

INSIDE TODAY

Temporary factory
The former Switzer/Todd building on Limerick's Ennis Road, purchased recently by the IDA for £400,000 - is being converted at an estimated cost of £250,000 for use as a temporary factory, it was learned this week. It is understood that negotiations with the Wang Corporation for a 1,600 job electronics plant at Plassey are nearing completion.

The American company are expected to move into the Switzer/Todd building early in the New Year and to operate there until the Plassey project is completed. The IDA have sought re-zoning of a 112 acre site at Plassey previously earmarked for educational purposes.

Anti-E.E.C. campaign
A meeting by an organisation known as the "Revolutionary Struggle" has made plans to organise a Limerick demonstration in Dublin during the forthcoming EEC heads of state summit meeting.

In a leaflet circulated before the meeting held at Conradh na Gaeiligh, Thomas Street - to all organisations opposed to EEC policies, it was stated that the time was ripe for a massive popular demonstration by working people against what was described as the "collectively prepared economic and political, ideological and repressive programmes in E.E.C. countries."

The meeting decided that in the coming weeks it was intended to work towards getting Limerick people to attend the demonstration.

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Weather
The weather in the Limerick area will be cloudy with occasional rain over the weekend. Winds, south-westerly, will be fresh and it will be cool. There will be clear periods on Sunday with occasional rain, according to the met office at Shannon this Friday.

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4 BLACK STUDENTS BARRED AT SAVOY

Limerick Leader exclusive

BY FERGAL KEANE

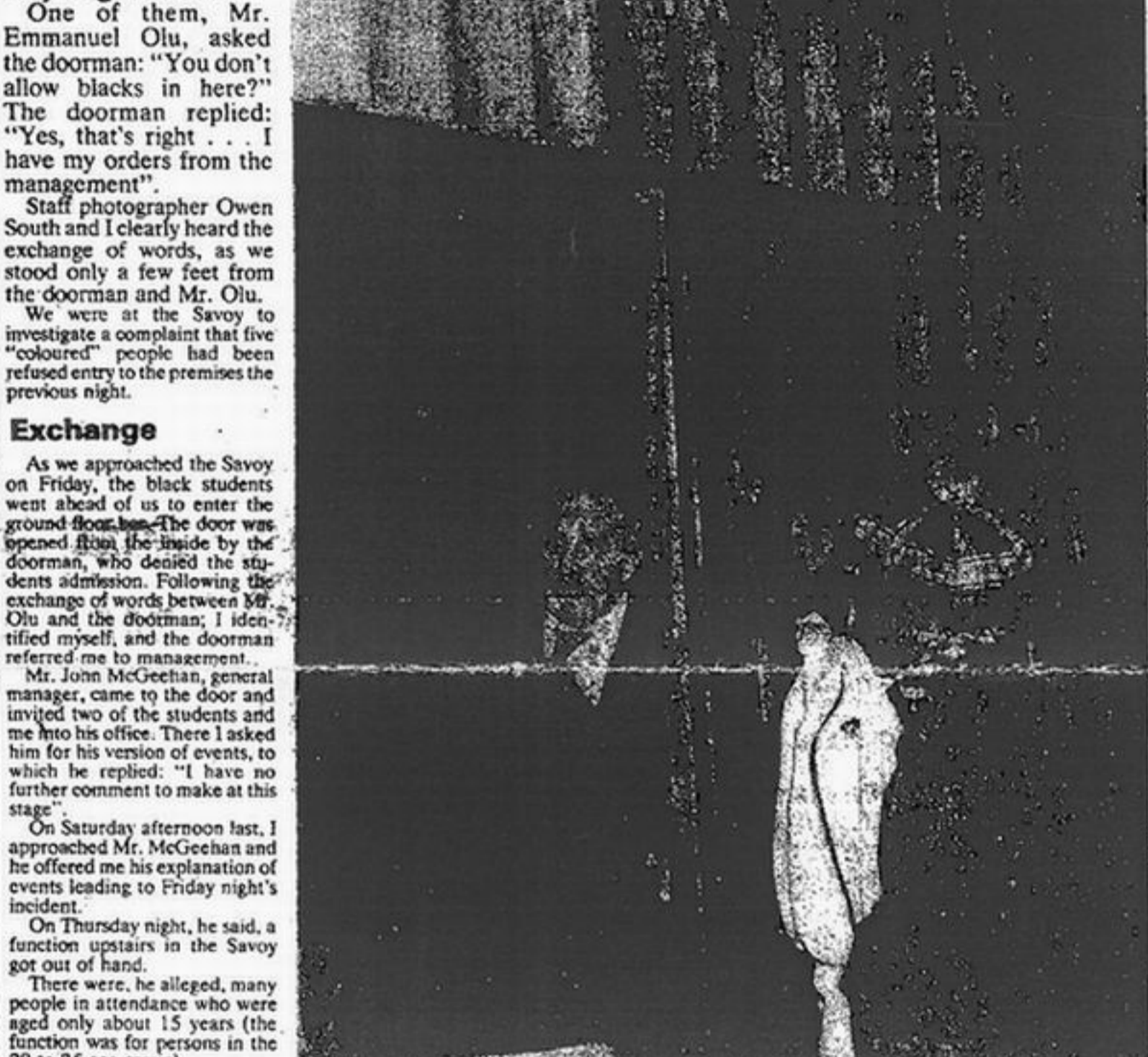
FOUR black students were refused admission to Limerick's Savoy Bar on Friday night last.

One of them, Mr. Emmanuel Olu, asked the doorman: "You don't allow blacks in here?"

The doorman replied: "Yes, that's right... I have my orders from the management."

Staff photographer Owen South and I clearly heard the exchange of words, as we stood only a few feet from the doorman and Mr. Olu.

We were at the Savoy to investigate a complaint that five "coloured" people had been refused entry to the premises the previous night.



The scene at the Savoy last Friday. "You don't allow blacks in here?" the doorman is asked. "Yes, that's right," he answers. "I have my orders from the management." Picture: OWEN SOUTH.

STORM BREAKS

BY BILLY KELLY

A SPECIAL meeting was arranged between representatives of the Savoy management and two journalists from the Limerick Leader fully investigating the complaints against the Savoy.

It had been hoped to have the black people involved and the doorman present, but neither of these parties turned up for the meeting, at the Savoy this Wednesday.

The journalists explained that they wanted to get the facts on the issue, but even before they could finish explaining what they hoped to find out, a man who was present on the management side - not the manager - interrupted, saying they did "not have to take this sort of s--- from anybody".

The manager, Mr. McGeehan, said they had been "hassled" all week over the matter. He shouted at those present without giving them any chance to put the allegations, in a reasonable manner, before the meeting.

Mr. McGeehan grabbed a telephone receiver on his desk and began waving it at the journalists, stating that the owner of the Savoy, Mr. Tony O'Mara, had been telephoned over this matter and that the journalist who made the call did so to "complain".

Every effort by both journalists to discuss the issues reasonably brought more shouting and after the manager said he had no more to say, the journalists left.

As they left, the management representatives continued shouting and the last thing the journalists heard was Mr. McGeehan shouting: "We have the right of reply".

During the meeting the manager made no attempt to explain the behaviour of his doorman.

He did say that he had a photograph which would prove that there was no racial discrimination practised by the Savoy. He did not produce the photograph.

denied having any trouble with "coloured" people.

"We had no trouble from them whatsoever," said dance manager, Mr. Denis Mulcahy.

Mr. Mulcahy added: "We have these students from NIHE and they are always the best behaved. If everyone behaved as well as they do, we would have no trouble at all."

Mr. Paddy O'Looney, manager of the Glentworth Hotel, in which "Chex" is located, endorsed this statement: "I haven't had a murmur and I am here every night. They are always very welcome and they have never caused any trouble in this area."

Garda injured at accident scene

BY EUGENE PHELAN

A GARDA from Edward Street, Limerick, who was investigating an accident involving wandering horses, was hit by a car this Thursday night.

He received minor injuries and was discharged from hospital after treatment.

He was investigating an accident at Ballycunnin, Mungret, on the main Limerick-Cork Road in which a car was in collision with a wandering horse.

This area around Raheen Church has been the scene of a "fair share" of accidents involving wandering horses, according to the Garda.

Also on this Thursday night, Garda from Edward Street

public abuse about wandering horses. They were doing all in their power to subdue the problem.

Meanwhile, Corporation official, Mr. Ean O'Neill, said this Friday, that they should be able to start rounding up wandering horses within a week.

He said that agreement has been reached with the county council to use their pounds and they also had reached agreement with the unions.

A horse box had to be purchased and then the scheme would be able to start.

Mr. O'Neill said that he would be making a special report on the matter at a housing committee meeting to be held on Monday night next.

Stabbing victim learns to live again



Miss Helen Coughlan, daughter of Mr. Steve Coughlan, the former T.D., and Mayor of Limerick, of Wellington Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, married Mr. Dermot Fahy, of Gort, County Galway, at St. Patrick's Church, Limerick. Very Rev. Jim Sadlier, P.P., officiated. The newlyweds are pictured with the bride's parents.

Steve Coughlan plans comeback

BY BERNARD CAREY

MR. STEVE Coughlan, former T.D., alderman and Mayor of Limerick, told the Limerick Leader this week that he was re-entering the political arena.

He said he had taken this decision after very careful thought.

"But," he added, "my decision is mainly because I am under pressure from the public to stand at the next general election."

Approaches

"I have been approached on numerous occasions - said I am not considering it - but I am pressing the idea forward. I intend to do so."

"Asked if there were any other influences at work which made him decide, he replied: "I am very mindful indeed what happened as a result of the last local elections."

"I will not gainsay the fact that because of the local results I was further influenced in going forward again."

Campaign

Asked to elaborate, Mr. Coughlan said that he was launching a campaign to prepare himself to face the public again.

"I am keeping my powder dry and until then I will make no further statements - but you can add this: "Steve is back!"



Mr. Coughlan: eyes' on the next election.

Limerick's death toll

Limerick is listed as one of the areas with the highest list of fatalities in relation to road accidents according to recent statistics issued by An Foras Forbartha for 1978.

Thirty-nine people were killed and 507 injured in the combined Limerick/Clare area 43 were killed and 414 were injured.

Down the hatch in three seconds

BY JIMMY WOULEFE

Limerickman, Mr. Brendan Quinn, of 4 Moyola Terrace, drove down to Abbeyfeale at the weekend for one quick drink... and collected £50 for his effort.

The drink was the fastest pint quaffed during the competition held in conjunction with the Eagle Festival to find the quickest pint drinker in Munster.

It took Brendan a mere three seconds to flatten a pint of stout and he left the opposition gulping in his wake.

Said time-keeper and festival committee member, Mr. Dan Murphy: "He was by far the fastest contestant. We had competitors from Cork, Kerry and Limerick and it was a tremendous success. And in the heats there were large numbers of contestants in the various pubs."

"When the final was held in the Devon Hotel on Sunday night there was a big queue outside the front door. The winner

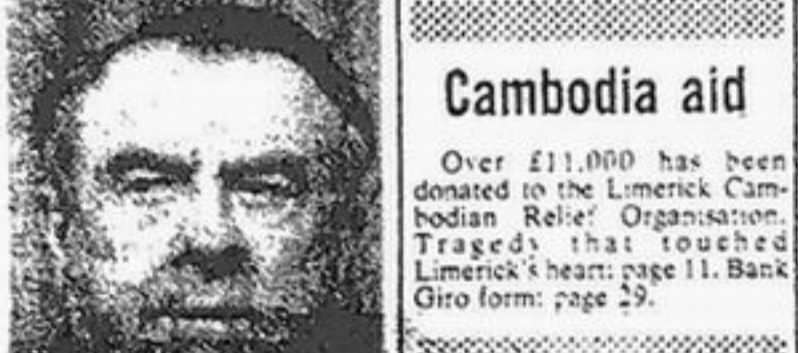
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Minister on city drink prices

IN THE DAIL, Mr. Barry Desmond asked Mr. Des O'Malley, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Energy, the action he has taken in respect of the increases by certain publicans in the price of drink in Limerick in excess of the permitted statutory retail bar prices.

Mr. O'Malley said: "The control of the prices charged for intoxicating liquor is a matter of serious concern to me.

"In common with all other areas of the country, the investigation of drink prices in Limerick is continuous. Where evidence of over-charging is obtained, legal proceedings are initiated.



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Cambodia aid

Over £11,000 has been donated to the Limerick Cambodian Relief Organisation. Tragedy that touched Limerick's heart: page 11. Bank Giro form: page 29.

DEATHS

GREENE (nee Kennedy) - November 1, 1979, at Moynalty House, Dromore Rise, Raheen, Limerick. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Greene, Limerick. O'Connell Ave. Deeply regretted by her loving daughters, Helen, Angela, Olive and Vivienne; son-in-law, Peter; grandchildren, Robert and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Thomas Street, to St. Joseph's Church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Saturday at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (1)

GRIFIN - Carrigrohilly, Clanna, Co. Limerick - October 31, 1979, at Barrington's Hospital, Barry. Beloved husband of Mary. Very deeply regretted by his loving wife, brothers, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Interment took place today (Friday) in Mount St. Oliver Cemetery, after 12.30 Mass. (1)

McVOY (Limerick and Cork) - October 31, 1979, Patrick's Clover Court, Carrigrohilly, Co. Limerick. Very deeply regretted by his loving son, daughters, brother, grandchildren, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home, Gerald Griffin Street, to the Holy Family Parish Church, Southill, this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (1)

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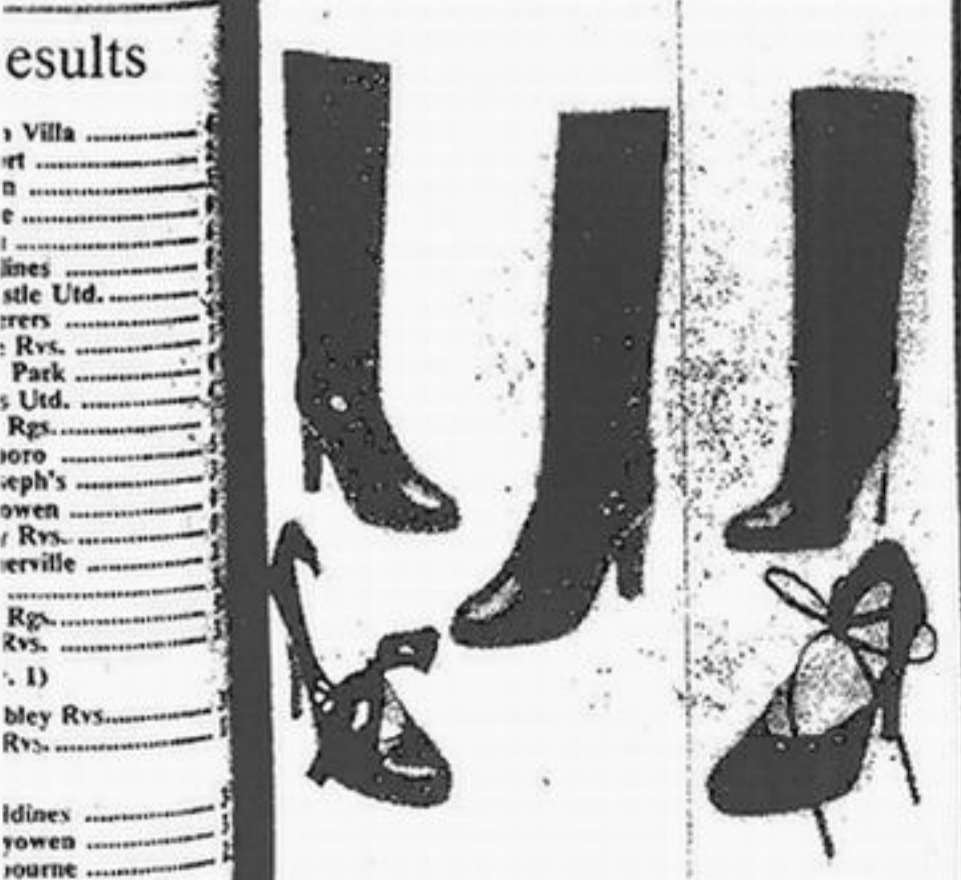
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and entry forms from the Slogadh Linn, 26 Merrion n 2, or by phoning and do hurry, first local Slogai a fortnight's time.

Nov. 7, Wembley Rvs. hold their first fashion show in the Royal George Hotel. The proceeds of this show will go towards helping Wembley to provide a pitch that is so badly needed if they are to be able to carry on their work with the youth.

Perhaps the name most synonymous with soccer in Limerick is that of Wembley Rovers. For over the past twenty years they have dominated schoolboy football in town to such an extent that they are the team to beat each season.

On account of this, they attract the best players from all over town, and their ranks go from strength to strength each year. While clubs such as Pike Rovers, Cals, Ballynanty Rvs., Fairview and Geraldines may claim to dominate junior football, they all have difficulty in producing as many players as the same class as Wembley. Proof of this is the number of players on the books of Limerick United, who began their careers with Wembley.

Local trophies

The club has won all the local trophies and while not as successful at national level, are one of the best known clubs from Limerick. In one season their U. 13 League and Cup side conceded only one goal and that from a penalty. Considering the competitive attitude that prevails on local soccer, this was a magnificent achievement and a record unlikely to be beaten. Last season in addition to seven schoolboy trophies, they won the Lawson Cup, Munster Youths Cup, Limerick Youths Cup and the area final of FAI Youths Cup.

And all this has been achieved without a field of their own. But now the end is almost in sight. The Sports Council of Limerick Corporation have agreed to help Wembley Rvs. in their aims. A plot of land has been picked out with enough space to give one full sized pitch and one schoolboy pitch. So in the near future

with them: Next Wednesday night is the start of their field fund raising activities and they appeal to parents and friends of players to come forward and help them in their aims. Tickets costing £2 each for the fashion show can be obtained from any of the committee or from Christy Williams, c/o Limerick Sports Store.

Savoy

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'Ches'." Mr. McGeehan denied that there is a colour bar in the Savoy.

"There is no colour bar here or discrimination. No way would I have acts like The Cimmarrons (a black reggae band) here if I believed in racial discrimination".

When I put to him the statement I heard his doorman make to the students last Friday, Mr. McGeehan said that, regrettably, the doorman may have misread the situation.

"As human beings we all are susceptible to making mistakes," he said.

This week I asked the doorman concerned why the students were not allowed in on Thursday night and he said that because of the situation upstairs, no students whatsoever were to be allowed into the bar. They were denied admission on Friday night because of "the language they used" on Thursday, claimed the doorman.

Initiative

- I asked the doorman if he thought he over-reacted on Thursday night, and he replied: "No, I did not". I also asked him if he had taken the action on his own initiative, and he said: "Yes, I took it on my own back".

He denied that it was in any way management policy to refuse admission to people because of their colour and said that no directive of that type was given to that effect.

Bar manager, Mr. Michael Burke, also denied that there was any colour discrimination in the Savoy.

Savoy proprietor, Mr. Tony O'Mara, told me he would never condone racial discrimination.

Racial discrimination was not a policy of the Savoy, he added.

Pint

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Council to remedy the situation. The progressive 41 Card Games began on Thursday night last in Mountcollins. They will continue each Thursday night during the winter, beginning at 8.30. 32 teams competed at the opening games.

Winners at the Tournafulla progressive 41 card game on Monday night were: 1st, Sonny Long and Michael O'Mahony, Tournafulla; and John Sexton, 'Glantine; 2nd, Jane and John Roche and Michael Mulcahy, 'Glantine. Raffle winners were: Aeneas Forde, 'Glantine; and Sheila O'Reilly, Ita Curtin and Jerry Callaghan, Tournafulla. Table prizes went to Peg O'Connor, Kate Moriarty and Michael O'Mahony and their teams, Tournafulla.

Fedamore

Congratulations to Kay Greensmith, Fedamore and Vincent O'Rourke, Kildimo; and to Michael Foster, Fedamore and Breeda O'Malley, Murroe, who were married recently.

Fedamore National School football team lost to a very strong Ballyagran side on Saturday last in the South Board na nOg football league. Although Fedamore had their fair share of the ball, the might of Ballyagran's defence prevented them from turning their possession into scores. Best for Fedamore were William Enright, James Prendiville, Pat O'Donnell and Elma Dineen.

Fedamore Gun Club annual dance is to be held in the Big Tree, Caherconlish, next month, and tickets may be had from club officials. Patrons are requested to purchase as soon as possible.

Bruff

The winners of the local 45 Drive last week were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tierney of Herbertstown. The games are attracting large crowds every week from near and far.

Mr. Pat O'Rourke of Uregare, Bruff, has just opened a butchers stall in Kilmallock. We wish Pat the very best of luck in this business venture.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of the following who were natives of Bruff and died recently elsewhere: Mr. Robert Barry, Miss Elizabeth Leo and Mr. Patrick Kennedy.

Mr. Eddie McAuliffe, a native of Bruff, now living in Lisconnor, Co. Clare, has presented the community centre with two of his highly original and colourful macrome wall plaques.

He has also presented some other hand-made items especially shoulder bags to the centre

