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tacted the *Limerick Leader* to criticise the itable for many of those selected for it.

In the programme, long-term patients are taught skills like bedmaking, ironing and cooking, and are re-located to houses outside the hospital. Thus they are returned to community living.

Patients attend the hospital's community workshop during normal working hours, and receive social welfare benefits for their attendance. After 5 pm, they return to their housing accommodation.

The nurse, who did not wish to be identified, alleged that two recent suicides by patients on the rehabilitation programme were caused by their inability to cope with the demands of outside life.

The nurse further alleged that many St Joseph's patients, not on the course, are living in fear that they will soon be selected for it.

The hospital's Chief Nursing Officer, Mr Padraig Gilligan, said this Friday that the suicides were "entirely unrelated" to the rehabilitation programme.

"I don't accept that they were unsuitable for the programme. Unfortunately, suicides are something that occur in the psychiatric services. It's tragic, and the staff of the hospital who knew these people are upset, but it's not related to the programme," Mr Gilligan said.

He added that before patients are discharged into the community there is "a very careful clinical assessment" of their suitability.

Once they were discharged, they were "continually supported and monitored," Mr Gilligan said.

He stated that no pressure was put on patients to go on the course. Some had expressed their opposition to it, and their views had been "fully accommodated".

The rehabilitation programme was to be continuing as normal, he concluded.

Sorters at Limerick general post office, had already started work this Friday on the first of the backlog of mail, to arrive from Dublin as a result of the recent strike.

"We will be dealing with it, as speedily and as quickly as we possibly can in the circumstances", a spokesperson for An Post, told the *Limerick Leader*.

## building

Limerick Fire Brigade quickly brought under control a fire in Ranks on Thursday night.

The alarm was raised at 11 p.m. when fire broke out in one of the buildings currently being demolished.

Nobody was injured and the blaze was quickly brought under control.

## year

Patrick Punch's, Punch's Cross, Limerick has been chosen as the Limerick county winner in the 1989 Black & White Pub of the Year competition.

Next month the overall national "Pub of the Year" winner will be announced along with the regional awards.

the State.

The Taoiseach, Mr. Charles J. Haughey and the Minister for Education, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, are expected to be among the distinguished guests at the inauguration of the University.

The Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Gus O'Driscoll will also be present.

The inauguration takes place on the day before the College's annual graduation day, and this year's degree recipients will be the first graduates of the University of Limerick.

## Day 76 of voyage

Round the world Limerick sailor, Pat Lawless continued his lone voyage this Friday, on Day 76 of his trip. His family are looking forward to hearing some news of his progress with the coming weeks. Pat is now believed to be making steady progress down the coast of Africa, having completed over 3,000 miles of his trip.



Celebrating the centenary of the *Limerick Leader* this Wednesday. In front, cutting the centenary cake, is Mrs. Eileen G. Wright, chairman of the Board.

Also included are from left: Mrs. E. Connolly, Mr. F. Deegan, Mrs. J. B. Gubbins, Mr. N. St. John Buckley, Mrs. J. F. Wright, Mrs. Eileen Buckley, Mr. B. Halligan, Editor; Miss S. Gilmore, Mrs. B. Halligan, Mr. E. Connolly, Mrs. N. Buckley, Mr. J. O'Donovan, Mr. J. Purcell, Ms. Helen Buckley, director; Mr. J. B. Gubbins, director; Mr. Joseph Gleeson, general manager; Mrs. J. Buckley and Mr. J. Buckley, director.

## LIMERICK LEADER MARKS ITS CENTENARY

ONE Hundred years to the day after the first issue of the *Limerick Leader* rolled off the press, directors and staff raised a toast this Wednesday to a century of service.

Because it fell in the middle of the holiday period, the birthday celebration was a quiet in-house event, and the main celebrations will be held

in September.

The first *Limerick Leader* was published on Friday August 9th, 1889, and was established as a Parnellite journal. The founding directors were a group of Limerick businessmen and farmers and the first chairman was Mr John McInerney of Cratloe.

The Chairman of the Board of the *Limerick Leader*, Mrs Eileen Wright, a daughter of the man who took over the paper at the turn of the century, the late Mr Jeremiah Buckley, cut the centenary cake to loud applause.

Present at the celebrations with Mrs Wright were directors Mrs Helen Buckley, Mr John Wright and his wife Breda; Mr Jerry Buckley and his wife, Maria; Mr Brian Gubbins and his wife Moya, and Mrs Eileen Buckley. Also present were Mr Joe Gleeson, general manager and his wife Mary; Mr Brendan Halligan, Editor, and his wife Dorothy; and Mr Niall Buckley, a grandson of the founder and his wife Phena.

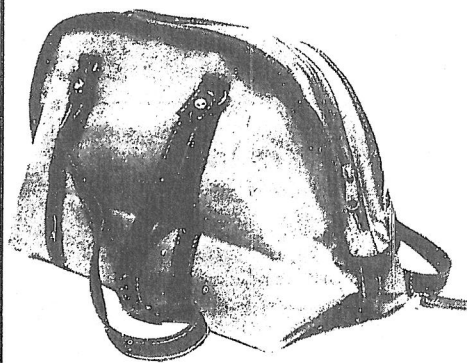
Also in attendance was the longest serving member of the staff, Mr Earl Connolly, who is in his 52nd year with the company, accompanied by his wife Callie.

The paper is still owned by the descendants of Jeremiah Buckley, the Chartered Accountant and Barrister, who bought the paper at the turn of the century and who spent a period in Limerick prison for his editorial defence of tenants against landlordism.

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Entries for the Dog Show on Thursday August 17, number 1,275 dogs, which will participate in 500 plus classes. A 50 per cent increase in entries has been received from England and Northern Ireland.

The Showjumping arenas will attract the country's leading

horses and riders, and the well-balanced programme of horse and pony events will be very well worth a visit. The Limerick Leader Centenary Cup Competition will be a Saturday feature in arena number one.

Family attractions include a pet's corner, gun dog trials and an indoor model railway display.

Speaking at a press conference, at Allied Irish Banks Ltd., 106/108 O'Connell Street to announce details of the 1989 show, Mr. Paddy O'Callaghan, president of the show committee, paid a special tribute to the large number of voluntary people involved in the organisation of the show.

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"They are a diverse group of people who work closely for

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