

No let-up in traffic delays

TRAFFIC delays between Limerick and Dublin are set to continue until Friday as roadworks are completed in the Newport/Birdhill area.

Motorists coming from the Nenagh direction reported one-hour tailbacks on Tuesday morning with a single lane stop-go system in operation.

A spokesman for Limerick County Council said the 1km stretch of road from the new Newport roundabout going towards Birdhill had been prone to flooding.

Drainage work has now been completed and the road should be resurfaced by Friday.

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The guide also covers the Irish courts system, and European Court of Human Rights.

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Where To Complain is available at the Citizens Information Centre on Catherine Street and outreach centres in Newcastle West, Croom, Cappamore and Kilmallock.

The native son is laid to rest in Limerick

By MAIRÉAD NÍ CHAOIMH

THE only son of Ted Russell, George, has spoken of his father's great ambition to become "a true son of Limerick". Ted Russell, a freeman of Limerick, died at the weekend and was laid to rest this Wednesday morning at Mount St Lawrence cemetery.

George Russell told the Limerick Leader: "He wanted to leave his mark on the city and be accepted as a real Limerick man."

Mr Russell 92, was five times Mayor of Limerick and also served as a TD and Senator.

"People are travelling far and wide to come to the funeral, especially from England, where a lot of the family are based," said Mr Russell.

A wide variety of dignitaries, politicians, church leaders and businessmen attended the funeral this Wednesday morning at 11.00 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

A tri-colour was draped over the coffin and members of Bohemians rugby club formed a guard of honour.

Mr Russell's 87-year-old wife Derry is feeling "a bit shook but bearing up

well".

A special meeting of Limerick City Council was called by Mayor Michael Hourigan this morning to officially mark the death of Mr Russell, who was Mayor of Limerick on five occasions over three decades.

Prominent members of the national Fine Gael party also attended.

George Russell said that because of his father's English background he was very keen to re-assert his Limerick identity and be accepted for a Limerickman.

It was this desire which may have driven the man to achieve so much for the city, he said.

"He lived the life of ten



A true Limerickman: The late Ted Russell

(LL)

men; he was always doing something. And he loved Limerick with a passion," said Mr Russell.

His father, who enjoyed a huge public profile, was "always in charge" in private.

"He was very stubborn, opinionated, and his decision was final. There was always a stiffness about him. He did admit that he inherited that stiff upper lip from the English," said Mr Russell.

"He was like a man who lived a 100 years ago, he was old-fashioned, sometimes coming across as a little aloof. But he was a man of honour and principle and I was very proud to have a father like that," Mr Russell recalled.