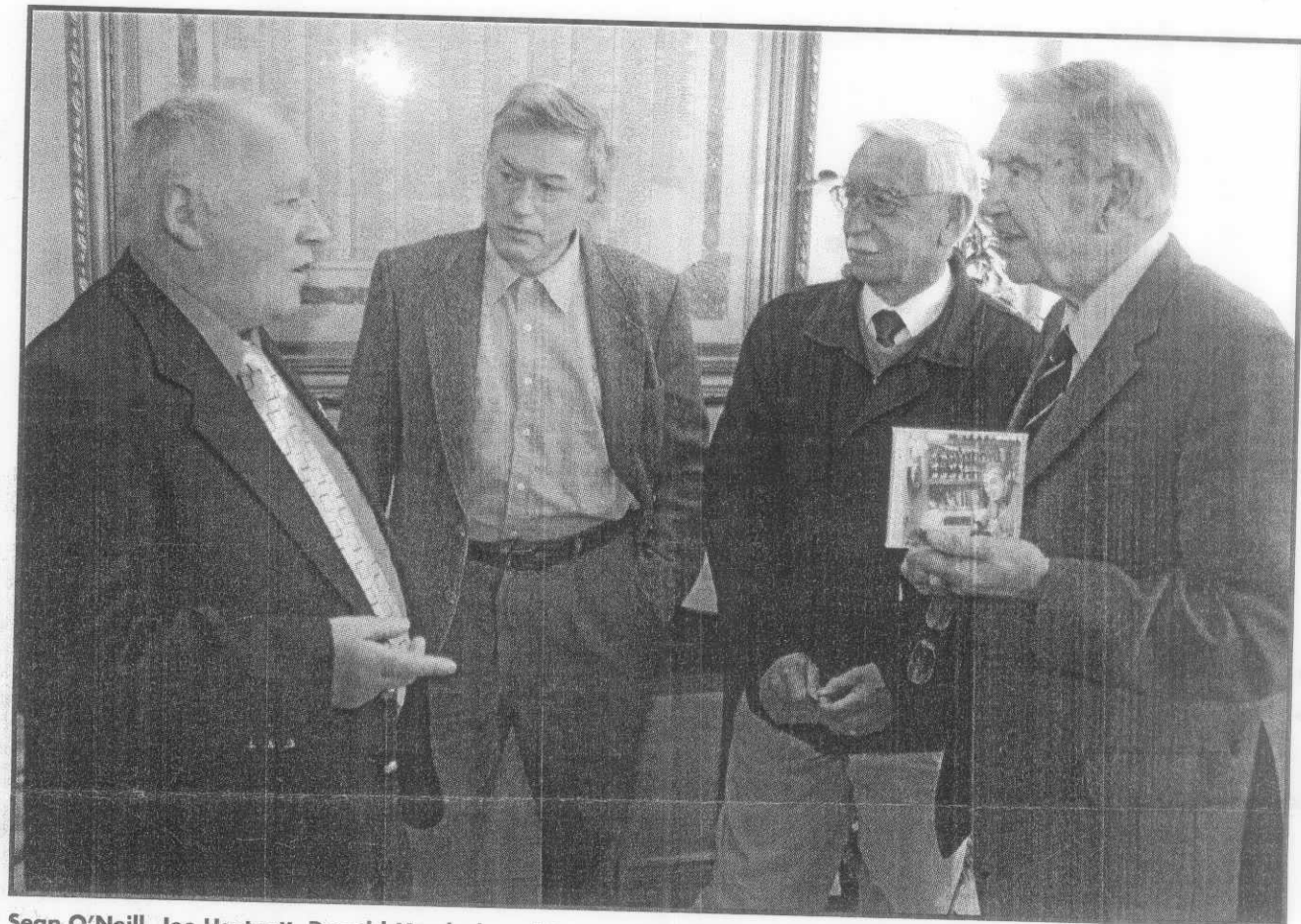
And family and friends of Mr O'Neill, including his widow Mary, attended a Mayoral reception in City Hall this week to acknowledge his contribution to Irish literary history.

"I am delighted that Jerry has been remembered in this way by officials of his native city. We were married for 49 years, and met in Kilkee. We married within a year of meeting," Mrs O'Neill said.

"It is a pity he is not alive to see this, but I am sure that he is very happy looking down on us today," she said.

Mayor Joe Leddin referred to Mr O'Neill as one of Limerick's great sons.

"His books brought to light the strange, dark world of the Irish in London and novels like



Sean O'Neill, Joe Hartnett, Donald Murdoch and Eamon O'Neill at the launch of the DVD tribute to Jerry O'Neill (LL)

Canon Bang Bang, Duffy is Dead and Open Cut set new literary standards for Irish writers," he commented.

And it was revealed that a commemorative plaque is to be unveiled on the site of the Sugaw Theatre on October 14 next. The announcement was made by Doris Daly of the Sugaw committee.

"Jerry brought our traditional music and drama to all of the cosmopolitan mix in the unlikely loca-

tion of a disused whelk stall in a backwater on the cusp of Hackney and Islington," said Ms. Daly.

"This ushered in an era of communication, mutual respect and understanding in a time of suspicion and distrust when the Irish were getting a bad press," she said.

The DVD was produced locally and features music by Limerick group Burning Embers and a poem by well-known Limerick poet John Liddy

is also included and the photographs were taken by Denis John.

For more information on the DVD log onto www.sugawtheatrememorial.com



Mayor Joe Leddin with Jerry's widow Mary and Doris Daly

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