



(from left) cutting the cake on her 80th birthday, flanked by her sons and daughters (from left): Pattie, Michael, Teresa, Bridget (sister), Frances, Rose, Pat and Frank (inset).

Happy 80th birthday, seventh daughter of a 7th son

By LEADER REPORTER

MRS. FRANCES FLEMING, seventh daughter of a seventh son, has celebrated her 80th birthday . . . with the best wishes of her nine sisters, aged from 74 to 90.

But only one of the nine was able to join her for the family party at Janesboro Sporting and Athletic Club — the rest reside far from Limerick.

Indeed, all 10 sisters have not been together for 64 years.

Mrs. Fleming, of 7 Marian Avenue, Roxboro — originally from Banagher, Co. Offaly — has been living in Limerick for over 56 years. Her mother died in childbirth, leaving one son, the eldest, and 10 daughters.

"My only brother, Patrick Tiquin, was shot in 1922 during the Troubles and, if he had lived, he would be 92 this year", said Mrs. Fleming, whose father died in 1944 at the age of 83.

Number 7

The number 7 has figured prominently in Mrs. Fleming's life.

As well as the being the seventh daughter of a seventh son, she has seven children living. Seven of the 10 sisters are widowed, and she was the seventh to be widowed.

Mrs. Fleming said of the 10 girls: "We all split up when we were in our teens. Some of my sisters went abroad and never returned since."

"All my sisters were married, but seven are now widowed, including myself". They were widowed in rotation, from the eldest down to Mrs. Fleming.

One of her sisters, Mrs. Bridget Max, also living in Roxboro, celebrated her 88th birthday recently. Her other sisters include Mini,

'Snobs who mispronounce local names'

By LEADER REPORTER

THE ALLEGED "rape and violation" of some city street and area names by "blow-ins and snobs" in Limerick was castigated by Deputy Frank Prendergast this week.

At a meeting of the Housing Committee of Limerick City Council Deputy Prendergast said that he must speak out at "the rape and



Cllr. Prendergast

violation of our street names". "Take Lanarhone Avenue", he declared. "On the Cor-



Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, co-ordinator of the inner city development programme, points to the designated area, watched by city manager Mr. Tom Rice (right), and Mr. Brendan Lynch, Shannon Development.

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO HEART OF CITY

IT IS EXPECTED that the first project in the Limerick Inner City Development Plan will be announced within the next few weeks, while two city streets are to be pedestrianised in the coming months. And city manager, Mr. Tom Rice, at a news conference, revealed this week that they had 50 to 60 significant in-

very evident at this week's press conference.

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poration nameplate it says Ascal Leath na Ron — now that's nonsense, because that means the Avenue of the Half Seal — it should be Ascal Oilean na Ron, the Avenue of Seal Island, which we all know so well", added the irate Labour councillor.

Turning to Glenagross Park, he said that this should be Gleann na gCrois and pronounced in the Irish fashion and not in the English.

"We have snobs here in this city and as the city fathers — and mothers — should endeavour to see our place names preserved", he added.

"These snobs and blow-ins have taken to pronouncing the names of ancient parts of this city in their own way."

Rhyming

"Thomondgate is being pronounced so that Thomond rhymes with snowman. We should call a halt on this now".

Cllr. Prendergast also proposed that where possible the old street names of St. Mary's parish, such as Butchers Street and Sheep Street, which have been knocked down, should be used in any redevelopment of the area.

Big week

Southill Community Week begins this Saturday with the official opening by Mayor Pat Kennedy in the Community Centre at 9.30 p.m. Sunday is Senior Citizens Day, with numerous other events for young and old scheduled for the week.

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