



llr. Clem Casey with a group of guests at the opening of O'Connor's Pub, Augustinian Lane. r. Brian O'Connor, proprietor; the Mayor, Mrs. Bernadette O'Connor. Back row l. to r.: Mr. Tim Willie Keyes, Murphy rep.; Cllr. Paddy Maddea, Mrs. Mary O'Malley, Mr. Denis O'Malley and A. F. FOLEY

UNIONS MEET IN GALWAY

MANY LIMERICK delegates are expected to attend the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Irish League of Credit Unions at Leisuredale, Salthill, next week-end.

The proceedings will be opened at 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday morning (25th) by the Mayor of Galway, Councillor Bridie O'Flaherty, and the president of the Irish League of Credit Unions, Mr. John K. Sunderland, P.C., will chair the 2-day business sessions.

Apart from the presentation of reports and accounts, there will be 3 proposed amendments to League Rules and a further 60 motions connected with the general activities of the Credit Union movement in Ireland.

When "the League" was formed in 1960, there was a total membership of less than 1,000, and savings of approximately £9,000. Twenty-one years later, the League today has over a half-million members with total savings in excess of £138 million. This remarkable growth by vol-

untary effort exemplifies what can be done by people working together for the mutual benefit of each other, and for the community. Indeed the Credit Union movement in Ireland has already provided employment for approximately 400 full-time and 300 part-time employees, without financial assistance from any outside body.

Indicated

Over 1,200 persons have so far indicated their intention to attend the meetings in Leisuredale, including delegates from Credit Unions in all of the 32 Counties. The excellent facilities in Salthill and Galway for a convention of this magnitude encourages the League of Credit Unions to select this venue frequently, and this year the number of controversial motions to hand would seem to indicate an interesting business weekend ahead!

On the Saturday night, 25th April, the annual dinner and social evening will be held in the Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST CONTINUES Foynes Now Hit

FOYNES Harbour was hit by an unofficial dispute this Monday as a one-man picket was placed on the docks.

It is understood that some men have refused to pass the picket, while others have passed.

It is believed that the dispute is over entitlement to employment.

Should the dispute escalate then industry in the region could be badly hit as thousands of pounds worth of imports and exports pass through Foynes Harbour each week.

FULFLEX

In the Fulflex (Irl.) Ltd. dispute at Galvone, it was decided at a meeting between union and workers on Friday, to go back to work.

However, not all the employees have returned and there is still a picket on the premises.

And in Dromcollogher the dispute in the Dresden factory is also continuing.

A union official told the Leader that they were willing to use all legitimate means at their disposal to try and end the dispute.

There are no further developments in the dispute at Mohawk, Shannon, where 80 workers are out.

There have been no developments in the Butte Knit situation either. The company have announced that they are pulling out of Ireland closing down their three plants in Limerick, Shannon and Ballygar.

Since then the I.D.A. and the I.T.G.W.U. have contacted Butte Knit headquarters in London asking them to reconsider their decision. But so far they have heard nothing.

The present state of industrial unrest in the area is causing much concern.

Ennis nurse represents Ireland

An Ennis-born nurse has been selected as the Irish national candidate for the 3M-I.C.N. nursing fellowship in which 46 countries will take part.

She is nurse Joan Barrett from Barnageecha, Darragh, Ennis and is at present employed by the Southern Health Board, having trained at the Galway Regional Hospital.

Miss Barrett has dedicated herself to working in the 3rd World countries over the past few years, concentrating on India, the Ivory Coast, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Camphuchia.

She now goes on to the International Award, whereby the winner is eligible to win bursaries of £3,000, provided by 3 M to enable additional study and research in their nursing field.

Thieves Active

Thieves were active in Limerick at the week-end. A few hundred pounds worth of wallpaper was stolen from Geary's in Thomas Street and £40 in cash was removed from Ryan's on the same street.

Meanwhile, £280 worth of blank video cassettes were taken from a car on the S.C.Rd., and a wallet containing £80 in cash was stolen in the Cecil Hotel. A camera was stolen from the Royal George Hotel.

Gardaí are investigating.

O'Malley hits out

Mr. Desmond O'Malley, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism this morning condemned what he termed minor bureaucratic delays which are holding up the proposed development of the Grannery. He said that this was rather unfair to a developer who had put so

BILLY WHELAN - SONGWRITER SUPREME

THOUGH the Eurovision Song Contest has come and gone, many tributes are still being paid to RTE for their splendid production which was beamed to millions of homes throughout Europe.

Limerickman, Billy Whelan played his part by co-writing Planxty's "Timedance" specially commissioned for the contest and seen during the interval.

In addition he played keyboards. Timedance consisted of three pieces: The Humours of Barrack Street, Iscreelan and Ballymun Regatta.

It will be recalled that Billy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Whelan, Barrington Street, arranged the Johnny Logan number, "What's Another Year," which won the contest last year.

A former pupil of the Crescent College, he later studied at University College, Dublin.

PRODUCED,

Now a full time arranger, producer and composer he had his first television appearance in the RTE series, "Mo and My Music". Billy has produced many successful Irish



Billy Whelan.

and International records, including a single for the Sutherland Brothers and arranged for "Mr. Smokie" and other artists.

"Timedance", which Whelan wrote with Donal Lunny, was a seven minute piece of music which, though of their own composition, traced the evolution in style of Irish traditional music from its early roots to the present form.

The whole piece was staged in ballet and mime, and met with favourable reaction throughout Europe.

Festival ends on high note

THE 35th annual Limerick Drama Festival ended at the Crescent Hall on Sunday night. The organisers expressed themselves as satisfied with the attendances over the week, while the adjudicator, Mr. Des Braiden, said it was one of the most exciting festivals he had worked at for some time.

The following were the prizewinners:

Best Play (Pronsias O Ceallaigh Trophy)-Ballyduff Drama Group, Waterford, "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest."

Best Open Production (Irish Independent Group) "222"

Drama Group, Bruff. Brian Kelly, Torch Players, Limerick.

Eoin Gilley, Haulbowline Theatre Group, Cobh. Breda Deadigan, Torch Players, Limerick.

Pat Clarke, St. Brigid's Drama Group, Ballinasloe.

Teresa O'Neill, Blackwater drama Group, Waterford.

Claire Cullinan, Haulbowline Theatre group, Cobh.

Liam Mellows A.G.M.

The following officers and committee were elected at the A.G.M. of the Liam Mellows

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Pensions (Irish) will be paid on or April 16, 1981. Pensions on Thurs-181, may be paid day, 15th April.

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