

The scene at Caherdavin this week.

Limerick earmarked for Ireland's biggest shop centre

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LIMERICK IS THE chosen site for the biggest enclosed shopping centre, with air conditioning, in the country. It will cost well over £1 million.

It will open on November 1. Work has already started on the Dooradoyle site.

Built to the left of the Cork Road, just beyond Ballinacurra railway crossing, the centre will have parking space for 1,000 cars initially on its 17-acre site.

A survey commissioned by Mall Holdings Ltd., the developers, puts the total income of the Limerick catchment area at over £90 million "which makes it one of the most important retailing areas in the country".

Pat Quinn

Pat Quinn will have a major licensed premises and restaurant there.

Half of the enclosed centre has already been pre-let to Macey's, Boylan Shoes, Tru-Value, Blue Line Cleaners, the Power/Penney organisation and "other major trading interests".

Already named the "South-West Regional Shopping Centre", the developers admit that it "may hit the centre of the town".

"But if we hit them by as much as 5 per cent, we would be amazed", said a spokesman.

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Letter from Des O'Malley, Minister for Justice, to the Voters of East Limerick

CORBALLY, LIMERICK

22nd February, 1973

As I am unable on the occasion of this Election to get around to see all my Constituents personally, due to the office which I hold, I am taking this opportunity of writing to ask you to support the three Fianna Fail candidates—Patrick Clohessy, Michael Herbert and myself.

By supporting the Fianna Fail candidates you will be helping to ensure the return

ment in the Limerick L. Mr. Gerry Collins pledged the Government would dangle rosy promises of rates, etc., to win over unsuspecting.

"Who are we to believe Taoiseach or the Minister?"

"It is now clear once and for all that the Taoiseach and a Minister are completely out of step with each other."

"The Taoiseach pro-

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Sit-down protest

About 40 office employees of Cement Ltd., Castlebar had a sit-down protest Thursday following the motion of a fellow staffer which, they claimed, was not on the basis of seniority. Management was not able, when asked by reporter to comment this day on the dispute.

Experts for Limerick

Two of the greatest authorities on marketing will address a one-day seminar at Plassey House, Limerick, on March 28, organised by the Marketing Institute of Ireland (Limerick Region Branch) and titled "Marketing—Key Issues of the Seventies."

They are Professor A. C. (Tony) Cunningham of UCD and Professor Gordon Wills of the Cranfield School of Management and formerly of the University of Bradford.

Limerick Leader

The Alsatian dog, Limerick Leader, also known as Smokey, who was bred and trained by Mr. Michael White, a native of Limerick, but now of Much Hoole, near Preston, Lancashire, has died.

The dog, named after this paper, qualified for the obedience championship at Crufts Show last year, after winning a national championship at Hamilton in Scotland.

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border with 12,000 worth of goods in his car.

The goods and car were seized.

The traders say they will remain at Caherdavin for about another fortnight.

While in Cork they sold 11 cars.

A dealer said that as soon as they hear of an explosion they go to the factory and buy up the goods, then bring them South.

Shop centre

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"We would be attracting people into Limerick and more people into the town itself".

To back this contention, the developers point to the survey which showed that, within a 3-mile radius of Limerick, people had been spending £6 million of their money in Dublin.

"Certainly we feel that this centre will help to take a lot of this money back into the Limerick area", said the spokesman.

No windows

Although the centre will have a window-less brick exterior, the developers stress that any unpleasant features such as loading entrances, will be shielded off.

When the 51-acre McMahon estate was being bought by Rooney Auctioneers, who are also joint letting agents, it was decided to let the existing trees stand.

But the house has been knocked.

The car entrance will be from the "Garryowen Road": space for a further 1,000 cars is provided on the basis that the car population will double in ten years.

Agricultural machinery will be on display as farmers' incomes are expected to double inside ten years and farm labourers earn £40 weekly.

Congratulations

Justice M. de Burca, at Limerick City Court, this week, congratulated Inspector Peter Smith, William Street Station on his promotion to the rank of Superintendent.

He wished him every success in his new appointment. A native of Arva, Co. Cavan, Inspector Smith has been stationed in Limerick City for the past four years.

Death

Dr. Seamus O'Brien-Moran, son of the late Hugh O'Brien Moran, County Registrar, Limerick, died on Wednesday last, February 21 at Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He is survived by his wife, children, brothers and a sister.

the country's welfare he said PHOTOGRAPHIC

'Good Samaritan' found to be unfit to drive

A MAN WHO was stated at Limerick Rural this week to have been acting the "Good Samaritan" by driving a drunken friend home was "pulled" for driving under the influence.

Patrick McQuade, Cratloe-moyle, Cratloe, was stated by his solicitor, Mr. Michael Sheehy to have come into Limerick on June 3 with his wife and daughter. He had left his car at home.

When he came out of a public house in Broad Street, where he had been drinking for over an hour, he noticed a friend in a very intoxicating state near a car. A number of people were trying to prevent him from driving, but none of the people themselves could drive.

Mr. McQuade, who was of the opinion at the time that he was fit to drive, decided to drive this friend of his home and while doing so he was apprehended and taken to Mary Street Garda Station where he was pronounced unfit by Dr. E. O'Flynn.

Mr. Sheehy said that the disqualification from driving would be a very serious drawback for defendant as he had to travel a long distance to work every day.

He stated that his client did not have much drink taken but that a medical condition aggravated the situation.

He was fined £10 and put off the road for one year.

Justice de Burca remarked that the circumstances were very unusual.

Aifreann na Feile

Aifreann Sheain Uí Riada will be sung by the congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rosbrien, on this Friday at 7 p.m. It will herald the opening of the 1973 Feile Luimni.

After Mass, at 8 p.m., Feile Sgoill Dramaíochta will commence in Sgoill an Linbh Íosa, Rosbrien, and will continue on through Saturday and Sunday. At least fifteen groups will participate. On Monday next, Labhairt na Gaeilge Section of Feile Luimni will commence in Halla Ide, Sraid Tomás.

Late Bill Fitzgerald

(An Appreciation)

Bill Fitzgerald was a full, intense and energetic character, and inspired a deep respect and friendship among all those who came in contact with him. He was more interested in his own interests than in those of others. His interest in his topic, local history, was one of the most pleasant and rare talents. His bold and buoyant humour, even debates during meetings, will be sadly missed.

He was a member of the Limerick family of whose connection with the water trade goes back more than two hundred years. Some of the names noted on his maternal side, some of his uncle, the late Bourke, was employed in the old Limerick Echo and his son, Tom, was a prominent association with the Clate.

At a special meeting of Senan's Historical Society, a vote of sympathy was passed to the wife and family of the late Mr. Fitzgerald, founder member of

No final

Fianna Fail have plans for a final rally in Limerick, Justice Minister Des O'Malley, said that so far no final rally was planned for the main cities. There will probably be a final big Fianna Fail rally in which any major issues may be fully discussed.

The Labour Party will have their final rally next at 8 p.m. on Mr. Brendan C. speak.