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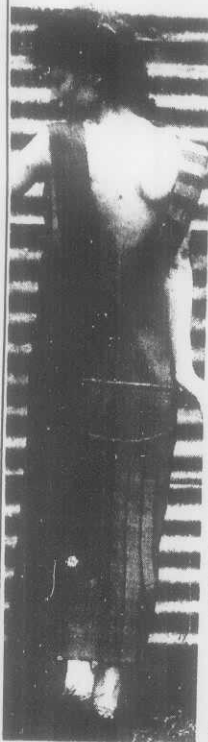
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Afternoon closing

The foreign parcels depot, attached to the Post Office at Henry Street, is now closed to the public every afternoon. Since V.A.T. was put on clothing and at the point of import the workload of the department personnel has increased greatly.

The Indoor Staff Association of Customs and Excise are unhappy with the position and have called in their union.

Gas row flares

The Limerick Gas controversy has flared up again with former Energy Minister, Deputy Des O'Malley, accusing the Tanaiste and Minister for Energy, Mr. Spring, of a statement aimed at frightening off the AmGas consortium.

Doubts about the deal by the parent company of one of the four consortium members, Calor Teoranta, are still being ironed out and a final decision will be announced next week.

Lost teddy bears found

Two victims of the Teddy Bears Picnic, a white bean bag teddy and a smaller teddy whose well-worn appearance bears testimony to being much loved, have been handed in to the Social Service Centre at Henry Street.

Both were found in the Peoples Park after the picnic and their owners can claim them, from Annette Kearney, secretary of the Community Playgroups Association. □ See page 4.

Dramatic backdrop... a silk tweed dress with quilting and pinching from a collection of eight garments designed by Caroline Mitchell, Castleconnell. It is one of the collections to be shown by fashion students of Limerick School of Art and Design at the Limerick Inn next Wednesday at 8 p.m. □ Model: Grainne Collins. □ Photograph: Peter Cutting.

Gardai complete probe into legality of draws

SOCCER LOTTERY CASE TO GO TO COURT



By LEADER REPORTER

GARDAI INVESTIGATING the legality of Limerick City Football Club Development Association Members' Draw have completed their enquiries and court proceedings will now follow, it was learned this Friday.

The case will centre on whether the prize money exceeds the legal limit.

NewsLines



'Dog shot'

Gardai are investigating an incident in which a stray dog was reportedly shot less than 100 yards from the home of Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael Noonan, at around 10.30 a.m. this Thursday.

Celebrating

Musgrave Cash and Carry Ltd. for the next three weeks will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of their move to their Park Road premises.

They will be having free tastings, raffles and giveaways for their trade-only customers.

Weather

The weather in the Limerick area over the week-end will be cloudy and warm with moderate to fresh southerly winds with rain at times. Conditions will be suitable for the spread of potato blight. It will be a little cooler in the early days of next week with blustery south-westerly winds and showers but also some bright spells, according to the Met. Office in Shannon this Friday.

Deaths

Death notices are on page 2.

Mr. Hayman Harris, co-ordinator of the draw, this Friday welcomed the news of the proceedings and said that he hoped that it would help to clear the air.

"We are confident that everything we have done is above board and we have in fact modelled the draw on the national lotteries held by Fine Gael and Fianna Fail," he added.

13th week

The draw, which is now in its 13th week, has been under investigation by the Gardai under Inspector Eugene Lynch since it started.

Senior garda sources told the *Limerick Leader* this Friday that the investigations were complete and that court proceedings would now ensue.

To date over £36,000 in prize money has been given out and next Tuesday night a further £3,000 will be awarded, said Mr. Harris.

No summons

He added that they had not in fact received any summons from the Gardai and that they intended to proceed as normal.

"I would welcome a test case being brought against us to help clear the air, but we will stand by the decision of the court," Mr. Harris commented.

The draw is the main thrust in the club's fund-raising activities to raise £1 million to build a "super stadium" at Rathbane — Limerick City's home ground.

An Post storm breaks over magic gardens

By EUGENE PHELAN

CONTROVERSY raged in Limerick this week as workmen moved in to begin the construction of a £1 million sorting office for An Post at the once-famous Roches Hanging Gardens in Henry Street.

An Post have been accused of "sheer vandalism" as they intend knocking down most of the existing building, which they own.

But postmaster, Mr. Bill Marnane, pointed out that they had contacted An Taisce and other interested groups who had no objection to the new office going ahead.

Facade intact

Referring to the plans for the new sorting office on the 800 square foot site, he explained that the existing facade was being kept intact as



Postmaster Marnane outside the property at the centre of the dispute.

Mr. O Cinneide said that the gardens were built in 1808 by William Roche, a Limerick banker, to the rear of his residence at 99 George's Street — now O'Connell Street.

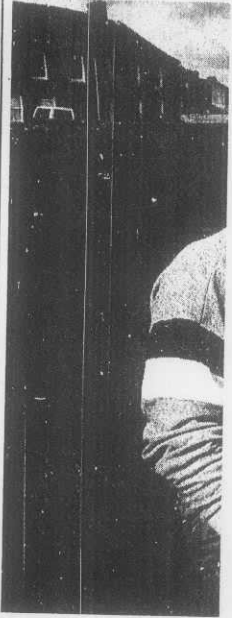
They were on top of a series of arches which varied from 45 feet to 25 feet high. By means of glasshouses, heated by ingenious flues, Roche grew exotic fruits like oranges, grapes and pineapples in one

Roche's folly, Roche was a shrewd businessman.

He profitably sold the vaults underneath the supporting arches to the Revenue Commissioners as a bonded stores for £10,000 and an annual rent of £300.

During the Emergency, the Department of Defence singled out the building as an ideal air raid shelter.

Mr. Marnane, bringing a *Limerick Leader* reporter on a



Thanks Mister for saving my life

By LEADER REPORTER

NINE-YEAR-OLD Paul Jackson smiled and gave a gentle hug this week to the man who saved his life.

Paul, from Mungret Court, was playing near the Abbey River when he fell in and was swept away in the fast current.

A woman passer-by screamed for help. Twenty-year-old Frank Healy, who works at the nearby Key Corner shop at Baals Bridge, responded immediately.

"I was outside the shop and ran over, looked in and just jumped in," he told the *Limerick Leader*. "Then people started throwing ropes in to help us."

Frank, from Thomondgate, who describes himself as a "Handy swimmer but not a life saver," grabbed young Paul who was bobbing up and down in the water.

Pulled in

They were pulled in by the ropes and another man joined them in the water to ensure everyone's safety.

There was quite a crowd at the scene at around 7 p.m. with truck drivers, motorists, all stopping to lend any assistance they could.

Said Paul's mother, Mrs. Carmel Jackson: "We are really very grateful. Only for him Paul would have been gone."

"He says he was on the slip and slipped in. I don't think he yet realises how serious it was. Of course, he is delighted as everyone is giving him sweets."

Mrs. Jackson thanked all who helped in saving her son's life. "They were all very good and we are very grateful," she commented.

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