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Sean Curtin reveals scenes from Shannonside's storied past



New Boy Band makes a 1963 debut

LIMERICK'S newest boys band made their debut in the St. Patrick's Day Parade of 1963.

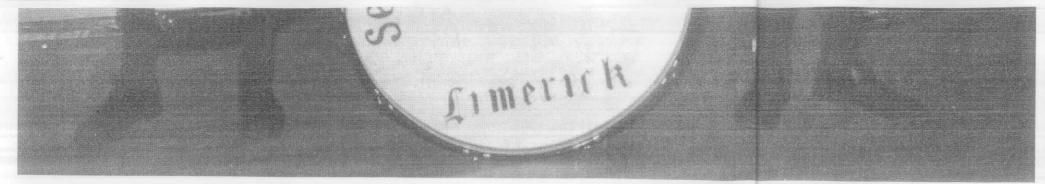
They were, of course, the Limerick CBS Boys Band and they choose the Feast of the National Apostle to show themselves to the Limerick public. While the CBS already had their own orchestra and an accordion band it was decided to add to the cultural achievements of the school by introducing a pipe band. Men behind the the idea were Rev. Bro. Kenny, Rev. Bro. Wright and Mr. Michael Dalton.

The uniforms were supplied by Cannock & Co. and were a tribute to the highest standards of Limerick tailoring craft.

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The first members of the band were: Starr major, Martin O'Brien; pipe major, Gerald McMahon; leading tipper, Anthony Ryan; pipers: Michael O Sé, Bernard Kennedy, Cyril Bennis, William Collins, Patrick O'Neill, Hubert Murray, Donnacha Madigan, William Nagle, Seamus Crawford, Jack Nable, Noel Whyte, John Dowling, Hugh O'Sullivan, Christy Campbel, Ger Reeves, Pat O'Sullivan, Sean Murnane, Donal Hegarty, Ger Costelloe. Base drummer, Francis Fawl, Michael Morrissey, Joe Fitzgerald, Walter McCutcheon, Eamon Harris. Sides: William O'Connor, Colm forde, Jack Costelloe, Don O'Donnor, Patrick O'Connor, Patrick Kinsella, Patrick Hennessy, James Ferris, Michael Egleston, James Nix



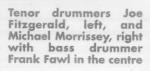




Pipers Seamus Crawford, Hugh Sullivan, Sean Murnane, Hubert Murray, Aidan Dalton and Jack Nagle.



Donnacha Maddigan, left, with Billy Collins, Pat O'Sullivan, Cyril Bennis, Hugh O'Sullivan, Billy Nagle, Bernard Kennedy





From left, first staff major, Martin O'Brien; leading drummer, Tony Ryan, and first pipe major, Gerry McMahon



From left Eamon Harris, Don O'Connor, James Ferris, Willie O'Connor, Jack Costelloe, and Walter McCutcheon



Tipper drummers with James Nix, staff major; Colm Fode, Pat Kinsella, Pat Hennessy, Tom O'Connor and Micke Eggleston