



Photograph. Unfortunately I have no information on the picture, hopefully somebody will enlighten readers as to who are the people in the picture. Write on a postcard to Gerry Ryan, 54 O'Connell Street, Limerick Leader, 54 O'Connell Street, Limerick

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Launching the information morning Deputy O'Sullivan congratulated the Moyross Action Centre for planning the day.

"I am delighted to be here and I would like to congratulate the action centre on having the foresight to plan this day as it is going to be extremely important to every household," said Deputy O'Sullivan.

Stressing the need for more of these meetings Limerick's former mayor said that the ESB could also offer some helpful advice. "I would like to have more of these mornings everywhere in the city and perhaps the ESB could attend with tips on insulation techniques."

A range of information providers attended the morning informing people about the implications that the new smokeless fuel will have on each household when it comes into effect on October 1, 1998.

20 YEARS AGO

REGIONAL MAY BE FLAGSHIP HOSPITAL

A REPORT prepared by the Mid-Western Health Board, for the Department of Health, indicates the intention of the Board to afford Limerick regional hospital the status of "flagship" of the Board's acute care sector.

The report further indicates that an overall improvement in both the level and range of

services would be required to achieve that status.

Accordingly, improvements proposed, in the report, in respect of the accident and emergency department reflected not only the need to deal with an increased number of attendances, but the overall improvement of service through an upgrading of equipment, provision of dedicated x-ray room, improved facilities for treatment and resuscitation and an improved admissions office.

Similarly, the development of a day operating theatre with associated ward reflecting the growing trend towards the provision of day treatment and investigation, which is currently being developed in most major hospitals, and is in accordance with the proposals for development and improvements of the Regional Hospital, currently with the Department of Health.

Provisions for development of a new unit for geriatric medicine were included in the report, to take account of the forthcoming appointment of a consultant physician in this speciality, who is expected to take up duty in October.

HALF OF NATION'S POWER COMES FROM THIS REGION

HALF the electricity transmitted countrywide by the nation's generating stations comes from the Limerick region, it is disclosed.

Effectively, this makes the

Limerick region as important to the nation's growth and welfare as the rest of the country combine, when it comes to power.

This is revealed in the latest annual report of the ESB, which has published the figures for the generating capacity of the 28 stations around the country.

The Limerick area is, as figures go, even more important, generating-wise, than either Dublin or Cork.

The main reason is the generating station at Moneypoint, which transmits almost 40 per cent of the electricity generated in the country.

Tarbert transmits 7 and a half per cent of the country's generated electricity, and is linked by underwater cables to its bigger "brother" at Money Point, across the Shannon Estuary.

Ardnacrusha transmits about 2 and a half per cent of the country's capacity; when completed in 1929, a London newspaper commented that the country would not require what was regarded as its very considerable output, such little future was seen for the newly independent state.

30 YEARS AGO

PINT SITUATION HERE IS 'SERIOUS'

WITH THE Minister for Industry, Commerce and Energy, Mr Desmond O'Malley announc-

ing a twopence increase in the price of the pint over the weekend, it now appears that the price of the pint in public bars in the city will be 43 pence.

Most of the pubs in Limerick put up their prices by two pence prior to the Minister's order, which will become effective on Thursday next.

And it was learned this Monday that most of the city publicans will probably add on another penny to the current price they are charging, which is above the legal limit.

Government inspectors who have visited local pubs have started proceedings against licensees.

Prices rose in some premises last week without the approval of the Prices Commission.

And a spokesman from the Department of Industry, Commerce and Energy told the Chronicle from Dublin today that they were viewing the situation in Limerick as very "serious".

He added that if the publicans increase the price again and put a further penny or twopence on the price, "well then if that situation arises, we will look at it again."

Although no official comment could be got from the Limerick Licensed Vintners, one publican told the Chronicle that it would probably be up to the publicans themselves if they are to increase the price again.

He was of the opinion that most of the publicans would probably put up the price of the pint by a further penny.

Local publicans have been complaining for some time about the price of drink, maintaining it was artificially low.

They claim that wages have spiralled and costing increased by 25 per cent over the past year and that they had no choice but to increase prices.

CITY HAS A THIRD PIRATE STATION

LIMERICK has a third pirate radio station - it is 'Big L' and operates from 7am to 7pm.

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30 YEARS AGO

The first programmes went on the air on Sunday and, according to producer and co-owner Mike Richardson, the response from the public was "fantastic."

'Big L' can be heard on 194 metres, medium wave.

The brainchild of Mike Richardson and Haymen Harris, it is understood that the station has a 25-mile radius.

The cost of the equipment, said Mr Richardson, was in the region of £3,000. And he claims to have the best record collection in Limerick, with over 3,000 singles and 500 L.P.s.

This two-man operation are confident that they can woo listeners from the other two pirate stations in the city.

"Our programmes are going to be more selective, for, in addition to pop, we will also cater for jazz, classical enthusiasts," continued Mr Richardson, who was resident disc jockey at the Two Mile Inn for several years before moving on to Clouds at the Savoy.

When asked if other stations would have the advantage over them in that they operated until the early hours of the morning, Mr Richardson replied that it was his opinion that the vast majority of people didn't listen to radio very much after tea-time.

"They are either out of their homes or watching tv."

He also argued that it wasn't possible to provide a professional service for more than 12 hours per day.

"And ours is going to be professional."

essional."

There will, he continued, be more variety on 'Big L' than on the other two pirate stations in Limerick.

They have plans to increase their staff, and at the moment are holding auditions for disc jockeys.

'Big L' will also provide an hourly news service from early next week.

Haymen Harris, a nephew of film actor Richard Harris, was for a period, involved with 'Big D' in Dublin

Although phone in requests are welcomed (46271), they would far prefer for people to write in.

40 YEARS AGO

LOCAL INDUSTRIES MUST EXPAND TO SURVIVE - MAYOR

THE reticence of local producers and manufacturers who do not avail of the opportunities that exist for displaying their wares was referred to by Cllr Jack Bourke, Mayor of Limerick, when speaking at the opening of a promotion titled "Ireland's finest merchandise" at William Todd and Co on Monday.

In his address, the Mayor said: "Looking around this dis-

play, I am struck by the wide variety of goods which we have to offer, and I cannot help wondering how many of them are produced in Limerick.

Since coming into office as Mayor of the city, I have been forcibly struck by the reticence of our local producers and manufacturers, the vast majority of whom do not appear to avail of opportunities that exist for displaying their wares; neither do they seem to create such opportunities for themselves.

At a time when we are facing entry into a highly competitive market, it is vitally important for all our industries, both large and small, to expand and revitalise themselves in order to survive. No amount of state aid can support an industry that is lacking in initiative. The push must come from within."

HYDE ROVERS CLINCH U16 LEAGUE

AT Pearse Stadium on Friday evening Hyde Rovers became U16 champions when they had a comfortable win over Janesboro Utd by 4-0. They led by 2-0 at half time and in the second half they never looked like losing their grip on the game. In the other U16 league game which was played at Caledon-

ian Park, Dominic Savio had a good win over a much stronger Fairview Rangers side by the odd goal in five.

Pat O'Callaghan opened the scoring in the eighth minute when he scored from close range, but Pat Hayes equalised seven minutes later from a melee.

John Hannon gave Dominic Savio the lead again when he scored with a ten-yard shot to leave the half time score 2-0. The second half was not too old when Noel Brown equalised for Fairview and the all important goal came in the last few minutes when Pat Murphy shot home from inside the penalty area. Fairview fought hard for the equaliser but Michael Costelloe, deputising for Michael Fleming in the Dominic Savio goal, brought off some spectacular saves in the dying minutes, and they held out to be worthy winners.

50 YEARS AGO

LIMERICK COURSE FIRST OF ITS KIND

THE need for an intelligent approach to Church art as well as to Church music, was stressed by Right Rev. Monsignor M Moloney, PP, VG, St

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