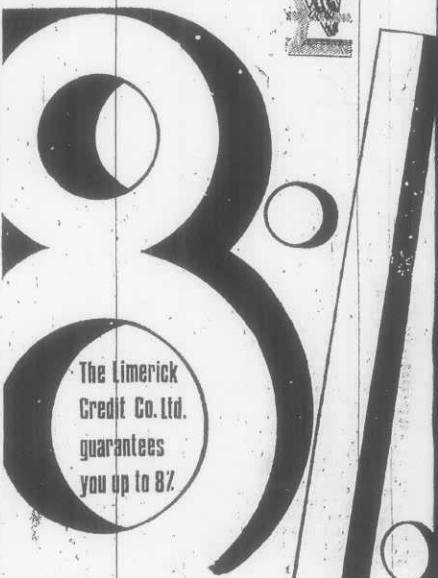


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50 YEARS AGO

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Gallantry

Decorated

Regimental Sergeant Major J. Ring, M.C., D.C.M., Royal Munster Fusiliers, Limerick, was awarded a bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the front.

The recipients of the Military Medal included—Private J. B. Low, R.M.F.; Sergeant J. Birmingham, R.M.F.; Sergeant Doyle, R.M.F.; and Private Fleming, R.I.R., of Limerick.



Outgoing President of the Bakers' Union

YESTERDAY, Frank Prendergast completed his two years' term as National President of the Irish Bakers, Confectioners and Allied Workers' Union, and handed over office to his successor, Mr. John Power of Waterford. Frank has the distinction of being the youngest member of the Union to be elected to the Presidency, and he is also the first Limerickman to hold the office.

The Union marked its Golden Jubilee (1818-1968) this week at the Biennial National Delegate Conference in Harcourt St., Dublin, and the attendance included Dr. Hillery, Minister for Labour; Mr. James Dunne, President, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; and Mr. Thomas McPartland, a fraternal delegate from Dublin Council of Trade Unions. Representatives of the English and Scottish Unions and of the International Union of Food and Drink Workers were present.

In the course of his presidential address, Frank Prendergast urged the raising of hygiene standards throughout the country generally and the food industry in particular.

Trade Unionist

Frank, an active trade unionist, represented his Union at Vienna in 1965—during his Vice-Presidency—at the International Union of Food, Drink and Tobacco Workers.

He was present at the International Union's function last year when it was held in Dublin. Delegates from 80 countries, representing two million members, attended.

He represents Ireland on the Union's Joint Committee of Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, and has attended conferences in the four countries.

Frank is also a member of the Joint Labour Committee for the Bakery Trade in the Republic.

For the past 12 years he has acted as Secretary of the local branch of his Union, and is a member of the Limerick Trades Council.

Arising from his interest in Trade Unionism he took the Diploma in Social Science in the early 1960s.

For over a century his family has been associated with the bakery trade. A grand-uncle of his, Michael Prendergast, was General Secretary of the old Irish National Federation of Operative Bakers.

His Union caters for some 6,000 members in the 32 Counties.

Sportsman

Well-known in sport, he was a member of Shannon-Thomond Swimming Club, and with Gerry Clancy (Captain) and Paddy McMahon he won the Munster Water Polo Championship about 1952.

He was the first swimmer to hold the 'Sports Star of the Year' title and, in addition to several Limerick championships, he has won a few long-distance swims.

With Garryowen R.F.C. he won a Munster Junior Cup medal and Transfield Cup. He played minor hurling with Limerick and Claughaun and he was a member of the team which was beaten by Cork in the Munster final of 1957.

He has also played inter-firm soccer with the bakers' team. Frank is a son of Mr. Samuel Prendergast, and his brothers, Ralph, Vincent and Cyril, are prominent in Limerick sport. A fourth brother, Jack, is an administrative officer with the Malawi Government.

He is married to Miss Mary Sydenham, a former Munster swimming champion in life-saving. They have two boys and a girl and live in Mayorstone Park.

Monsignor McKernan on visit

MONSIGNOR Joseph Patrick McKernan, who celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood last May, is returning to the United States next week after spending a month's holiday in Limerick at the home of his nephew, Mr. Conor McKernan, Della Strada, Garryowen.

All his fifty years in religion were spent in the Wheeling Diocese, West Virginia, and on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his ordination he was made a Monsignor. At that happy event the guests, numbering 400, included his sister, Theresa, and grand-nephew, Patrick McKernan, who is Irish Deputy Consul-General in New York. The many congratulatory messages he received included one from President Johnson.

On this visit—his tenth since his ordination at St. Patrick's College, Carlow—he is accompanied by his sister, Theresa, who is the guest of their nephew, Mr. Clumba McKernan, Glenmore Avenue, Roxboro Road.

Family

The Monsignor is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John McKernan, Garryowen. His bro-

A Limerickman

Professional plea for school

A PLEA for top-class professional coaching to boys who are playing in local league soccer Jack Bourke, at the annual presentation of trophies on Wednesday night last. "In six or seven years a Limerick team capable of winning the F.A.I. Cup," he

The Mayor commented that it seemed rather strange that in a city the size of Limerick there were so few really top-class players. He charged Limerick A.F.C. with looking after their own interests only, and said that if they wanted to progress they would have to provide a professional coach to train all the aspirants in the county.

Limerick Corporation possibly had not done all that they could for the betterment of "recreational" facilities, he was not sure that the fault rested solely there. If there was anything the committee felt they in the Corporation should be doing, he would be glad to help.

The Mayor said he was greatly interested in community spirit, and he praised the enthusiasm of men like Joe Mullane, George Mitchell, and Donald Howard who were giving their services freely to the promotion of soccer.

To the boys he said: "Play the game as well as you can; play it like a sportsman and play it clean. The first thing in sport is to participate; by playing the game you are 'giving something' good for yourself and the community."

The Mayor was warmly applauded by the boys when he presented a cheque to the Chairman of the Limerick Schoolboys Council, Mr. Joe Mullane, towards the provision of dressing room accommodation at the playing field.

Mr. Donald Howard, who welcomed the attendance, appealed to the parents of players to come along to the matches; their presence would be a great encouragement to the boys. It was a costly thing to run schoolboy soccer, he said, and many of its promoters had gone deep into their pockets to help keep the sport going.

Mr. John Cooke, Cork, Chairman of the F.A.I. Schoolboys

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Shannon celebrates century in Clubhouse

One of the outstanding social and commemorative events of the decade promises to be the centenary dinner and dance of the Shannon Rowing Club. It will be held on Tuesday next at the Royal George Hotel and one of the many attractions of the evening will be a competition which carries a prize of £100.

The club has a long and interesting history and almost from the foundation year its members have brought glory to Limerick by their great sportsmanship and notable aquatic victories.

The present clubhouse—a fine piece of architecture and one of Limerick's landmarks—was built in 1908 and is now a piece of the city's sporting history.

Funds for the building were raised by a series of sweeps on the English classic races, and that on the Derby of 1905 was so successful that the erection of a substantial clubhouse was assured.

The committee offered a prize of £100—a big sum in those days—for the best design by

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