

PRISONERS MAY BE MOVED FROM REGION

are to cross the planned route of new highway. See page 6.
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COLLERY ALLEGES ROAD WIDENING COUNTERS

is that a lot of people who are claiming that ancient monuments will be desecrated don't even know where they are.

"What I would like to make clear firstly is that the ring road will definitely go ahead but there is no definite line it will take as yet. With road widening and compulsory purchase orders involved there is no way at the present time that the exact route of the road can be defined.

"The second point I would like to make is that there is no local authority on earth who would wilfully set out to desecrate historic monuments. And it is not our intention to do so.

Criticism

"As such the amount of criticism we are getting is neither warranted or justified."

Mr. Colley could not say when the plan—a 151 page document which covers such things as historical development, housing, communications, services, community education, density, obsolete areas, recreation and amenity development, borough boundary, commercial and industrial development—could be put into practical effect.

He pointed out that much of the document, which was a statutory function of the Corporation, was a review of the last five years. Costs could not be estimated of the developments earmarked because of its wide-ranging nature which principally involved Government expenditure.

They would, he said, be pressing ahead "at the earliest possible date", with the ring road.

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Programme

He warned "It would be short-sighted madness to interfere with the prison building programme."

In recent months security at Limerick has been improved somewhat with the erection of a steel gate to take the place of the old wooden one.

Among those in Limerick Prison at present are Marie Murray, who is serving life sentence for the murder of Garda Michael Reynolds, and Marian Coyle, who was jailed for her part in the Herreema kidnapping.

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THE CONVERSION of Limerick Prison into a top security jail could mean the transfer of many local prisoners to Dublin and other parts of the country, it was learned this Friday.

Overcrowding at Portlaoise and other prisons has prompted the Government to bring more subversives to Limerick.

The former Minister for Justice Mr. Gerry Collins, told the Limerick Leader this Friday that if the reported 30 or so high-risk prisoners were brought from Portlaoise to Limerick, inevitably local prisoners would have to be transferred to Mountjoy which is already "bursting at the seams".

Limerick Prison can cater for just over 100 prisoners. Earlier this year about 10 members of the Official IRA were brought from Portlaoise to Limerick, and it has been learned that these are now to be followed in the coming weeks by 30 high-risk prisoners.

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Limerick joins the Murphy movement

BY FERGAL KEANE

AS THE Guinness drought swept through Limerick city this Friday, a few last outposts were still serving frothy pints like they were going out of fashion.

But the day of the do or die pint drinker would seem to have vanished as most bars

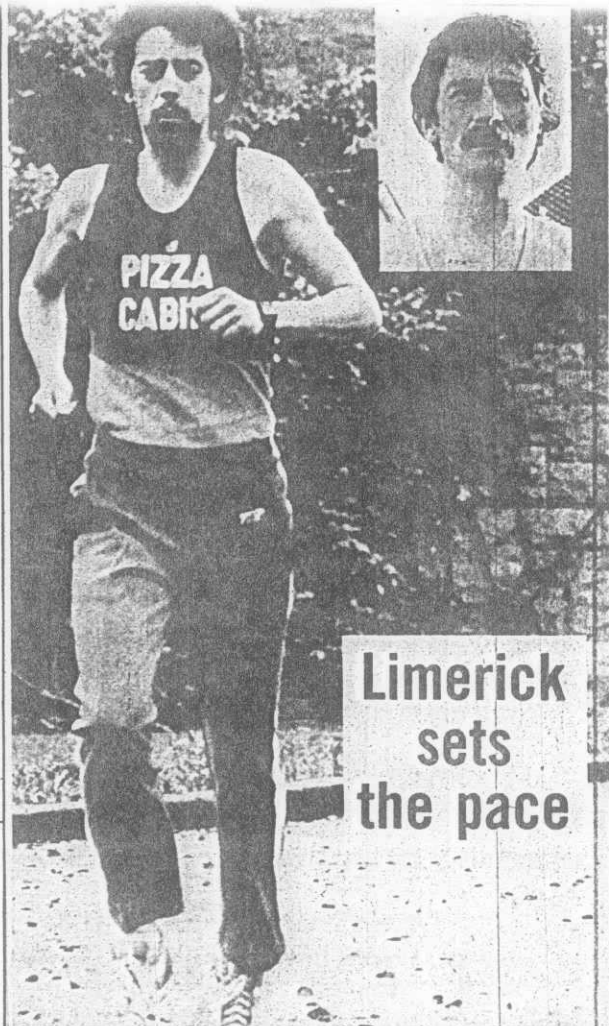
reported that their customers were quietly submitting to the circumstances and switching to other beers. There were no reports of any customers switching to minerals.

The Royal George bar were pleased to announce that they had enough Guinness to keep them going until the weekend or even next Monday or Tuesday.

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Mr. Dermot McDermot pulls one of the last pints of Guinness at Limerick's Railway Hotel this week.



Limerickman of the moment, Neil Cusack, 29, jogged around the local People's Park this week. Inset: Verbatim's Dr. Griffin.

Marathon men all set for Boston

BY EUGENE PHELAN

AS THE Dublin City Marathon runners danced on weary feet at a celebration disco, the Limerick contingent were busy making plans to send a team to the Boston marathon in April.

Amid the sound of popping champagne corks, Neil Cusack, Limerick's marathon hero, and his entourage were making plans to send a local side to this most famous of all marathons.

"We hope to have a Limerick team of 30 people to travel to Boston," a jubilant Neil told me this week.

Warning

But he warned: "People would want to be physically fit before they even think of embarking on this marathon venture. We would like to see people who ran in the Dublin City Marathon taking part as we had a tremendous crowd from Limerick up there."

The Limerick team will travel by a special charter flight, organised by Neil Cusack in conjunction with the "Irish Runner" magazine.

"We have already had a booking from a Mayo contingent and we are hoping to

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Limerick sets the pace

DEATHS

CLEAR: October 29, 1981, Patrick J. (Paddy), West Point, South Circular Road, Limerick. Deeply mourned by his six sons, daughter, and their families, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Thomas St., to St. Joseph's Church tomorrow (Saturday) at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (113c)

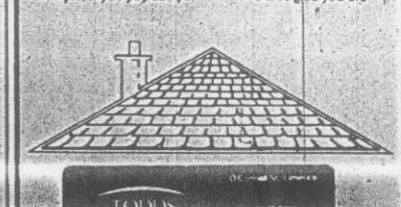
HOGAN: October 21, 1981, at the Regional Hospital, Johanna (Janey), 5 Cregan Ave., Killybeg, late of The Bow, Watergate. Very deeply regretted by her loving sons, Sean, and Liam; daughters, Kathleen, Theresa, Ann; grand-daughter, Jane, and family and a large circle of friends and relatives. May she rest in peace. Requiem Mass in St. Munchin's Church this Friday at 2.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

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O'DEA (nee Donnellan): October 27, 1981, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Bridie, 21 Mayorstone Crescent. Deeply regretted by her loving husband, Michael; sons, sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Requiem Mass in St. Munchin's Church this Friday at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. (c)

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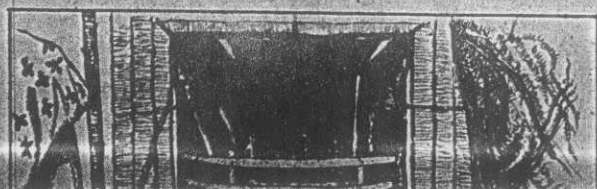
Our Budget Credit Plan makes buying furniture — or whatever else you need — easy and convenient. Use it in any department. You decide on the amount you wish to pay monthly — beginning at the £5 minimum. Multiply this amount by 24 and you get your credit ceiling. For example, if you pay £20 per month, your credit ceiling is £480. And you only pay 12½% interest on the monthly balance outstanding. This is less than is charged by Access or Barclay Card — two of the major credit card companies. Come in and see our Credit Manager, set your limit. You'll be glad you did!



Fuel fund organisers aim for £10,000

BY EUGENE PHELAN

"WHEN YOU put on that extra shovel of coal this winter, or turn up your central heating, please spare a thought for the unfortunate people of all ages who lack such basic comforts," Very Rev. Timothy Greene, P.P., declared this week when launching the annual Limerick Fuel Fund Campaign.



mittee," explained Mr. Michael Ryan, hon. secretary, "is to raise funds to buy fuel for those who need it most and to ensure that no-one in the Limerick area, young or old, will suffer for lack of heating. Our target this year is to raise at least £10,000 for the first phase of our campaign up to next March."

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Teachers, he said, felt that they had a considerable contribution to make in the areas of educational management, and educational development.

"The concept of industrial democracy is no longer seen as a radical concept in the structure of industrial relations," he said.

While VECs had recognised the valuable contribution teachers could make, he called for statutory teacher representation on these committees. A commitment had been given by the Taoiseach but he hoped that they were not playing "a waiting for Godot game".

Mr. Hunt also welcomed the curricular reform debate and added: "We as professionals welcome the opportunity to lift the lid of the pressurised cauldron that is the points and examinations system in our schools."

The world of work, he said, demanded that the current imbalance in the Irish education system between academic and technical must be redressed.

There was, however, a stumbling block—a shortage of practical teachers. For the next three years there will not be any extra practical teachers trained. He called for immediate Ministerial intervention to increase places in the teacher training courses in Thomond College.

Mr. Hunt also called for the immediate removal of all pre-fabs which he described as "the outer limits of the educational system", and their replacement by permanent buildings.

Mr. Sean Keefe, CEO, spoke of the importance of social communication between all strands of vocational education.

He described the VEC chairman, Mr. Carroll, as "a man of wide experience, a thorough gentleman and a good leader of a team".

He complimented the teachers, headmasters, VEC members, and office staff, and also Department officials, who were represented at the dinner by Mrs. Bridie Dunleavy and Mr. Don Gannon, schools inspectors.

Mr. Rushe strongly advocated the establishment of third level crafts schools, such as the one envisaged for Kilfinane, for the education and training of master craftsmen, "who may have no appetite for the Leaving Cert," and are thus debarrd from technical colleges.

Marathon

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hear from plenty of Limerick people in the coming weeks. Hopefully there should be a group of about 200 people," he said.

Neil is obviously proud of the publicity which Limerick athletics have received as a result of his marathon victory. "I am delighted with the victory and the publicity Limerick has received as a result of it. I had my sights set on the marathon for a long time and I am happy that I came through in a respectable time."

Training

Neil has been in constant training but the "real slog" began in August through September with preparations reaching a climax in October. "It was my third marathon this year," Neil told me.

The 29-year-old marathon man described the crowd in Dublin as "unbelievable" but added: "If you think that was good, wait until the Limerick runners see the crowd in Boston. With the big Irish influence I can tell you the response is something else."

Neil won the Boston Marathon in 1974 and he described the terrain as very suitable: "There is one hill, though, which is called 'Heartbreak Hill' which is very steep and that can be quite testing."

Neil finished 23rd in last year's Boston Marathon but states that he was "too cautious; during that run" because of the fact that he had run a race two days earlier.

The 150 Limerick people who took part in the Dublin City Marathon held a get-together celebration at a disco in "Flamingos" night club, Dublin.

Doctor

Dr. Michael Griffin was one of 235 Limerick athletes to attempt the course and he ran with the Garryowen F.C. team which also included Dick Power, Derry Bowen, Alan Bunworth, Tom Barry, Sean McNamara and Peter Begg.

"All the lads wish to thank their wives for tolerating them and the dirty gear for the past year," said Dr. Griffin, who will be a member of the Limerick contingent to travel to Boston.

Dr. Griffin, who was sponsored by Verbatim Ltd., Raheen Industrial Estate, said that the discussion after the marathon led to the chartering of the plane for Boston.

Scarteen Hunt

The Scarteen Hunt will meet as follows:
October 31, 11 a.m. Knocklong (open meet).
November 2, Hallowen Social, Garrydoolis.

Limerickman settles for £100,000 in damages

BY LEADER
REPORTER

A 20-YEAR-old County Limerickman settled for £100,000 damages at the High Court in Limerick this week, arising out of injuries he received when he was involved in an accident near Parkfields on December 23rd, 1978.

Although the case involving Martin Costello, Kiltanna, Crough went ahead on Wednesday morning, it was announced after the lunch break that a settlement of £100,000 had been reached between both parties.

Mr. Costello was driving a motor cycle which was involved in an accident with a car driven by Noel Hayes, Hazelwood, Woodvale Road, Beaumont, Cork, at Lucey Cross, Parkfields.

The plaintiff told the court that he was working in Shannon Meat Rathkeale, at the time of the accident as a "boner", but as a result of injuries to his leg and arm could not continue his employment there.

Operations

He was taken to the Regional Hospital and subsequently to Croom where he had a succession of operations, including bone grafting surgery.

His leg got sore after walking any distance. Although he could go out at night with friends he had to stay in every day. "I miss work," he said. "It is very boring at home every day of the week with nothing to do."

The job I was at, I don't think I would be able to do it again. I could not stand for eight hours," witness said that he would probably have qualified as a butcher if he continued employment at Shannon Meats.

Witness also said that he could not straighten his arm fully. He was very interested in sports and received a minor hailing trial with Limerick and also played soccer.

Movement

He was of the opinion that he could work if he got a job which involved 60 to 70 p.s. sitting down with the rest of the period involving movement.

"He was over 300 days in hospital... he was a great patient. He is completely genuine," he was under my care for four years," said Mr. Meenan.

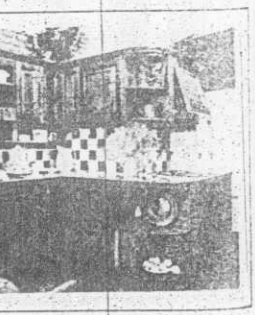
The witness said that an infection in Mr. Costello's foot had prevented him from carrying out an operation which should improve

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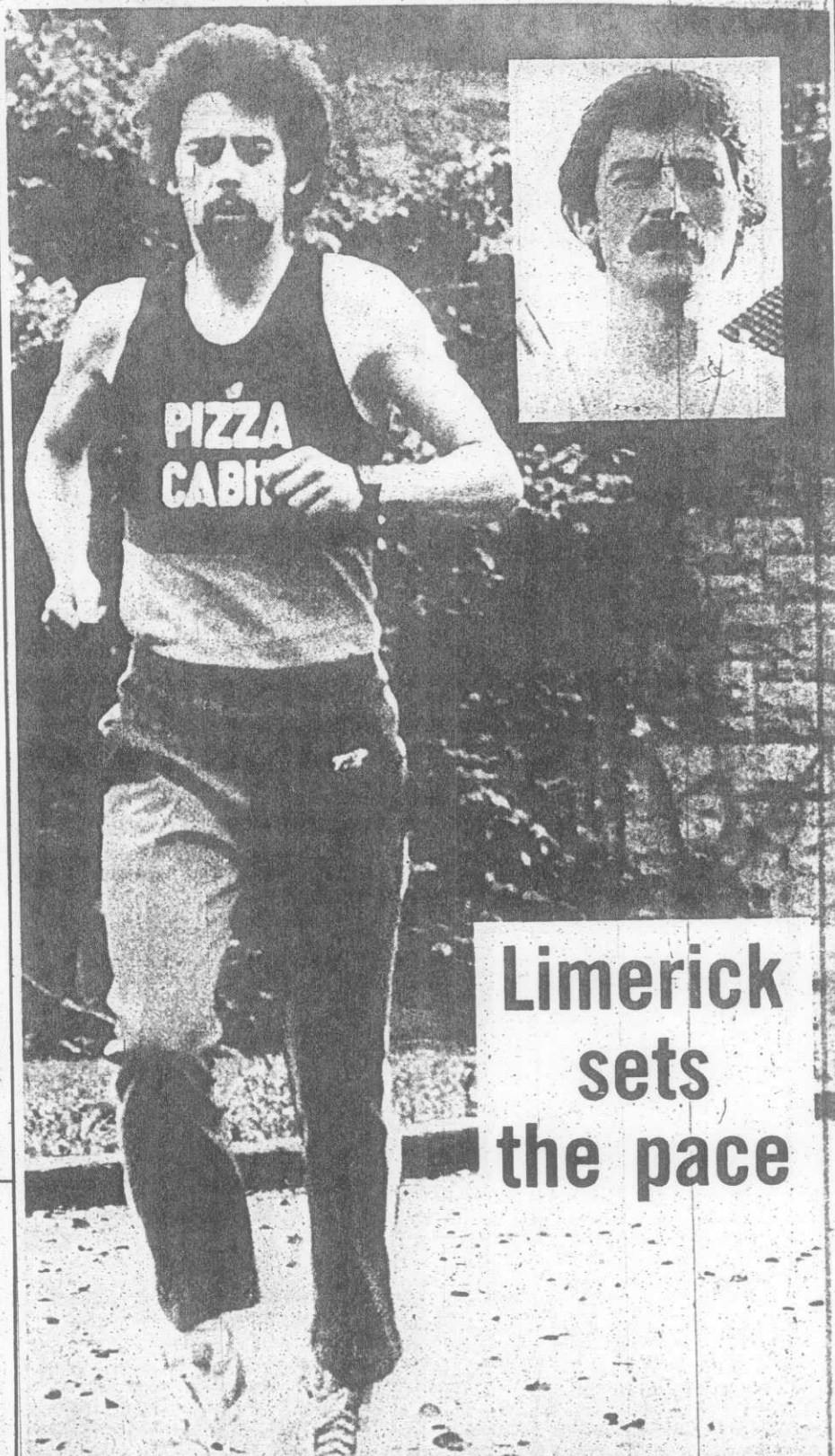
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