

City band going for unique grading

By LEADER REPORTER

THE CURRAGOUR Pipe Band is looking for a sponsor to help them become the only Grade 1 pipe band in the Republic. Since their formation seven years ago, they have progressed to become one of the top bands in the country. Three years in a row they were the World Overseas Champions at the championships held in Scotland.

There is no Grade 1 band in the 26 Counties. There are six in the North. But now the Limerick pipers have set their sights on the top grade.

Cpt. Michael Egan, their P.R.O., told the *Limerick Leader* this week that the main aim of the 20-strong band was to achieve Grade 1 status and then travel to The World Championships in Scotland.

"But it is a very expensive business running a pipe band and we are now looking for a sponsor to help us along the way", he added.

Band manager, Mr. Thomas Carroll, added that their upgrading would depend on approval from the Scottish Pipe Band Association, on the recommendation of the Irish association, which is affiliated to the Scottish body.

Celebration

Formed seven years ago, the band organised a night of celebration recently, to which the Mayor of Limerick, Ald. Pat Kennedy, was invited as special guest, in the hospitality suite at Beamish & Crawford.

Mayor Kennedy congratulated the band on their many achievements over the past seven years and, in particular, "their elevation to Grade 2, the highest grade of pipe band in Ireland, and their invitation to represent Ireland at the Loric Interceltic Festival in Brittany in August of 1986".

Mayor Kennedy said that the success of the band, which consisted of many ex-members of the C.B.S. Pipe Band, could be seen from the fact that they had achieved much in a very short history, including being six times Munster champions in various grades, and winning the best band trophy from overseas at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

At present, Arthur Ellis is designing and making new dress uniforms for the band, which they will use in competition.

Delegates

Limerick County Vocational Education Committee will be represented at the Adult Education Conference in Blarney on November 25, 26 and 27 by Cllrs. John Griffin, Tom Cregan, Eddie Wade, Liam Hickley and Michael Barry, chairman of the committee.



Attending the Curragour Pipe Band celebration at the Beamish & Crawford hospitality suite this week (from left): Seamus Hunt, pipe major, St. David's Pipe Band, Newcastle West; Captain Michael Egan, P.R.O., and asst. pipe major, Curragour; Con O'Connell, president, Pipe Band Association; Senator Pat Kennedy, Mayor of Limerick; Noel O'Donoghue, chairman, national executive, Pipe Band Association; Tom O'Carroll, manager, Curragour, and Jim Whelan, vice-chairman, Pipe Band Association.

Belltable Bulletin

□ "DRAMA AT INISH" the ever-popular comedy by Lennox Robinson, has been enjoying a good run at the Belltable since Monday, October 21st. The show finishes on Saturday. This Torch Players presentation, directed as usual by Maurice O'Sullivan, has a fine cast which includes such well-known players as Des Ronan, John Butler, Kevin Barry, Anne Moriarty, Assumpta Wallace and Maura Sharkey.

□ MAGIC SHOWS will be presented by the Munster Society of Magicians on Saturday, October 26th, at 11.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Admission £1. These magicians have many new tricks to show you. Start the Bank Holiday weekend well, bring or send the children along to the Belltable on Saturday next.

□ SUNDAY, Oct. 27th: There will be a Free Concert sponsored by the Bahai's of Limerick. Invitations are available at the Belltable.

□ THE CHILDREN are off school all next week. As usual, the Belltable has endeavoured to provide entertainment and workshops for them during their mid-term break. From Mon., Oct. 28th to Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 7.30 p.m. we have the Purves Puppets from Scotland with their exciting and highly successful production of Peter Pan. On Thursday of that week (Oct. 31st) we will present two performances of Peter Pan at the Shannon Comprehensive

School Hall at 3.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. No advance booking at Shannon — tickets available on the door. There will be three matinee performances at the Belltable during the week also, Monday, Oct. 28th and Friday, Nov. 1st, at 3.00 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 12 noon. Advance booking is available (and advisable) at the Belltable for the puppet shows — Tel. 319866.

□ ENQUIRIES WELCOME for the Puppet Workshops being organised by the Belltable from Tuesday, Oct. 29th to Friday, Nov. 1st inclusive. Kevena Maher is the person to contact. She has devised a stimulating programme for children (preferably aged between 9 and 14) who are particularly interested in puppetry, the making and working of them, etc. Each group will make box, shadow and string puppets; learn to work them and work with the group to create a miniature puppet theatre. Numbers strictly limited — first come, first enrolled.

□ NEXT LATE-NIGHT concert, Thursday, Oct. 31st — Limerick's own Jon Kenny!

□ FILM CLUB — Members welcome — pro rata allowance made for films missed to date. Next screening, Thursday, Oct. 31st, at 5.45 p.m. "The Maltese Falcon", USA, 1941. Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m., "This Sporting Life" and "Larry".

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