Exports to the value of £1 million

KRUPS OFFICIALLY

Employs 480 people

A FURTHER phase in Limerick's forward march in the industrial sphere was marked to-day, when Mr. Sean Flanagan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Dr. Hillery, officially opened Krups factory in the Roxboro' Road.

The new factory, which employs 480 people, manufactures electrical appliances and bathroom scales, and exports to many European countries to the value of £1 million per year.

The attendance at the opening included the Mayor of Limerick, Clr. Frank Leddin; the German Ambassador, Dr. Truetzschler; the World Trade Queen, Miss Kathy Dent, and Dr. Wittman, Managing Director of Krups. The Minister for Industry and Commerce, Dr. Hillery, who was to have performed the official opening, could not attend because of an emergency Cabinet meeting.

Designed along ultra-modern lines, the new factory stands on a 15 acre site just outside the city. The grounds include several houses for the executives of the company, a swimming pool, a tennis court and children's playground.

GROWN QUICKLY

Krups Engineering Ltd., is the Irish Branch of Robert Krups, Solingen, West Germany. The idea of building a factory here came up when the Directors of Robert Krups visited the country. After negotiations with the Industrial Development Authority, a site in Limerick was selected.

In 1963, 70 persons were flown to Germany to be trained in the main factories. Krups Engineering Ltd., has grown quickly, the number of employees has now gone up from 70 to 450.

Production began when the factory building was completed in June, 1964, and soon it is hoped to add hair-dryers to their range of electrical goods.

FAMILY CONCERN

The firm of Robert Krups was founded as a family concern in 1846. The management is now in the hands of two grandsons of Robert Krups, Dr. Karl Koerner, who is responsible for the commercial side, and Mr. Fritz Krups, who looks after technical matters. The firm employs 2,700 persons in five factories in Germany and Ireland.

The luncheon, which was to have been held at the Royal George Hotel at 1 p.m., was postponed for an hour, so that Dr. Hillery, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, could attend.

Early Irish Society

"Early Irish Society" is the subject of a lecture to be sponsored by the Limerick Branch of Tuairim on Friday next, May 13, at 8 p.m. in Cruise's Hotel. The lecture will be given by Professor Myles Dillon, M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., Director of the School of Celtic Studies, Institute of Advanced Studies, and President of the Royal Irish Academy. This subject seems purely academic, but in fact it is a matter for every citizen to decide, what can be our relationship to the pre-Norman Gaelic civilisation of this country. This nation has a crisis of identity. If we are to attempt to build a Gaelic civilisation in this island, then we must understand what in fact it consisted of in the past.

The scholars of the Institute of Advanced Studies, have uncovered many fascinating aspects of our Gaelic past since the Institute's establishment in 1940, and this lecture is the fruit of their researches.

Recruiting

Since May 3, recruitment has been resumed for general service in the defence forces. Prospective recruits should report to any military barracks or F.C.A. headquarters for enlistment.

GIRLS OF ST. JOHN'S CO[NVENT]

Girls from the 4th standard at St. John's Convent School, Limerick, who rece[ived con]firmation from His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, [...] Limerick.

Need for more post-primary education is stressed

The Mayor of Limerick, Mr. F. Leddin, was elected President of the St. Augustine's College Past Pupils' Union, Dungarvan, at the annual re-union.

Past pupils from all over Ireland, including representatives from Dublin, Cork and Limerick branches were welcomed by the Rector, Very Rev. T. C. Butler, O.S.A., Dungarvan. Four priests from Nigeria, also past pupils,

THE MEN ARE

WORSE THAN THE WOMEN BEHIND THE WHEEL

THIS year's Road Safety Week started in Limerick last Sunday—a week-end in which 10 people me[t] with a hideous death on Irish roads.

The Limerick City Road [Safety Committee plans to use]