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CHAIRMAN KITS OUT ON FLATS RIGHTS

Flatdwellers in Limerick are totally ignorant of their legal rights and, therefore, easy prey for landlords who wish to exploit this. This was the claim of Mr. Mike Jennings, chairman of the Limerick Flatdwellers' Association at the annual general meeting of the association recently.

Mr. Jennings emphasised that one of the most important tasks facing the association in the coming year would be to educate all flatdwellers so that they were aware of and prepared to defend their legal rights. "This should be done," he said, "by means of regular advice clinics, production of booklets, posters and through the local media."

In his chairman's report to the meeting, Mr. Jennings told members that it was also essential that the association should not only seek to defend the rights which flatdwellers presently hold but also to campaign to have these rights extended. "We must also remember," he said, "that as long as there is a shortage of accommodation there will always be exploitation of tenants."

A duty
"We have a duty, therefore, to pressurise the local authorities and the Government to provide adequate single-unit accommodation to cater for the particular needs of all flatdwellers, including students, young workers and married couples seeking their first home," he added.

The general meeting reviewed the associations activities over the past year and discussed plans for the future. A detailed discussion also took place on various aspects of the law as it relates to landlord/tenant relations.

Officers
The following were elected to the executive committee for the coming year: Chairman, Mike Jennings (outgoing); secretary, Maura McInerney; treasurer, John C. Ryan; information officer, Matthew Manning; student officer, Jim Collins. Committee: P. J. Neville, Lian Somers.

The association can be contacted at 31 Upper Cecil St. (Phone 45064). Membership is £1 (50p for students and unemployed).



Mr. McNamara, Southill shows the first salmon of the season caught in the River Shannon last February 1st, the opening day for salmon in Limerick area. It weighed 9 lbs and was a salamander bait. It was later sold for £100.

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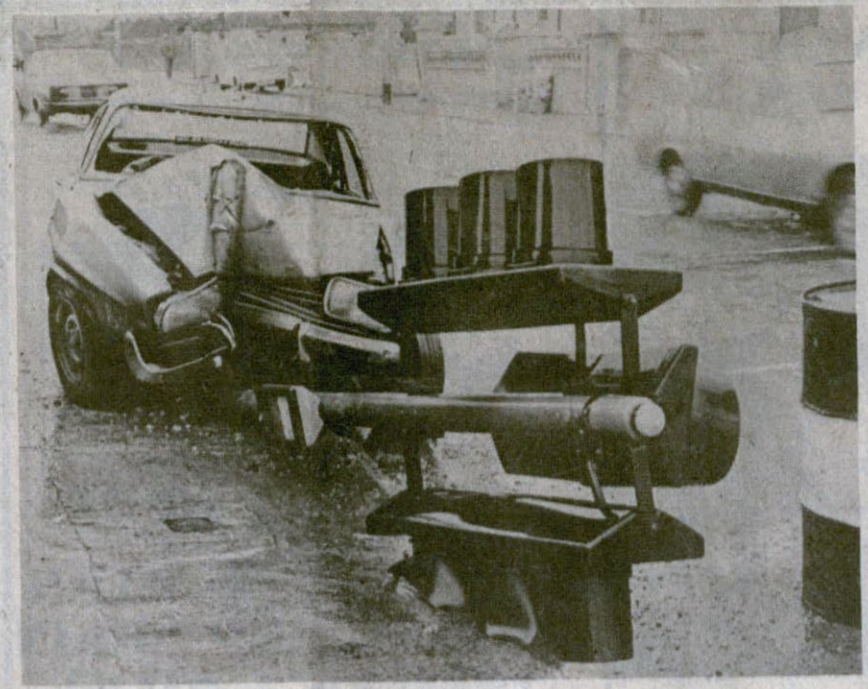
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Traffic lights did not stop this car on the Ballysimon Road. The driver escaped with some cuts and bruises.

Fire makes Limerick family homeless

The home of Mr. Terry O'Riordan, Carrigmartin, Ballysimon, was extensively damaged by fire on Friday last. The house was saved from total destruction by the efficient work of Limerick fire brigade. The Cappamore brigade arrived later at the scene to give a helping hand. An extension at the back of Mr. O'Riordan's home was not damaged, and it is understood that the family, 14 in all, stayed in that section of the house over the week-end.

RTE in Barracks

RTE Radio 1 will have a recording unit at Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick on next Thursday to record requests for those serving in the Lebanon. The programme will be transmitted in the Lebanon on St. Patrick's Day and again at Easter. Meanshile RTE invites requests from relatives of those in the Lebanon.

Borou

An exhibition of paintings by Borou is currently on view at the Cummins Galleries in O'Connell Street. Borou has toured extensively and the oils reflect an interesting insight into the different countries he has visited. This is his first exhibition in Limerick following one-man exhibitions in Paris, Spain, Cyprus and London.

PRICE OF DRINK TO BE INCREASED THIS WEEK

THE price of drink has been officially approved of by the Government as from today, but it is expected that it will not be increased locally until such time as the Limerick Branch of the Federation of Licensed Vintners hold a meeting.

The Soft Drink and Beer Bottlers' Association - the bottled beer distributors, are allowed 1p per pint in their margin on bottled beer.

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A spokesman stated that it would be decided at the meeting, which may be held today or tomorrow, when the price increase will come into operation. It is expected that Friday next will be named as the day. This is the usual practice as far as increases go. It is also understood that many publicans told their customers over the week-end that they would not be increasing their prices today.

Authorised

The increases have been authorised by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Desmond O'Malley, on the recommendation of the National Prices Commission. The spokesman for the local vintners said it was the first decent price increase they had received for many years. "Our costs have increased considerably over the years."

I.D.I.

The price increases from Monday allow 1p per half-glass to Irish Distillers Group in the prices of whiskey, vodka and rum and the same to Gilbey's for whiskey, vodka and Bailey's Irish Cream.

Mid-West ballet workshop

The next performance of the Mid-West Ballet Workshop will be a 'Happening' (multi-media) to take place in the last week of February. People interested in appearing, helping etc. are asked to contact John and Jean Regan at the Limerick School of Classical Ballet, Crescent College, O'Connell Street.



A scene from the College Players current production of Juno and the Paycock.

IN BRIEF

St. Patrick's P.P.U.

All past pupils of St. Patrick's School, both male and female, are invited to attend a meeting at the school on Wednesday night next, at 8.00 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Past Pupils' Union. Any queries should be directed to Mr. Dan Campbell, 25 Richmond Park, Corbally.

Laurel Hill PPU

LAUREL Hill Past Pupils' Union are having Mass celebrated at Laurel Hill Convent on Thursday, 7th February, 1980, at 6 p.m. in thanksgiving for the work of Canon Breen, former chaplain to the convent for many years. All past pupils are invited to attend.

Arts society A.G.M.

THE annual general meeting of Limerick Arts Society will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at the Municipal Gallery, in Pery Square. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. sharp.



Enjoying themselves are Mr. and Mrs. John Leo of Kincora Park, at Smiths annual dinner held at the Parkway Motor Inn.



Mr. and Mrs. Dermot Tuite of Shannon who attended Wembley A.F.C. dress dance held at the Parkway Motor Inn. (A.F.)

THE PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING IN THE LIMERICK REGIONAL HOSPITAL



THERE IS OVERCROWDING IN THE Limerick Regional Hospital. Mr. Pat Harnett told the Mid-Western Health Board meeting recently, and this problem will only be solved through the implementation of long term plans. He said it was difficult to see any immediate improvement. Cllr. William O'Brien, T.D., raised the matter saying there was concern at the way people were being discharged from the hospital. "People who are not going to get better should be given the best up to the last," Deputy O'Brien declared. He said some old people were being discharged and their sons and daughters were not able to take care of them. "We should have some place available for those people," he added. "It is not good enough to say there are nursing homes. Deputy O'Brien explained that these homes could cost £80 to £100 a week and that is no use to a working family. He said the situation should be treated as an emergency. Mr. Harnett, programme manager, said that there are people who are unreasonable about what should be done for them. Nurse Joan Stack urged the use of day centres and day hospitals to care for these people from Monday to Friday. She said families could usually look after the old people at the weekends. She said overcrowded hospitals were not unique to the Mid-Western Health Board area. Cllr. Jack Lynch noted that people from Clare also suffered because of this overcrowding. And Dr. J. Hennigan pointed out that a lot of the problems in Limerick are contributed to because people from North Tipperary have to go to Limerick and that put pressure on the beds here. He urged a speedy upgrading of the beds in North Tipperary. Dr. Hennigan felt there was not sufficient use being made of outpatient facilities.

Pictured at the Royal George Hotel discussing details of the forthcoming Limerick and Shannon Rotary Club annual fashion show to be held on the 19th March at the Royal George Hotel.

College Players triumphant return with "The Paycock"

THE College Players made a triumphant return to the Confraternity Theatre on Sunday night with their production of Sean O'Casey's much acclaimed play "Juno and The Paycock," and were greeted by a near capacity crowd. All the ingredients for a great night's theatre are here - a well balanced and talented cast, a wise choice of play and some superb acting. All that is required to make it a significant occasion is packed houses on each of the remaining seven nights. The College Players, under the direction of Mr. Brendan V. Smith, capture the mood and texture of this highly melodramatic play. Juno and the Paycock, let me hasten to add, is a very difficult work to perform but except for a few minor faults there is nothing wrong with this interpretation.

Courage
In lesser roles are Ray Morrissey, Vincent Jennings, Donncha Mac Gabhann, John O'Neill, John Mooney, Paddy Benson, Joe O'Connor, Con Enright, Maura O'Neill, Catherine Woods and Helen Morrissey. The College Players have shown tremendous courage in taking on Juno and The Paycock and their efforts deserve to be rewarded. The set and costumes are without fault. You will leave the Confraternity Theatre feeling that you have been entertained. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

The play is set in a poverty stricken tenement house in Dublin during the Civil War. There is a mixture of comedy and tragedy, but undoubtedly it is the superbly created characters which make Juno so memorable. A word of advice to the CP. Please do not allow patrons to bring mineral water bottles into the theatre. It is most annoying to hear the empties rolling down the aisles. -John O'Shaughnessy.



Michael and Mamie Flannery of Ennis enjoying themselves at Smiths dinner held at the Parkway Motor Inn. (A.F.)

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