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LETTERS**

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**RET O' GRADY (Mrs.)**  
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St. Mary's Band Centenary Mass at St. Mary's Hall. From the left: Mr. Michael Bourke, band president, Dean Chambers, Deputy Mayor O'Driscoll, Fr. Grealy, Fr. Condon, Bishop Newman and Fr. O'Connor.

# Band celebrates 100 years of music

By LEADER REPORTER

**THE FIRST** ever Mass held in St. Mary's Band Hall was celebrated recently to mark the centenary of the famous city fife and drum marching band.

Upwards of 350 friends and members attended the thanksgiving Mass at which the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, presided. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. John Condon, P.P., and Rev. Thomas Grealy, C.C.

Rt. Rev. Dean Chambers and Rev. Muiris O'Connor, C.C., were present.

It was the first time that Mass was ever celebrated in the hall since the band moved in back in 1924. The congregation was a mixture of city and country folk and old and new members as well as many of the band's followers from "The Parish".

**Social evening**

After the Mass, a social evening was organised by the members with tea and sandwiches and bottles of beer.

The singing went on for some time and a great night was had by all.

The band's oldest "playing out" member, 78-year-old Mr. Gerry Clancy, was present. He played F flute with the band when they played out of Fish Lane before they moved to Mary Street.



Cllr. O'Driscoll, Deputy Mayor, unveiling a plaque to commemorate the centenary. Looking on are Bishop Newman and Mr. Bourke, president of the band.

The youngest member, 15-year-old John Keane, helped to bridge the generation spread that the band covers.

And greater celebrations are planned by the band later in the year, according to band secretary, Mr. Colm McGrath, who revealed that they will be hosting the Republic of Ireland Fife and Drum Band championships in the hall on May 19.

**Deputy Mayor**

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Gus O'Driscoll, unveiled a marble plaque commemorating the centenary.

Other longstanding members of the prize band who were present for the celebrations were president, Mr. Michael Bourke, and Messrs. Sean Meehan, Jimmy Daly and Paddy Casey.

The Minister for Justice, Mr.

Michael Noonan, was unable to attend.

The committee thanked all who helped in their preparations, especially Mrs. Nancy Lawless for the flowers.

The band would also like to thank Fr. Muiris O'Connor and the Rev. Sisters of St. Mary's Convent. The school's junior choir augmented by band members A. Hurley, J. Sheehan and J. Mulcahy sang at the Mass.

## PLAN MEN I.Q. TEST LIME

By LEADER REPORTER

**MENSA**, the high I.Q. society, has an active Limerick branch and they are looking for more members. To make it easier for Limerick people to join, they are holding tests in the city in April.

So far there are 20 Limerick members and these had their I.Q. tests in Dublin. Limerick tests will be held outside Dublin, Cork or Limerick.

**Members**

There are approximately 148 members in Ireland. Statistics show that one in 50 people in the world are members. The organisation has 42,000 members worldwide.

Only two per cent of the population are in the required category of 148 or more. It is a point out that you know shoe-size, height, weight, and IQ.

Limerick members meet regularly in pubs and have nights devoted to different subjects — a humour micro-computer night, etc.

## 'LAN OWI WAI ANI

By LEADER REPORTER

**A PRIME** landbank of 100 acres along the Kerry coast, the Shannon Estuary, is undeveloped because of a decision on the part of the Communications Minister, Mr. Mitchell, it was claimed.

Cllr. Dan Kiely said at a recent meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board that the Minister should introduce legislation to establish a single estuary authority which would mean that the Minister who owned half the land were waiting to see what the Minister was going to do.

**Glossy report**

"The IDA own half between Tarbert and Limerick and have not done much to promote it while at the same time..."

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