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**COURTEOUS:**  
Mr. John Murtagh was  
courteous chairman of  
Navan UDC.  
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## Reopen Boyne Canal Call

Navan councillor, Mr. Paddy Fitzsimons, has called for an effort to reopen the Boyne Canal.

"At present it's unsightly and sometimes smelly," Mr. Fitzsimons told Monday's meeting of Meath Co. Council. He was referring to the section outside Navan. Part of the problem could be attributed to septic tanks in the area "gone haywire," he said.

It was a pity that such an amenity should be left fall into disuse, he added, and suggested asking the Dublin/Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation to put some effort into it. Mr. Paddy Traynor agreed that a clean-up would give a

boost to tourism. One way of tackling the restoration of the canal would be through a social employment scheme.

Mr. Robert Doonan said development of sections of the canal could be done in a piecemeal fashion. The Co. Council could co-operate with local groups using social employment schemes or amenity grants.

A local architect had drawn up plans for reflooding the canal, said Mr. John Murtagh. "The problem seems to be finding finance," he added.

The chairman, Mr. Noel Dempsey, said the Co. Council could write to the Office of Public Works and An Taisce about the issue.



Pupils and teachers of Rathcraun national school with Dr. P. J. Hillery, when the President of Ireland visited the Meath Gaeltacht to present prizes won by Rathcraun in the Glór na nGael competition.

# VIOLENCE FLARES AT SLANE GIG

BY LESLIE HORGAN

Violence raised its ugly head at the weekend's rock festival in Slane with savage attacks on innocent concert-goers camped near the village on Friday night/Saturday morning, and a repetition of this viciousness during Queen's stage show when stewards were assaulted and pelted with missiles.

Unlike last year's Bruce Springsteen concert, Saturday's hyped-up Queen gig, which disappointed most of the 80,000 attendance, attracted a number of gangs from Dublin and Belfast who arrived in the normally quiet Meath village without concert tickets and intent on trouble.

**PEACEFUL**  
Despite the activities of these trouble-makers, the Gardaí thought the concert to have been a relatively peaceful event with only about 50 people from the huge crowd now facing Court proceedings.

stage incident, the most serious violence occurred on Friday night/early Saturday. About 3,000 people thronged the small Co. Meath village on Friday night, packing the public houses and drinking out in the street.

**IRON BARS**  
Camping in the area had been banned but a field opposite the Slane Castle site, on the Navan Road side of the village, was taken over by concert-goers. At about 1 am, on Saturday, between 10 and 12 youths, armed with iron bars, launched an attack on the campers. A number of people, seriously injured during the incident, were

removed to local hospitals. Some of the campers were robbed of all their belongings; even the tents in which they were sleeping were taken.

Between 10 pm on Friday and 3 am on Saturday, 350 Gardaí from the Louth-Meath division and the Dublin Metropolitan area were on duty in Slane. Gardaí received a number of descriptions of those responsible for the campsite attack who were said to be in their 20s and spoke with Dublin accents.

**MELEE**  
Up to 30 people, including stewards, were treated for injuries sustained during a half-hour melee which started shortly after Queen took the stage. Gardaí in riot gear were asked by the promoters to intervene when the trouble erupted at the back of the stage.

Stewards, who were being pelted with stones, unleashed three water hoses to control the crowd who had ripped down a section of the hoarding to get on stage. The stewards had the situation pretty well under control by the time the Gardaí arrived. However, a number of arrests were made and at least one man, charged with

assault, is to appear at Navan Court today (Wednesday). Earlier, the Gardaí reported that a large mob had forced their way into the concert grounds and made their way towards the stage.

**DRUGS**  
Gardaí also made up to 30 drug seizures in Slane village on Friday night/Saturday morning. The seizures mainly comprised small amounts of cannabis resin while a small quantity of heroin also was seized from one person. The drug was believed to have been for his own use but at least three summonses will issue in the near future alleging possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply it to others.

There were 25 arrests for drunk and disorderly behaviour and assaults, while up to seven people were found in possession of forged concert tickets, including one from Ballymun, Dublin, who allegedly had 48 forged tickets. The Gardaí's efforts to stamp out forgeries were assisted last Thursday night when a search of a Finglas, Dublin, flat yielded a number of forged tickets.

**BREAK-INS**  
Other charges being Continued on page 4.

## KELLS CHAIRS GO TO F.F.

The election of Mr. Jimmy O'Rourke (Fianna Fail) as vice-chairman of Kells Urban Council on Monday night caused a storm of controversy, and Mr. Tommy Grimes repeated his allegation that Fianna Fail are the "Unionists of the South."

Earlier, Mr. Grimes welcomed the unanimous election of Mr. Cyril Cole as chairman. Mr. Cole was proposed by the outgoing chairman, Senator Jack Fitzsimons, and seconded by Mr. John Caffrey.

Mr. Grimes said the name Cole was long associated with a grievance against him when we extended the hand of friendship to you at last year's annual meeting," he said.

Mr. Grimes replied that this might leave Fianna Fail with a grievance against him but they should have no grievance against Mr. Torney.

Mr. John Caffrey said the Fianna Fail party had fought the last local election with the aims of getting a majority

on the council and they had done so and were entitled to fill the positions as they wished.

Mr. Grimes said he objected to the fact that Mr. Caffrey represented the council on a number of bodies, including Meath VEC and the Association of Municipal Authorities, and claimed that he was not doing the job properly. "Two years ago members of Navan UDC had to move a motion submitted by this council because Mr. Caffrey was not at the meeting," he claimed.

"Mr. Caffrey could be getting a good salary from the ratepayers of the town," he added.

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### News In Brief

#### Chef Killed Near Ballivor

A young Kinnegad chef was dead on arrival at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, on Saturday afternoon following a collision between his motorcycle and a tractor and muckspreader at Moyfeigher, Ballivor.

Martin Reilly, in his early 20s and married with two children, of 141 Dalton Park, Mullingar, was believed to have been travelling to visit relatives in Trim when the accident occurred.

The driver of the tractor, Mr. Bartle Cassidy, Frayne, Athboy, was uninjured, but he was said to have been treated for shock at Navan hospital and later discharged.

The deceased worked as a chef in the popular licensed hostelry, Harry's of Kinnegad.

#### Hideous Crime Condemned

"The thugs involved in an attack on an elderly lady in her home in the town recently should have no place to hide," Mr. Tommy Grimes told a meeting of Kells Urban Council on Monday night.

"It was a most hideous crime and I would hope all members would join in condemning this act," he said.

Members agreed that anyone with information should assist the Gardaí in bringing those involved to justice.

#### Kells Factory Stoppage

About 40 I.T.G.W.U. members employed at Southborough Ltd. Kells, were involved in a two-day unofficial stoppage last Thursday and Friday in a dispute over recruitment.

The row centred on the failure of management to recall union members who are laid off for temporary work at the plant.

Those involved returned to work on Monday pending discussions between the union and management on the issue.

#### Good Wishes

Kells Urban Council, at a meeting on Monday night, extended good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. John Maguire, junior, son of Colr. John Maguire, who was injured in a motorcycle accident in Jersey recently.

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Stewards dealing with the back-stage melee during Queen's performance in Slane on Saturday.

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