

Along with John Dearty (24), Plassey Avenue, Corbally, and Cyril Doran (24), Laurencetown, Kilmallock, she was swept away in

could not find her. This was about 3.15 yesterday. Mr. Walker said the flow of the river had increased considerably during the day be-

Mr. Joe Moriarty, commenced a search of the Giddach river this

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WEATHER

It will be a mild, wet and windy start to 1988, according to Shannon Met Office this Thursday. While temperatures will remain up to present levels, there will be strong winds, reaching gale force in exposed areas. It will also be very showery. The broken weather will continue up to the middle of next week, and it will become colder. However, no frost is expected.

DEATHS

GRiffin—December 30, 1987 (after a brief illness), at the Regional Hospital, Very Rev. Gerard M. Griffin, A.C.S.C.J., Ch.L.J., Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick, and late of Pater, Saint Patrick's, Glin, and Saint Munchin's; very deeply regretted by his loving brother Jack, sisters, Sr. Augustine and Sr. Dolores, nephews, nieces, sister-in-law, the bishop and priests of the diocese, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Griffin's Funeral Home to Saint John's Cathedral tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Concelebrated Requiem Mass on Saturday next at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

HOWARD—December 30, 1987, at St. Camillus Hospital, Sarah, late of Carey's Road, Limerick. Very deeply regretted by her loving sister, Mary Fahy; nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Requiem Mass in St. Saviour's Church this Thursday at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. (c)

QUINN (nee Scanlan)—December 30, 1987, at her residence, Patricia (Patsy), died peacefully after a long illness, 16 Galvone Road and late of 30 Roxboro Road, Limerick. Very deeply regretted by her loving husband, Martin; sons, daughter, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home to St. Michael's Church this (Thursday) evening at 6.45 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Friday) at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. (f2c)

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And a happy New Year to you, too, Tommy G

By CORMAC LIDDY Sports Editor

THE EMERGENCE of Tommy Gaynor as one of the brightest stars in the English first division in recent weeks has sparked off tremendous excitement in local sporting circles to add to the other high point of the fast fading year, the win by Frank O'Mara in the world indoor championship in Indiana.

Sunday next will be another milestone in the career of "Tommy G", as he was affectionately known to his many admirers in Limerick, when he assists Nottingham Forest against the mighty Everton in a game to be shown "live" on television.

Predicting

The arrival of Tommy as a new superstar has given a great boost to soccer in Limerick and already many are predicting that he could win a place in Jack Charlton's squad for the European championship finals next summer.

The rise and rise of Tommy remains one of the top success stories in Irish sport and hundreds locally will be cheering his every move as they sit back and relax by their fireside in the comfort of their homes to view the game on Sunday afternoon.

For many more it will be a case of recording the game to view later that evening when they return from other



Superstar Gaynor.

activities such as a visit to Rathbane to cheer on Gaynor's old club who meet Waterford, who will have Brendan Storan and Pat Morley, both of whom assisted Limerick last season, in their side.

Storan, of course, has the unique distinction of being the only Limerickman to score for Limerick in an FAI cup final and he is sure of a very warm welcome "home". That cup final success came in 1981 when members of the side included the great Al Finucane and Tommy Gaynor.

The magnificent surge to national fame by Tommy has won him many plaudits. Nobody was more delighted to see him achieve his life's ambition of making it to the first division than yours truly.

Goodwill

This being the season of peace and goodwill I this week took initial steps which I had hoped would culminate in the very near future with a visit to Nottingham with a photographer to bring the many people who had given such support and encouragement to Tommy in his early days a close-up of what life at the top means for one of our own of whom we are proud. It was also intended to make Gaynor a substantial financial offer to write a weekly column for this newspaper.

Plans were shattered, though, when I contacted Tommy at his Nottingham home when he bluntly told me: "You never seemed to do anything for me while I was with Limerick and I don't see why I should talk to you now".

Thus the man who is a daily headline maker turned his back on affording his many friends a chance of sharing in his success. His right to do so is in no way questioned. The wisdom of his decision, though, is open to scrutiny. If he refuses to speak to me perhaps his reasons have something to do with my reporting of his performances for Limerick on occasions before his transfer to Doncaster Rovers.

Below I give again the comments I made concerning his performances in those games. Every word of what I said then I fully stand over. But I acknowledge that times and situations change. The Tommy Gaynor whom I saw on the television play for Nottingham in their wonderful six-a-side victory over Manchester United some weeks ago was a class apart from the player I saw play for Limerick in his final days with the club.

Potential

I am not a soccer manager or a scout. But like everyone else in those days I realised that Tommy had vast poten-

Death of Very Rev Gerard Griffin

By LEADER REPORTER
ONE OF Limerick's best-known priests, Fr. Gerard Griffin, has died.

He was attached to the Limerick Diocese for the past 42 years and spent 26 years as a curate in St. Munchin's Parish before being appointed parish priest of Glin. He later served as parish priest in St. Patrick's and Parteen before ill health forced him to retire a few years ago.

Fr. Griffin was an outstanding worker and he was also possessed of a wonderful sense of humour which brought smiles on many an occasion of sadness.

He is survived by his brother, Lt. Col. Jack Griffin, and by two sisters, Sr. Augustine and Sr. Dolores; and also by his nephews, Gerard, Dr. Michael, Joe, son, and Johnny and by his niece, Maria.

The removal of remains will be from Griffin's Funeral Home to St. John's Cathedral at 8 p.m. this Friday and the Requiem Mass will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday at 11 a.m. with burial afterwards in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.



Father Griffin, R.I.P.

Endorsement postponed

A fine of £150 with a year's disqualification and endorsement was imposed at the vacation sitting of the district court at Adare on Edward Dore, 33, of Gortnagass, Templeplattine, when he pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of alcohol, section 49 (1).

Garda Tom Connolly, in evidence, said that Gardaí detected Mr. Dore driving away from the car park of a licensed premises at Abbeyfeale on the night of December 28th. The Garda told Justice Reilly that the defendant lived in Britain and came home a number of times a year. He was anxious that the matter be disposed of quickly so that he could return to England.

At the request of the defendant the endorsement will not come into effect until February 1st.

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City Council over Barr

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL have campaign to save Barrington's Hospital to authorise members to march in robes on January 9th.

GARDAI ESCALATE B-TEST OPERATION

By LEADER REPORTER

LIMERICK GARDAI who this week revealed that "significantly more" people were breathalysed compared to last Christmas have warned New Year revellers who are drinking to leave their cars at home.

Supt. Gerry Higgins, Henry Street, said that they would be continuing to increase checkpoints and mobile patrols over the New Year.

"These led to significantly more people being breathalysed compared to last Christmas", he added.

However, the exact numbers arrested for alleged drink driving over the Christmas period is not yet known.

Foot patrols

Supt. Higgins said that they would also be stepping up



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you get into any trouble, then you will go to jail for one year", he warned.

"I think she will take great advantage of this chance", said Mr. Hayes.

Justice Reilly asked that a general report be prepared for January 14. He then told Inspector O'Boyle that if this girl was in and out of Roches or Dunnes and if she was acting suspiciously in any way he wanted this to be brought to his immediate attention.

"And I will hold a special court. It doesn't matter what day it is. You have liberty to re-enter this at 24 hours' notice", said the Justice.

JUSTICE REILLY told a County Limerick teenager at the city court that he could thank his solicitor for keeping him out of jail.

The youth was charged with stealing a pair of shoes, value £13.99, property of Primark Ltd. He pleaded guilty.

Mr. John Cussen, solr., who appeared for defendant, told the court that he thought this was an isolated incident. "He was with a few friends and this was an act of bravado to impress them".

He said that his client was the second eldest in a family of nine: "He works with his father. And his family are very upset by the incident. He is not short of funds—this was just an act of bravado", said Mr. Cussen, who produced a number of references for the Justice.

The defendant had no previous convictions.

Justice Reilly said that he had in the past been taking a very serious line with such cases. He imposed a fine of £50 with one month to pay and told the defendant: "You can thank your solicitor for keeping you out of jail".

acher Angela

recover from this kind of tragedy. It is a tremendous shock for the students particularly when it involves a young teacher who is so close to them.

"Angela, who was single, lived practically across the road from the school and spent most of her time around the school and was extremely involved in the school. She was very able and capable."

Mr. O'Brien added: "She was a senior teacher and she taught honours maths to Leaving Cert students. She was very good with students and used to take them on outdoor pursuits."

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tial. But having potential and using it to the full are two completely different matters.

The League of Ireland scene is very much the sadder for the departure of Tommy. Players of his calibre do not come our way very often. Nor to they come the way of Doncaster Rovers, where Tommy did not exactly set the world alight.

Obviously he needed a bigger stage in which to parade his magnificent skills. And in recent weeks those skills have prompted his manger Brian Clough to suggest that he will be bringing Tommy's feats to the attention of Jack Charlton. What a magnificent summer it would be if Tommy is named in the Irish squad. I sincerely hope that he is.

Al Finucane, one of the all-time greats of the League of Ireland scene, this week expressed his delight at the success being achieved by Tommy.

"He and I were members of the same Limerick team who won the FAI cup in 1981. At one stage I thought that Tommy had everything. When he moved to Shamrock Rovers and then to Dundalk he didn't really make the grade and I thought that his chance was lost", said Al.

Confident

But, said Al, Tommy was confident to the point of being arrogant, which is a big plus in his favour. "He also had what I would describe as an 'attitude problem' and this seems to have been sorted out by Brian Clough and this is what is making the big difference in his play.

"He's doing fantastic just now and like everyone else I am proud of him, though I imagine that by now Jack Charlton has his mind fairly well made up about his squad for the European cup finals and, of course, a few of those whom he introduced in the last friendly also did well.

"But Tommy should be in the next World Cup squad", said Al, who himself will be out of the game because of a calf muscle injury sustained two minutes before the interval in last week's game for Newcastle West against U.C.D.

"This will give me a chance to have a look at Limerick on Sunday and I sincerely hope they can get a few good results like Newcastle West", he said.

In a random check of our files this Thursday I found the following reference to Gaynor:

beat Home Farm 1-0) — "Tommy Gaynor had a very poor game apart from one powerful shot near the end which thundered off the crossbar".

Dec. 8th, 1986 (v. Waterford, which Limerick won) — "Murphy's touch reached Gaynor and though surrounded by defenders he managed to prod the ball clear to the intruding Morley".

Later in the same report I said: "Tommy Gaynor tried extremely hard".

Surprise

Nov. 8th, '86 (Limerick drew 2-2 with Dundalk) — "But Limerick grabbed a surprise lead goal just on half-time and a delightful goal it was from Tommy Gaynor. He gained possession just on the penalty box on the right as he faced the goal. He curled the ball inside and when it seemed that it would be possible to get in a shot as the defenders crowded in Gaynor drew with his left foot and his strong shot beat keeper O'Neill".

Later in the same report I wrote: "In addition to Coyle and Hyde, Limerick had other good players in Gaynor, etc".

October 13th, '86 (Limerick beat Newcastle West 3-2) — "Gaynor set up the chance for Morley to score". Later: "A great effort by Gaynor came back off the upright". And later again: "And Gaynor and Morley were best of those in attack".

October 28th (Limerick beat St. Pat's 2-1) — "A brilliant goal by Tommy Gaynor put Limerick on terms... Seconds later the visiting 'keeper foiled Gaynor and two minutes later a magnificent header by Gaynor was taken off the line". And in the same report: "Lynch headed over in the 36th minute and it was that man Gaynor who popped up again to clear the ball off the Limerick goal line with Ludzic beaten".

The above are just a random selection and show that Gaynor was subject to praise far more often than criticism.

Sean Sabhat Commemoration

The chairman of Fermanagh District Council, Councillor Paul Corrigan, will be the main speaker at the annual Sean Sabhat Commemoration on Sunday, January 3rd.

The commemoration will start from Bedford Row and the parade will proceed from there to Sabhat's grave in the Republican plot, Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, where the usual ceremonies will be held.

Cable television

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Christmas for them except for the vandalism to their amplifiers located at O'Callaghan's Strand and Hassett's Cross, which affected the northside of the city.

The southside was not affected at all over Christmas," he stated.

Vandalised

He said that the cable went off the air at about 11.40 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The amplifier at O'Callaghan's Strand was vandalised.

"We repaired it that night, not knowing that an amplifier at Hassett's Cross had also been vandalised," he added.

When it was put to him that viewers had complained that the service had broken down early on Christmas Eve, Mr. Clifford said that an amplifier had broken down on the Ennis Road around 4.30 p.m.

"We checked out all calls and I personally called to two houses on St. Stephen's Day and when I went out I was told by the customers that they had discovered what was wrong and everything was now o.k.," he stated.

"Any major breakdowns over Christmas were as a result of vandalism. All breakdowns were attended to straight away."

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Hospitals

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funded locally by public subscription until the recession ends, when the Government of the day might be in a better position to re-introduce its annual subsidy.

Dr. Richard O'Flaherty and other city GPs have come together to fight the closure. He said there was no reason for example why the casualty department, one of the busiest in the country, should have to close.

With the back-up of consultants from the Regional Hospital, he added, doctors would be able to keep it open.

Furthermore, he said, they were concerned that St. John's Hospital might fall into the hands of the consultants who had expressed an interest in the hospital: "Such an eventuality might help to keep Barrington's open but it would still mean that the ordinary citizens of Limerick would be losing a hospital."

Limerick, continued Dr. O'Flaherty, had shown in the past that it was capable of providing finance to meet the cost of expensive hospital equipment — "and we are sure that if the effort is made Barrington's can remain as a community hospital until such time as the recession blows over."

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