

Weather

The weather in Limerick this Friday will be cold with occasional showers of rain or hail and gusts of strong wind. This Saturday it will become a little milder and showers will be less frequent. The outlook for Sunday is similar, according to the Met Office at Shannon this Friday.

conjunction with "Limerick Sings". The winner receives £1,000 and the Catherine Hayes Memorial Trophy. Auditions are at present being arranged for next year's competition, the final of which will take place on Wednesday, March 19, 1980, in Limerick. Application forms may be obtained from the "Limerick Sings" office, Royal George Hotel, Limerick. Closing date, November 30, 1979. In addition to the Catherine Hayes Memorial Trophy for the best female voice, the Joseph O'Mara Trophy is also awarded for the best male voice in the competition.



(ELLY of Dublin, winner of the voice of Ireland on, run in

callous rape'

BY LEADER REPORTER

JUDGE T. N. Desmond at Limerick Circuit Court this Friday, sentenced six young city men to eight years penal servitude for what he said was one of the most serious crimes that had ever come before him.

All six had pleaded guilty to raping a 27-year-old girl last June.

In favour

Judge Desmond said that the crime struck at unfortunate women who might be on the streets of Limerick walking home or in any other manner going about their lawful business.

In imposing sentence, he had

taken into account all that had been said in favour of the young men, including the fact that all had pleaded guilty and saved the girl from having to give evidence and that none of them had anything previously against them.

Leave to appeal was refused by Judge Desmond, who complimented Sergeant P. J. Barry for his outstanding work in bringing the accused to the courts and particularly because the victim could not recognise any of them.

Other Gardai in the case were Mick Barrett, Joe Connolly, P. J. McDonough, John McCarthy, Mick Callinan, Joe Walsh and Pat Coleman.

There were emotional scenes

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being "screwed". He had forgotten just how badly the PAYE workers were doing under the tax system as it stood at present, until he attended a seminar on the subject recently.

'Bluffing'

Mr. Paddy Moloney said he hoped the next protest would be better supported than the last one. He (though there was "too much bluffing" going on in the city.

Mr. Jim Wallace suggested that the march should be from Pery Square at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 next, but he urged those in essential services to remain at their posts during the demonstration.

The next meeting of the council will be on December 13 and it was felt that this was an appropriate time as it would be just a few days before the march would take place.

Ald Jim Kemmy suggested that the number of speakers should be kept to two with a chairman for the rally, and Mr. Michael Mullen was suggested as one of the speakers.

The trades council executive will plan the details of the demonstration, it was agreed.

Mr. Tom Joyce, president of the council, said he hoped all unions would come out in force for the demonstration and he asked the unions to rally their members.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Mr. Jim Wallace and Mr. Jim McNamara, to notify the women's federation and the various residents and tenants groups in the city and invite them to take part.

Cleared of assault

A 44-year-old building contractor, Frank O'Brien, Strandville Gardens, Limerick, was found not guilty at Limerick Circuit Court of assaulting Donal Brock, Castleview Gardens, Clapney Strand, Limerick, thereby occasioning him actual bodily harm at 1.30 one morning in October last year.

O'Brien was also found not guilty of common assault on Donal Brock's mother, Mrs. Isabella Brock, on the same occasion.

The scene at Ballyv protested against h 11.

BED EXTE

BY JIMMY WOULD

WITH AN estimated workers due to be added the Aughinish Island project within the next eight months, a new site has just been commenced. Alumina Contractors Ltd compile an accommodation directory for a 25 radius of the site.

A similar survey was completed 18 months ago and encompassed a 12-mile radius. The big influx of new workers will be mainly deployed £20 million mechanical contract which will be announced the next two weeks. It is believed that an Irish and British partnership have awarded the contract.

Highly skilled

At present there are 800 workers on site, and the new men will be highly skilled welders, fitters and riggers who are being recruited over the country by N Manpower to ensure that contractors will have the labour resources to draw when they move on site next year.

The mechanical contract is the fourth of the nine ones which will be awarded the erection of the £300 million plant. The major contracts are

BARRING OF AFRICANS: O'CONNOR 'DISTRESSED'

BY FERGAL KEANE

DON O'CONNOR of Limerick rock group, Reform, this week expressed his distress at an incident which occurred last week at Limerick's Savoy concerning four black students from Nigeria.

The students were refused entry to the public bar. The management deny racial discrimination. A full report of the affair appeared in last week's Limerick Leader.

Mr. O'Connor told me: "Speaking both as a member of Reform and as president of the Southwestern branch of the Federation of Musicians and Associate Professions, I am shocked and deeply distressed by the incident in which some coloured students were refused admission to the Savoy.

"Quite apart from the newspaper report, this incident was witnessed by some colleagues of mine, so I am in no doubt whatsoever that it occurred."

Investigation

The NIHE students union are pursuing an independent investigation.

It is understood that an official of the Nigerian Embassy will travel to Limerick next week and he may meet Mayor Bobby Byrne during his visit which is reportedly an attempt to ascertain the full facts of the matter.

Smoke less, John asks

An appeal for people who smoke during the monthly meetings of the Limerick Trades Council to smoke less was made by the council secretary, Mr. John McLoughlin, at this week's meeting. He told the delegates that he suffered himself from a chest complaint.

One delegate suggested that members should smoke away "and die young."

Deaths

Death notices are on page 16.



Don O'Connor, musician's leader.

Fashionable Wembley



Enjoying themselves at Wembley AFC fashion show at the Royal George Hotel (from left): Catherine Mulligan, Garryowen; Majella O'Connell, Garryowen, and Mary Hogan, Mary Street. Picture: A. F. F.

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