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In brief

First snow of 1982



Limerick's first snowfall of 1982 came on Saturday for the first time in the city. The snow was not much more than a dusting and was soon melted.

However, people from County Limerick and Clare coming to the city for the Limerick races were faced with delays as there was single line traffic in the surrounding areas of the city. Many of the city children were enjoying their school holiday snow and were getting snowed out.

Mr. Gerard Crowley

Mr. Gerard Crowley, the security manager of the Dublin City Council, is the author of the book 'The Security of the City' published by the Dublin City Council. He has been a member of the Dublin City Council since 1971. He was a member of the Dublin City Council for 11 years. He was a member of the Dublin City Council for 11 years. He was a member of the Dublin City Council for 11 years.

Extended

The closing date for applications for the 1982/83 grant scheme has been extended to January 14. Applications should be submitted to the relevant authority.

Weather

Dry weather is expected in the next few days. The possibility of further snowfalls has not been ruled out.

Suspended

The CIE coach service between Limerick and Liscannor has been suspended because of the bad weather. The service is expected to resume as soon as the weather improves.



Mrs. Helen Enright, from Glimock, Liscannor, Co. Kerry, pictured with her baby girl, who was born at 7 a.m. on the New Year's morning. The baby girl will be named Geraldine and weighed in at 7 lbs. and 5 oz.

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The doomed store.

WHY I'M CLOSING, BY JACK ORMSTON

BY GORMAC LIDDY

THE FIRST SUPERMARKET to open in Limerick, Ormstons in Patrick Street, is soon to close. And this Friday, the proprietor, Mr. Jack Ormston, said that cut-price tactics being used by multiple chains were a major reason for him going out of business.

It was just 21 years ago that Mr. Ormston introduced supermarket shopping to Limerick. Indeed it was such a new happening that on occasions shoppers had to be shown how to operate with a basket and trolley through the store.

Mr. Ormston said that the days of the completely independent grocer was fast disappearing and he believed that they were being squeezed out by the multiple chains.

These multiple chains, he said, were able to force manufacturers to sell to them at a better price and as a result they were then able to launch cut-price tactics of which he felt the independent grocer who could not compete on an equal footing.

Mr. Ormston said that his decision to close his Patrick Street premises had not been taken lightly.

He was full of praise for those who had worked for him in his business. He said he was sorry to have had such a good staff and this had contributed to his success.

And he also paid glowing tribute to his customers down the years and many of whom had shopped in his store from the start to the present day.

Mr. Ormston is having a closing sale on all present stock of goods at a deep 15 per cent reduction in price.

Mr. Ormston said that he had been in the business for 21 years and he was proud to have built up a reputation for himself and his store.

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Family of six lose everything in blaze

By DYMPHNA BRACKEN

A LIMERICK family were left homeless this week when their house at 147 Lawnway, Carey Park, was gutted by fire. Mr. Raymond Brennan and wife, Ann, and their four children, Ann Marie (6), Raymond (5), Laura (3) and Rachel (2) were not at home when the blaze started.



Michael O'Flaherty.

Bateman Cup survivor dies

By FERGAL KEANE

THE DEATH has occurred unexpectedly of Mr. Michael O'Flaherty, 70, of Talbot Avenue, Prospect, after a sudden illness. He was one of the five surviving members of the Young Munster team which won the Bateman Cup in 1928.

A native of Carey's Road, Mr. O'Flaherty first started rugby with the Pirates, with whom he won a City Junior Cup medal in 1926-27. He played Munster Junior Cup and Charity Cup in the same year, winning medals in both competitions.

Playing at wing or centre, he was famous for his speed and defensive abilities which saw him win two Munster Senior Cup medals, one Munster Junior Cup medal, one City Junior Cup medal, one Bateman Cup medal and two Munster Senior league medals.

He was also the holder of two Charity Cup medals.

Honour

His Bateman Cup honour has earned him a permanent place in the annals of Limerick rugby history.

Young Munster travelled to Dublin as underdogs but having disposed of Galwegians 17 nil in the semi-final, they defeated Lansdownes 6-5 in the final thanks to tries by Joe McNeice and Mick O'Flaherty.

The other surviving members of the team are Charlie St. George, Ter Casey, Murty King and Joe McNeice.

As an enthusiastic and lifelong member of Young Munster, one of Michael O'Flaherty's greatest joys was to see Young Munster defeat Bohemians in the Munster Senior Cup final of 1979. He was at all times a keen and critical observer of the game and a man whose views were well respected by those in rugby circles. He played four seasons of senior

Over £100,000 has been spent on improvements at the



Aftermath of the fire.



The scorched kitchen.

One room

Mr. Brennan, who formerly worked at Krupp, but is now unemployed, said: "I do not know why they would not let us live in the house. We are all living in the one room at the moment."

Councillor Frank Leddin said he had been in contact with Limerick Corporation with regard to securing a home for the Brennans, and they assured him that they would be given the first available house.

Councillor Leddin said: "That could be next week or it might not be for a few weeks."

DEATHS

LYNCH (Limerick), January 7, 1982, 25 years old in his 82nd year of Belmont Nursing Home, Galway. He was a native of Limerick and was a member of the Limerick Branch of the Grand Old Duke of York. He was a member of the Limerick Branch of the Grand Old Duke of York. He was a member of the Limerick Branch of the Grand Old Duke of York.

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Gift Fair

The third annual Irish Gift Fair, a co-operative venture organised by leading Irish gift manufacturers in conjunction with the Irish Goods Council, takes place in Limerick on Monday, 11th, and Tuesday, 12th of January, in the Parkway Hotel.

The Fair will feature the products of fine manufacturers and will include linen, tweed, woollen, Aran knitwear, jewellery, handwoven shawls, hats and scarves.

Commencing on the Fair, Mr. Einar O'Sullivan, Consumer Products Manager, Irish Goods Council, said that the initiative of the promotion

Butter up

Butter is to go up by 1p lb. in the shops from this Friday, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Mr. J. Kelly, announced this Thursday.

Teaching teachers about computers

By EUGENE PHELAN

"MANY TEACHERS do not understand enough about computers to get them to work properly, let alone teach others how to do it," declared Dr. Joe Chester at a seminar in Limerick this week on the impact of micro-computers on schools.

Dr. Chester, lecturer in chemistry at Limerick Technical College, has for the past 10 years been working with computers in schools.

At a seminar held at Moylish Park this week he advised schools to buy computers in quantity rather than in quantity.

Students

Dr. Chester made the point that one computer available between 20 students for periods of two hours and a half meant that students would only get 20 per cent of the computer for three hours a week.

Honeymoon tragedy

A Limerick man who was married in December 27 last in a bathhouse on his honeymoon in Miami.

Mr. Mark Connor, 27, of Seaview, Elbow, Knockree, was married to Mrs. Mary Connor, 27, of Seaview, Elbow, Knockree, in Miami, Florida, on December 27 last. He was married to Mrs. Mary Connor, 27, of Seaview, Elbow, Knockree, in Miami, Florida, on December 27 last.

Injured

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Four Limerick girls go Up With People

By LEADER REPORTER

TWO young friends from North Circular Road, Limerick, members of the Jamik Dancers, have seen their wildest dreams come true.

On this Friday, Mary Rose McMahon and Judy O'Connor will both leave Shannon for Tucson, Arizona, to start a training session with the international "Up With People" group, and after that they begin a twelve-month tour with the Group of the central states of America and Canada.

Judy O'Connor said as she prepared to leave: "We could hardly believe it when we were accepted."

Two other Limerick girls were also accepted as auditions in the States last year — Angela Nihil from Killalee and Mary Condon from Newcastle West, and they will be joining the Group next July.

The aim of the Group, said Judy, is to "build bridges of communication between the different races through song and dance. People from all over the world are members of the

THE SPORT OF KINGS APPEALS TO EVERYONE

By JIMMY WOLFE, News Editor

AN EFFORT is being mounted by Limerick Race Company to convince Limerick workers that racing is not an elitist pastime.

And in being home the point, Mr. Philip Swain, secretary manager of Limerick race track, will in the next few weeks go to local factories and other special packages to groups who want to spend a day at the races.

Already the Crescent Shopping Centre has agreed to sponsor the St. Patrick's Day meeting and customers at the centre will receive complimentary tickets from shops in the Crescent. People who avail of this scheme will also receive complimentary jack-pot tickets at the track on production of their tickets.

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Mary Rose McMahon (left) and Judy O'Connor receiving their flight tickets from Des Clancy, of Aer Lingus, O'Connell Street office. The girls will fly out on this Friday to join the group and they love the world with their music. The two North Circular Road girls went along to hear the group when they played in Limerick last year, and when they heard that auditions were being held they decided to apply. "We were thrilled when we were

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