

LIMERICKMAN'S

By C. Server

Limerick anticipates record ship this year

Newly-elected Chairman of Feile Luimni, struck an optimistic note of the Festival when he told me this week that it would should feel happy about Feile Luimni because it is still on a high place in the public esteem, and looks like a partnership than ever this year.

forward to meeting Mr. Sleay Burrows, who will act as adjudicator. For those who don't watch television, we would like to say that Mr. Sleay Burrows is the creator of "The Riordans" series on RTÉ. Eireann and this is heading to be the most checked show in Ireland. I am certain that players and audience alike can look forward to the comments of Mr. Burrows, whose sharp eye for detail and dramatic quality is well demonstrated every week. The public are in no doubt as to the fertility of the imagination which has produced all these life-like characters, and will no doubt be intrigued to meet "the man in question" in the programmes of music, dancing and other things which will be released during the next few weeks. Feile Executive is always ready and ready to receive suggestions that might improve the entertainment value of its

competition. At Wednesday night's meeting of the Executive, Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, Vice-Chairman, said that the occasional visitors to many competitions were often at a great loss on entering to know what competition was in progress, or what the particulars of the competition were. Such a confusion detracted enormously from the enjoyment of the event, and the Executive is now planning methods of overcoming this difficulty. It is realised that while the services of a good compere would solve the problem, over-comping could also do harm. However, Feile members may rest assured that something will be done.

FESTIVAL

Mr. Doyle went on to tell me: "I would like to do everything possible to make the followers of Feile Luimni feel

completely at home and very welcome at all times during the coming Feile, and I hope that all members will meet a similar courtesy on every occasion."

He is hopeful too that, through the committees, individual competitors will be facilitated in every way, and added: "For me, the Chairman, the accent must be on the word 'Festival'. This word I would like to write in large letters everywhere, and I sincerely hope that the spirit of Festival will pervade the foyer, in the auditorium, on the stage, in the dressing-rooms and in the tea rooms. If this is to be, it will mean that everybody—the committee, the officials, the public and the competitors—must all play their part. A festival in capital letters cannot be created by the goodwill and good humour of one group only. I feel that everybody will respond fully to this appeal."

AMHARCLANN NA FEILE

The former Chairman of Feil Luimni, Very Rev. Fr. Tynan, P.P., said at the annual meeting that there was a debt of £10,000 on Amharclann na Feile. Six thousand pounds of the debt was owed to the bank and the remainder to individual traders.

This debt was created in an effort over the past eight years to provide a theatre in Limerick and for Limerick. All told, nearly £20,000 had been spent in this effort, and the Feile Executive was indebted to the Corporation for a grant of £8,000. Allowing for the outstanding debt of £10,000 it means that the Feile Executive did in fact raise nearly £4,000 from other sources during that short number of years towards the provision of this theatre. Those with experience will know that that was no mean achievement by a body whose



Joe Waters won the individual prize (under-14) at Granagh Sports last Sunday.

COMPETING IN TO-MORROW'S CROSS-COUNTRY

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Joe Waters, who will compete to-morrow in the under-16 cross-country event at Cloverfield, Dromkeen, is an all-rounder in athletics, and has an impressive list of performances to his credit.

Joe is runner-up in this year's Co. Championship one mile cross-country. Last Sunday he won the individual prize in Granagh for the under-14 and very recently the individual inter-county under-14 in Cola. He is also leading in the under-14 League for the individual prize.

Just about two years ago, on Easter Sunday, 1964, Joe was successful in his first try at competitive athletics by winning the Granagh Cup under-12. He has competed for the Co. under-12 in the track and has represented the County in the half-mile under-12. Last year he represented the Co. in the Munster and All-Ireland under-14 Championships and he has been on the scoring team that won the Co. under-16 Road Championship. One bit of hard luck that he has to contend against, however, is that he is nine days over-age for the 13 this year and he will have to compete in the under 14, 15 and 16 events.

VERSATILE

Joe, a versatile athlete, is captain of the 14s and takes with equal ease in his stride sprints, half-mile, hurdles and jumps. So far he has a collection of 30 medals, three cups, three plaques, a statuette for soccer which he plays with Pike Rovers, and a cup and medal for hurling which he plays with Old Christians. With the latter club he won the 14 cup last year and this year. He is also fond of a game of rugby and lines out with Shannon. Joe is a member of St. John's C.B.S. and another of his outdoor activities is swimming. He has two brothers: Dermot, aged 12, who plays with Pike Rvs., and Mark, aged four. His sisters are Theresa, Bernadette and Muriel.

TRADITION

A fine family tradition in sport is behind Joe's brilliant and versatile record. His grand-

father, Jack Waters, was Chairman of Limerick Athletic Club for sixteen years before Mr. Bresnan took over, and now continues as a life member of the club. His father, Edward, who is employed with C.I.E., was a member of St. Nicholas Athletic Club and played rugby with Garryowen and soccer with Pike. Edward has two Munster Senior Cup medals for rugby and a F.A.I. junior runner-up medal.

Won Essay Prize

Twelve year old Marian Sheehan, who was nominated joint winner in the Shannonside Essay Competition, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eamonn Sheehan, 10 Moylish Crescent, Ballynantybeg.

The overall standard in the competition was very high, and Marian's win is therefore all the more praiseworthy. For prize she will receive a book token, together with an Aer Lingus jet flight to Dublin on Thursday, February 9, a chauffeur driven tour of the city and a meal in Garry's Hotel, College Green. The return trip will be made by C.I.E.

Marian is looking forward very much to her first flight in an aeroplane, and to revisiting Dublin where she spends her holidays every year. She likes writing, and for outdoor exercise she says there is nothing more delightful than a cycle through the countryside.

Her essay was on "Holidays in Shannonside," and she devoted most of it to Limerick and Newcastle West. She is a pupil in the sixth standard of St. Munchin's (Gir)'s School, which is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. She has one sister, Rosalio, aged 11, and a brother, Lorenzo, aged 8.



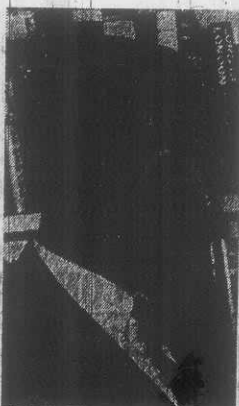
Donn Gerard and Richard Paul, twin sons of Mr. Greenhill Road, Garryowen, who are celebrating their first birthday.

Club brings new ladies' hockey

Long has been in the doldrums in Limerick its old popularity as a result of Mrs. attracting four local and five country matches.

The League and Lansdowne them decisively to the top of L1. The victory was a great impetus to the newly-formed Club and the sporting spirit which evidenced then has been a club characteristic the way. She was President of the North Western Division for a few years. During her term in 1962, Limerick had its

another game here. One of the big attractions of this season will be the meeting between Ireland and Scotland in Limerick on April 1 next. Ceil is married to Mr. Paddy Reid, the well-known Irish rugby international, who is Limerick representative for Beamish and Carling. They have two daughters, Deirdre (14) and Ceil (12), and a son, Patrick (21), and live at 7



Mr. Dan Doyle, Chairman, Feile Luimni.

main obligation was the running of the biggest art festival in Ireland. Having acknowledged that