

APPEALS were made at city churches yesterday for people to come forward and help the Gardaí solve the murder of retired nurse, Miss Ann Mulqueen.

"We made an appeal at all city churches for people who travelled on the Rosbrien Road to come forward," explained Supt. Michael Creaton, who is heading the hunt for the killer.

Anyone who was jogging, walking or travelling by car or bike on the Rosbrien Road on Friday week last has been asked to contact them.

Forensic experts spent almost a week at the scene and travelled back to Dublin over the weekend to analyse their findings.

The crucial clue could also come from

here though, Supt. Creaton stressed: "We are still depending on some more people to come forward."

A special incident room has been set up at Edward Street with a confidential telephone number — 40167.

Eighty-year-old Miss Mulqueen's house is a modern bungalow nestling between two-storey houses about 100

yards from the turn-off to the Army shooting range at Rosbrien.

Gardaí now believe Miss Mulqueen was murdered between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., and are particularly anxious to hear from people who were in the area, then.

Supt. Creaton feels sure that a number of people who used the road that night have not contacted them.

Government cuts: time to make noise, say council

A WARNING that if the Government persisted in its present policies it would lead to a rise in unemployment rates that just could not be forecast, was made by Mr. Jim Wallace, Secretary, at this month's meeting of the Limerick Council of Trades Unions.

Call on Manager to face reality on rates

Speaking on a resolution that the Council affirms its opposition to the theory, put forward by the Taoiseach, that a massive reduction in public spending is required to realise the full potential of the Irish economy, Mr. Wallace said it was time that the Trade Union movement made sufficient noise.

Cutbacks

"The Government is talking in terms of cutbacks amounting to £50m. — we couldn't countenance even one fifth of that," added the Secretary.

The private sector, he claimed, had given up all hope and were no longer prepared to take on investment. "We cannot sit quiet until the budget comes around," concluded Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Clem McCuskey said that the cutbacks were just another attempt to make the workers pay more. "What about the millions owned by the big ranchers?" he asked.

He also proposed a wealth tax — "The Government are trying to crucify workers so it is about the millions owned by the big ranchers," he asked.

Jim Kemmy predicted that the burden would eventually fall on the building industry, in which a large number were already unemployed.

Continued Mr. Kemmy: "We must cry stop — there are hundreds of millions of pounds in unpaid taxes and it is such people the government should be chasing. It is the workers who are being asked to accept further cutbacks."

Mr. Denis Ryan observed that recently Goffs Bloodstock Sales had a turnover of £20m in one day, on which there was no form of taxation.

LIMERICK City players, concerned about their future, have called a special meeting at the Limerick Inn, this Tuesday.

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Spokesman for the players Al Finucane — he has given 22 years service to football — told the Limerick Leader this Monday, they felt it was time they had a say in the matter.

"We feel we must do something about it — this whole affair is gone beyond a joke and unless action is taken this

A.B.C. CELEBRATE A FRUITFUL YEAR

ATHLUNKARD Boat Club members, guests and friends, gathered in the clubhouse on Saturday night last for their annual dinner. It proved a splendid reunion with old and new acquaintances being renewed under the roof of this hospitable and famous club.

coming season. He was glad to report that these ambitions were realised, foremost among them being the attainment of the club's first international selection. Little did he realise at the time that it was his own brother Billy, to whom the honour would fall.

Won 13

"The club travelled to 16 regattas during the season and won 13 races with a fine Junior B Squad. They had erected a new boathouse in place of the old dance hall at a cost of £5,000. They had acquired three small boats — two sculls and a pair — the acquisition of which had already paid rich dividends. Training had now commenced for the new season and the ladies, under Claire Murphy, had already started. He congratulated St. Michael's on their great pairs championship success and their win in the international in Scotland, also Jim O'Riordan of Cork B.C. and Billy Meehan for their great showing in the international also.

John McGeehan, president, IARU, in his speech, hit out at the penal imposition of 35 per cent VAT which clubs had to pay on boats which had to be imported. "I would exhort all rowing people to canvass their local T.D.'s to have the tax removed. We are only trying to help the youth of the country and do not merit such punishment. Clubs could buy another small boat with this very tax they had to pay."

He was glad to see A.B.C. small boat policy paying off which was evidence by Billy Meehan's international selection. Ireland's clean sweep in Scotland was the highlight of his year's presidency. "It was a wonderful feeling of elation for all the Irish who were there," he said. He reiterated his appeal at St. Michael's dinner for support for the national draw, with a prize of a trip to next year's Olympic Games in Los Angeles for two.

Bad press

Fr. Tony O'Keefe, C.C., St. Mary's, said he was glad to see Athlunkard's ambitions for the year past realised. The club's youth policy was now paying off and the future looked bright. He paid tribute to Michael Kieley, captain, and the vice captains, for their selfless work with the young crews.

He went on to touch on a subject which he mentioned last year, namely the prominence of the negative aspects of Limerick were given in the national and even international press. "This stymied confidence and consequently progress in the city. We never hear of the good tidings, for instance such things as the international soccer selection of Sean Hehir and Pat Boland of Star Rovers, and now Billy Meehan of A.B.C. in rowing."

He went on to say that parents should have every confidence in Athlunkard when their sons and daughters went down to row there. Jack Meehan wound up the dinner by thanking all those responsible for its success, and also paid tribute to Maxine Murphy who was not alone sec./treas. but vice-pres. of the club as well.

The parish rugby clubs were represented by Jim Raelis (Shannon) and Jim McNamara (St. Mary's).



Mr. Grace.

week then it is quite possible that not only will we not have a team this year, but football could find itself on the shelf in Limerick for a long time to come."

Victims

The players, he added, were the unfortunate victims in this power struggle.

It was their fear that if the matter is not resolved before Thursday, then Limerick United will be thrown out of the League of Ireland.

They have invited Mr. Pat Grace, chairman, Limerick City; John McNamara and Dr. Brendan Flynn, of Limerick United; Mr. Eamon Morris, secretary, L.O.I.; Charlie Walsh, L.O.I.; John Ghens of the Professional Footballers Association, and a representative of the LDMC, to meet them at the Limerick Inn.

The purpose of the meeting is to thrash out the entire affair and to reach an amicable solution.

"In other words we are providing the platform," continued Al Finucane, thirteen times capped by the Republic of Ireland.

When it was put to him that representatives from the League had no obligation to turn up to-morrow, he replied: "If they don't, then we will take it they are not interested in settling the issues at stake." The Limerick soccer controversy could have widespread implications.

When Cork United went out of football three years ago it was thought to be for one season only. But then they found it difficult to revive the game in Cork, and they are still without a representative in the League.

"The same thing could happen here," continued Finucane, "an after 45 years continuous service that would be very sad."

Sean Van Veen, on behalf of A.B.C., welcomed the guests. "Rowing was a sport which had a particular influence of binding people together," he stated. He welcomed John McGeehan, president of the IARU, in particular, for having travelled down on such an appalling day. "It was important for clubs to see the president of their national organisation from time to time," he stated. He also congratulated Billy Meehan, who was the guest of honour, on gaining international recognition.

"We have won all the other honours, this was another one," he exhorted all A.B.C. members and oarsmen to chip in and bring further glory to the club," he concluded.

Martin Connery, president Limerick B.C., after thanking the club on behalf of the guests, paid tribute to Athlunkard members down the years who had helped in the running of Limerick Regatta, and signalled out Christy Madigan. He congratulated A.B.C. on the year's achievements and also St. Michael's on their successes. "There will be a Union Squad Four in Limerick this year under Dermot Henihan and I exhort all the local clubs to give the venture every support."

A fine turn-out of former greats of Athlunkard's rowing hey-day gave a nostalgic atmosphere to the occasion, with such as Steph Clancy, Willie and Dessie Henn, Paddy Mullane, Louis Murnane, Christy Madigan, Joe O'Connell, present. Also in attendance was Dessie O'Malley, T.D., now a life member, whose grandfather had close associations with A.B.C., and City Councillor John Ouin.

Unique

Athlunkard must be unique inasmuch as there are three qualified chef members of the club (Pat Cowhey, Sam Beecher, Ken Ryan), an asset which manifested itself in the magnificent meal laid on (main course roast stuffed pork steak), served by a more than efficient ladies committee.

The profuse musical talent inherent in the "Parish" came to the fore in the musical evening which followed, the best of which was brought out by Sean Frawley, M.C. Joe McCaslife (piano) and Noel McMahon (guitar) were accompanists.

John Meehan, vice-coast A.B.C., proposing the toast of "Rowing", said that this time last year he gave an outline of A.B.C.'s ambitions for the



At the St. Mary's Racing Pigeon Club, and No. 2 Bird Club annual dinner at the Arl Jenny Sheehan (left), and Teresa Hickey Corbally.

MEN ARE PREPARED TO RETURN TO WORK

WITH rubbish continuing to pile up in Limerick this Monday morning, Mr. Sean Buckley, secretary, No. 1 Branch, I.T.G.W.U., said the members at present on strike at Strand Barracks were prepared to go back to work when a clear indication is received that the Labour Court are welcome by the Corporation to examine their working conditions.

There are at present only three refuse trucks in action due to the strike by the mechanics, who are claiming inconvenience money while renovation work is being carried out at the Strand Barracks.

In a statement on Friday last, Mr. T. Rice, city manager, said: "If further negotiations take place in which the Labour Court might be involved, they will give every facility, including the facility to visit Strand Barracks."

Position

This morning Mr. Rice did not alter the position as to the men's return to work. He said that it is no obvious indication that the Labour Court are obviously a prerequisite of their return to work.

Areas without a position at present in H. Ballynally, Rathbane, Green the Dublin Row Garryowen.

The mechanics for inconvenience lump sum, and a payment for conc have to work in completion of the ing.

Mr. Rice, city manager, said that it is not available for consideration.

First report from Youth Employment Agency

The first report and accounts of the Youth Employment Agency for the period from March, 1982 (when the Agency was set up) to December 1982, recently published, shows that total expenditure on youth employment and training programmes for the period was £61 million. Of this, just under £36 million was provided from the Youth Employment Levy and £25 million in additional funding was recouped by the operational agencies from the European Social Fund.

Of the total expenditure, approximately £45 million was in respect of training programmes, and £16 million related to the provision of work experience, temporary employment and grant-aid by the Agency to job creation projects.

The substantially increased funding of existing programmes — an additional £35 million — led to corresponding increases in the number of participants: 33,000 young people participated in these programmes during 1982 compared to 22,500 in the previous year. The average number of young people on the programmes at any one time also rose considerably.

Youth Employment 1983 and 1984. Involvement in employment and related projects people in various countries.

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