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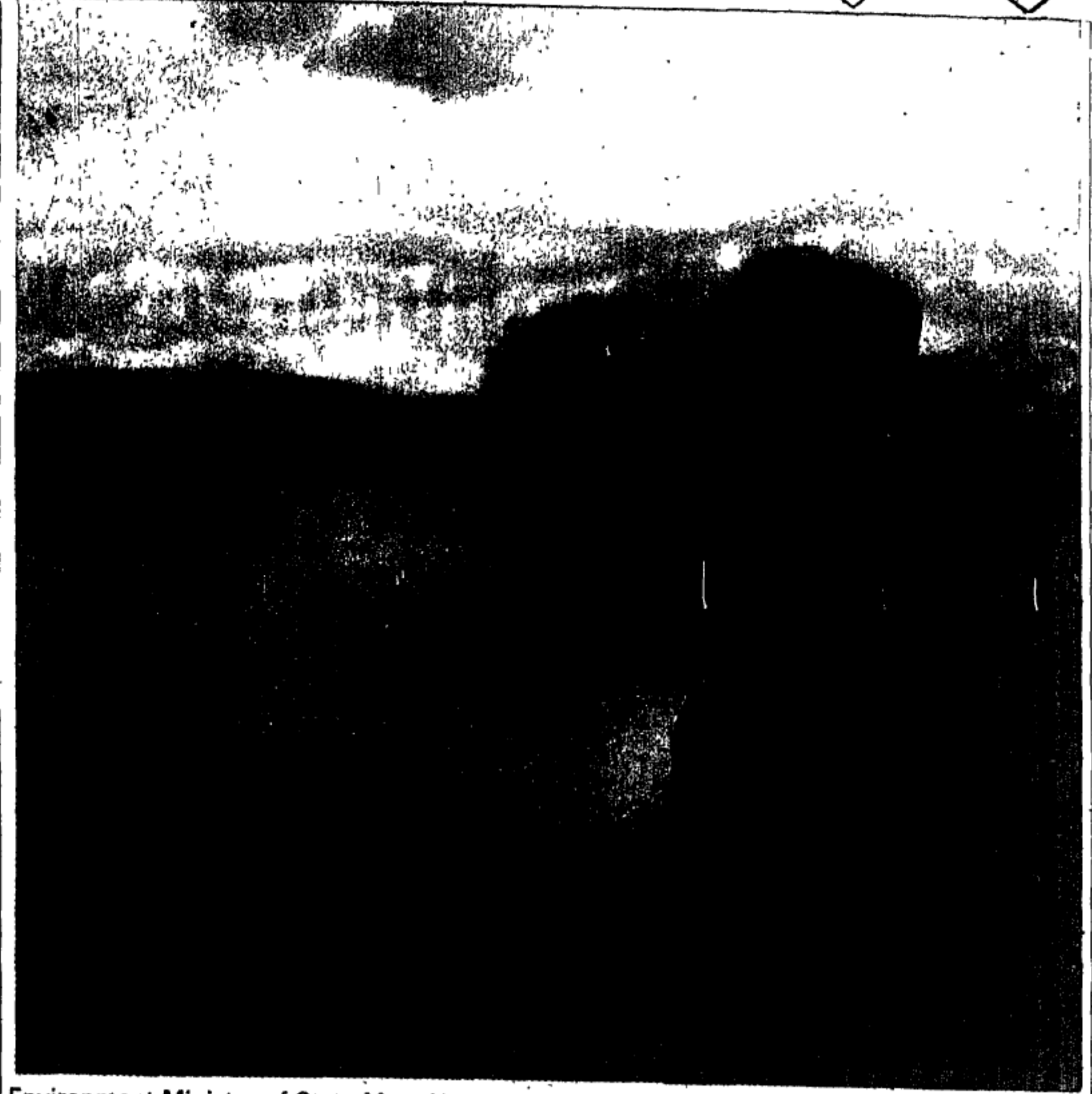
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Environment Minister of State Mary Harney surveys the Shannon at Corbally this week. Picture: NIALL ST. JOHN.

FF BANS MOTION AGAINST HAUGHEY

By EUGENE PHELAN

THERE IS uproar within a Fianna Fail cumann over the decision to exclude a motion calling for a change in leadership of the party, at this weekend's Ard Fheis, because "it is an isolated motion."



Professor Noel Mulcahy.

Professor Noel Mulcahy, secretary of the Martin Corbett cumann, said that it was "unhealthy" that their motion would not be put. And he added that the motion was unanimous and reflected grassroots party opinion. A spokeswoman for Fianna Fail in Dublin said that there were rules for motions taken at the Ard Fheis. They must be relevant and must be appropriate. "Leadership is not a relevant issue at the moment," she stated. She said that "it was an isolated motion."

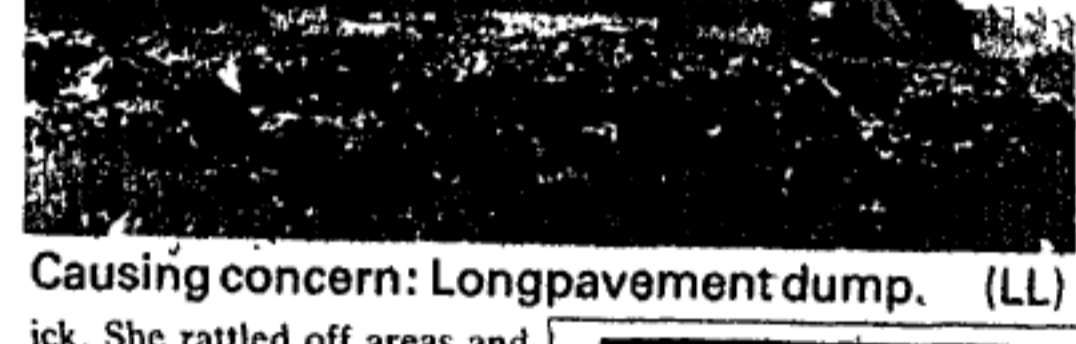
motion of a controversial nature like this will never be discussed," said Mr. Ryan. The motion sent by the Mulgrave Street based Martin Corbett cumann, which is an amalgamation of the old O'Callaghan and Donogh O'Malley cumann called for the leader to be changed before the next local or general election in order to achieve a majority. "This was not a motion influenced by Noel Mulcahy — this was the grassroots talking and the feeling of the cumann," said Professor Mulcahy, a very close ally of Mr. Haughey's over the years and who was appointed to the original strategy committee of Fianna Fail in the late 60's. "I think Charlie was always a top class Minister, sometimes a top class Taoiseach, but the difficulty is that he cannot get an overall majority," said Professor Mulcahy, who went on to describe

Mr. Haughey as the best, Fianna Fail Minister of all time. Nine years ago Professor Mulcahy was Fianna Fail's official analyst of the polls following elections. In an internal Fianna Fail document still available, he wrote that the party would never get an overall majority under Mr. Haughey. That has now proved very prophetic. He said that he believed it unhealthy and he was disappointed that the motion they put forward was not accepted for discussion. "Of course it is unhealthy. This is the party talking at grassroots level, talking about getting a majority. The danger is that the electorate will get used to coalition governments," he added. Asked why he felt that the motion was not accepted for discussion, he said that it might be argued by the powers that be that other motions which were put forward offered an opposite viewpoint and had neutralised it. It is interesting to note that the first motion which Mr. Haughey will preside over comes from the Limerick East Cumhairle Dail-cheantar which reads: "This Ard Fheis congratulates our Taoiseach, his Government and the Social Partners on negotiating a new Programme for Economic and Social Progress at this crucial time of our development."

Pollution scandal, by Minister Mary

By EUGENE PHELAN

"IT IS a scandal what is happening to the Shannon, which is a major national amenity," declared Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Mary Harney, T.D. when visiting Limerick this week, where she revealed her plans for the waterway.



Causing concern: Longpavement dump. (LL)

And they include a multi-million pound programme for the building of numerous sewage treatment plants in County Limerick over the next few years. There is also good news from the Minister for Limerick city — she expects that a multi-million pound secondary treatment plant will be put in place "hopefully within the next two to three years."

ick. She rattled off areas and sums of money at a furious rate. In Rathkeale £1.9 million has been approved, £10.93 million for Castletroy, £1.7m for Adare, £1.3m, for Patrickswell, £0.9m for Shannonagolden, and £350,000 for Foynes. In addition water treatment plans for Kildimo and Fallskeary are in train.

The Minister also voiced her concern that local authorities — as happened in Limerick — had been prosecuted for polluting the Shannon. However she is confident that with a new sewage facilities such occurrences will not happen again. However, turning to the vexed question of Longpavement dump, Minister Harney expressed her "huge concern" and that of residents in the area. She revealed that she had been in contact with Limerick Corporation and that city manager Mr. Jack Higgins had promised to carry out certain works including the improvement to the front boundary of the site and increase in frequency in street sweeping along the front roads, including a part of County Clare. "The Longpavement dump is a concern to me and has been of great annoyance to people in the area," she stated.

Prosecutions The Minister has also been informed that in recent weeks 15 cases have been approved for prosecution for alleged illegal dumping. She is not impressed with the performance of some local authorities with regard to management of dumps. "Many are very badly managed," she says. But she plans taking action. The new Environment Protection Agency will now instruct local authorities to carry out work where necessary. "If they do not carry out the request the Agency can go in and do the work and charge them for it," she explained.

Litter is still the biggest pollution problem in the country, and despite what people think 70% of our inland waterways are unpolluted and one 2% are highly polluted. She agreed that there seemed to be a reluctance by some local authorities to enforce the litter laws, despite the fact that some had litter wardens. The latest figures available show that just 189 prosecutions went ahead in 1989, and of these 120 were in Dublin. "It needs to be more vigorously enforced," she said of the anti litter law.

The Minister's commitment to the whole pollution and environment protection area, was evident this week when she addressed the local Earthwatch Group, who through chairman Mr. Gerry Siney expressed various local concerns, including the pollution of the Shannon and the condition of Longpavement dump.

Limerick mourns Hilda O'Malley

By LEADER REPORTER

THERE WAS widespread regret in Limerick this week when it was learned that Dr. Hilda O'Malley, widow of the late Education Minister, Mr. Donogh O'Malley, died in a Dublin hospital. The late Dr. O'Malley had a host of friends in Limerick and throughout the country as was evidenced by the huge attendances at the removal of her remains, Requiem Mass and funeral. A woman gifted with a tremendous sense of humour the late Mrs. O'Malley was also an outstanding medical practitioner.

There was nothing she liked better than to meet old friends at the annual Irish Cup coursing meeting at Clounanna. She was an Irish cup nominator since 1969 when she replaced her late husband who died in March 1968. On a number of occasions the greyhound nominated by Mrs. O'Malley ran with distinction in the cup and she also nomin-

ator. • PAGE 2

WEATHER

Limerick weather will be unsettled this Friday and Saturday, with sunshine in the mornings and showers in the afternoons.

Quit call

Angry farmers called for the resignation from the European Parliament of Munster Fianna Fail MEP, Mr. Paddy Lane, at a meeting in Limerick, this Wednesday night. More than 200 farmers attending the ICMSA meeting on the implications of EC changes for farmers unanimously endorsed the motion in censure of Mr. Lane's support for the McSharry farm-cult plan.

NEWS LINES

Motorists see 'ghost'

Gardaí in Abbeyfeale are investigating a reported sighting of a "ghost" in Knocknasma. A fortnight ago they received a complaint from motorists that a figure covered in a sheet was wandering the roads. A Garda spokesman said that it was possibly a practical joke. "He was covered from head to toe and the people who spotted him could not make out his features," explained the Garda spokesman.

Crashed company's £289,520 in grants

By EUGENE PHELAN THERMAL Zone Technologies, which last week went into receivership with sister company Ballyvastra Foods, was paid a total of £289,520 in grants, according to the annual report of Shannon Development in 1989. A Shannon Development spokesman said this week that they could not comment on any payments to the company, based in the former Ferdnka plant at Annacotty, made last year. According to the annual report, in 1989 Thermal Zone were approved £881,500. Mr. Austin Power, partner, G.N. Power & Company, O'Curry Street, was appointed Receiver by Bank of Ireland and Banque Nationale de Paris. "It is the aim to sell the plant as a going concern," said Mr. Power who revealed that an offer document had been distributed to the trade. Mr. Power said that already interest had been

Arranging flowers

The March meeting of the Limerick Flower and Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, March 12, commencing at 8 pm. The venue will be the Limerick Social Service Centre in Lower Glentworth Street. This month's demonstrator will be Mrs. Mary Ryan, one of the club's own arrangers. She is a leading flower arranger. There will also be a Bring and Buy Cake Sale and Plant Stall.

Deaths

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Brilliant Bibi has town taped

By FIONULA SCANLAN

A WEALTH of Abbeyfeale songs, stories and music are on tape in RTE, ready for broadcast next Wednesday night at 9.20pm. The Bibi Show came to Abbeyfeale this week, and drew people from all over west Limerick to the town to catch a glimpse of the celebrities and join in the fun.

Mr. Dan Murphy, one of the local organisers, told the Limerick Leader that the show's researchers had "no problem whatsoever" finding local talent to fill the show. "They have been to places a lot bigger than Abbeyfeale where they couldn't do shows because of the lack of items." But since he approached the producers last year he has not had to look far for artists and performers. "We have enough talent here to put on another two shows," he joked. On Wednesday night the local sports complex — which had been transformed into a studio — was packed to capacity. Tickets were like gold-dust, and whoever possessed them made sure to make the most of the night.

The show swung smoothly into action, with Bibi Baskin's relaxed manner putting guests and audience at ease. The entertainment — which included a performance from a local shanachai, and singing from Garry McMahon and the Abbeyfeale choir — received a tremendous response. The recording went off without a hitch, and the crew and cameramen were very pleased. Bibi herself was radiant. She told the Limerick Leader that despite her cool facade she was "a bundle of nerves" underneath. "I didn't sleep a wink last night," she said.

New light on a murdered mayor

By PADDY MORONEY

A PHOTOGRAPH, never before published, of Limerick's murdered Mayor George Clancy and his college intimate, the writer James Joyce, on their college conferring day in 1908, has been discovered in time for the 70th anniversary of the death of Clancy.

The picture has been released by a relative of Mayor Clancy, who was gunned down in his home by "Tans in 1921, on the night of 6th/7th March. It shows Clancy, in gown and mortar-board, seated in a group in front of Joyce, standing in characteristic pose. James Joyce learned what



George Clancy (seated) and James Joyce.

ever Irish he had from George Clancy, and their friendship remained very close right up to Clancy's death. They cor-

responded often. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Joyce's death. Clancy was a County Limerickman, the son of a father from Grange and a mother from Annacotty. George Clancy and James Joyce were bosom friends at the old Royal University, and only Clancy had the privilege of being allowed by Joyce to address him as "Jimmy".

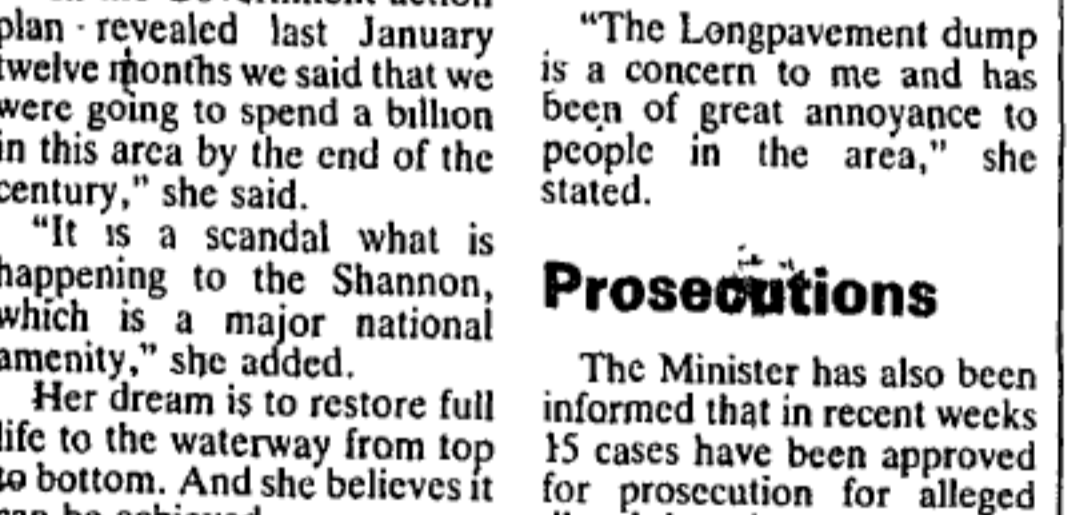
In fact, when Joyce was later writing his "Portrait of a Young Man," he modelled his hero, "Davin", on George Clancy. Their friendship never paled; right up to Clancy's murder, Joyce and he were in constant communication. Joyce was very upset by Clancy's death and his manner, and for many years mourned the passing of so close a friend. After Joyce

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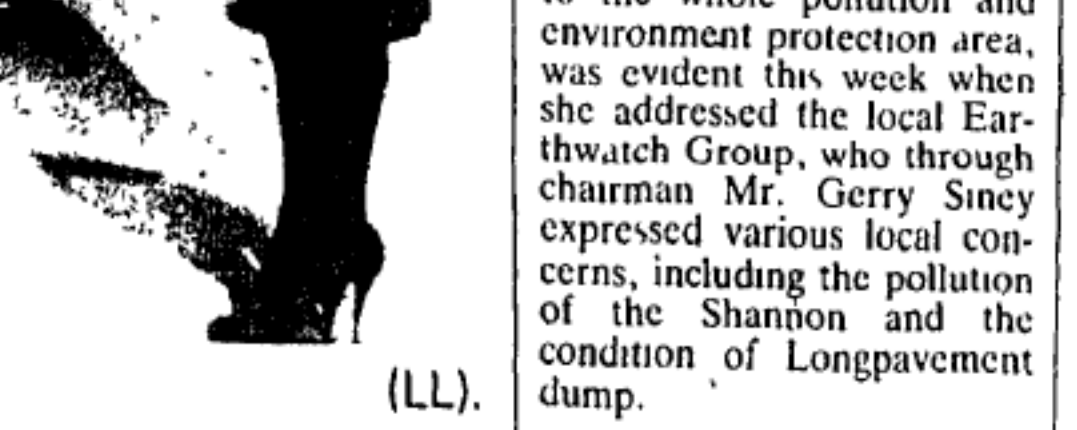
Bibi and friends in Abbeyfeale this week. (LL).

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TELEVISION

Thursday

4.00-NEWS SUMMARY-EMERALD... 4.30-KNOTS LANDING... 5.20-RED AND BLUE... 5.30-A COUNTRY PRACTICE...

6.05-JO-MAXI... 7.00-HOME AND AWAY... 7.00-NUAHCHT... 7.08-CURSAL... 7.30-HEAD OF THE CLASS...

4.00-NEWS SUMMARY-SONS AND DAUGHTERS... 4.30-KNOTS LANDING... 5.20-MASTERWORKS... 5.30-THE SULLIVANS...

NETWORK 2

4.00-INSPECTOR GADGET... 4.30-HAPPY BIRTHDAY... 4.40-TUOUCHE TURLE... 5.00-CAPTAIN PLANET... 5.30-INTO THE LABYRINTH... 6.00-THE ROTTEN APPLE CLUB...

SKY ONE

3.45-THE DJ KAT SHOW... 5.00-PUNKY BREWSTER... 5.30-MCHALE'S NAVY... 6.00-FAMILY TIES... 6.30-SALE OF THE CENTURY...

NETWORK 2

4.00-THE JETSONS... 4.30-HAPPY BIRTHDAY... 4.40-THE LITTLEST HOBO... 5.10-HUCKLEBERRY HOOND... 5.30-TEENAGE MUTANT HORROR TURTLES...

Friday

7.08-CURSAL... 7.30-CORNOGATION STREET... 8.00-NEWS HEADLINES & WEATHERLINE... 9.00-ROSEANNE... 9.30-NEWS HEADLINES & ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS...

3.45-THEDJ KAT SHOW... 5.00-PUNKY BREWSTER... 5.30-MCHALE'S NAVY... 6.00-FAMILY TIES... 6.30-SALE OF THE CENTURY...

Enigma - all parts included!



Enigma is actually a one-man band - the creation of a 33-year-old Romanian studio musician and producer called Michael Cretu.

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Stardix TOP 20

- 1 (15) THE CLASH... Should I stay or should I go? (5) 1
2 (1) THE SIMPSONS... Do the Bartman (1) 3
3 (2) MADONNA... Crazy for you (2) 2
4 (6) STEVIE B... Because I love you (the postman song) (18) 6

Next week's positions appear in brackets

The album ENIGMA

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Hitz'n'Bitz SHANE FOLEY

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Contrasting fare at the Henry Arms Park

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FEILE LUIMNI SPEECH AND DRAMA RESULTS

Group A Radmial: Solo Verse, mixed under 18: 1. Donnán Breathnach, Gabrielle Wallace; 2. Clodagh Wall, do.; 3. Niamh O'Meara, School of Music...

Poetry Recital, mixed over 15: 1. Brid Herbert, Radmial. Solo Verse, boys under 8: 1. Donal Shine, Theresa O'Donovan; 2. Simon Hennessy, M. Robinson; 3. Brian Kelly, Noreen Heffernan...

Poetry Composition, mixed under 18: 1. Lisa Collier, Killybeggs; 2. Michael O'Connell, Gabrielle Wallace; 3. Clodagh Wall, Gabrielle Wallace...

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Poetry Reading, under 15: 1. Ulla Collin, Killybeggs; 2. Caoimhe Kelly, Radmial; 3. Fiona Cahill, Presentation. Certs: Mary Cooper, Gabrielle Wallace; Maeve Callahan; Brona Murphy, Radmial; Jennifer Keenan, Killybeggs; Hilary Callinan, do.

Solo Verse, mixed, under 15: 1. Emma O'Neill, Gabrielle Wallace; 2. Clare Galvin, Killybeggs; 3. Caroline Lillington, C. Murphy-Hehr; 4. Brona Murphy, Killybeggs; 5. Gabrielle Wallace, Jill Callanan, do.; Elizabeth O'Connell, St. Anthony's; Thomas Dunne, Liddy O'Reilly; Patrick Collier, School of Music; Niamh O'Meara, Killybeggs; Ulla Collin, do.; Vonnice Quinn, School of Music.

Solo Verse, girls under 11: 1. Renata McDonnell, Robinson; 2. Stephanie O'Connell, Gabrielle Wallace; 3. Doreen O'Connell, Gabrielle Wallace; 4. Donna Reade, Killybeggs; Jennifer Aherne, Mortell Kelleher; Tara Marie Horan, C. Murphy-Hehr; Aoife Sadler, Killybeggs; Deirdre Russell, C. Murphy-Hehr; Aoife Geoghan, Mortell Kelleher.

Dramatic Scene, mixed, under 14: Gavin Cup: 1. Group A, Gabrielle Wallace. Poetry Composition, mixed under 18: 1. Adrienne Darcy, Gabrielle Wallace.

Dramatic Solo, over 16: 1. Hilary Hartigan, C. Murphy-Hehr; 2. Niamh O'Meara, Killybeggs; 3. Brona Murphy, Killybeggs; 4. Liam O'Reilly, Liddy O'Reilly; Sarah Jeanne Kelly, Radmial; Emma Johnston, Killybeggs; Ruth Lambert, C. Murphy-Hehr; Daphner, Ananacuity; Aileen Cahill, Gabrielle Wallace; Olive Ryan, Radmial.

Solo Verse, girls under 9: 1. Fiona Counihan, Liddy O'Reilly; 2. Carol Tophony, C. Murphy-Hehr; 3. Laura Bourke, Killybeggs; 4. Ruth Lambert, C. Murphy-Hehr; 5. Olivia Markham, do. Catherine Healy, Killybeggs; 6. Shaheenah, School of Music; 7. Brid Fitzgerald, C. Murphy-Hehr; 8. Michelle McPhillips, Radmial; Eileen O'Callaghan, Gabrielle Wallace; Catherine Kelly, Radmial; Caitriona Tierney, Killybeggs; Aileen Campbell, Anfield; Brona Murphy, Radmial; Ormaish O'Dwyer, Killybeggs.

Solo Verse, girls under 11: 1. Cushman-Brick Hehr, C. Murphy-Hehr; 2. Ruth Lambert, C. Murphy-Hehr; 3. Olivia Markham, do. Catherine Healy, Killybeggs; 4. Shaheenah, School of Music; 5. Brid Fitzgerald, C. Murphy-Hehr; 6. Michelle McPhillips, Radmial; Eileen O'Callaghan, Gabrielle Wallace; Catherine Kelly, Radmial; Caitriona Tierney, Killybeggs; Aileen Campbell, Anfield; Brona Murphy, Radmial; Ormaish O'Dwyer, Killybeggs.

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Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, contributors to the new Grease mix-up as they appeared in the highly successful '70s movie.

Grease: the second coming!

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LENT IN LIMERICK by Fr AUGUSTINE HOURIGAN CP



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Innocence at home with Lilburn

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