

NEW 'BOYS' BAND WILL MAKE DEBUT

LENDING colour and a truly national atmosphere to Limerick's St. Patrick's Day celebrations will be the Christian Brothers' Schools Pipe Band. It is the latest and youngest musical group in the city, and it has, appropriately enough, chosen the Feast of the National Apostle for its first public parade.

While the Sexton Street Schools already have their own orchestra and a piano accordion band, it was decided some twelve months ago to add to this cultural achievement by forming a pipe band. Men behind the idea were Rev. Brother Kenay, Rev. Brother Wright and Mr. Michael Dalton, and they had the active co-operation of the Superior, Very Rev. Brother White, in their work.

It is one of the schools' objects to foster a love of music, especially traditional music, in its pupils, and to instruct as many of the boys as possible in the playing of musical instruments. Towards this end, the students are willing co-operators, and from those who volunteered for membership of the proposed pipe band thirty-eight from the first and second year intermediate classes were selected. Giving freely of their time and talent in the training of the band were—Pipe Instructor, Mr. P. Ryan, Nicholas Street (Pipe Major, Limerick Pipe Band); side drum instructor, Mr. F. Whelan, 25, Sarsfield Avenue, Garryowen (leading tipper, Limerick Pipe Band); bass

and tenor instructor, Mr. P. Kennedy, Catherine Street (bass drummer, Limerick Pipe Band), and drill and formation instructor, Captain J. Hall, 20, Colbert Avenue, Janesboro' (Pipe Major, Army Pipe Band). All the musical instruments and uniforms were supplied by the school.

DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM.
The Christian Brothers' Pipe Band is distinctively uniformed, and it will be one of the most smartly attired bands ever seen in a Limerick parade. The uniforms were supplied by Messrs. Cannock & Co. Ltd., Limerick, and are a tribute to the highest standards of Limerick tailoring craft. The colour style and general make-up were decided on by Mr. A. J. McDonnell, the firm's ready-made buyer, in conjunction with Rev. Brother Kenny. Of West of Ireland tweed and emerald green in colour, the kilts were made to Messrs. Cannock's specifications by Messrs. Vanduyke Models, Limerick, and are of superb workmanship. The jackets by Messrs. Cannock are tailored in the traditional pipers' uniform design, with white piping and braid and are coloured claret.

The golden amber brat is held by a Tara brooch, and there is a matching brooch in the claret baret. Messrs. Kennedy, Jewellers, Wickham Street, supplied the brooches, and Messrs. O'Connell, saddlers, William Street, the jacket belts. The stockings were specially knit by Messrs. O'Mahony's Knitwear, Limerick. Messrs. Walton's Musical Stores, Dublin, supplied the bagpipes and drums and the colourful uniform is completed with a set of transparent plastic capes which give protection to the players in wet weather.

The band will be much in demand for the schools' social, cultural and sporting activities. And is made up—

Staff Major—Martin O'Brien, 15, Greenmount Avenue, Weston.
Pipe Major—Gerald McMahon, 23, Keane Street, Killee.

Leading Tipper—Anthony Ryan, 42, Sycamore Avenue, Janesboro'.
Pipers—Michael O Se, 51, Clarina Avenue, Ballinacorra; Bernard Ken-

edy, 20, Casement Avenue, Janesboro'; Cyril Bennis, 73, Fairgreen; William Collins, 64, Wolfe Tone St.; Patrick O'Neill, "Rutagh," Ballysheehy; Hubert Murray, "The Elms," Ennis Road; Donnchadha Madigan, Canal Harbour; William Nagle, 34, Elm Park, Ennis Road; Seamus Crawford, 35, Marian Avenue, Janesboro'; Jack Nagle, 28, Elm Place, Rathbane; Noel Whyte, 61, Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane; John Dowling, 31, Greystones, Ennis Road; Hugh Sullivan, 6, St. John's Villas, Mulgrave St.; Christy Campbell, "Sunville," N.C.R.; Gerard Reeves, "St. Therese," Marian Avenue, Janesboro'; Patrick Sullivan, Clontarf Place; Aidan Dalton, 2a, Wickham St.; Sean Murnane, 7, Upper Gerald Griffin St.; Daniel Hegarty, 2, St. Patrick's Road; Gerard Costelloe, 1, Greenhill, Garryowen.

Bass Drummer—Francis Fawl, Kincoira, Glenmore Avenue.
Tenors—Michael Morrissey, 6, O'Dwyer Villas, Thomondgate;

Gerard Fitzgerald, 10, Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane; Walter McCutcheon, 26, Daly Avenue, Janesboro'; Eamonn Harris, 36, Colbert Avenue, Janesboro'.

Sides—William O'Connor, 37, O'Donoghue Avenue; Colm Forde, 3, Alphonsus Villas, S.C.R.; Jack Costelloe, 39, O'Donoghue Avenue, Janesboro'; Don O'Connor, "St. Brendan's," S.C.R.; Patrick O'Connor, 10, Rathbane Road; Patrick Kinsella, 43, Elm Park, Rathbane; Patrick Hennessy, 41, Clare St.; James Ferris, 1, Shannon Lawn, N.C.R.; Michael Egleston, 30, Belvedere Gardens; James Nix, 32, Lansdowne Park.

The band will be blessed in Sexton Street Schools at 10.45 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day by the Rev. Father J. Sadlier, St. Munchin's College. Parents and friends of the members are invited to attend the ceremony.



Left to right: Joe Fitzgerald, Frank Fawl, Michael Morrissey.

Arthur Guinness to open house at Shannon

The tender submitted by Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd., Dublin, has been accepted by the Shannon Free Airport Authority for the building of a house at the Community there. No price was disclosed but it is understood that other tenders were received in response to advertisements. It is expected the publichouse will be completed within 12 months and it will be a "tied" house. All demanded will be stocked.

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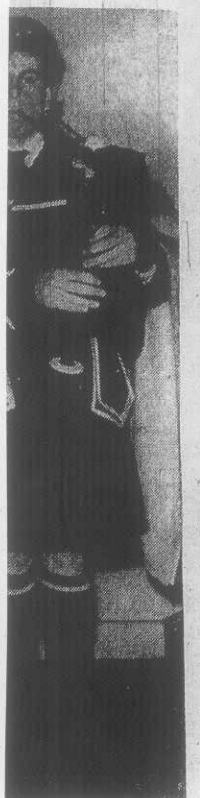
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TOPS OF THE TOWN

of the Tops of the Town Concert competition will be a Palm Sunday. It will be Local Authorities and up who have each at three rounds to date. We have been really ex- any standard. It is hoped ne final in the one of the mas in town so that the 7 who will be anxious to n be accommodated in

development is likely as , Wexford, Drogheda and as well as Limerick run mpetitions. The possi- aving an inter-town com- n which the winners of petition will compete to All-Ireland final is being l at present. This should n greater interest in all mpetitions.



Sgt. Joseph Hall, one of the trainers of the band.

