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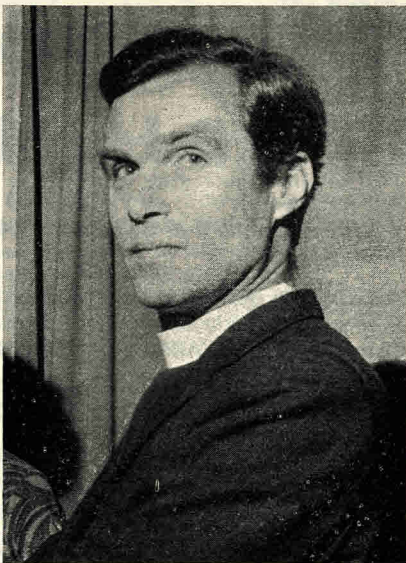
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We are expecting a visit in Mid-September from His Grace most Rev. Dr. J. Cunnane, Archbishop of Tuam.

Mattie, eldest son of Mick and Mary Faherty, received his B.A. at Manchester University — congratulations.

Diary.

The effect of holidays was felt at the June meeting. Eight faithful souls were in attendance. The list of guests for the Annual Banquet and Dinner was drawn up — a formidable total of thirty. They will be named later on as invitations have not been sent out yet.

Michael Molloy Perpetual Trophy.

The Inter-County Singing Contest for the Michael Molloy Perpetual Trophy can be found in the August issue of this journal. The closing date for entries is 1st October, 1971. Entry forms are also available at the Irish Centre.

The number of participants will dictate the number of heats. There will be cash prizes for the winners of the heats. Everyone taking part will be marked on a points system, which means that losers in a particular heat can get to the final. The finalists will be drawn from those with the highest points and not necessarily the heat winners.

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Our proposed trip to Galway is still in the melting pot. So much for Aer Riannta and their £1.5 million profit last year. The air fares to Ireland do not compare with continental holidays. The "air authorities" seem to forget that most Irish families are blessed with children and the Irish in Britain are no different. Again, most families can only travel during school holidays, so off-peak travel is of no consequence. What they must do is produce an attractive return fare for families and deliver the Irish mother from the crowded boat train and its

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A tumbling waterfall.
Maybe a view of purple hills
A mountain-misty-grey
A meadow-stream that gurgles on
A tiny wave-tossed bay.

Let us travel a little winding road
That leads to a lilac lane
Let us breathe once more the fragrance
there
After September rain.

Mai O'Higgins.

Waterford Association, Dublin.

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exhausting and exacting journey, not to mention sailing tickets. They could label their package deal "family planning." Roll on mothers lib.

Ta an Samhradh linn aris agus an ghriann ag taitheamh anuas orainn, buiochas mor. Ta na saoire ag na paisti fe lathair na huair na scoil — agus dar le Mam. sin an tuafas. Ni feidir laincis a chur ortha. Caithfar iad a scaoileadh amach, is a gcuid diabhliocht is a leitheid. Is mor buntaiste iad na pairceanna is na caitheamh aimseara ata ionnta don aos og. Nil I NGaillimh, sa gcathair ach cupla pairceanna beaga agus, eist le seo, cosc ar pheil sa bpairc mor — ta se ro-bheag. Rud eile na sceimeanna nua agus an brughadh mor le haghaidh "tower blocks" a thoigeail, nil aon cainnt faoi pairceanna no caitheamh aimsiri ach an costas. Cad ata i ndan don aos nua? Ni feidir an millean a chur ortha.

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BIG IRISH WEEK MOOTED FOR LONDON IN 1972

The London St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee under the star guidance of Mr. Jim Conway, Cavan, have made tentative plans for the holding of a complete Irish Week in London in 1972. It is hoped to coincide them with the annual holding of the St. Patrick's Parade and Con-Celebrated Mass which attracted over 30,000 Irish to Hyde Park this year.

Now the Committee want to expand and pool the resources of the many Irish Organisations and individuals in the Capital for this big Irish Week and a special dinner/talk is arranged for the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, for the 15th September.

Overseas bands from Ireland will definitely travel to London in 1972 and the colourful American Band of the over 100 members of the Bishop Kearney High School Band will also make the trip. This band created much interest and colour when they headed one of the seven contingents in this year's parade. Their beautiful uniform of young boys and girls and all under the age of 17 years captured the London Press and many demands for the return journey are awaiting them.

The pooling of the many functions that will include new ventures will make this Irish Week very attractive and the climax will come when some hundreds of Irish will fly to Dublin for their St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 17th March, 1972.

This is where the Brent Irish Society Band takes a very active part as their over 80 members strong young boys and girls band will make the trip for the first time and will head the London contingent.

The dinner/talk is by invitation only and Mr. Conway has received no refusal yet from the almost 50 invitations sent out. Full details will be available in this journal after the meeting.

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The doorway as it stands today consists of four orders and a beaded hoodmoulding. The three outer orders of dog's tooth and chevron moulding are more or less Norman, but the first order and finals of the drip moulding are probably 11th century work. The most notable feature of the doorway is its markedly Scandinavian character and according to the experts no other single Irish architectural work presents so many motives of Viking art.

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Patrons to the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert in the Royal Albert Hall on November 22nd will be glad to know that Ireland's singing family "The Kinsellas" are making a return visit. One of their songs will be that lovely but sad ballad "Put my little shoes away." This year they will have with them Ireland's champion singer Mr. P. Berry.

Although most of the committee are on holiday the work of the Association must still go on. At present they are busy helping with the Benefit Dance to be held in Balham on October 3rd. This is in aid of Mr. M. Cullen who is confined to a wheel chair. Mr. Cullen was a man who was always first to lend a hand to help anyone in distress. Many of you will know Mat, so the Committee are hoping that this dance will be a great success.



The Kinsellas, Ireland's singing family

Preparations are also in hand for a Welfare Bazaar/Sale of Work to be held at Mr. D. O'Leary's premises 1A Chippenham Mews, on September 18th. We call on all our members to give what help they can to swell our welfare fund, as the more we have the more help we can give.

Nine of our committee members attended the Waterford Association Dinner/Dance at the Ardree Hotel, Waterford, on August 7th.

While in Ireland our committee members met Dr. Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns and patron of our Association. They brought Bishop Herlihy up to date with the affairs of the Association in London and informed him of our goal to have a headquarters in London for emigrants from Co. Wexford and other parts of Ireland who make London their first base.

Fr. McGrath, the Vice-President and Tom Murphy, the permanent Secretary of the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Fund Committee, were among the party who travelled to Ireland.

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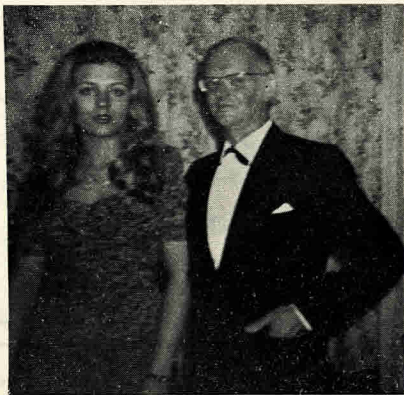
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Chairman Wally Smyth with his daughter Elizabeth at the Ardree

Our third annual Waterford Associations re-union banquet was held at the Ardree Hotel, Waterford, on Saturday, 7th August. Our Chairman, Mr. Wally Smyth, presided. In his address he spoke of his ambition for our association in London namely to have a headquarters which could also be used as a hostel. We may, he said, be able to achieve this in the not too distant future.

Our Chairman also announced that our Association were producing our own pocket diary for 1972.

He paid tribute to the late Cllr. Flynn, of Hammer-smith Borough Council, and to Willie Barron and Jimmy Griffin who were the forerunners of the Association.

He welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Delany from Waterford Association, Birmingham; Eddie and Mrs. Cullinan, do.; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clearly, Vice-Chairman, do.; Fr. McGrath, Vice-President, the Wexfordmen's Association; Tommy Murphy, P.R.O., do.; Mrs. Slattery and Mrs. McRedmond, Waterford Dublin Association; the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Tom Brennan and Mrs. Brennan; His Lordship Dr. Russell;

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By now you will all have returned from the Annual Holidays and are looking forward to a stint of hard work again, coupled with a few lively nights entertainment.

During the coming month we shall be making final arrangements for our Annual Dance in the Galtymore and unfortunately this year we will not have the Sam Maguire Cup. However, in conjunction with the Council of Irish County Associations some members will be travelling to Dublin to see the final on September 26th. A few seats are still available if anyone is interested. Please ring the Secretary and he will be able to help.

Travelling in Kerry during the holidays one was pleased to see that things appear to be very well and that Kerry has not as yet suffered the drop being felt by other parts of the Country in the tourist trade. There certainly appears to be no scarcity of first class hotel accommodation but the standards in some leaves a lot to be desired and in some instances the business methods employed are sure to be detrimental. One hopes that these people will be brought in line for the benefit of all and sundry. It might well be high time for the hoteliers in Kerry to give some thought to package holidays to the travellers from Britain. It seems hard to imagine that it can apply to certain hotel groups, but not to all. Perhaps someone will make the hoteliers in Kerry wise to this effect.

Rumours afoot seem to suggest that Kerry fares rather badly in the plans outlined by the Industrial Development Authority. We trust that the organisations within the Kingdom will get together and bring about a rethinking of these plans.

We are holding a Dance at the Irish Centre in October and will let you have further details on this at a later date.

Our proposed trip to the Kerry Association in Dublin will be on the week end of 20th November. Details of the trip and fare etc. can be had from the Hon. Secretary.

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And the others in between.
Gazing from my lofty perch
I've watched countless dawns unfold,
My eyes have seen the young grow strong
And beheld the strong grow old.
On prelates and dignitaries of State,
I've kept a watchful eye.
The unkempt urchin in the street,
I've seen him beg and cry.
I've heard the laughter noontime brings
Seen migrant birds take flight,
Revelled in the joys of summers — springs,
Tasted winter's darkest night.
I tolled the hour the patriot's cortege passed
Along the city's main thoroughfare,
At morning and evening time alike
I've summoned men to prayer,
I've shared in man's many sorrows,
In his joys I've struck a merry chime,
From the cradle to the grave I'm there,
Marking . . . Marking . . . time.

Michael Hannon,
48 Raithby Close
Bestwood Park,
Nottingham.

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Mgr. Henderson, President of the Association; Dean and Mrs. Day; Fad Browne, T.D. and Mrs. Browne; James Power, Chairman of Vocational Education Committee and the first Mayor to represent Waterford at the annual dinner in London; Mr. and Mrs. Roche and friends from Wales.

He thanked Cllr. Wm. and Mrs. Jones for their help in organising the function and he finished by thanking the M.C., Jim Roche; Waterford Glass Ltd.; Waterford Iron Founders and the Waterford businesses for spot prizes.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Tom Brennan, welcomed the exiles back to Waterford.

Most Rev. Michael Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore said he wanted to thank the Waterford Association, London, for sponsoring two invalids to Lourdes. They don't pick them, they allow the people at home to do that, but they provide the fare for them. If we at home, even only in a small way, could think as often of the people in England as they think of us, its amazing what we could do for them. One of the functions of an occasion like this is it helps the people at home to appreciate not so much what you have done for yourselves but what you actually do for other Waterford men and women who go abroad if they only remember to contact you.

Continuing, Dr. Russell said that Ireland contributed last year £250,000 for the Irish Centre in England, of which Waterford people contributed almost £8,000. I want to publicly thank the people of Waterford for the recognition that their flesh and blood is in England and its about time they did something. May this function always serve as an annual reminder of how much we should be doing for you at the other side.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Henderson, President of the Association, said he would like to make two little points. As we all know prejudice is a very great enemy but its terribly important that all of us on both sides of the Irish sea should drop our prejudices.

There is much in our culture, in our good dispositions and firm hearts in Ireland that we can give to the English people; there is also much in the English culture that we can learn from them. The sooner we begin to share our good qualities the sooner will the Irish influence be stronger and greater for the good of that country because of the Christian Faith which we carry there. So prejudice is out.

When we look at things, whether we're living in Ireland or Britain, its a good thing to try to see them correctly.

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Dear Westmeathians and friends,

On behalf of the committee and through the courtesy of the "Irish Counties Journal" I send greetings to you all. This Journal is meant to keep all Irish folk informed on what is happening and what is being planned within the respective County Associations. As this is the first article on our Association to appear in the Journal, we hope you will find it interesting and informative.

A copy will be sent free of charge monthly to the paid up members but on this occasion we are sending it to all our lapsed members as well, hoping it will encourage them to join the Association. Membership fee is 50p per annum and should be sent to our Treasurer. Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to the Westmeath Association.

For most of us the summer holidays are over and I hope you enjoyed them. Thanks to all those who arranged their vacation to co-incide with the 5th Annual Emigrants Re-Union in the Lake County Hotel, Mullingar, on Sunday, 1st August. This was a wonderful event when upwards of 300 sat down to a first class turkey dinner, followed by a dance until 3 a.m. Congratulations to the organisers for the success of the function, to the manageress of the Hotel, Miss Kay Pierce, for the excellent fare provided and Dinny Hughes for supplying the music. We look forward to hearing Dinny play in London on 9th October.

Future Functions.

Grand Social and Dance at the Cricklewood Broadway, London, N.W.2, on Friday, 24th September, 1971. Music by Pat McNamee and his band from 8.30 p.m. until midnight. Admission 30p. We look forward to a big gathering. If you have got friends bring them, if you have not, come and find some. All will be welcome.

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Saturday, 9th October.

Mullingar Parish Re-Union at St. Aloysius Church Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, London, N.W.1. An invitation is extended to all parishioners from Mullingar and surrounding districts now domiciled in England to attend. Coming from Mullingar on a chartered flight for the event will be Most Rev. J. McCormack, D.D., Bishop of Meath, together with other priests from the Parish. Paddy Flanagan is bringing the St. Lawman football team over on the same plane and Dinny Hughes is bringing his band over to supply the music. All in all it promises to be a hectic and exciting weekend. Phoenix Road is off Eversholt Street and close to Euston Station. The Re-Union is from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a small cover charge.

Thursday, 9th December— Bacon and Cabbage Supper. Full details later.

Snippets.

Congratulations to our Secretary, Deenie Roper and her husband Jimmy on the birth of their baby boy. To our committee member, Cyril McKervy, on his recent marriage to Miss Josephine Meade. To members Brian Timmons and Carmel Edwards (Moate) on their recent wedding. To the Westmeath Association darts team on their dual victory over St. Vincent's Institute for the Deaf. Next game against a Meath team to be arranged. Lets hear from you Meath. To the Westmeath Minor Hurling team on their recent All Ireland win over Roscommon.

News items for our next issue in October would be very welcome. For now—

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2. Name the most famous father and son who were writers.
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4. Who is Arthur Miller?
5. Name the date and the place of the death of Oscar Wilde.
6. Who was the famous English poet who spoke Latin and Greek fluently. Married against her rich father's will and left London for Italy where she fought for Italy's freedom (1809-1861).
7. Where was the headquarters of the Third Reich.
8. What are the full names for: B.E.A.C.; C.O.D.; I.T.O.
9. Name the capital of the following countries:
(a) Yugoslavia; (b) Malaysia; (c) Finland.
10. When did the British Empire become the Commonwealth of Nations.
11. Name the highest mountain in the world.
12. What is the Japanese currency.

Fereshteh Sateri (Miss)

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Most misunderstandings are generally due to the fact that people do not understand what the other person has said or intends to say. This is appropriate when two cultures meet as we do in London. It takes a while to get to understand how the other person speaks, but we can avoid much difficulty if we stop and think and ask what exactly the other person has meant to say.

This is a wonderful occasion for the people of Waterford living in London particularly and other parts of Britain. Its lovely to come home and find such welcome and support from the people of Waterford. We do welcome you and we see it as a sign of friendship and a sign of your interest in our welfare on the other side of the water.

Mr. James French, Vice-Chairman, made a presentation to Very Rev. Ml. Farrell on his promotion from the city to the village, for the interest he had shown in all exiles from Waterford and in the London Waterford Association.

Very Rev. Fr. Farrell thanked the Association for the lovely present and again asked the exiles not to forget the old folk at home and be good to them.

Rev. Dean Day did not say very much on this occasion but nevertheless stole the show as usual. In his impromptu speech he mentioned the fact that his bank had an advertisement in the Irish Counties Journal. He was sure his stipend as a church of Ireland Minister did not contribute to it. Especially as he had the expense of his daughters marriage only two weeks previously. Indeed, he said, I haven't had a square meal since. So I was delighted to come here tonight and partake of this wonderful banquet.

Music for dancing was provided by the Rhythm Kings and the playing of Old Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought a memorable night to a close.

Annual Dinner/Dance in Hammersmith.

Our annual Dinner/Dance will be held on the 6th November at Hammersmith Town Hall. People who require tickets for this function should contact any member of the social committee at their earliest convenience as accommodation is limited to 360. Further information on this function in the next edition of this journal.

Returned to Eire.

Ireland's gain, is our loss and once again we say goodbye to a staunch committee member, namely Mr. Patrick Russell, who has returned to Ireland and is now employed by the Waterford County Council. Paddy is a native of Clashmore. Good Luck Pat.

Congratulations to the Waterford team who beat Cork Hibernians 3 - 0 at flower lodge on Sunday, 29th August.

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Social Committee.

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A picturesque view at Woodstown, Co. Waterford

OUR QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Fleming (English).
2. Alexander Dumas.
3. South Africa.
4. Famous playwright. Born in 1915 and married to Marilyn Monroe in 1958.
5. Born 1854-1900, he died in Paris.
6. Elizabeth B. Browning.
7. Berlin.
8. British European Airways Corporation; Cash On Delivery; International Trade Organisation.
9. (a) Belgrade; (b) Kuala Lumpur; (c) Helsinki.
10. 1931.
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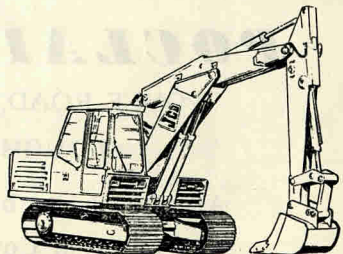
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During the months of July and August many of our members were on a well deserved holiday and for this reason there was very little activity. This, however, is not the case in County Clare. I had a glowing report about the International Clare Dinner, which was held at the New Inn, County Clare and attended by 450 people. Although this is not the right time for the London holidaymakers, we had a very good representation from the London Association and we can look forward to a full report at the next committee meeting.

I feel sure that many Clare people read this Journal who are not members of the Clare Association. We shall be happy to have you. Please send a card giving name, address, parish in County Clare, together with 37½p for a single person, and 50p for a married couple for a year's membership. This will enable you to join in all our activities and I am sure you will enjoy every minute of it.

We are grateful to the people who still collect tinfoil milk bottle tops and silver paper which we use to purchase dogs for the blind, we will collect this from you let us know where and when.

I don't know if we are soft hearted, stupid or plain bonkers, we always seem to be involved in fund raising for some deserving cause. Our most recent one to send a sick man to Knock. This man recently had a very serious operation and he promised OUR LADY if he got through he would make the pilgrimage to Knock. He got over the operation but with the best will in the world he was an old age pensioner and could not possibly get the money together to make the trip to Ireland. We heard of this and together with some of his parishioners and one other very generous gentleman a fund was started to get him to Ireland and pay his expenses and his spending money whilst he is there. No problem, the money has been raised and he is now in Ireland, however, the fund is not closed as it is our intention to raise £100 for the two orphans at Edgware. These children are not of Clare parents, but it is a very deserving cause and if you have any spare cash after the holidays we would be most grateful for any donation large or small.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you our very generous and kind hearted people who have at all times supported the Association in every way and in parti-

cular when we have asked for contributions for some deserving cause you have never failed to respond. I feel sure that your rewards will be greater than you will ever anticipate.

You are the living example of the very touching words and even more true today than when written many years ago.

Quote: I shall pass through this world but once,
Any good therefore that I can do
Any kindness that I can show a fellow creature
Let me do it now. I may not pass this way again.

My apologies to our readers and to the editor of this Journal for missing out on the last issue. The report, such as it was, I hope will be included in this issue.

Since then I am pleased to tell you that our Charter flight to Shannon has taken place and through this many of our people have had a very pleasant holiday in County Clare. We also had a number of people over from Clare on the return journey at the very low cost of £12.50. This gave some Dads and Mums the opportunity of visiting their children over here and at the same time gave them an insight as to how we live and act in this country.

Regarding the Dance at the Gresham this will be over before you read this, but I feel sure that it will be a great success as the tickets are going well.

Other dates to look forward to: October 2nd, Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre. November 20th, Annual Dinner/Dance at John Barkers, Kensington. December 23rd, Charter flight to Shannon for Christmas Holidays. Returning January 2nd, 1972. £20.00 return. Later in 1972 about the month of February we are running a charter to Shannon for a weekend to attend one of the Medieval Dinners at Bunratty Castle. Details about this later in the year.

We are meeting Donegal in the Quiz very shortly but the final date has not yet been arranged. You will be notified about this in a circular which will be going out to members very soon.

As a follow up on the Tuamgraney Handball Alley we had a few donations for this and we forwarded a cheque to the chairman for £20.00. A reply has been received and they are grateful for the donations received. Should anyone wish to contribute we shall be happy to forward it for them.

On going to Press we learned that the pensioner we sent over to visit Knock is still in Ireland and unfortunately he is now in hospital. Although he is very ill he is very happy that he managed to get to Knock and we are now praying for a speedy recovery that he may be able to travel back.

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Mrs. Wagstaff believes in commencing early and likes to have all her plans well timed. The Miss Ireland competition is no exception and the leading prize is that the Irish colleen who wins the first annual event will lead the Brent Irish in the London Parade on Sunday, March 12th and then travel across the Irish Sea to Dublin in an Aer Lingus jet to lead her group in their first appearance at the Dublin parade on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, 17th March, 1972.

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