

r. Jim Custy, Manager, Road Passenger Section, C.I.E., Limerick, presenting a packet of notes to Mr. Victor Casserely, who was retiring after 39 years' service as a bus inspector. The presentation was made on behalf of all his colleagues in the fleet office. A native of Ballina, Co. Mayo, Mr. Casserley served for a while in Cork before coming to Limerick 33 years ago.

DEATH OF MRS. STELLA HENN

The death occurred suddenly at her residence yesterday morning of Mrs. Stella Henn (nee son) relict of P. J. Henn, of Athlunkard St., Limerick. Deceased was the mother of William Henn and Mr. Desmond Henn, well-known oarsmen and coxswains of Athlunkard Boat Club, who figured prominently in all-Ireland rowing events.

She is survived by her sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Remains were removed last night to St. Mary's Church, Roscommon Mass will be said tomorrow at 10 a.m., and the funeral will leave the church at 3 p.m. for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

Brain swops "impossible," says Barnard

Heart pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard flew into London yesterday and ridiculed reports that he had forecast the coming of brain transplants.

"I can only think that has been taken over the difficulties of surgery", he said at Heathrow airport.

"Of course its nonsense. Such a thing is impossible. In any case I am a heart surgeon not a brain surgeon".

Dr. Barnard, who was accompanied by his 19-year-old wife, Barbara, has been attending medical conferences in France and Germany and is in London for the publication of his book, "One Life".

FIRE IN HOUSE

Limerick Fire Brigade were called to a fire which broke out at the home of Mr. F. Purcell, Collins Ave., Kincora Park, Limerick, yesterday morning. Damage was caused to a bedroom and contents. The brigade had the blaze quickly under control.

MAYOR'S TRIBUTE TO LIMERICK PIPERS

THE MAYOR, Alderman Steve Coughlan, T.D., paid a warm tribute to Sean Kiely, a founder member of the Limerick Pipe Band, at a recent ceremony and presentation from his colleagues held in the Parkway Motel to mark his retirement after twenty-one years as the band's Pipe Major.

The Mayor formally presented Sean Kiely with a beautiful timepiece (with their inscribed appreciation) from his fellow pipers, and congratulated him on the band's musical achievements and its generous participation in local parades for twenty years. The Mayor expressed a sincere welcome home to Michael Kenny—who assisted Sean with the band's foundation, ex-Pipe Major and since 1959 an exile in Wigan, England, where he plays with the Mount Carmel Champion of Champions Pipers—who came over specially for the retirement tribute to Sean Kiely.

As a special gesture in appreciation of the great part played by the Limerick Pipe Band—and other city bands—in the musical life of the city, the Mayor requested them to grace the forthcoming ceremony, at which he would be conferring the Freedom of the City on Bishop Whelan, with their presence and musical contributions.

SADNESS

Nearly one hundred people, among them Sean's fellow pipers (except Peter Kennedy and Ger Bugler, who were unavoidably detained by their important stage managing roles at Felle Luimni's theatre competitions), their friends and fraternal delegates from other bands, heard earlier tributes to Sean Kiely at the Limerick Pipers' Band's annual dinner dance, at the Parkway Motel while awaiting the Mayor's arrival.

Tom Moore, the presentation occasion's M.C. thanked Michael Kenny for making the long journey from Lancashire to be present—and, added a special word of welcome to his wife, who accompanied him.

Michael Kenny said he was delighted to be present at the farewell ceremony to honour Sean Kiely, with whom he founded the band, adding that it was inescapable economic reasons which forced him to

emigrate and sever very enjoyable participation in its activities.

Sean Kiely said that while naturally he felt a touch of sadness on retiring as Pipe Major, he wished to thank everybody for the help they gave him in the past 21 years, and appealing to parents to send along their sons to be taught the art of piping by his successor, Jack McManus, emphasising that such recruitment of fresh talent was the best guarantee of the band's continuity.

THANKS

Jack McManus added words of praise for Sean's contributions ever since its earliest days in 1949. "Pop" O'Halloran, a fraternal delegate from Saint John's Brass and Reed Band, conveyed the good wishes of his fellow bandmen to Sean Kiely and Jack McManus and all those like them who down the years had given grand musical entertainment to their fellow citizens. Among the other fraternal delegates present were: Pipe Major Joe Hall of the 12th Infantry Battalion Pipe Band, a veteran member of the Limerick Pipe Band; Christy Purcell, of Tuagh Uachtair, Killorglin (Kerry), at present serving with the 15th FCA Battalion, in Sarsfield Barracks, told how his enthusiasm for piping led him into joining the London-Irish Regiment and leading the Black Watch with rousing pipe tunes across the battlefields of North Africa and Italy in World War II.

Christy (now a piper with his F.C.A. band) as an emigrant in London in 1938 followed the London Irish Regiment Pipers, who were playing Irish airs, and ended his pursuit of them in their depot and joined the Regiment merely, as he told in lovely Kerry Irish, for love of piping.

Tommy Moore thanked the Mayor for coming and assured him of the band's gratified acceptance of his request to have them at the Bishop Whelan

Trinity College, Dul Middle Temple (where his law degree), and Hall, Manchester. He came a curate in the diocese of Manchester in 1934 and later returned to when he became curate of Killybegs. He was rector of St. Michael's, Limerick, in 1940, and Cashel in 1946. In January he was enthroned in St. Mary's Cathedral as Bishop. In the last few years, he has been most active in the ecumenical movement in Limerick, with first civic service at the cathedral and people's churches and the meeting of the City Council with St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Bishop said that he would be receiving medical advice.

Beatle on pop drug

The Beatles smoked—a drug cigarette—in a Buckingham Palace ceremony which Queen Elizabeth honoured with the British Empire Medal, according to an interview with John Lennon, published yesterday. The news L'Express quoted him that in principle they wanted to laugh and be decorated.

The Beatles received their medals in 1965. Lennon refused the medal last November because of a protest against the Vietnam and Nigerian wars, and his record in the pop charts.

Co. Limerick woman killed

A woman from Co. Limerick was killed in a car accident yesterday on her way to Mass.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her son who collided with another car on the main Newcastlewest road. They were both taken to the Regional Hospital where Mrs. Burke died after admission. Her husband was "fairly well" at the hospital last night.

Mrs. Burke's husband died in an accident several years ago.

The ceremony and our thanks to all who generously supported them and otherwise — as Limerick Leader and the Press generally helpful publicity.