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Rugby Fixture

Saturday, Nov. 1:

International: Ireland v. Romania, Lansdowne Road, 2.45.

Gleeson League: Bruff v. Newport, Bruff, 3 p.m. Lyons.

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Under 20 League: Bohemians v. Garryowen, Annecotty, 3 p.m. G. Gleeson.

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Junior II friendly: Ennis Kilrush, Ennis, 3 p.m. Slattery.

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Schools senior friendly: S. Munchin's v. P.B.C., S. Munchin's, N. Sexton.

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Schools senior friendly: S. Clement's v. Sullivan, Upp. Dooradoyle, 3 p.m. B. McLysaght.

Sunday, Nov. 2:

Maxol Senior League: Dolphin v. Bohemians, Cork, N. Wallace.

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Senior friendly: Garryowen v. Corinthians, Dooradoyle, 3 p.m. D. McHugh.

Munster Senior 2nd League: Dolphin v. Bohemians, Cork.

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Junior I: Thurles Festival (four teams), Thurles, P. J. Kelly, J. McGlinchey.

Junior I N.M. League: Bruff v. Kilrush, Bruff, 3 p.m. C. Rainbow.

Junior I N.M. League: Cashel v. Presentation, Cashel, 3 p.m. O. Dawson.

Junior I N.M. League: Clanwilliam v. Kilfeacle, Tipperary, 3 p.m. N. Moore.

Junior I N.M. League: Nenagh v. Thomond, Nenagh, 3 p.m. M. Rainsford.

Gleeson League: Thomond v. Nenagh, Woodview, 3 p.m. B. McLysaght.

Evans Cup: Kilfeacle v. Clanwilliam, Kilfeacle, 3 p.m. M. Lloyd.

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Shannon link with Vienna takes off

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

A NEW direct weekly flight linking Shannon with the Austrian capital, Vienna, has been introduced by Pan Am, who have also become the first airline service in Ireland to use the wide-bodied Airbus aircraft.

This winter, Pan Am will provide a twice-weekly transatlantic service from Shannon to its Worldport Terminal at J. F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, with connecting service to 23 U.S. cities. The new weekly service from Shannon to Vienna is part of Pan Am's 1986 winter schedule and is expected to attract leisure travellers both from Ireland and from Austria.

Pan Am's director for Ireland, Mr. Trevor J. Lewis, introducing the schedule, said: "Following the success of the past five months, when we carried over 55,000 passengers on our Ireland service, we are providing a schedule for the winter months based on research which shows what best meets the needs of the market. We continue to serve more U.S. cities from Ireland than any other airline and offer the most convenient connections for both the business and leisure traveller.

Aircraft

The new A 310 Airbus — a European aircraft produced by Airbus Industrie — is a highly fuel-efficient, twin-engine, 225-seat airliner. The aircraft which arrived at Shannon on the inaugural flight to Vienna last Saturday is one of 19 such aircraft in Pan Am's fleet. The Airbus provides passenger comfort and state-of-the-art

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Someone who insists on remaining nameless complains that the people of Park were watching "in pinstripe suits" last year when they were looking for volunteers to clean up the old canal. A defender of Park wouldn't agree. "They're gone", he said, speaking as if the real Park was never a place at all, but a time and a way of life.

For all that, the Market Gardeners of Park, and the Carters before them who carried cement and bacon on horse drawn carts to and from Dublin, will always have a special niche in the history of Limerick.

The Shannys, the Doyles, the Cunnenees, the Quilligans and dozens of others who sold creels of cabbages and potatoes at the markets, and who filled their little "holdings" with a skill, a perseverance and an expertise now gone, will not be forgotten.

Grumbled

"The Park people never grumbled", said the oldest survivor, Jack Cunneen. "It wouldn't be tolerated. They were and are an independent people. They never got anything for nothing and they wouldn't take it anyway."

And to those who ask what happened the great market gardening tradition and why can't we all grow our own spuds and cabbages again, Gus Doyle has an answer.

He takes you to see the last corner of the old "cabbage patch" pegged out for new houses.

"Wouldn't you be a long time making £40,000 out of cabbage?" he asks.

An attempt recently to open up the old canal and bring new life back to the centre of St. Patrick's Parish seems to be languishing because of a threat by the Corporation to close that part of the canal, although Gus Doyle is adamant that it should take "an Act of Parliament to close a canal".

The local historian, Conor McNamara, says that a total of £150,000 has already gone into the project, which, with the co-operation of the Lough Derg branch of the Inland Waters Association, could see the area used as a winter berthage for yachts.

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Plassey Regatta still keeps the interest in water sports very much to the fore, although everyone admits that the heyday of fishing here is well and truly over.

The sound of hammering from the Cooperage on the canal bank has been silenced these sixty years but some memories of that industry also remain.

Limerick Youth Service Notes

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

We would like to say welcome to St. Joseph's Parish Youth Club. As you have probably heard by now, we are in the process of forming a new youth club in the parish.

The age group for the club is 12-16 years. So, any youngster interested in becoming a member of the youth club should contact Fr. O'Donovan of St. Joseph's Parish, or Majella Bowles.

ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's Youth Club will be holding a club disco on 31st October, '86, in the school hall. It starts at 8 p.m. until 12.30 p.m. Admission, £1.50. Members and friends are more than welcome.

Frank Hogan

Mr. Joe Moran, sales manager, Frank Hogan Motors, Dublin Road, presenting a sponsorship cheque to Mrs. Breda McNamara, chairperson Seal swimming club for the Limerick Indoor Swimming Championships due to be held next Sunday at St. Endas Sports Complex. On right is Mr. Jim Neylon P.R.O. Seal S.C. Frank Hogan Motors are the main sponsors for the championships.

Riderless horse ran out of road

By LEADER REPORTER

A CHARGE of driving a horse and sulky in a manner dangerous to the public was dismissed at Limerick rural court, when it was learned that the driver had been thrown off.

John Ryan, 62 Flood Street, Killeale, admitted that he had been driving the horse and sulky on the Caherconlish road but said that he wasn't on it when it collided with a car.

"I had been thrown off a mile further back", he said.

The driver of the car, Mrs. Carmel Collins, Boskitt, Caherconlish, also gave evidence of stopping her car when she saw a riderless horse and sulky coming for her.

Mrs. Collins said that on June 5th at 8.30 p.m. she was driving from Limerick to Caherconlish when she saw two horse drawn carts on her own side and another going out very fast.

"Then I realised that it had no driver", she recalled.

"I stopped the car dead on the road and pulled my three-year-old daughter to the side", she said.

But the horse pulled out just as he came to her car.

Mr. John Hayes Solr, defending said that his client had been "dislodged from the machine Ignatius that in the 200 Gard invest Millow admitt time. John where the car bag wa "I w the grc He l the r He c any of

Where to put cross is the crux



Two-year-old David Houlihan, sitting on the ancient water font on the Mall in Newcastle West.

AS PLANS to resurface Newcastle West's historic Mall, in the centre of the town square progress, a controversy has arisen about whether to restore the Marian Year cross which dominated it.

The cross was erected in 1954, using as its base an ancient pump. Two years ago, the upper portion of the cross fell down, and was taken away by the County Council.

"There appears to have been no great outcry at the absence of the cross," observed Very Rev. Canon E. O'Dea, P.P., Newcastle West.

Relocated

Now, local historians are suggesting that the cross be relocated in some other appropriate public location, and that the historic pump be restored to give the old Mall its original flavour. It is understood that the Historical Society is due to debate the differing views shortly.

"The people put the cross up, and I imagine that their opinions should be got as to whether it should be re-erected where it was," said the Canon, who added that he would like to see a sturdy railing around it to prevent future damage or possible injury.

In the meantime, the one-way traffic system is shortly to come into operation in the Square, and the County Council has earmarked £3,500 for resurfacing and refurbishment of the Mall. Discussions are ongoing as to the nature of the new surface — old cobbles being replaced or a newer style of surface.

Amnesty group

The Clare/Limerick Amnesty Group are holding a public meeting on Wednesday, November 5 next, in the Glement Hotel, Limerick, at which Tunisian Ahmed Othmani, a "prisoner of conscience" for 10 years, will speak. The meeting is at 8 p.m. and all are welcome.



Dr. Ivor Green, president of the Shannon Lions appreciation to Sgt. Vincent Kiely, Order of Malta senior citizens' annual holiday in Mosney for the picture (left): Capt. Harold McKee and Capt. ...



Discussing details for the forthcoming Southill Milford Hospice, from left, Tony Frattaroli, Co-ling committee, Sister Norbert, Milford Hospice, Harty, chairman, Milford Hospice.



Maurice Pratt, marketing manager of Quinnsaw at a recent Food Workshop, for people interne processing enterprises, organised by Shann Food Centre. Picture shows Mr. Pratt (cent) Development Division Manager, Shannon Dc Murphy, general secretary of the ICMSA wh

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