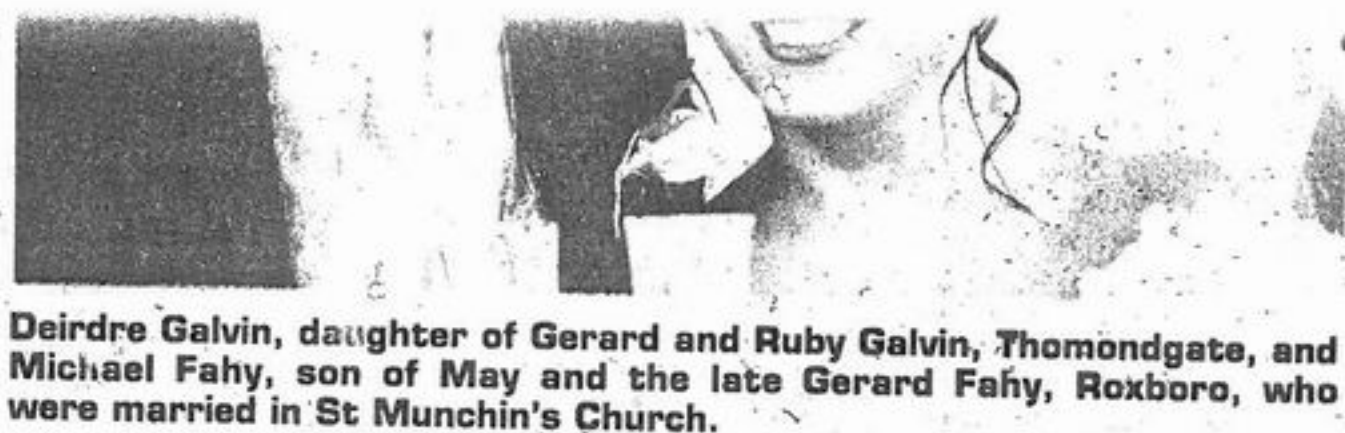


talk by John Hunt on the fami- world famous collection, meets with the Chamber of Com- merce and Junior Chamber and the organisers of Showcase. He referred to the fact that the government had approved the loca- tion of part of the national museum City Hall, and said more progress needed to be made on the

members to deal with tourism and the image of the city. The Mayor confirmed that John Hunt will address the committee. Alderman Gilligan accused those responsible of being amateurish when he came to promoting tourist projects in the city. He referred to the Spokane walk and questioned why part of it is

the Gaeltacht including Seamus Flynn's plan for the Abbey river. Cllr O'Driscoll claimed the city had never recovered the loss of tourists as a result of the Tarbert Kilimor car ferry. Cllr Byrne pointed out that tourists were now using the Dock Road and not travelling into the centre of the city.



Deirdre Galvin, daughter of Gerard and Ruby Galvin, Thomondgate, and Michael Fahy, son of May and the late Gerard Fahy, Roxboro, who were married in St Munchin's Church.

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caught dumping in the area. Cllr O'Hanlon appealed to local residents to report numbers of vehicles observed dumping in the area.

Barry Martin, senior engineer, pointing out that the site in question was privately owned explained that the Corporation could act if the dumping was visible from a public place.

"We should be in a position to act whether the site is visible or not," declared Cllr O'Hanlon who assured the meeting that the site in Rhebog was very visible. He called on the Corporation to put pressure on the owner to properly fence the site.

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there was no reason the application to the Department had not been successful other than the fact that nobody in the Department had got around to dealing with it.

Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon, supporting the application, said that Paddy McCormack, who had contributed so much to music in the city, deserved to be principal of a recognised school.

Soccer meeting

REPRESENTATIVES of City Council are to meet with Bord na gCon on October 11 to discuss soccer facilities in the city.

Cllr O'Hanlon requested that members from the two Wards concerned be invited to attend, as he claimed parking around the Market's Field is still a problem.

"A senior politician did claim that a traffic warden would be employed, but when I asked the city manager about that, he informed me that it was a problem for the Gardai," he said.

Funding

FUTURE spending of structural funds in the city was questioned by Cllr Prendergast.

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By MAIRE CARMODY

DESPITE the fact that she is world famous, Limerick soprano Suzanne Murphy, still gets nervous before performing before a home audience.

Suzanne performed her only Irish concert in the new concert hall in the Foundation Building at the university on Tuesday evening.

"It can be quiet nerve wracking coming back to Ireland. It is more difficult singing in your own country because there are lot of people you know in the audience. My teacher was in the audience last night and there is always that little thought in your mind: 'my God is it alright,'" said Suzanne.

She added that a lot of the audience would have known her when she was with the folk group, We Four, and they would have seen her perform over the years.

The world famous soprano need not have worried, as her performance was the talk of the city on Wednesday and people didn't hesitate to come up to her on the street and tell her so.

Suzanne's first public performance was when she was three - she had to stand on a tea box to reach the microphone at the Savoy, where she sang Holy Night. Since then she has come a long way, performing all over the world with the Welsh National Opera.

Ms Murphy believes that the new concert hall in UL was badly needed for a long time in Limerick.

"It has been badly needed for ages. With all due respects to the other halls such as the Belltable, they can only hold a small number of people. When an orchestra comes it is expensive unless you have 400 people going to it. You need a number of people at it or the tickets will be so expensive," she said.

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work early to travel to Dublin for the concert. If they have a family with children then they have the added expense of a babysitter. People in Dublin are lucky to have the Point and the RDS on their door steps. It is the people down the country who have the added expenses," she said.

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She added that she thinks the university and the concert hall are fabulous.

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Farewell

DESPITE the dense fog which limited visibility to about 200 metres, the Australian prime minister Paul Keating and his wife, Annita, took off from Shannon on schedule this Wednesday morning on their way home. They were seen off by Taoiseach Albert Reynolds, and his wife, after Mr Keating had inspected a guard of honour drawn from the 12th infantry battalion at Sarsfield Barracks.

Centre opened

THE Glucksman postgraduate resource centre, in the Foundation Building, at the university was officially opened last night by Michael Smith, Minister for the Environment.



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Murphy. "I enjoy coming home and seeing people. Certainly as far as my work is concerned it would be crazy to move back to Ireland as it would make Europe an extra plane journey away," said Suzanne.

The world famous soprano has released an LP, There is an Isle, a collection of Irish songs, including Limerick You're a Lady, and another Limerick song, The Parish Anthem.

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