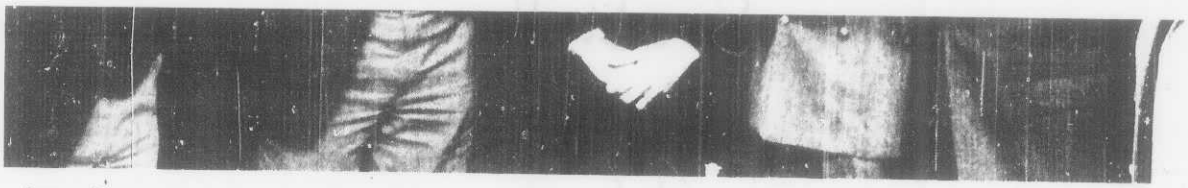

Attending a reception at the Royal George Hotel to announce details of the Limerick/Shannon Rotary Club annual fashion show, which will be held at the Limerick Inn on Tuesday, March 8, in aid of the Southill Community Services Horticultural Project (from left): Jim O'Donnell, Rotary; Jim Sexton, sec., S.C.S. board; Kitty Clohessy, Amee's, Cecil St.; Paul Gibson, president, Limerick/Shannon Rotary Club; John Hanafin, chairman, S.C.S. board, and Pat Mullane, chairman, fashion show committee.

DAIL TOLD OF MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN SOUTHILL

THE promoters of a Shannon Developmnt pilot scheme in Southill, Limerick, found that there were "severe social and other problems" to be encountered — even bigger than expected, it has been revealed.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Bertie Ahern, told the Dail that the pilot scheme, which ended with eight enterprises employing 23 people established, had been successful.

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He was replying to Mr. John Bruton, who has asked him if the Shannon Developmer project, for which European Social Fund assistance of £192,000 had been approved — to find out if it was feasible to integrate the establishment of small businesses with the training of socially-deprived unskilled young people — had been completed.

He also asked if it had been evaluated and if there had been any useful results for national policy.

Said Mr. Ahern:

"The pilot project in question was completed on 30th November, 1986, and an evaluation has been carried out by the promoters."

He explained: "From information furnished to my Department by SFADCo., in connection with its application for assistance from the European Social Fund, I understand that the objective of the scheme was to establish in Southill, Limerick, a Community Development Co-operative.

"This contained five manufacturing projects, five service projects and one horticultural project, including the provision of appropriate training for the participants.

"The promoters found that the severe social and other problems which existed in Southili were greater than anticipated.

"Nevertheless, at the end of the period of the pilot scheme, eight enterprises, employing 23 people, were established."

The Minister concluded: "I understand that the sponsors of the scheme, SFADCo., consider that many valuable lessons were learned which could be useful for the formulation of naional policy in the development of small businesses or co-operatives in disadvantaged areas.

"More detailed information on this aspect should be available from SFADCo."

ANGER AT OMISSION OF GREAT CARNEGIE

THE failure of the Limerick City Art Gallery to mention the name of the original benefactor Andrew Carnegie on it's stationery has been criticised.

At last night's meeting of the Cultural and Environmental Committee of Limerick City Council Cllr. Win Harrington (Ind.) said she was very disappointed that on a recent communication she got from the City Art Gallery there was

declared.

Cllr. Frank Prendergast (Lab.) recalled that Limerick City Council had in fact passed a resolution to the effect that the name Carnegie was to be kept when the library was transferred from Pery Square to the Granary.

He said that this was done not just for possible legal considerations but to honour the man who had given such a magnificent bequest to Limerick.