

15th annual dinner of the Crescent College's Hotel on Saturday night.

large attendance which must be the most memorable of the year. The pupils from all over the county gathered at the hotel and to the college. The evening was a grand success, Mr. W. Treacy proposed the centenary of the college. More than 100 guests had been in attendance in the hall. The college was taxed to its capacity, as the big secondary school building in the

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college but his greatest triumph was the Cecilian Musical Society, which was a credit to Limerick. Mr. Treacy then wished Fr. Bates the very best of luck for the coming years and as he concluded his address the entire gathering stood and sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" as a tribute to the great work and popularity of such a fine priest. The President of the Union, Mr. T. O'Donnell, then presented Fr. Bates with an inscribed medal. He pointed out that Fr. Bates had requested that he be allowed to present the medal annually to the best Latin student in the school.

In a very witty reply, Fr. Bates thanked all those who had spoken so kindly about him and all those who had been involved in the presentation.

In a lengthy address, Mr. A. Riordan proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and Very Rev. Father C. O'Connor, Provincial of the Jesuit Order in Ireland, replied.

Fr. O'Connor praised the great loyalty that existed between Crescent College and its past pupils. He said that great strides had been made educationally in Limerick and he felt it a pity that there was no University here. However, a very good case had been put forward for the establishment of a Constituent College and he hoped it would meet with success.

Winding up proceedings, Mr. T. O'Donnell thanked all for their attendance and paid tribute to the management and staff of Cruise's Hotel for the excellent meal. A musical evening followed.

The guests included: Very Rev. Fr. C. O'Connor Provincial; Very Rev. Fr. P. O'Higgins, Rector, St. Ignatius College, Galway; Fr. B. Andrews, St. Ignatius College; Ald. G. B. Russell, Deputy Mayor; Fathers Bates, Guinan and Troddyn, S.J.; representatives of the other P.P. Unions in the city; Mr. Conn Shanahan, President of the Ignatian Sodality; Mr. M. Keane, President of Old Crescent R.F.C., and representatives from Crescent College and the Press.

## Thieves raid creamery

One of County Limerick's largest creameries, Greybridge Co-Op. Ltd., Meanus, Kilmallock, was broken into last night and a 5-cwt. steel safe was cut open and a considerable sum of money taken from it.

This is about the fourth time in a short number of years that the creamery has been raided.

The Gardai from Croom and the creamery manager were immediately notified following the discovery and investigation revealed that the thieves, having gained entry by cutting the lock on the main gate, then went to the stores, where they found the safe, which contained a sum of money. They over-turned the safe and cut into the back of it with hacksaws and took the money. They then went into the creamery itself but nothing appeared to have been disturbed apart from the safe.

Special Branch Gardai are examining the scene for clues such as fingerprints.

and 190 disembarked. Aer Lingus handled a total of 49,414 lbs. of freight during the day.

A Company spokesman said that the mid-week excursion rates, which had started, brought additional traffic which would not normally develop until next June.

the City Court on Friday

He was Michael Kinsella, 56 Griffith Ave. Balinacorra Weston, and Friday's hearing was an adjournment from a previous hearing.

Justice M. de Burca sentenced defendant to six months in St. Patrick's.

# All-Ireland triumph for St. Mary's Band

LIMERICK and Waterford shared the honours in the All-Ireland Championships of Fife and Drum Band competitions held in Limerick yesterday by retaining their titles as champions. For St. Mary's band, it was a proud moment in their lives. They gained 184 marks out of 200 for their musical selection and brought off the title to the delight of their many followers from "The Parish" and Limerick in general.

The Thomas Francis Meagher Fife and Drum Band of Waterford gave a memorable exhibition also and their drum-piece gained them the championship in this section. The achievement was a very popular one among the audience. The Waterford band gained 95 marks out of 100. Indeed, it is only fitting to say that their drumming was the finest heard in Limerick for many a long, long day, and several veterans of fife and drum bands who were in the audience made no secret of this fact.

Other bands taking part were: St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band, Wexford, and the O'Connell Fife and Drum Band, Dublin. Adjudicator was Capt. Fred O'Callaghan, of the Army School of Music, who was loud in his praise of the excellent standard on parade. It was the first time that the championships were held in Limerick.

### THE UNKNOWN FESTIVAL

It is to be regretted that the event was so badly advertised. Indeed, all too few knew that it was being held in Limerick and, apart from friends of the four bands participating, only a handful of the general public attended. One might well call it the "unknown festival of music" in Limerick, and more is the pity because it was one of the most memorable in recent years.

There was plenty of evidence on display to prove beyond all doubt that the day of the fife and drum band is far from gone. As Cdr. Frank Leddin put it in the course of his address at the presentation of the trophies, "the future of the fife and drum band is assured."

### COULD BE PROUD OF

Cdr. Leddin, who was present representing the Mayor of Limerick, Cdr. Mrs. Frances Condell, said that the festival of music they had listened to on this occasion was something Limerick could well be proud of. It was something that could be developed to great heights, and he felt that it would be to the advantage of

all if such a wonderful attraction could be held during Limerick's Festival Week.

He expressed regret that the size of the audience did not come up to expectations, but he wished to assure everyone that if the championships had been advertised to a greater extent, the Mechanics' Hall in Limerick would not have been capable of accommodating the many thousands who would turn up. However, he availed of the opportunity to assure every member of the bands present that they would always find a Cead Mile Failte awaiting them in Limerick and he hoped that they would return to make the city their festival platform.

### MOST MEMORABLE

Perhaps the most memorable feature of Limerick's first championship date was the massed parade of the bands through the rain-soaked streets of the city.

It was a most impressive sight, indeed to see 84 fifes and 24 drums on parade as one band. And what a rousing selection of martial music they provided as they marched down O'Connell Street and over Béal's Bridge where they received a rousing to the Parish of St. Mary's, welcome.

Certainly, those who were fortunate enough to have attended this wonderful festival of fife and drum music will remember it for a long time to come. It was a treat we get all too seldom, but, ironically, when it did come our way all too few knew about it.

### A FESTIVAL?

I understand, however, that a move will be launched within the next week or two to arrange a bands festival in Limerick with sections to cater for brass and reed, fife and drum and pipe bands. Already, a number of them have pledged their support. Such a festival would be of tremendous benefit to the area and it is hoped that the idea will take shape in time for the holiday season around the corner.

—TOM TOBIN.