

On the amount owed in these charges, it is estimated that the company will lose over £250,000 following its decision not to collect outstanding charges.

The residents in Shannon were jubilant this Thursday when it was announced that the company is not proceeding with demands for water charges in the district court and with appeals which were to have been heard by the circuit court next month.

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spokesman said the company has decided to accept the district court's decision which ruled that

He added: "The introduction of the charges to recover the cost of providing water to residents was based on legal advice available to the company at the time. In view of the court ruling, the company will now cease the collection of charges for domestic water services. Refunds will not be given in respect of payments already made."

There are 2,348 houses in the town.

Pearl Fanning of Anockatanna, Caherconlish, has successfully completed the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants examinations, which are as demanding as any in the world. Pearl, a trainee accountant with Murray Sweeney & Partners, studied for the final examinations on a full-time course at the School of Professional Studies in Limerick. She enjoys cycling and going to the cinema. Pearl is a member of Mensa.

LOTTERY: 7 DAYS GRACE FOR PAT

LIMERICK CITY FC OPEN TO OFFERS

Last week's headlines.

Soccer shock as 2 reveal resignations

LIMERICK CITY were granted a lifeline this week when Mr. Haymen Harris, promoter of the club's lottery, and his 40 agents granted a seven-day deferral after they had threatened to withdraw their support.

Mr. Harris confirmed to the *Limerick Leader* that there was a confrontation this week, at which the agents informed Mr. Pat Grace, chairman; his wife, Anne, secretary and treasurer, and director, Det. Sgt. Michael Browne, that they were concerned at recent developments.

He said that the meeting was sought by him following a backlash from subscribers following the revelation from former board member, Mr. Noel Murphy, that funds from the lottery were being spent on team affairs.

Mr. Harris said that the agents complained that Mr. Grace's statement that the Rathbane facilities were vested in his name, and that he in turn leased the ground back to the club, further incensed subscribers.

The *Limerick Leader* has been reliably informed that moves are afoot to withdraw the lottery from the club, but instead a seven-day postponement was decided after the chairman agreed to issue a statement to the press clarifying aspects of the club's structure and future plans.

Doorsteps

Mr. Harris said that his agents found a negative response at doorsteps. "If only 1,000 members withdrew their support then the weekly lottery would not be a viable proposition," he added.

The agents, he continued, were not prepared to go back and it was only after the board agreed to meet them that they agreed to continue for one more week at least.

"The attitude at the end of the meeting on Wednesday was that they would wait for the statement from the club and let the public decide for themselves," said Mr. Harris.

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BURNS (Limerick and Nenagh) — October 14, 1987, Paddy, Highfield, Ennis Road, Limerick, beloved husband of Mary and dearly loved father of Sean, Eugene, Maire, Bernie, Aine, Cliona and Deirdre. Deeply and

Travellers: Collins pleads for mercy

By MARTIN BYRNES

COMMUNITIES should assist to integrate members of the travelling community among them as part of obligatory work of Christians, the Minister for Justice, Mr. Collins, said this week.

Opening an exhibition of the craftwork produced by the trainees of Abbeyfeale Training Centre, Mr. Collins said that, as winter approached, people should look to see whether something else could be done for travellers.

Begrudgery

"It is true that they are less fortunate in other parts of the country," he says, "but we still have a duty to help them settle. We must admit that there isn't always a cead mile failte for them as human beings.

"We can all get a little petty and we can show begrudgery."



Praising the work of the training centre, Mr. Collins said that the agencies were in existence and the funding exists to develop the talents and lives of the travelling people.

Much had already been done, and he instanced Rathkeale, Newcastle West and Athea as towns where integration had been successful.

Observing that almost £250,000 was being spent in Rathkeale on a new halting site, Mr. Collins said that this would not provide them with comfort, but merely with the bare facilities.

Left holding the Teddy . . . Gerry Collins, Minister for Justice, admiring the work at the opening of the exhibition of crafts made at Abbeyfeale Training Centre. Included also are, from left, Michael Barry, chairman, County Limerick VEC; Jim Moran, section head, AnCO; Gerry Ryan, manager, AnCO, Limerick, and Padraig Cleary, headmaster, Vocational School, Abbeyfeale.



Fr. Patrick

The parish that paints together

By LEADER REPORTER

THE LITTLE church at Caherline, built ten years ago and dedicated to the martyred Archbishop of Cashel and Emly Dermot O'Hurley, has just got a facelift from the parishioners.

Headed by parish priest, Fr. Patrick Currvan, and armed with paint brushes, power hoses and gallons of paint, they have turned out in their dozens over the past couple of weeks to paint the church and perform some general repair work.

"They saved the parish funds at least £5,000," said a delighted Fr. Currvan this week. He himself wasn't slow to take paint brush in hand and has been described by his parishioners as "a deft hand" at the job.

Weather

The work was co-ordinated by the PP's right-hand man, Mr. Kennedy Bourke, and is expected to be completed this week "if the weather holds up", said Fr. Currvan.

Local farmers, enjoying a lull from the fields, joined tradesmen and others and the whole outside of the building was washed down with Mr. Pat Bourke's power hose. The women of the parish joined in with mops and packets of "Daz" and the painting of the church became something of an event in the village.

"Everyone enjoyed it," said Fr. Currvan.

Caherline church is the only one in the diocese dedicated to Archbishop O'Hurley who came from the area and who was martyred in 1583.

Fr. Currvan said that he was very happy with the response to his appeal to the people to paint it and the only thing remaining to be done after this week would be a touch-up to Jim O'Farrell's mural in the porch of the martyrdom of Archbishop O'Hurley.

O'Donnell jubilant

New regional development proposals approved by the European Parliament were this week described by MEP Mr. Tom O'Donnell as marking the greatest personal achievement of his political career.

"I am absolutely thrilled that the continuous and consistent efforts I have made since becoming a member of the European Parliament to have a proper regional development structure established in Ireland has at last been successful," said Mr. O'Donnell.

West abu!

Newcastle West has again taken first place in its category in the National Glor na nGael competition.

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