

Manager's ID card surfaces after all

By LEADER REPORTER

A NORTH Tipperary County Council worker this week helped Limerick county manager, Mr. Dick Haslam, clear up any identity problems he may have had.

Since attending the National Hurling League final in Semple Stadium last April, Mr. Haslam has been without his special county council identity card.

A nimble-fingered pick-pocket lifted Mr. Haslam's wallet during the game. "It contained about £35 in cash some pictures of my children and the identity card", said Mr. Haslam.

Cistern

But on Monday last the county manager's wallet surfaced in a toilet in Semple Stadium.

Mr. Haslam explained: A worker with the County Council in North Tipperary was checking cisterns and he pulled a black wallet from the tank. When he opened it he found my identity card and he recognised my picture.

"Needles to mention the money was gone and unfortunately the photographs faded in the water. But the North Tipp. man immediately rang my home and told my wife that he found the wallet.

"I was delighted to get it back, even if the money was gone. I had given it up for lost".

The council introduced identity cards to facilitate easy access to the Aughinish Alumina plant and they now have continued the practice.



Mr. Haslam with his wallet and identity card this week.

AN OIGE

ALTHOUGH it is late in the year and many people's ideas of youth hostelling are reserved for the summer months it is well to remember that hostelling is an all-year round activity. Each season has its own beauty and likewise it's own pleasures in youth hostels. Therefore, if you would still like to experience a pastime that is unique you can do so by joining An Oige. Memberships are issued each Tuesday night at the Limerick Youth Hostel, Pery Square, from 8-10 p.m.

The Monster Rally takes place on the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of this month and if you wish to travel it would be advisable to make known your intentions to a member of the organising committee in order that accommodation can be booked in time at Killarney Youth Hostel.

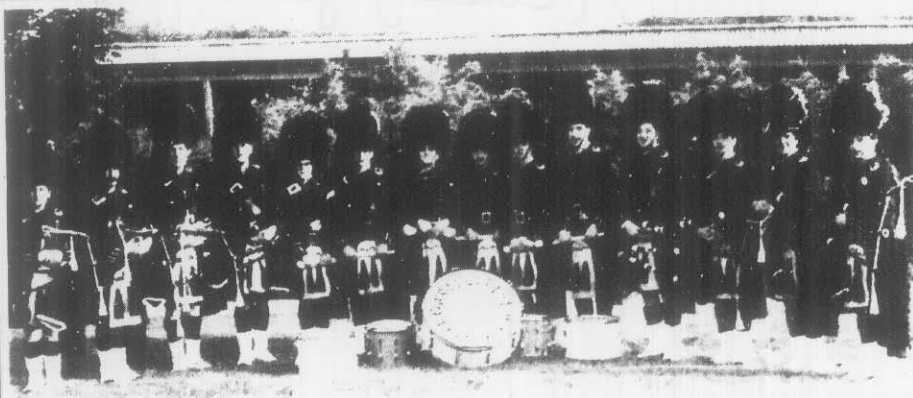
A meeting of the National Council of An Oige was held in Ballydavid Wood youth hostel on last weekend. Many council members were surprised and pleased with the major improvements that have been made to the hostel. It now has central heating, showers and flush toilets and many recalled the days, not so very long ago, when the men washed in the stream flowing by the hostel. Ah! the good old days!

France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Turkey.

The Japanese market has already been opened up with the first shipments of Waterford stoves to Tokyo.

The STANLEY cast-iron, solid fuel cooker is the only cast-iron cooker manufactured in Ireland and last year on the Irish market is outsold all other solid fuel cookers combined.

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The Curragour in full regalia (from left): Michael Kelly, Seamus Hunt, John Rochford (pipe major), David Clarke, Tommy Carroll (drum sergt.), Denis Carroll, Mark O'Reilly, Dessie Boland, Jim McDonagh, Michael Egan (assistant pipe major), Larry Duggan, Christy Bromell, Neil Boland. Absent: Jim Nestor, Niall Carey, Martin Stewart.

Curragour Band piping in new era

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THE CURRAGOUR Pipe Band, well known throughout Limerick for their blue-and-green tartan and fine piping, have had a spectacular year for successes in various competitions.

They recently came fourth in the All-Ireland Championships at Dublin Airport - a considerable feat for a relatively new band competing for the first time in the senior grade.

And when the band went to the Munster Solo Championships, with five pipers and two drummers, they took the first and second place trophies in the senior division; Christy Bromell came out on top, followed by Mick Egan - a both the second overall and also the third place in the open piping competition.

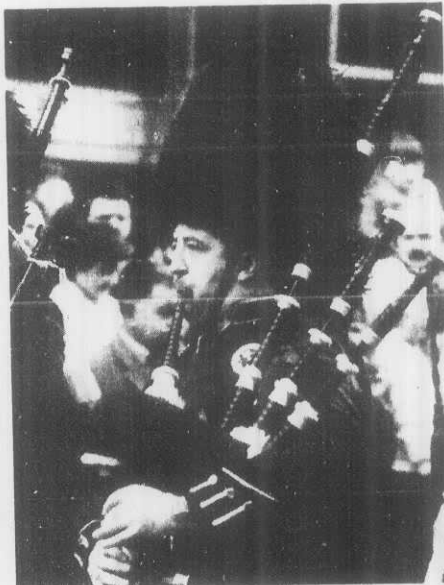
Tommy Carroll came second in the senior drumming, and Seamus Hunt came fourth in the open piping, Scamus Martin and Niall Boland came fourth and fifth in the Intermediate Piping.

New era

1984 sees the band enter a new era. They are to be promoted to Grade 3. This came as the result of a recommendation made by the national advisory committee of the Irish Pipe Band Association.

The Curragour are the first Limerick city band to be honoured this way.

Last year, the band went undefeated in domestic competition and were placed 6th at the All-Irelands in Lurgan, Co. Armagh. This was regarded as a particularly good achievement, as just a few weeks later many of the bands which Curragour defeated in the All-Irelands swept the boards at the World Championships in Glasgow.



Assistant pipe-major Mick Egan, who successfully competed in the Munster solo competitions.

The Curragour Drum Corp were placed third, a great achievement from a field of some 44 bands.

But it is not just as a competition band that the Curragour are well-known. They have travelled far and wide, carrying the name of Limerick in many parades and other events, both public and private.

The band are no strangers to Northern Ireland and have played in Derry, Belfast, Craigavon, Lurgan in Scotland, they have played in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Glenrothes and Fife.

They have been to Brittany on two occasions, the first in 1980 where they represented Ireland at the famous Lorient Inter-Celtic Festival, and the second in 1981, to Quimper, where the band were in Limerick's delegation for the town twinning ceremonies.

However, even with all of this travelling, the band look forward with great satisfaction to St. Patrick's Day and Civic Week when they can parade for their own people. The band members will all tell you that it is when playing in the streets of Limerick that they are at their best.

Curragour has been fortunate to have had a manager of the highest calibre in Ruari Carey. He has left the band now and his place has been taken by John Rochford.

John was elected manager and pipe major at the band's A.G.M. recently and the band are in good hands, as he has plenty of experience of leadership and is a most talented piper.

Incidentally, it was John who led the victorious Limerick Civil Defence in their quest for the All-Ireland Championship.

Age range

The members themselves come from all walks of life and they range in age from 17 - 36. Most come from the C.B.S. piping nursery. Some have never played in a band before joining Curragour, and one is English and played for some time with the City of Manchester Pipe Band.

The Band's strength is maintained at roughly 20 and recruits are taken in when required, mostly in September when for various reasons members may not be in a position to renew their commitment for another year.

Indeed, of the original founding members only two remain active, Barry Carey, a drummer, and piper Martin Stewart.

Commented Tommy Carroll, the band's secretary: "The band wish to thank most sincerely all their friends who have helped them during their first five years, most notably the Redeptionist Fathers at Mt. St. Alphonsus who have been most helpful throughout the years.

"Mention must also be made of the St. Michael's Scout Troop who have provided much-needed facilities and the band is most grateful for same.

"Finally, the band wishes to thank the people of Limerick. The successes which they have enjoyed were made much sweeter in the knowledge that each one was achieved in Limerick's name. The band will continue to compete and parade in future, and, hopefully, bring many more honours to this proud and ancient city".



Limerick students who were among the 140 recipients of certificates in supervisory management from the Irish Management Institute. The certificates were presented by Mr. George Birmingham, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Labour. Left to right: Niall Frawley Noel Harrington, (both of Wang Labourity), George Birmingham, T.D.; Paul Power (Wang), Brian Patterson, director of the Irish Management Institute; William Kent, GAC (I.) Ltd., and Paul Pnelan (Wang).