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Death of Limerick's rugby great, Gordon Wood



The late Gordon Wood.

THE death has occurred in the Regional Hospital, Limerick, last night, of Mr. Gordon Wood (51), Lough Derg House, Killaloe, following a short illness.

Acknowledged as one of the finest prop forwards ever to represent his country and the Lions, Mr. Wood had the distinction of being the most capped Limerickman of all time with 29 international appearances.

A native of New Street, Limerick, he won a Munster Schools Senior Cup medal with Crescent College in 1949 before joining Garryowen with whom he won Munster Cup medals in 1952 and 1954.

He also won Charity Cup and League medals with the club (whom he captained three times) in the same years.

"Woody", as he was affectionately known, played for Munster on numerous occasions, including games against major touring sides such as South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, captaining the team against Australia and New Zealand.

Together with Ronnie Dawson and Syd Millar, he formed the famous Irish and Lions front row of the late fifties. Gordon Wood's performances on the Lions tour of Australia in 1959 has been written into the annals of great front-row play.

"Woody" was a member of the Barbarians team that defeated the Springboks on their tour of Britain and Ireland in 1961. The "Ba Ba's" were the only side to beat the "Boks" and the victory was enhanced by the fact that it was the last game of the tour.

As captain of Garryowen (twice), Lansdowne and Munster, Gordon Wood was renowned for his leadership and inspirational qualities.

In addition to his rugby talents, he was a top class swimmer winning the Olo and Thomond Cups for long distance swimming.

As a resident of Killaloe, he was a popular member of the local community and took an active part in coaching the Killaloe-Ballina junior side.

The death of Gordon Wood will come as a great shock to his many friends and admirers in the world of sport both locally, nationally and indeed internationally.

Members of Garryowen F.C. will remember Gordon as a loyal club member who together with Sean McNamara and Brendan Morgan formed one of the best club front rows of all time.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline (nee Dwane); sons Gordon (a prominent rugby player with Bohemians), John and Keith; daughters, Mrs. Michelle Kilkenny, Carol Ann, Ruth and Joan; brother Mr. Hiram Wood; sisters Mrs. Ruth Butler, Mrs. Patsy Olsthoorn and Mrs. Audrey Smith.

The removal of the remains will take place from the Regional Hospital to Killaloe Parish Church at 7.45 p.m. today with Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday. Funeral to Puncbowell Cemetery, Meelick.

-FERGAL KEANE

Fails in bid to bind to peace

AN application by a Limerick woman to have her son-in-law bound to the peace was dismissed by Justice Clifford last week.

Mrs. Celene Keane, 103 Star Court, Carew Park, claimed that her son-in-law, Michael Hayes, 145 Glenagross Park, Moyross, had kicked down her door.

Mr. Stephen Coughlan, solr., defending, pointed out that the application had cited the use of abusive language as the reason for having Hayes bound to the peace.

Mrs. Keane said that Hayes had not used any bad language but had broken and entered her home. This, she said, was the reason why she had sought to have him bound to the peace.

Justice Clifford said that there was no evidence before

Appreciation lavished on Druid group at Belltable

THE heavy-sounding title "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" - must not be allowed to put anyone off going to see this play by Dario Fo, currently being presented by the Druid Theatre (Galway) at the Belltable Arts Centre.

In "Accidental Death of an Anarchist," Dario Fo - a contemporary Italian dramatist - sees way out anarchism as the only infallible exorcism of

The virtually full house audience at the "Accidental Death of an Anarchist," at the opening show on Monday night at the Belltable Arts Centre, pleasantly succumbed to the play and laughed almost continually, although Dario Fo shattered their cherished political and social philosophies. They were so disarmed, they took it as a highly funny panto.

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CONQUER CANCER LIMERICK COLLECTION

THIS Sunday, May 23, is an important day for the Irish Cancer Society's Conquer Cancer Campaign. Important, because it is the day on which the Society appeals to the people of Limerick to contribute generously to their annual collection.

Is there a family in this country that has not been affected by cancer in some form or other? The problem is immense but the situation is not all gloom. We can all cite the example of a relative or friend who has died of cancer. We either do not know about, or refuse to talk about, those friends and relatives who, because of advances in cancer research and improved techniques of treatment, have been

cured of the disease, and are leading perfectly normal lives.

This year, due entirely to your support, the Society is in a position to provide almost £1/2 million for anti-cancer measures. However, so much more could be achieved if this figure could be doubled. By giving more, you can help the Society to do more.

The Society has special subscription forms and collection boxes for use in offices, and factories, etc. If you would like to help, please write (on your firm's headed notepaper), to the Irish Cancer Society, 5 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4. Tel. 681855. The Society will be happy to supply you with either a subscription form or collection box.

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Mr. Tim Leddin said that y would be "world wide roes" if they could solve the oblem in Limerick. The ug-problem was one of the ajor problems facing the rld and was one that was in ery city in the world.

What was needed, he said, is a total moral change in itudes.

Cllr. Paddy Kiely said that it is time everything was said t. He went on to name a op in an area of Limerick ich, he alleged, was selling ne to young people.

"I saw a young girl of 10 rrying out a bottle of wine, dded.

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Cllr. Harrington said that yone selling drink to young ople should immediately ve their licences taken from em.

Alderman Allen, referring "child battering," said that y parent who used violence ainst his child, should have e child taken away from ep.

He said the glue sniffers ould be rounded up and ven help in the hospitals. icilities should be set aside r them.

"These are sick people and e have a duty to look after em," he added.

Alderman Pat Kennedy ted that the Health Board id not made the progress in is area that it should have.

Cllr. Clem Casey supported llr. Bromell's call for a view of the child care situa-on.

Mr. M. Duffey, programme anager, general hospitals, id the discussion on family olence was a timely one. egarding the drug situation, e felt that more money ould be spent on education.