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## 1949 St. Cecilia Boys' Band 50th Anniversary Speech

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This is another momentous occasion for the City of Lewiston. It reminds me that day, twenty-five years ago, when this same organization was celebrating its silver anniversary.

It seems very appropriate to say that our St. Cecilia Boys' Band is fifty years YOUNG to-day.

Here is a group that could certainly teach any one of us how not to get old. The Boys' Band may have known quite a few leaders who, since 1898, have answered the call of the Great Master, or who are still ~~engaged~~ on that narrow lane that leads to the great beyond; but the members of this amazing musical organization always keep young in age and in spirit. That's exactly their distinction and their quality. That's why they deserve special commendation.

On behalf of our City, it is a pleasure and a privilege to congratulate the St. Cecilia Boys' Band, their wonderful director, their members and officers, and the Normand Dionne Post on this Golden Jubilee. Keep up your good work.