

PLASSEY ATHLETIC TRIUMPH

COMPETITION was keen in all events at the Munster L.O.E. Track and Field Championships held in Plassey on in and Mon. last June 1st and 2nd. Limerick athletes figured prominently among the medal winners. There were some outstanding individual performances - among them Patricka Logan Limerick Emerald A.C. who won the under 13 800m and 1000m events in a spectacular fashion. In the under 14 events live Burke L.Em. was an impressive winner of the 100m and 100m hurdles while Niall O'Shea Dooneen AC won the 100m and 100m. Barry Walsh Dooneen AC had a double in the under 12 events when he won the High Jump and Shot Putt competitions. Elen Butler of Dromcollogher AC also had a double - she won the under 11 800m and Long Jump and was only narrowly beaten to second position in the 80m. In the girls under 13 events Laura O'Dea won the 200m Celtic Trial and finished second in the 80m while Patricia Logan clocked up two wins in the 800m and 1500m with Eleanor Corbett filling the minor placings in the Long Jump, Javelin and Discus.

Ian Bolger Limerick Emerald AC was an impressive winner of the U/14 800m event and also finished a very creditable third in the 1500m. Deborah Tobin Dooneen AC secured bronze medals in the U/14 High Jump and Shot Putt as did Marie Culhane Ardagh in the U/14 1500m. The Boys under 11 Shot Putt was won by Sean Liston Dooneen AC with Declan Fry Limerick Emerald AC in third position.

Limerick Emerald's Girls U-14 team were impressive winners of the 4x100m relay while Dromcollogher AC won the Girls U/16 4x400m relay very convincingly. Dooneen AC won silver medals in the Girls U/1 and 12 relays and bronze in the Girls U/13. Limerick Emerald AC secured bronze medals in the Boys and Girls under 11 4x100m. relays the boys under 14 4x100m and the Girls U-15 and 17 4x400m relays.

The All Ireland Championships for U/11, 12/13/14 will be held in Plassey on Sat and Sun. June 28th and 29th.

Under 8,9, and 10 County Championships on Sun next June 8th 2.30 p.m.

MUNSTER BLOE Track and Field Championships Plassey Sun and Mon June 1st and 2nd.

Girls under 11 Hurdles:
1. M. Murry, D.L.S., 2. S. Naughton, Nenagh, 3. M. Shanahan, do. 80m: 1. N. O'Shea Gleanntan, 2. Helen Butler, Dromcollogher, 3. M. Walsh ind. 800m: 1. Helen Butler Dromcollogher, 2. Annette Keane, Lmk. Emerald, 3. E. Dunnead, Clonmel. Shot Putt: 1. V. O'Shea, Glounthane, 2. C. Hogan Bally, 3. A. O'Brien, Dungarvan. Long Jump: 1. Helen Butler, Dromcollogher, 2. E. Morrissey, Nenagh, 3. A. Aherne, Clonmel. High Jump: 1. A. Flannery, Fethard, 2. Jennifer O'Riordan, Dooneen, 3. B. Hallisey, Ferrybank. Relay: 1. Blarney AC, 2. Dooneen AC, 3. Limerick Emerald AC.

Boys Under 11 Hurdles:
1. N. Hegarty, Leevale, 2. V. Holloway, Shannon, 3. L. Waugh, Ban don, 80m: 1. B. Crotty, Leevale, 2. L. Walsh, Bandon, 3. M. Hogan, Clonmel. 800m: 1. D. Smith SDC, 2. J. Riordan, Shannon, 3. B. Mullaley, Thurles Crokes, Shot Putt: 1. S. Liston, Dooneen, 2. B. McGrath, Clonmel, 3. Declan Fry, Limerick Emerald, Long Jump: 1. B. Loughlin, Thurles Crokes, 2. P. Butler, Tuillamore, 3. M. Hogan, Clonmel. High Jump: 1. N. Morrissey, Leevale, 2. W. Morrissey, Fethard, 3. Declan Fry, Limerick Emerald. Relay: 1. Leevale AC, 2. Shannon AC, 3. Limerick Emerald AC.

Girls under 12 Hurdles:
1. C. Furlong DLS, 2. M. Murphy, Leevale, 3. P. Mullane Dooneen, 80m: 1. C. Furlong DLS, 2. N. Murphy, Leevale, 3. J. Hallisey, Ferrybank, 800m: 1. D. Keoghlin, St. Johns Pk., 2. J. Keane Limerick Emerald, 3. E. O'Riordan, Charleville. Shot Putt: 1. E. Boland Limerick Emerald, 2. C. Furlong, DLS, 3. D. Keoghlin, St. Johns. Long Jump: 1. C. Furlong DLS, 2. D. Keoghlin, St. Johns, 3. Y. Murphy, Roxboro. High Jump: 1. C. Furlong DLS, 2. M. Aherne, Dooneen, 3. N. Murphy Leevale, Relay: 1. DLS, 2. Dooneen, 3. Clounalour.

Boys under 12 Hurdles:
1. D. Kiely Bally, 2. J. Connors, Nenagh, 3. D. McEvoy, SDC, 80m: 1. K.L. Horgan, Middleton, 2. N. Ryan, Marian, 3. Niall Fitzpatrick, Dromcollogher, 800m: 1. G. Sheehan Charleville,

2. Ronan Nicholson, Limerick Emerald, 3. N. Murphy Bally. Shot Putt: 1. Barry Walsh, Dooneen, 2. R. O'Leary, Tramore, 3. K. William, Tipp, Town. Long Jump: 1. P. Dillan, Tramore, 2. Joseph Joyce, Roxboro, 3. Niall Fitzpatrick, Dromcollogher. High Jump: 1. Barry Walsh, Dooneen, 2. R. Sheehan, Fethard, 3. B. Stack, St. Finbarrs. Relay: 1. Middleton, 2. Tramore, 3. Togher.

Girls under 13 Hurdles:
1. E. Nangle Tramore, 2. M.C. Lucey Blarney, 3. M. Purcell, 80m: 1. J. Long, Thurles, 2. M. O'Dea, Dooneen, 3. M.C. Lucey, Blarney, 800m: 1. Patricia Logan, Limerick Emerald, 2. M.C. Lucey, Blarney, 3. D. Daniels, Tramore. 1500m: 1. Patricia Logan Limerick Emerald, 2. E. Dunphy, Bally, 3. F. Connolly Bandon. 200m CELTIC TRIAL: 1. Maria O'Dea Dooneen, 2. J. Stokes Fethard, 3. J. Long Thurles. Relay: 1. Tramore, 2. Thurles Crokes, 3. Dooneen. Shot: 1. E. Nangle Tramore, 2. B. Paul Ballycotton, 3. K. Halley, Bally, Long Jump: 1. M. Hovells, Ballymore, 2. J. Stokes, Fethard/Cobh, 3. Eleanor Corbett Limerick Emerald.

Boys Under 13 Hurdles:
1. M. Nolan Roscrea, 2. J. McSweeney, Togher, 3. D. Quirke, Nenagh, 80m: 1. T. Casey, Roxboro, 2. M.Cronin, Riocht, 3. F. McGann Clounalour, 800m: 1. Barry Walsh ind. 2. Stephen Boland, Limerick Emerald, 3. D. Pyke, Clonmel, 1500: 1. M. Harte, Bandon, 2. K. Gibbs, Leevale, 3. B. Walsh, Ind. Long Jump: 1. M. O'Dwyer, North Clare, 2. E. Mulligan, DLS, 3. G. O'Reilly Ballymore. Shot: 1. M. O'Brien, Dungarvan, 2. W. McSweeney, Middleton, 3. Tomas Forde Dooneen, Relay: 1. Togher, 2. Clounalour, 3. DLS. Javelin: 1. W. McSweeney Middleton, 2. K. Mills, Mallow, 3. N. O'Keefe DLS.

Girls under 13 High Jump:
1. J. Stokes Fethard, 2. E. Nangle, Tramore, 3. M. Purcell, DLS. Javelin: 1. E. Nangle Tramore, 2. Eleanor Corbett, Emerald, 3. S. Power DLS, Discus: 1. E. Nangle Tramore, 2. Eleanor Corbett, Limerick Emerald, 3. B. Paul Ballycotton.

Girls under 14 Hurdles:
1. Olive Burke, Limerick Emerald, 2. C. Kinnane, Nenagh, 3. Fiona McGovern DLS, 100m: 1. Olive Burke Limerick Emerald, 2. Helena Rea, Grange, 3. M. Curran,



Winners in the under 12 800m at the Southill annual community sports, from left: David Shinnors, Carew Park was first; Anthony Browne, Fincora Park was second. (W-13).

WARD IS O.K.

It now looks a certainty that Tony Ward will continue as out-half for the Lions for the remainder of their tour in South Africa. For Ollie Campbell is again on the injured list after he pulled a calf muscle in training over the weekend.

Last Saturday 'Wardie' kicked an amazing eighteen points for the Lions although the score wasn't good enough to see them victorious as a try in the dying minutes from the South African team, ensured a winning margin of four points for the Africans.

Mallow. 200m: 1. Helen Rea, Grange, 2. Olive Burke, Limerick Emerald, 3. M. Curran Mallow. 400m: 1. Helen Rea Grange, 2. V. Walsh Leevale, 3. C. Furlong Tramore.

High Jump: Boys under 13: Discus: 1. Mel Hurley, Limerick Emerald, 2. M. O'Brien Dungarvan, 3. Tomas Forde, Dooneen, Triple Jump: 1. K. Mills, Mallow, 2. P. O'Dwyer, Limerick Emerald, 3. B. Walsh Ind.

Boys Under 14 Hurdles:
1. D. Kennefick, Leevale, 2. Niall O'Shea, Dooneen, 3. Kevin Madden Limerick Emerald, 100m: 1. Niall O'Shea, Dooneen, 2. N. McCann Togher, 3. P. Moriarty, Clounalour. 200m: 1. Niall O'Shea, Dooneen, 2. N. McCann Togher, 3. B. Cleer Thurles Crokes, 400m: 1. B. O'Sullivan Leevale, 2. T. Flynn, Clonmel, 3. P. O'Leary Tramore. 800m: 1. Ian Bolger Limerick Emerald, 2. J. Gleeson, Clounalour, 3. J. Sullivan Bally.

Girls under 14 800m:
1. M. Curran Mallow, 2. C. Furlong Tramore, 3. V. Vaughan Blarney. 1500m: 1. J. Dorney, Thurles Crokes, 2. P. Barry, Middleton, 3. Marie Culhane, Ardagh. Long Jump: 1. Fiona McGovern, DLS, 2. M. Curran, Mallow, 3. P. McCrossan, Ballymore. High Jump: 1. K. O'Riordan Fethard, 2. Fiona McGovern, DLSm 3. Deborah Tobin Dooneen. Shot Putt: 1. T. Wein DLS, 2. F. McGovern DLS, 3. Deborah Tobin Dooneen. Discus: 1. T. Wein, DLS, 2. Fiona McGovern, DLS, 3. A. Minnogue Nenagh. Javelin: 1. F. McGovern DLS, 2. T. Burke, Nenagh, 3. T. Wein DLS. Relay: 4x100m: 1. Limerick Emerald, 2. Tramore AC, 3. Nenagh AC.

Boys under 14 1500m:
1. J. Sullivan Bally, 2. J. Gleeson, Clounalour, 3. Ian Bolger Limerick Emerald. Long Jump: 1. T. Moriarty, Clounalour, 2. B. White, Clonmel, 3. R. O'Connor Corca Dhuibhe. Triple Jump: 1. C. McDonald Middleton, 2. T. O'Brien do, 3. B. White Clonmel. High Jump: 1. M. Russell Mallow, 2. T. Moriarty Clounalour, 3. K. O'Callaghan, Mallow. Shot Putt: 1. D. Williams, Tipp Town, 2. C. Halpin, Rockwell, 3. B. Hayes, Doneby, Discus: 1. D. Williams, Tipp Town, 2. C. O'Siochru, Corca Dhuibhe, 3. D. Mansfield, Rockwell. Javelin: 1. B. White, Clonmel 2. B. Hayes Doneby, 3. D. Jacob, DLS. Relay 4 x 100m: 1. Togher AC, 2. Leevale AC, 3. Limerick Emerald AC.

Limerick to Meet It's Twin

Limerick Corporation Cultural and Environmental Committee at its meeting held on 19th May, 1980 approved of a proposal regarding an exchange of 6-8 young persons from appropriate areas of the Corporation service with a similar number of young persons from the twin city of Quimper under a scheme organised by the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions. The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions is a European organisation which exists to represent the joint interests of those regional areas which are peripheral in relation to the centres of government, and which have the common characteristic of a maritime coastline.

The scheme for the exchange of young workers is being co-ordinated by the Highlands Regional Council, Inverness, Scotland, who have advised that the City of Quimper has agreed to an exchange of eight young persons with the Limerick Corporation during the summer months. It is proposed that the Corporation group will travel to Quimper in July and it is anticipated that an equal number of nominated persons from the Municipal Authority in Quimper will, in return, take up duty with the Corporation for a period of 4 weeks in September.

The exchange programme aims to increase young workers' language ability and work experience and to broaden their understanding of the E.E.C. Countries and cultures. The participants will continue to be paid their salary while on exchange and 75% of return travel costs and 40% of costs of accommodation will be reimbursed by E.E.C. grant to each participant.

Rotary Limerick have arranged for ten reciprocal student exchanges during the summer months, and Rotary members are planning to visit Quimper at the end of August. They have also entertained members of the Rotary Club of Quimper in Limerick on a number of occasions.

The Limerick Lions Club have made contact with the Lions Club in Quimper and have, in principle, agreed to make a contribution to exchanges.

School exchanges are also being considered, and there have been a number of private visits and several more are planned.

ARTIST HITS OUT AT PUBLIC

Dear Miss Flaherty,
I read with interest your article on Tom Greaney in last week's Echo. I enjoyed the article and you are to be complimented on the coverage you gave to the artist. We (artists) need publicity through the media, at least to let people know we are still alive, whether the people care or not I do not know.

I think you should have stayed with the Tom Greaney story and not tried to embrace the art situation (crisis) in Limerick. Let me give you an example. I have been working on three monumental paintings since February '78. They depict the sieges of Limerick 1690/91 and they are going to hang at the G.P.O. in Cecil Street with the kind permission of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. Well, my idea was that local businesses would buy the paintings, and present them to the people of Limerick to hang in the G.P.O. All I was asking for was a small contribution for their purchase. I have written to these bodies and individuals and my success so far I will relate to you. Out of ten letters, two replies, one good, one bad, and the rest couldn't give a hoot. They didn't even have the decency to reply.

I've tried to see people, only to be told by their half-sneering, sometimes sympathetic, untruthful little secretaries, that they were suddenly called to a meeting. You walk out of the reception area, embarrassed, with your portfolio under your arm, half cursing the day you were born an artist.

Well, this is so far the reaction to the largest public art work in Munster. The very people who don't care will probably say in time to come when the paintings are erected in the G.P.O. "Limerick, a cultural backwater? Look at the paintings of our history on these walls!"

My paintings are not for them, for they are nothing more than philistines and charlatans. I do not wish to dwell on my case, but I assure you it typifies the attitude to artists and their work.

The position with the Galleries is an interesting one, the average artist will find he purchases his oils, canvases and frame at the gallery and if the painting is for sale in the Gallery, and is sold, the Gallery will take its cut. If paintings are not sold, it's a reflection on the businessman, said one gallery owner in your article. I wish someone then would explain to me how at a recent exhibition, some 9-10 weeks ago, a total of 34 landscapes were unsold at the close of the exhibition. It's funny because the whole exhibition comprised of those 34 works. I don't know what a second-rate painting is, as one Gallery owner said when artists are trying to

'hustle' his gallery. Another gallery owner states that artists can charge astronomical prices. What's 'astronomical'?

Most paintings shown in Limerick are pathetically low-priced. An artist will spend weeks or months on a work, and if he/she is lucky will only derive a fraction of its true worth.

You state in your article that almost every full-time painter in Limerick belongs to the Art Society. I assure you that there are no full-time painters in Limerick with the exception of Tom Greaney. Tom is lucky not only because he is a fine painter, but his landscapes are very saleable. By full-time I assume you mean those who make their living from painting, and I assure you what I say is true. I suggest you read the Arts Councils report on the living and working conditions of artists in Ireland, which was presented to the Dail recently. The results will shock you.

Yours sincerely,
John Shinnors,
63, Glasgow Park,
Limerick.

Mother Says Thanks

Dear Sir,

As the majority of people will agree with me that most naws published in the paper is somewhat depressing, I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff at the Regional Maternity Hospital for their splendid performance during my stay there last week.

Many of us expectant mothers were apprehensive over the recent nurses' strike and how it would affect the "service" we'd receive when time came for delivering our babies. I must admit that I was extremely worried because I am an American not used to so many strikes for such long periods of time. It upset me to think that I'd be going into have my first baby with the hospital under-staffed and overworked. My fears were totally unnecessary because, from the minute I set foot inside the door until it was time to leave, I had the very best of care, help and concern. This included every single worker - from doctors, midwives and nurses to the women serving meals and cleaning our rooms.

During my prolonged labour and delivery my husband was not only allowed to stay by my side, but had the support of everyone around, including having tea and toast made for him by a sympathetic worker.

Both of us were delighted and appreciative of all the interest taken in us. So often people feel this way but don't go a step further to voice it publicly.

That is why I am writing to thank the staff and also to let everyone who reads this realise just how wonderful they were during the recent nurses strike. Keep up the marvelous work - many people are grateful.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Eileen Clancy.