

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FILES OF THE LIMERICK LEADER, FOUNDED IN 1889



The 19th Rifle Battalion, L.D.F., Limerick City photographed in the 1940s. Back row, from left: Sgt. James Guinane, Vol P. Bourke, Vol. Gerard Minihan, Vol. Thos. Prendergast. Middle row, from left: Vol. James Quigley, Vol. Denis Fenton, Vol. Wm. O'Sullivan, Sgt. Patrick Walsh, Sgt. Joseph Greaney, Vol. James Casey, Vol. Jos. Hannon, Vol. Patrick Minihan. Front row, from left: Vol. Thomas Hannan, Vol. Stephen Dineen, Sgt. Patrick Dargan, Vol. Joseph Duggan, Battn. Q/M. Charles Keane, A/B/Q/M. John Flynn, Coy. Adj. Patrick O'Regan, Vol. Robert McNamara

FORTY YEARS AGO



EDUCATION

NIHE students 'manipulated'

AN open letter accusing the Government of reneging unilaterally on promises about the NIHE was signed this week by members of Limerick City Council. But the Fine Gael members refused to sign. The letter, read out at a council meeting by students' leader Mr Pat Carroll, was passed around the meeting and signed by councillors one by one. In an exclusive interview with our reporter this Thursday, Senator Ted Russell said that signing such a letter would not help the students' case. They - the students - had

been manipulated by others for political means and to embarrass the Government, he said. He added that the decision of the meeting to go on a whole-house deputation to the Minister invalidated, in his view, the open letter signed. The letter had been read out to a packed meeting of the council a short while earlier. The letter calls on the Government to justify the reasoning behind decisions which effectively subordinated NIHE to the NUI. Meanwhile, there are indications that an entente is in the wind. It is reliably learned that Minister for the Gaeltacht Tom O'Donnell has sought a meeting with the Minister for Education's (Mr Burke's) own home.

EMPLOYMENT

Analog to set up base in Limerick

ANALOG Devices, an US corporation with an annual turnover of \$40m, is to establish a European manufacturing base in Limerick. The decision was influenced in part by the suitable labour pool, availability of grants and factory space. Students of NIHE will be welcomed to the factory and their employment potential will be judged on performance, rather than on academic qualifications. Shannon Development and the IDA have now completed negotiations for the company to commence operations at Raheen Industrial Estate.

FIFTY YEARS AGO



EDUCATION

No hope of university report

NEITHER the secretary of the Commission on Higher Education, Seamus O Cathaill, nor the Minister for Education George Colley would offer much hope the report on Limerick's claim for a university would be issued until near the end of the year, when they received a deputation representing the 320 Limerick students who travelled to Dublin Thursday to press their claim. This was the climax to many week's planning and while many consider their effort was worthwhile, there were mixed feelings among the students on their return to Limerick

that night. The special train left Limerick around 9.25am yesterday and there were many well-wishers including parents, to see them off.

There was nothing flamboyant about the demonstration. All were deeply conscious of the importance of the vital issues involved and for many of them the failure to realise their ambitions to have a university for Limerick may well mean "the slough of despond" as far as their academic careers are concerned.

At least 50% of them will never be able to afford a university education in Dublin, Cork or Galway, because of the prohibitive cost of living away from home, one of the points stressed to the minister.

CEREMONY

Cardinal Conway becomes Freeman

IN A simple but very impressive ceremony, His Eminence Cardinal William Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland became the 44th Freeman of Limerick City when the honour was conferred on him in the Diocesan College, Corbally, last evening. There was a distinguished gathering present to witness yet another illustrious son of Ireland signing his name to the Roll of Honour which contains many famous names down through the years. He was accompanied in the act by Mayor Frank Leddin.