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Replying, Mr. Pierce said he was deeply moved at the society's generosity and thoughtfulness in making him this very valuable presentation. "I can say that during the 12 years that I was secretary, I got tremendous pleasure and satisfaction out of what I did, and I got tremendous support from the different presidents and committees."

Looking back over the years he recalled the fine people with whom he was associated, and who were now here no longer, all of whom were so devoted to the aims of the society, and with whom it was a pleasure to work. Even without the beautiful pre-

Cappamore

ents) and the Poetry and Ballads.

The friends of these two Cappamore cultural organisations included: Meryl Gourley, actress and representative of Muintir Wolfe Tone, Dublin;

Micheal Mac Oda, and his fellow members of Cantairi na Siure, Carrick-on-Suir; Micheal Mac Giolla Poil (Inis Siar, Aran Islands); Labhras O Murchu (head of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann) and his wife, Una (Cashel); Micheal Mac Carthaigh (Dundrum); Sean O Moronaigh, Court Clerk, Thurles, and prize-winning Gaelic drama producer with Buion Phadraig, Limerick; Maureen Cummins (Limerick), the well-known musical authority; Rita Ni Dhuslaine (Dublin); Niall O Beachain (S.F.A.D.Co's Director of Village Entertainments) and Muiris and Una O Ruachain (the Miltown Malbay teachers), who generously drove Willie Clancy and his wife to Cappamore to be with their East Limerick friends at these tributes to Sean O Riada.

Rt. Rev. D. A. Caird, Bishop of Limerick, who seconded Sen. Pat Ryan's vote of thanks to the artistes, and the Cumann Eamonn an Chnuic, organisers of the tributes to Sean O Riada, said he was privileged to have been a friend of Sean O Riada, who came with his Cúl Aodha Choir to sing at a Service in a little out of the way church of their Church of Ireland in the Dingle Peninsula three months before his tragic death.

Mrs. P. Honan (aunt of Sean O Riada) attended and thanked the organisers and artistes for the lovely tribute to the late composer.

arranging such an appropriate venue as the Barn in Bunnary Folk Park for the presentation that evening.

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Bertie Wixted Honoured by IARU and LBC

One of Limerick's best known rowing men Mr. Bertie Wixted has received a double honour in recent weeks. On October 23 he was elected a vice-president of the Irish Amateur Rowing Union and only six days later on October 29 he was elected president of Limerick Boat Club. He has been a member of the executive of the I.A.R.U. since last year.

In his new office he will be representing Munster interests in the I.A.R.U. The other provincial appointments to the vice-presidency are Mike Cavanagh, Connacht; Victor Crawford, Ulster; and Mike Johnson, Leinster.

Bertie, who has a life-long interest in rowing, has been active on the Limerick Regatta Committee since 1943. He took over the secretaryship of that body from Andy Browne and Jimmy McGuire in the late 1940's and continued in office to the 1956-'57 season. He then served on the committee up to last year, when a new constitution was drawn up and he was elected to his present position of Chairman. "At the moment we have a very progressive regatta committee in Limerick" he told me. This is due mainly to the introduction of the new constitution, and all tasks designated to the members are performed faithfully and well.

Limerick will very probably have a championship regatta in the coming season. Bertie



adds: "We could have a top-class regatta if the Corporation cleared the scrub from the foreshore at Cleaves Bank and gave an unobstructed view of the river."

He goes on to suggest that the land donated to the Corporation some years ago by Senator Russell, at Barrington's Pier could, for a small expenditure, be made into a beautiful park. "We would then have a second Blessing-

ton here" he asserts.

Bertie began a very successful rowing career with Limerick Boat Club in 1937, stroking the maiden 8 and 4 of that year, and winning in the latter grade.

Going senior the following season, he won the Ladies' Plate at Limerick, and was a member of the crew that brought the Palmer Royal Challenge Cup for senior eights from Galway to the Limerick Boat Club for the first time.

In 1939, he rowed unbeaten in the second senior four and was beaten by U.C.D. in the final of the I.A.R.U. championship at New Ross.

He had some further successes up to 1941, when he concentrated on sculling, winning the Long Cup at Limerick Regatta and the L.B.C. trophies, the Stewart Cup and the Captain's Prize.

In Limerick Boat Club he has filled various offices, including those of secretary and vice-president, and now he succeeds Mr. Peter Lawless to the presidency.

Bertie's wife is the former Miss Audrey Kerr, of Limerick. They have three boys and a girl, and live at Lansdowne Park.

Bertie works as a sales representative for Aladdin Industries, of Greenford, Middlesex, and has also a Limerick depot for the same firm.

'DIE FLEDERMAUS' IS SUPERB CECILIAN TRIUMPH

"Die Fledermaus," the queen of operettas, currently on stage at the Crescent Assembly Hall, and presented by the Cecilian Musical Society, is truly a must for all lovers of music. This superb production has captured all the musical sparkle of Strauss.

Appearing in the leading female role of Rosalinda is

Maretta O'Hehir, who has made her own of the part. She has won the Frank Ryan Trophy at the Waterford Festival for the best female voice in this role, and continues to woo audiences with her wonderful singing.

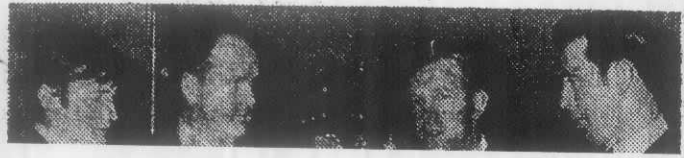
Mary Brennan from Dublin is a captivating Adele and has lists of credits to her name. Her rendering of the famous laughing song is a delight to hear and takes the house each night.

As leading man, Stephen O'Shea is a superb Eisenstein. His singing in this role could not be equalled.

Filling the other important roles we saw Maurice O'Leary as a highly amusing Alfred-

jailor, and John Geraghty, quietly impressive as Ivan. All is combined to give one of the most impressive and top ranking shows ever seen in Limerick.

"Die Fledermaus" continues each night to November 12 (excluding November 8). Do not miss it.



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