

The two-day event, held over a weekend, was sponsored by Ulster Bank whose representatives, Paddy and Yvonne McCormick, took an active part.

Although the turnout of local boats was later described as "disappointing", due it is thought to a view that members' expertise might not be a match for the visitors, the event was widely regarded as an organisational success.

20 YEARS AGO

SUZANNE MURPHY

A LIMERICK soprano, Suzanne Murphy, who is now with the Welsh Opera, fills the principal female role of Amelia in Verdi's, "I Masnadieri", which is currently being presented under Richard Armstrong in Cardiff.

This is the first professional production of the opera in Britain for 130 years.

It is interesting to recall that the role of Amelia which Miss Murphy now sings was filled in the opening production by the famous Jenny Lind "The Swedish Nightingale" (1820-1877) who was making her first appearance on the English stage and singing her first operatic role which Verdi wrote specially for her.

Jenny Lind was a contemporary of another Limerick woman who won world acclaim as an opera star, Catherine Hayes, known as "The Pearl of the Scala" and "The Swan of Erin".

Suzanne is daughter of Joseph and Una Murphy, of "Innwood", North Circular Road, and was educated at the FCJ Convent, Bruff.

TOASTMASTERS

The winner of the Shannon Toastmasters Speech contest was Miss Aileen Casey, a Limerick Bank official.

She was presented with her award by Mr Robert Blakely, international president.

last season, when he set a record for Munster Cup rugby. His total of 214 points is made up of 8 tries, 33 penalties, 5 drop goals and 34 conversions.

He was a former playing member of Shannon RFC, and of Shelbourne Lawn Tennis Club, and was also a member of the Cecilian Musical Society.

licensing hours, in all city bars until 12.15 am during the Shannonside nine-day festival.

Sunday closing remained at the usual time of 10 pm.

FOR HESTER UTD.



The late Patsy Collopy, left, former Geraldines and Limerick AFC footballer, pictured at a reception for visiting members of Manchester United some years ago.

MUNGRET COLLEGE

A move is to be made by parents to have Mungret college reopened as a day secondary school for boys and girls in the district where the population is expanding rapidly, it was learned this week.

The college closed over two years ago. Since then, Limerick councillor Michael Crowe has been campaigning for its conversion to a national recreation centre for youth. The property is still for sale.

A AND R BRANCH

At the annual general meeting of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Limerick branch, the following officers and committee were elected: chairman Mr D Boland, vice-chairman Mrs Ruttle, hon treas Mrs Fitzpatrick, hon sec Mr M Kelly, assist sec and

BOXING

The St Francis' Boxing Club held its annual general meeting. Rev Fr Michael Manning CC, was re-elected president and the other officers were: vice-president, P Mullally; secretary, H B McKeown; treasurer, W Whelan. Committee — J P Fahy, J Sheehy, J Logan, E Ryan.

BALLYKEEFFE

Ballykeeffe Estate Residents' Development Association, founded in 1962, were holding their annual dinner.

The officers were: J Fox, chairman; P Cremins, vice-chairman; Pat Hayes, hon sec; Jim Marshall, hon treas. Committee — J Kennedy, C Ryan, W Garrett, J Mulcahy, P Cleary, J O'Mahony.

P.P.U.

Mr Michael B O'Malley, solr, succeed-

THE STAGE

The College Players were presenting Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca" at The Playhouse.

Production was by Andy Butler, and the cast included John O'Sullivan, Zena Gilbourne, Jimmy Queally, Michael Cahill, George Webster, James Gould, and Eddie Sullivan.

PRICES

Some prices at Limerick markets were: butter 3/8d to 4/- per lb; hen eggs 2/6d to 3/6d per doz, chickens 16/- to 21/- per pair, and potatoes 2/6 per stone.

PITCH AND PUTT

Frank Moriarty won the Greenfield trophy at Rosbrien, beating Tom Dunford on the 38th green in a thrilling final. Cyril Murphy won the Stableford competition.

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