

40 YEARS AGO**LEAFLET**

COPIES of a spurious leaflet purporting to elaborate on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima in 1917 have been put secretly into circulation in the city.

The leaflet, which bears no imprimatur, did not emanate from any authoritative source.

CONGRESS

Hundreds of Limerick citizens watched a most colourful march-past when the 11th Congress of the Ambulance Corps of St John of Jerusalem and of Malta opened in Limerick. Units from all parts of the country took part.

CHURCH FESTIVAL

The annual Church Festival of the Diocese of Limerick was held at St Mary's Cathedral. The sermon was preached by Most Rev Dr A W Burton.

The Bishop of Limerick, Right Rev Dr E C Hodges, presided.

CITY THEATRE

There was a star-studded concert at the City Theatre in which Josef Locke headed the bill. Others who took part included Denis Brennan, Roy Croft, Phyllis Power, Alan Beale and Silvo.

TELEVISION

A number of proposals from outside concerns for the establishment of television stations in this country have been received by the government, and are now under review.

It would appear that the day when TV will be available to every person in the country is not too far distant.

COURTHOUSE

Extensive renovations costing nearly £75,000 are now nearing completion at Limerick Courthouse.

TOBACCO CRAZE

According to the former Minister for Finance, Mr Sweetman, speaking in the Dail, the consumption of tobacco and cigarettes provides roughly 25 per cent of out taxable revenue.

AUCTIONEER

Mr Conn Shanahan, the well-known local entertainer, has been granted an auctioneer's licence.

BALLADS

The Emmet Folk Group, an amateur student trio consisting of Michael Moloney, Donal Lunny and Brian Bolger, were making a name for themselves in music circles. They had come second to the Johnstones at the Wexford Ballad Festival of 1966.

Michael Moloney of Castletroy, Limerick, was an honours graduate in economics. A past pupil of CBS, he won many medals and cups from debating with his school team, and at Feile Luimni in 1963 won the Muintir na Tire Cup for public speaking.

NOMINATION

Mr Donogh O'Malley TD, Minister for Education, was appointed a nominator for the Irish Coursing Cup meeting at Clounanna.

MARCONI

The old section of St Brendan's Irish College was destroyed by fire.

It was at one time used as a Marconi wireless station. It was from there that the first spoken word was transmitted across the Atlantic.

50 YEARS AGO**SOLD**

ALFRED Sexton sold the residence, "Auburn", on the Ennis Road, for £2,225.

DANCER

Una Ni Ruairc, the well-known Limerick dance teacher, has been elected by the Dance Teachers of Munster to represent the province on the central executive of the Irish Dancing commission for the coming year.

FOUNTAIN

Few of the many who crossed and re-crossed Sarsfield Bridge on Sunday failed to pause and admire the cascading jet of water from the lovely fountain which adorns the front garden of the Shannon Rowing Club.

Only on exceptional days does this piece of ornamentation work, and the effect is always fascinating.

BRIDGE

Surveys have been carried out in connection with a new bridge at Bunratty on the Limerick-Shannon Airport road at a cost of £30,000.

GARRYOWEN FC

Officials of Garryowen Football Club are perturbed over the disappearance of the Munster Senior Cup from one of the dining tables during a victory dinner at the Savoy Restaurant at the Savoy Restaurant on June 1.

BELLS

After seventy years' service, the nine bells forming the chime of the Redemptorist Church have been taken down to be re-cast. During the past year, the bells had

lost much of their original tone. The re-casting job will cost approximately £2,000.

TRIP

The desirability of reviving the pre-war yearly outings and excursions for the patients of the Limerick Mental Hospital was emphasised by Sean Hayes, the county councillor, at the monthly meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Board.

FREEMEN

The Mayor, Cllr J C Hickey, gave notice of motion to the City Council that he would move at the next meeting that the Freedom of the City be conferred on Mr J M Flood BL district justice, and on Mr Sean Keating, an eminent Irish artist and a native of Limerick.

COAL

For the first time since the outbreak of war, cargoes of United States industrial and house coals arrived in Ireland. The retail price was about £6 per ton.

MILK

The Irish Federation of Creameries has called on the Minister for Agriculture to fix an interim price of 1/3d per gallon for milk for the summer months, which have just started, and 1/6d per gallon for the forthcoming winter months.

BAKERS

The Labour Court recommended the following wages scale, per week, for operative bakers in Limerick:

First foreman, £7-10s; second foreman, £6-9s; table hands, £6-4-6d; confectioners (male) £5-12-6d; and do. (female) £3-4s.

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