

to make the Show a success from year to year, and the fact that the Show had been steadily improving from year to year is the really true reflection of the work put into its preparation by the committee. It was a matter for regret that more interest was not taken locally in the enterprise, as efforts of this kind were all too sadly lacking in the country at the present time. However, a hard working committee will attend to the preparation of the programme for the forthcoming show on the 29th June. It is the desire of the

The Philharmonia brought out everything it had, indeed at times it seemed as if it would break into a Symphony. The pity is that there wasn't some major work on the programme for the Orchestra that would do it justice. It is to be hoped that the Limerick Symphony Concerts Society will give its patrons the opportunity of hearing this fine Orchestra again.

committee that the event shall surpass all previous events. Quite a number of new features are being added.

Tornadoes Cause Death And Havoc In U.S.A.

THE new series of tornadoes which swept across Missouri to-day and into Illinois, brought the death roll in twenty-four hours to an estimated 53.

Governor Blaine of Missouri, has asked President Eisenhower to declare the disaster area a stricken area. He has also asked the Federal Government to make available £8,000,000 for the rehabilitation of public works and for clearing up the debris.

MORE PEOPLE KILLED

The Missouri "Twister" followed the tornado which swept across Kansas City on Monday. The new tornadoes are reported to have killed sixteen people and injured up to 70. Tornadoes also struck in Iowa and the eastern part of Minnesota, as well as Missouri and Illinois.

VILLAGE WIPED OUT

The police in St. Louis said that one tornado swept through the centre of Deloges, killed four people and injured about 30, as well as causing extensive damage. Eight people were killed in Freemont and about 50 injured. Of the entire village population, some 200 were injured and only about five houses were left standing.

It is estimated that in addition to those killed by tornadoes, hundreds were injured. Over 400 homes were destroyed, 470 damaged and 44 business houses wrecked, as well as 75 damaged.

A call has been made by the Red Cross for £300,000 to help 1,000 stricken families.

Limerick Athlete In Hall Of Fame

Among the seven athletes named by the Helms Athletic Foundation of America in their 1957 nominees for their world renowned Hall of Fame is John J. Flanagan, Kilbreedy, Co. Limerick, a true stylist and considered by many to be one of the most perfect hammer-throwers of all time, was undoubtedly one of the greatest athletes this country ever produced. He could long-jump over 22 ft. and clear 46 ft. in the hop, step and jump; but like McGrath and Mitchell, his real forte was the hammer.

His battles in the athletic arena provided the highlights of many sports meetings in America. He was the first man to reach 180 feet with the hammer, and in 1909 took the world mark to 184 ft. 4 ins. He won the Olympic Championships of 1900, 1904 and 1908, and had the satisfaction of setting a Discus mark in the interim in addition to winning many events with several other weights.

Two other Irishmen also named are Matt McGrath, born in 1876 near Nenagh, and James Mitchell, born in 1865 in Emly, Co. Tipperary.