



# MEMORIES

Contemporary news reports taken from the files of the Limerick Leader, founded in 1889

number of new cars registered in the 00-L prefix has already exceeded the total number registered in

the main BMW dealer Pat Healy. "There is no doubt that it is the Celtic Tiger. Our sales are up 66 per cent this year so far."

The cheapest BMW retails at 10 to over £50,000 and Pat Keogh expects to sell more than 200 new cars before the end of the year.

## 30 YEARS AGO

### ALLEY STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE SKILLS

Minister O'Malley stressed the importance of language skills in a speech made at the official launch of the Goodwill Fund at the City Hall said that our preparation for this changing world was of very real concern.

"The very least we need to develop our language skills to enable us to communicate, work and compete with many of our new neighbours and our education system must be developed to support this."

Minister O'Malley also stressed that it was important that our education system supports the development of the many skills that are necessary to participate fully in life.

"It is essential while taking part in formal academic activity that overall development of the person is not neglected."

"A week in the life of a second level student is usually very demanding with a wide range of classes along with range of classes along with considerable student and homework requirements. Our students face very competitive and exacting examinations at relatively early stages of their lives, so they need all the support we can give them."

While specific academic training is the prime feature of the education system it is also a process through which student develop attitudes and approaches to the demands of modern life.

Commending the publication of this journal, Minister O'Malley said that planning the use of limited time is an essential aspect of modern life and using a journal such as the one we are launching here this evening, should enable students to develop this skill which will be of benefit to them throughout their school years and later in their adult lives.

"Students, under the stress that our points system generates and in response to the demands of their parents, teachers or prospective employers, may forsake important aspects of their individual development, opt out of sports and games, and be too busy for leisure or neglect their family and friends. The whole self needs to be developed, and students, parents and teachers should

be regarded as legitimate targets, the letter stated.

### LIMERICK DOG TRACK BOMB ALERT

THE Markets Field and greyhound tracks all over the country were this Wednesday under threat of bombing by the Animal Liberation Front if they continued to host benefit meetings for coursing clubs.

And in the wake of this threat gardai in Limerick have pledged that any meetings at the Markets Field track for the benefit of local coursing clubs will be given special garda attention in future.

The threat came in the form of a letter posted in Waterford and sent to Bord na gCon chief executive, Mr Sean Collins. A copy was also sent to the Limerick Leader office.

The letter signed ALF warned that if a decision to cancel benefit meetings for coursing clubs at greyhound tracks all over the country was not made within two weeks they would be taking drastic.

All greyhound tracks will be regarded as legitimate targets, the letter stated.

"We have loads of incendiary devices and we are aching to use them," the ALF claimed.

Gardai at Henry Street were contacted immediately after the letter was received by Bord na gcon. Mr Collins confirmed that he received the letter on Tuesday morning and

received similar letters.

Benefit meetings have become a feature of the Limerick track, with some 20 taking place each year. A waiting list exists for organisations and groups requesting meetings.

"We hold up to 20 benefit meetings every year covering a wide variety of organisations some which have included Cura, Milford Hospice, the Charleville and District Handicapped Association and Ard Scoll Ris.

"We are conscious that we have a role to play in each area where we have a race track," said Mr Collins.

Mr Collins refused to comment on what action would be taken following receipt of this letter. He said that the matter was being discussed at senior level with the gardai.

The Chief Executive admitted that this was not the first time that such threats were received by Bord na gCon.

But in the wake of the recent burning of a grandstand at Dungannon Greyhound track, one of three in Northern Ireland, the threat is being taken seriously.

## 30 YEARS AGO

### STORM OVER BLACK MARKET GAA TICKETS

OFFICIALS FROM the prices division of the Department of Industry and Commerce should be asked by the GAA to swoop on touts selling blackmarket tickets in the vicinity of Croke Park on All-Ireland Final days.

This is the view of City Bord na nOg GAA chairman, Mr John Naughton, who this Friday pledged to continue his support to have the black-market "racket" stamped out.

Mr Naughton said that if a publican or shopkeeper was found overcharging by as much as half a penny then they would be prosecuted. Yet "banana" women were openly selling blackmarket tickets outside Croke