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## Irish Nurses' Organisation: The Limerick Branch

THE annual general meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Nurses' Organisation was held at the Royal George Hotel on Thursday, 31st March. Miss Ena Meehan, General Secretary, travelled from Dublin to be present.

The following officers were elected for the coming session:— Miss Josephine Barrett, Public Health Nurse, Chairman; Miss Catherine Wolfe, Sister, Barrington's Hospital, Vice-Chairman; Miss Margaret Crowley, Tutor Sister, Barrington's Hospital, Branch Secretary.

### ESSENTIAL MACHINERY

Miss Meehan stated that it was most regrettable that no adequate machinery existed in this country for ironing out points of conflict between members of the nursing profession and the Department of Health. The Organisation had made representations to the Minister for Health for the introduction of Arbitration and Conciliation machinery for nurses comparable to the Whitley Council in England. Such machinery was, she felt, absolutely essential in modern times. A number of professional groups in Ireland had such machinery available to them.

It was reported to the meeting that Miss Frances G. Goodall, C.B.E., former General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, London, had accepted the Organisation's invitation to be the main speaker at an open session to be held in the Physics Theatre, National University, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, on 31st May next, on the eve of the annual general meeting of the Organisation. Miss Goodall will deal with the activities of the Whitley Council for nurses and midwives in England. She is probably the most knowledgeable British nurse on the subject of negotiation. She was the expert appointed to represent Great Britain at the ad hoc committee of the International Labour Organisation which studied the conditions of work and employment of nurses.

It was also reported that the Organisation had affiliated to the Irish Conference of Professional and Service Associations, and it was hoped that this affiliation would give the nursing profession the support that it needed in its struggle for justice.

### RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL

## Great Athlete Honoured In Native Place

A victory parade to celebrate the outstanding achievement of their hero, Sean O'Sullivan, who so easily won the All-Ireland senior individual cross-country championship at Mungret, on Sunday, 27th of March, was held at Tournafulla, on Wednesday night of last week (writes our Tournafulla correspondent). The victorious athlete, with his brother Michael, who was second Limerick man home, were borne shoulder high through the village, led by Mr. P. Sheehan's Accordion Band, while dozens of torchlights lit up the area and a large bonfire blazed in the centre of the village. The splendid large cup won by Sean was the centre of attraction. The large crowd present, who braved the harsh weather, were addressed by Mr. J. Collins and by Rev. Father E. Dillane, C.C., who congratulated Sean on his wonderful showing.

Father Dillane said that when one man wins an All-Ireland title, as Sean O'Sullivan had done, from the best athletes in the whole country, it is surely an achievement which deserved the small honour which his native parish was doing him by holding the victory parade that night. The O'Sullivan brothers have now won between them every honour, individual and team, in Munster and All-Ireland junior and senior cross-country championships, as well as a number of individual senior Limerick titles. Michael is present holder of this title, winning it from Sean, who has held it for the past few years. They also have won dozens of flat races over all distances. Sean won the 8,000 Metres Championship of Ireland in 1957 and 1958, a title which he did not defend last year.

The number of medals, cups and numerous valuable prizes won by them since 1956 would fill a small room.

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## F.C.A. NOTES

### 3rd FIELD ENGINEERS. Range Practice.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the field day fixed for last Sunday had to be cancelled. The annual rifle practices will now have to be deferred to a later date, which will be made known shortly.

### Week-End Camp.

It is proposed to hold a week-end camp at the Curragh before the end of the present month. The object of this is to introduce the Unit to Bailey Bridging—which is a very important subject. The erection of this type of bridge is one of the best known of the tasks given to Field Engineers.

### Training.

Instruction in field demolitions is continuing. Selected personnel are also being taught advanced lessons on the light machine-gun.

### Star Grading.

Further tests are being carried out on the weekly parade nights, and those who want to be upgraded should be sure to attend regularly.

### N.C.O.s.

A meeting of the Company's F.C.A. N.C.O.s will be held next Tuesday night during parade hours.

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