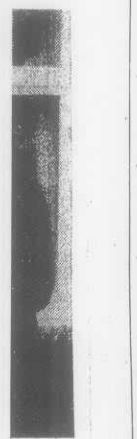


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contrast with the next version
I had of him in all the fury
of a Gaelic football game at
Boicamp Oblate College near
Dublin. The casualties were
treated in accordance with the
International Red Cross
rules!"

Archbishop Hurley continues:
"We saw a lot of each other
in Rome. The fury of the
football field often broke
through in our philosophical
and theological debates. I
found Bro. Fitzgerald a hard
man to shift in an argument.
But his stubbornness in debate
was matched by a deep, warm-
hearted charity that always
noticed when help was needed
—the friendly word in time of
depression," talking over a
knapsack to lighten another's
burden on a long hike.

"I cannot remember anyone
who did not take to this
strong, warm, communicative
personality. He is like the
Rock of Gibraltar with a deep
rug spread all over it—
strength, reliability, affection,
piety, humour with an occa-
sional, very occasional flash
of fire that used to make him
a footballer one treated with
respect.

"Fr. Fitzgerald taught in
France after his ordination in
1940. After the war, the whole
Oblate world seemed to be
clamouring for him—France,
Ireland and South Africa.

"South Africa won, and Fr.
Fitzgerald came out to teach
at the Scholasticate, to become
its Superior and later Pro-
vincial.

"His old pupils among the Ob-
late priests in South Africa
will welcome him back and I
can imagine the joy among
those who knew him as a
University Chaplain.

"The new Archbishop's the-
atrical talents are little known,
but thirty years ago he served
with another Archbishop on a
self-elected committee of four
during holidays in Italy, im-
proving such scripts as Shak-
speare's 'Julius Caesar.'

"Regrettably, Archbishop Fitz-
gerald, like others of his
rank, is not a great singer.
Luckily, the new liturgy does
not require the celebrant to
do any singing at sung Masses,
or there might be a repetition
of what happened at Philippi
when one of our first bishops,
Paul of Tarsus, raised his
voice in psalmody whilst
spending the night in goal—
the goal collapsed (Act 16:
25-26).

"Archbishop Fitzgerald knows

and tolerance with a resolute
of charity and justice.
"Bloemfontein will love him!"

Treaty Folk Group

Commencing on Saturday next,
October 1, the Treaty Folk
Group will succeed the Lime-
rick Singers as a resident
group in Cruise's Hotel. The
trio, made up of Vincent
Kiely, Vincent Prendergast
and Brendan Ebbs, are well-
known in local musical circles
and were awarded second
place in the recent competi-
tion organised by Old Cres-
cent R.F.C. in Greenpark.
Claran Mac Mathuna adjudi-
cated on that occasion and
praised the high standard of
the group's performance.

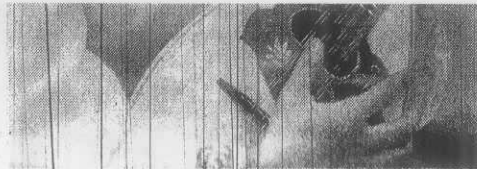
THE TRIO

Vincent Kiely, who plays the tin
whistle and banjo, won an All-
Ireland medal with St. Mary's
Fife & Drum Prize-Winning
Band last year and he will
also play with the Band in the
All-Ireland competitions this
year. A prominent sportsman,
he plays junior rugby with
Thomond and has won under-
18 and under-20 matches with
Young Munster. Last year he
captained Ballynanty soccer
team.

Vincent Prendergast, who is a
fan of Burl Ives and a great
lover of ballads, is on the
guitar for the past eight years.
He has done quite a lot of
solo work but has now formed
a group which takes its name
from Limerick's historic
Treaty Stone.

Brendan Ebbs is a native of
Dur. Laoghaire. He began
lessons on the piano at the
age of six and mastered the
guitar about twelve months
ago. Earlier this year he
reached the semi-final of But-
ter's Grand National Talent
Competition at Mosney. He
sings in the Ronnie Drew
style.

The three young musicians are
employees of Progress Inter-
national at Shannon and
teamed up as a musical group
for last year's "Tops of the
Town."



Deirdre O'Brien.

SHE HAS SET "DRUNKEN THADY" TO MUSIC

THERE are few Limerick musicians so versatile
as Deirdre O'Brien. She plays with equal
facility the mandolin, violin, harp, piano, melodica,
tin whistle, mouth-organ, spoons and castanets. And,
for good measure, she can sing and dance.

Deirdre was only five years of
age when she won a medal for
singing the Gaelic ballad "An
Leipreagain" and this num-
ber is still one of her favourite
songs. For in five-year-old it
was a memorable day—Dei-
dre came home with a total
of ten medals. And ever since
she has been collecting awards
at Fleadh Cheoil, for dancing,
singing, reciting, elocution and
playing the mandolin.

Her collection of 500 ballads
may constitute a local record.
To this number she is con-
stantly adding—with her own
compositions. "Present day
events, such as strikes, politi-
cs, the Irish language and
other facets of the passing
scene offer rich material to
the ballad maker," she told me.
One of her latest and most re-
markable achievements is the
writing of a musical setting
for the Ballad of Thomond's
"Ballad of Drunken Thady."

TRADITION

As might be expected from
Deirdre's accomplishments,
there is a strong musical tradi-
tion in her family. Her grand-
father, the late Tom O'Brien,
and her great-grandfather
(also Tom O'Brien) were
founder members of the
Boherhuoy Band. The latter
Tom O'Brien was its first con-
ductor, and his baton is still

a treasured family heirloom.
Deirdre is a student at the
Municipal School of Music,
and she was successful in the
recent Associated Boards Ex-
amination in piano and violin.
Her teachers are the well-
known musical personalities,
Johnny McMahon and Mrs.
O'Sullivan.

She is also interested in lan-
guages, and these, with music,
she intends to make her
career. Her first choice is, of
course, the Irish language,
and she studies in Ring every
year during her summer vaca-
tion. Of the Continental
languages she favours German
and she intends, too, to take
up German balladry, as she
says: "music and languages
go together."

Deirdre is a daughter of Mrs.
Kathleen and the late Mr.
Paddy O'Brien, O'Connell Ave.
She is one of a family of six—
her brothers are Fr. Dermot
O'Brien, Amarillo, Texas, and
Brian, who is in Australia,
and her sisters are Pat, in
Tolies Eireann; Una, who has
just finished school, and
Maeva, a student in Laurel
Hill.

For the past month Deirdre has
been contributing to Tuairim's
cultural evenings in King
John's Castle. She has won
some twenty championships as
an Irish dancer, and her fa-
vourite tune is "The King of
the Fairies."



The Treaty Folk Group (Vincent Prendergast, Brendan Ebbs and Vincent Kiely) will play in Cruise's Hotel on Saturday nights for the remainder of the season.

Donal Jackson and Secretary
of the juvenile teams, Pat
Dawson.

ITINERARY

After 7 a.m. Mass at the Fran-
ciscan Church, Limerick, they
will board special C.I.E.
coach, and will be greeted on
their arrival at the Botanic
Road factory of Messrs.
Player's & Wills by Mr. E. K.
Bohane, Managing Director.
Lunch will be at 12.30, after
which the group will depart
by coach to Croke Park. After
watching the All-Ireland minor
and senior football finals, they
will return to Messrs. Player's
factory for high tea, and
thence to Limerick.

RECORD

The club has a remarkable re-
cord in juvenile football, and
credit for this must go to such
men as Pat Dawson and Pat
McInerney, who is also Sec-
retary of Bord na nOg. Pat is
a brother of Mick McInerney,
the well-known referee. Since
1946, Treaty-Sarsfields have
won eight county juvenile foot-
ball titles. They have also been
prominent in the other grades,
and successes include: Juve-
nile hurling, 1948-'49, 1955;
minor football, 1949, '51, '57,
'84; minor hurling, '49, '50, '51;
junior football, 1951; senior
hurling, 1951-'52-'53; senior
football, nine titles since 1946.
Since the present club was
formed in 1946, they have won
the impressive total of 31
county titles, and previous to
that year many other county
titles were won by clubs from