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ective piety, their music, their customs."

year, will be repeated this year.

Associations

The district is very rich in historical and archaeological associations, and all these will, of course, be a background to the festival—James Fitzmaurice Fitzgerald, the leader of the Irish clans, and who tried to rally them under the Papal flag about 1580, was killed by the Bourkes of Clanwilliam at the Ford of Ballyvoreheen, near Murrroe. O'Neill and O'Donnell crossed the hills of Kilcommon in their great winter march to Kinsale in the year 1600; Le

Fanu, who lived at the Old Rectory at Barringtons Bridge, left us a very social document in "Seventy years of Irish Life."

The archaeological remains include the gallery graves at Rearcross and the great Hiberno Romanesque (11th century) doorway at Clonkeen, of which there are only three in Ireland. The monastic tradition continued in the great Cistercian Abbey of Abbeydowney (Mainister Uaithne), of which a nephew of Thomas Beckett was Abbot. The abbey was suppressed during the Reformation. The attendance at last Wednesday's Press conference in-

cluded: Seamus O hici, principal teacher, Cappamore National School, a great worker of the language and secretary of the Felle; Donal O Murchu, director of traditional music, Felle Eamonn Chnuic; Michael Ryan, leader of the famous Carberry set dancing team; his wife, Peg, a well-known traditional concertina and flute player, and their daughter, Theo, a traditional violinist; Roy O Gealbhain, of Ceoltoiri Carberry; Breda Ryan, Mary Joe Ryan, Bridie Ryan, members of the choir, who will sing at the Folk Mass, and Seamus O Cinneide, press and public relations officer for the festival.

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Brilliant Limerick Footballer

Joe Waters, one of three Limerickmen on the books of English league clubs (the other two are Mick Earls, Southampton, and Des Kelly, Norwich) and one of our leading sporting personalities, is now visiting Limerick following his tour of Holland with Leicester City.



Joe is a regular on Leicester City's reserve team and is hopeful that he will be given an opportunity to show his worth in the first team very soon. He is highly thought of in Leicester, and in a recent article in the "Sunday Press" Frank O'Farrell named him one of the best prospects in England.

He played in Al Finucane's benefit game at the Markets Field eight weeks ago and on Leicester's instructions had to be insured for £10,000.

A leading English soccer magazine "Inside Football" predicted earlier this year that Waters will make the Eire World Cup team for 1974.

Leicester City, promoted this year to the first division were under the management of Corkman Frank O'Farrell who two weeks ago was appointed manager of Manchester Utd.

Opinions

O'Farrell was of great assistance to Waters during his stay in Leicester and Joe told me "He was a good manager, and we'll miss him for a while". He does not think, however, that O'Farrell's departure will affect Leicester City's prospects in Div. one in the new season, but, as he said earlier, he will of course be missed.

There is a difference between Irish and English football: Joe says "English football is much more physical; it is much faster and the play is stronger".

When I asked if he would recommend other Irish boys to make their career in football he answered emphatically: "Yes! If they get the chance they should take it; if they are lucky and get a break they could make a good living out of it!"

His biggest moment in soccer? "When I was picked for the Irish schoolboy team. It was my happiest moment in the game."

And his biggest disappointment? "When Leicester was relegated from the first division and lost the Cup final."

What tasks does an apprentice professional have to perform? Joe told me that when he was

on the ground staff he had to help with the cleaning of the dressing rooms and the cleaning of the boots, and do odd jobs about the ground.

And his ambition? "To become a really good footballer and to make sure I get a comfortable living out of it."

Joe, who is aged 17, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Waters, Garryowen, and was educated at Sexton Street C.B.S. He plays at half back.

Early Career

He first took up soccer at the age of ten with Pike Rovers and remained with them for four years. After two seasons with Wembley he went to Leicester in April, 1969.

With Pike he got to the final of the under 12 Cup and with Wembley was successful in the under 14, the under 15 and league, and the under 15 cup final.

Following an Irish schoolboys trial he made his place on the team. Shortly afterwards Leicester brought him over for a trial.

He hurled with Sexton Street C.B.S. in the Brother Rice Cup and also for Old Christians. He also played Gaelic football with the latter club.

An athlete of exceptional skill he trained with Limerick A.C. and won quite a number of trophies. His best athletic performance was the winning of four county championship medals in one day.

Joe has two brothers, Dermot (16) and Mark (8). His sisters are Theresa (15), Bernadette (11), Muriel (7) and Caren (2).

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