pean standards.

It will have a diningroom and commonroom, showers with hot and cold water and comfortable wooden bunk beds.

The grounds will be landscaped and the one-storey building is designed to fit in with the local environment.

The hostel will be the first in Ireland to be built completely from the ground up and not made over from other buildings.

Mr. Sadlier said that they were disappointed at being refused their request for an 80 per cent grant, as youth hostels for Dublin and Cork had received 100 per cent grants with the aid of the Marshall Plan.

They would, however, receive a 50 per cent grant from Bord Failte and were pleased that Mr. Tom Flanagan and the other Shannonside officials fully supported the plan for a youth hostel.

Mr. Sadlier commented that Shannonside's assistance had been of great help to them and that the tourism organisation would continue to financially aid the project for three years.

Success

The An Oige dance, on which the officials and an enthusiastic band of young helpers have worked so hard over the past six years, has proved a great success and primarily by this means £10,000 has been raised locally towards financing the hostel.

The annual dinner dance will be held at the Savoy on January 27 and will be attended by the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Paddy Kiely.

Mr. Sadlier stated that the Corporation, who sold them a site at a reasonable price, together with the local T.D.s and Councillors, who supported them in meetings with Government Ministers, Mr. Brian Lenihan and Mr. Bobby Molloy, had all given the hostel project great help.

He added that Mayor Kiely, during his term of office, had joined the An Oige officers on deputations.

Cllr. Gus O'Driscoll had, very generous personal donation.

They were also grateful to the many local firms which had contributed to the hostel fund, and to the Junior Cham-

The need for this hostel is highlighted by the fact that the temporary youth hostel at Henry Street accommodated over 5,000 visitors in 1972—a bad year for tourism.

Gerard (The Poet) Ryan's dearest wish come true

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

AFTER REQUIEM MASS, celebrated by Rev. John Costello, C.C., for Gerard ("The Poet") Ryan at St. Michael's Church, Limerick, at the weekend, Stiofan O Se, accompanied by Mr. Frank Imbusch on the organ, sang Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, The Lord's My Shepherd and Ar nAthair (by Sean de hOra, the Gaelic 19th century Clare poet). And Mr. Imbusch played Handel's Largo in memory of the doyen of the Limerick poets, whose death occurred the previous day at the Regional Hospital.

Gerard Ryan's remains were taken to St. Breachan's Cemetery, Doora, County Clare, for burial in the family grave of his late mother and the other Lyons kindred of Ballyvanavan.

The burial ceremony was performed by the Rev. Caimin O'Carroll, secretary to Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Bishop of Killaloe.

Mr. Frank McNamara, Mel-

The chief mourners were: mount, Ballinacurra (cousin), and Mrs. Frank McNamara. Their young son, Gerard, acted as acolyte to Father O'Carroll at the service, and their young daughter, Gabrielle, led the wreath-bearers, who included Miss Elizabeth Aherne and Conchuir O Broin.

These floral tributes came from Gerard Ryan's friends: Miss Kate Hennessy, Miss Kitty Bredin, Mrs. Ita Fitzgibbon, Michael Coleman, the young Dublin artist, and many others.

Gravediggers

The gravediggers included Mr. Denis Conlan and Mr. Paddy Bourke, Doora, relatives of Gerard Ryan, and they were assisted by Mr. Joe Mangan, of Doora, and Mr. John Drooge, Limerick, a great friend of the dead poet.

Seamus O Cinneide, poet, said in a graveside oration that it was a great and happy realisation of Gerard Ryan's dearest wish that he was buried in Doora, for it was there in his youth in that land of whitehorn raths, reed-fringed bog pools and skies filled with lark song, that he first learned the love of the world's beauty that was in all his poetry.

The graveside tributes to Gerard Ryan ended movingly with recordings of the poet reading a selection of his own poems. These poems, which included Winter in Clare and Burial in Clare, were recorded some time ago by Mr. Frank Goggin, photographer, Gerard Ryan's greatest friend.

"These poems express Ger's two greatest loves, his love of nature and its beauty and his love for this county of Clare," said Mr. Frank Coggin, in his preface to this appropriate tribute.

The large attendance at the Requiem Mass and the burial service and graveside tributes included: Claude and Dairine O Broin and Mrs. Patsy Harrold, of the Castle Readers; Mr. Sean O'Kelly, Mr. Paddy Howley, Mr. Joe Scallan, Mrs. Ita Fitzgibbon, Mr. Johnat Dillon, Mr. William English, Mr. Tom O'Grady, Mr. Joe Dillon (an old Edward Street friend), Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cogney, Miss Kate Hennessy, Mr. Michael Lewis and Mr. Michael Coleman, Miss Elizabeth Ahern, Mr. Peter Donnelly (S.F.A.D.C.O. and Castle Poets) and Mrs. Donnelly, Mr. Michael Barry and Miss Eileen Egan and Tadhg O Liathain, of the Castle Readers.

been contacted by letter.

● POTHOLES at the Roxboro Road. Road maintenance men will attend to these pending the start of the major re-construction job.

● CORRUGATED fencing of the southern ring road. This crash barrier is a safety measure and on safety grounds it is considered undesirable to remove it.

● THE DANGEROUS crossing at Murphy's shop on the southern ring road. A survey, recommended by the traffic study committee, will be carried out during the month to see if a pedestrian crossing is needed here.

● AND FINALLY, the levelling of verges from the Roxboro Road to Ballinacurra. These verges were sown with grass-seed last autumn. But certain areas have been churned up by cars and pedestrians. The matter will be examined in greater detail later in the month.

Limerick An Oige

THE AN OIGE dance continues next Tuesday with music by Lyttle People.

A large delegation of Thomond Regional Committee will attend this week-end's national council meeting in Dublin.

For the benefit of those who may have missed the good news, the Limerick Corporation has granted planning permission for the erection of a youth hostel for Limerick.

Meanwhile, the temporary Limerick Youth Hostel is still open and providing accommodation to visitors to the city.

Notices-to-enter served on city property owners

THE LIMERICK CORPORATION Scheme to join Sarsfield Street with Honan's Quay by continuing Henry Street and building a new road through the business premises between these points has been taken an important step forward by the serving of notices-to-enter under the Honan's Quay-Sarsfield Street Compulsory Purchase Order.

The notices-to-enter were officially served on the owners involved on January 12, as a result of which Limerick Corporation have authority to enter their properties on January 29.

The statutory requirement under the Housing Act of 1966 is that these notices-to-enter must be served, and become operative after a time limit of 14 days.

However it is unlikely that any further positive steps will be taken until after July 31, when a planning consultant's proposals for the area are scheduled to be handed over to the Corporation.

The proposals will cater

Limerick adult education

CLASSES re-commenced in the Crescent College on Monday night and will run until Easter.

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