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St. Mary's Band Win Top Trophy

THIRD YEAR RUNNING

"LEADER" STAFF REPORTER

ST. MARY'S BAND, Limerick, won the All-Ireland Fife and Drum competition for the third year in succession in Dublin yesterday.

The Marine Port & General Workers' Union Cup was presented to 84-year-old Christopher Nash—the oldest competitor—who has been a member of St. Mary's Band for 70 years.

The band—one of the oldest in the county—was founded in 1885, and won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in Dublin four years later.

Sunday's competition was held in St. Anthony's Hall, Merchant's Quay and the adjudicator was Capt. Frederick O'Callaghan, Army School of Music, Mr. J. N. Lombard, Dublin Area Manager, Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd., presented the award. The competition was organised by the O'Connell Fife and Drum Band, Dublin.

The youngest member of the Limerick band is 18-year-old Jack McGrath. Said drummer Christopher Kiely: "We are the only Fife and Drum Band in Limerick now. At one time there were six, but it is hard to attract the young people—they have too much other entertainment." The average age of the band members is 40 years.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Four bands took part in yesterday's competition: O'Connell Band, Dublin; Thomas Francis Meagher Band, Waterford; St. Patrick's, Wexford; and St. Mary's, Limerick. St. Mary's Band also won the Tom Burke Cup in the drum section. This was a family effort, as four of the six drummers were members of the Kiely family. Mr. Christopher Kiely has been playing with the band for the last 30 years, and his nephews Dominic, Cyril and Vincent Kiely were on the drums on Sunday. Christopher's brother, James, is also a member of the Band. The other two successful drummers were Mr. J. Harris and Mr. P. Casey. Limerick were beaten by

one mark for the Arthur Guinness Cup in the Drum Section. The adjudicator found it so hard to decide the winners that he asked the Waterford and Limerick band to play the second time and then declared Waterford the winners by one mark.

Winning the All-Ireland Championship was a big triumph for conductor George Tweedle of Prospect. He conducted the Boherbouy Band when they won the All-Ireland Brass and Reed competition in Ballinrobe, and so has the unusual distinction of having conducted both Fife and Drum and Brass and Reed All-Ireland winners.

The Limerick band rehearse in St. Mary's Hall, Mary St. They spent about six weeks practising the selection from Gilbert and Sullivan which won them the competition.

French Railway Chief in Limerick

THIS evening at 8.30 p.m., Monsieur Batisse, Director General of the French Railways, will speak to the French Circle at Cruise's Hotel on the great pilgrimage of France—Lourdes, and its surrounding country, La Salette in the Alps, Ars, where the Cure of Ars is so much venerated for his humility and holiness; 140 Rue du Bac, Paris, the Church of the Miraculous Medal where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830, and Paray-le-Monial, where the Sacred Heart Devotion originated when the Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary.

Monsieur Batisse will trace the footsteps of many of the most famous Irish saints and scholars who brought learning and culture to France and all over Europe in the time of Charlemagne and afterwards

Feast of St. Joseph celebrated

THE Mayor, Councillor Jack Danagher, and members of Limerick Corporation were among the congregation at a Solemn High Mass, presided over by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, in honour of St. Joseph the Worker at St. Joseph's Church, Limerick, on Saturday evening.

Hundreds of workers, trades unionists and management joined in the celebration of the special Mass and heard the special sermon preached by Rev. Francis Modarty, C.C.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C.; deacon was Rev. J. Hourigan, C.C., and subdeacon, Rev. M. Walshe, C.C. The Mass was sung by St. Joseph's Church Choir, under their organist and conductor, Mrs. James Penny.

In his sermon Rev. Father Modarty dealt with many of the problems which affect workers in modern industry. Looking at some of our factories, he said, Oriental torture had nothing in some of them.

Pope John XXIII had outlined the painful price of progress and the great necessity of working for the glory of God.

"We must find ways of making work more attractive. But we must also make sure that we do not waste the pain of work. We must do it all in the name of Jesus Christ."

HIGH TRIBUTES TO LIMERICK CHORAL UNION

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CONDUCTOR Tibor Paul said at the week-end that a recording of Limerick Choral Union's singing of Zoltan Kodaly's "Te Deum" would be sent to the composer. This was the first time the "Te Deum" was performed in Ireland.



A group of Limerick was taken in the br

Impressive Ceremony at Sarsfield Barracks

At a very impressive ceremony in Sarsfield Barracks yesterday, James Ahern, C Street, Limerick, was commissioned an Ensign in the 1st of 5th Coy, Slua Muiri.

There was a big attendance in the public gallery and of the Naval Service, Cork, Waterford and D were on parade.

Capt. T. McKerna, Commissioning Officer, Naval Service, sent Ensign Ahern with commission.

The ceremony was to be held out of doors but weather militated against it and it was held in the naismium instead.

Promptly at three o'clock colour party headed by E. M. Healy and Ensign M. entered the hall and the Gu

of O'Sullivan, W. O'Connor and T. Collins gaining the laurels. Rev. Fr. D. Browne, C.C., President of the Limerick Co. Board, N.A.C.A., was timekeeper; Tom Cleary was starter while Noel Spellacy, Hon. Sec.; John Brosnan, Hon. Treasurer, and John Naughton, Registrar, acted as finish judges and recorders.

DETAILS

County 15 miles Road Championship — 1. S. O'Sullivan, Tournafulla A.C., 1 hour 10 mins. 56 secs.; 2. P. J. Cronin, Regional A.C., 1-22-37; 3. P. O'Regan, Limerick A.C., 1-23-46; 4. G. O'Shea, Granagh A.C., 1-25-11; 5. J. Creghan, Granagh A.C., 1-25-11; 6. W. O'Connor, Tournafulla, 1-30-47; 7. A. Sheahan, Limerick, 1-31-7; 8. T. Collins, Tournafulla, 1-32-37; 9. J. Riordan, Granagh, 1-33-7; 10. B. Ryan, Redgate, 1-34-42; 11. M. Walshe, Granagh, 1-35-2; 12. D. Power, Limerick, 1-35-12.

Team Award—1. Tournafulla (S. O'Sullivan, 1; W. O'Connor, 5; T. Collins, 7), 13 points; 2. Granagh A.C. (G. O'Shea, 3; J. Creghan, 4; J. Riordan, 8), 15 points; 3. Limerick A.C. (P. O'Regan, 2; A. Sheahan, 6; D. Power, 10), 18 points.

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Next Sunday is D-Day for novice athletes in the county when the county novice track championships will be staged at Knockea. Included are sprints, jumps, weights and cycling in the novice grade and with the 300 yards and two miles flat senior thrown in for good measure.

IRISH 15 MILES TITLE

Fresh from his resounding win in the Limerick championship, Sean O'Sullivan makes the long trek to Blackrock, Co. Dublin, to participate in the Irish 15 miles road championship on Sunday next. In his only previous attempt for this title he finished second to his brother, Mike, in April 1961, when the race was sponsored by Kilmallock A.C. on the Kilmallock/Holy Cross course. His most serious challengers on Sunday next will be Harry O'Gorman (St. Augustine's) in the marathon champion; Noel Henry (St. Mel's, Longford), the former A.A.U. star; Mick Molloy (Oughterard), who won the title two years ago; John O'Brien (Ballymore) and P. J. Cronin (Regional). On his showing last Sunday, O'Sullivan should add another gold medal to his imposing total with O'Gorman and Molloy most likely to upset the formsheet.

WRESTLING LEAGUE FINAL

CARRY OFF HONOURS

Social and Personal

EVERYTHING for baby's needs at: Todds, Infants department. (P)
Four course luncheon at Todds Restaurant, only 8/6. (S)
The Children's Shop, 24 Patrick St., Limerick, for exclusive baby gifts, First Communion and Confirmation outfits. (11)
The Killaloe Riding Centre. Horses are now back at the Lakeside Hotel. (11)