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Fair City flirtations as Carol chats up Yates to make Robbie jealous

Sean O'Grady

TENSIONS are set to rise on Fair City as Carol turns up the heat with Detective Yates.

Jane has become frustrated lately as Carol is getting increasingly paranoid that there is something going on between her and Carol's husband Robbie.

Determined to make Robbie jealous when she sees him growing closer to Jane, Carol turns on the charm and starts flirting with Yates.

It's not the first time an attraction has sparked between the pair, with Yates becoming closer to Carol after she was ruled out as a suspect in Karen's murder.

Meanwhile, Jane has asked hotel manager Cathal to sell her booze to run through McCoy's, and she is delighted when he agrees to get the alcohol for her.

Cathal, who has become a villain in Carrigstown of late, has made many enemies - including Yates, who is keeping a watchful eye on him.

Elsewhere, Orla and Wayne are finally moving on from their ordeal as prime murder suspects.

They approach Dolores to go into business with her, suggesting they could form a family company.

FURIOUS

Unfortunately for them, Dolores is not convinced.

Her husband Pete becomes furious when he learns they are trying to swindle his wife's money.

The couple remain positive about the deal, however, and Wayne convinces Orla that Dolores will eventually come around.

Pete urges Dolores to give Orla and Wayne a trial run at managing the businesses before forming a family company.



Fair City airs tonight on RTE One at 8pm

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School-build projects delayed as major firm goes into liquidation

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Education Editor

MAJOR school building projects face delays following the appointment of a liquidator for the family-owned construction company Sammon Contracting Ireland.

The Co Kildare-based construction group employs about 200 people directly and many more subcontractors indirectly.

Among those affected is the largest schools project in the history of the State, two 1,000-pupil post-primary schools being built on a single campus in Maynooth due for completion in May 2019.

The €30m Maynooth job must now be retendered and the prospect of a longer wait has caused dismay among parents and the school staff.

The principals of Maynooth Community College and Maynooth Post Primary School, Siobhán McCauley and Johnny Nevin, have expressed their "extreme disappointment".

Education Minister Richard Bruton requested his officials to provide him with a critical path for the completion of this project – and asked them to consider how it could be delivered as quickly as possible.

A successful building company of more than 30 years, Sammon is a victim of the collapse, earlier this year, of the UK construction giant Carillion, with €8m owed to the Irish firm.

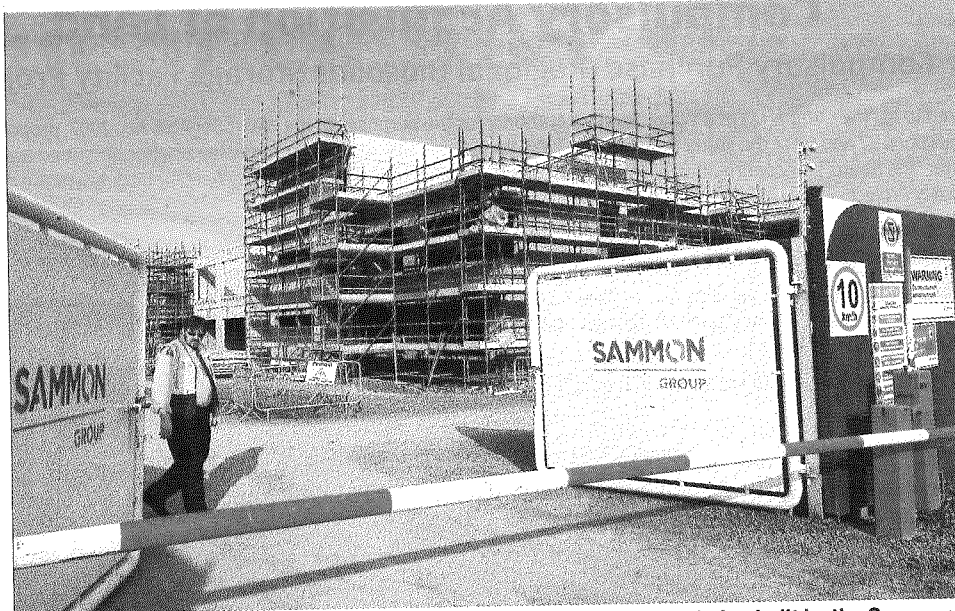
Sammon was part of an €87m joint venture with Carillion and the Dutch Infrastructure Fund (DIF) to build five schools and a college of education – in Bray, Wexford, Carlow and Kells – in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) deal.

Work on the PPP contract ceased following Carillion's collapse and, in April, three companies within the Sammon group entered into examinership.

Company founder and CEO Miceál Sammon said they were "devastated" at the appointment of a liquidator. He said they made every effort from the day Carillion collapsed to get the PPP contract restarted.

Mr Bruton said that the liquidation added additional complexity to the process of confirming the arrangements for completion of the PPP schools.

DIF said last night the Wexford school was awaiting final certification, and both schools in Bray were also very far



The entrance to the new €30m Maynooth Education Campus that was being built by the Sammon group, which has now gone into liquidation. Photo: Frank Mc Grath

advanced with small finishing works and certification remaining.

However, the schools in Kells and Carlow require substantially more work, as does the further education centre.

As well as the Maynooth job, separate from the PPPs Sammon was also contract-

ed for projects at St Colman's Community College, Midleton, and Coláiste an Chraoibhin, Fermoy, both in Cork, which are already out for retender, as well as Gaelscoil Bharra, Cabra, Dublin, where outstanding work is expected to be completed in time for the start of the new school year.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Robert Haughton ordered the liquidation of two Sammon companies after the examiner Michael McAteer said he was unable to formulate proposals to allow them to survive. Mr McAteer will continue to act as examiner for the third company, Miceál Sammon Woodcraft Ltd.

Exams get under way amid final nuggets of advice

ALMOST 121,000 Leaving and Junior Certificate candidates begin their exams today with the best wishes of the country behind them, including a good luck tweet from Education Minister Richard Bruton.

National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals director Clive Byrne said it was time for students to showcase their creativity and knowledge.

Mr Byrne stressed that although these were important exams, "remember that no matter what path you want to take, there are many options and routes to get there".

Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland president Ger Curtin advised students to "keep things in perspective" and warned against marathon study sessions and post-exam analysis.

Teachers' Union of Ireland president Joanne Irwin said students will generally find they are better prepared than they think.

The *Irish Independent* will provide daily coverage of issues that arise, while Eboni Burke, a student at Beaufort College, Navan, and welfare officer with the Irish Second Level Students Union, will be our exam diarist.

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