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As I already mentioned in the previous issue of this journal, we have a full programme to meet before the Christmas Festivities take place. Our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner got us off to a good start and we had a very enjoyable evening. We were surprised and delighted to have with us on that occasion Mr. Lumsden, Catering Manager at Messrs. John Barker & Co., of Kensington, together with his very charming secretary. They enjoyed the evening with the Clare Association and we are pleased for we have on many occasions enjoyed an evening with them especially our Annual Dinners and Dances which have been held there for the past twelve years.

This year is no exception, we shall again be at John Barkers, and I hope that many of you will be reading through this journal as you sit at your table for it is our intention to have the journal available to all on November 20th.

The Journal will also be available on the 19th November at the Ennis and Doora Re-union, which will be held at the Cricklewood Hotel, N.W.2.

On November 22nd.—The Parishes of Clarecastle, Newmarket, Quinn and Sixmilebridge at the Irish Centre.

On November 23rd.—At the North Clare Parishes Re-union to be held at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road.

If you are not already a member of the Clare Association please fill in the form below and mail it to me or any of the other officers together with your membership money 37½p for a single person and 50p for a married couple.

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This will ensure that you will get full details of the functions taking place and you will be assured of being kept in touch with our activities.

Looking further ahead we are very much involved in the Irish Centre and its activities and for many years we have helped the

Centre whenever it was possible for us to do so. I mention this with a hope that you will possibly see your way clear to attend the forthcoming dance which will be held at the Gresham Ballroom on December 19th. This will be the Irish Centre Christmas Dance and will be as it were a curtain raiser to the Christmas Festivities. The money raised at this dance will be used for a sadly needed face lift.

We will not ask you to buy tickets at the Annual Dinner Dance but they will be available if you enquire. I shall be delighted to oblige anyone who requires tickets or wishes to make a donation. All the proceeds after the expenses of the Parish Re-unions will go to the Irish Centre for the purpose already mentioned.

A reminder again of our Special Flight to Shannon for the Christmas holidays.

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Our friend Joe Farrell, the man who went to Knock, has, I am pleased to say, returned home. He is still very ill and will be back in hospital for some time. I wish to put on record his gratitude for being able to visit Knock and particularly to the good people in Ballygar who were so kind to him during his illness, especially to Mrs. Kenny, who was so good to him and helpful to us in arranging his return to England.

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Photograph taken after the marriage of Nuala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien (long standing members of the Cavan Association) to Barry Kavanagh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. Sheridan, O.M.I., at St. James's Catholic Church, Peckham.

### Cavan Dinner and Dance

The 1971 Cavan Dinner and Dance held at the Gresham Ballroom on Thursday, 14th October, will be remembered by all who were there as a wonderful occasion. A record number of 360 people sat down to Dinner, and Mr. Gorman and his caterers and staff are to be congratulated on the excellence of the food and service.

Among our guests were: Rev. A. J. Nelson, from Bailieborough, where he is the Church of Ireland Rector, he is also Chairman, Midland Regional Tourism Organisation; Mr. T. Feehan, representing the Irish Ambassador in London, and his wife; our President, Mr. James Conway and his wife; Mr. Bob Daly, Secretary of the Council of Irish Counties and his wife; Rev. S. Hetherington, P.P., Swanley, Kent, Vice President of Cavan Association, Rev. P. Sheridan, representing the Irish Centre, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Smyth, Thomond Publishing Company.

In his speech, Rev. Nelson, who was chief guest, stressed the need for involvement by minority groups in the community, whether Protestants in the Republic, Catholics in Northern Ireland or Irish generally in the U.K. He believed it was only really possible to express Christianity in terms of human relationship and service. He recounted the development of Cavan — due to increased industry, mechanised farming, Government Grants and Assurances, and the growth of community and charitable organisations. He talked about his own involvement in Tourism, Credit Union and Special School for Mentally Handicapped Children. Tourism is the largest single factor in the national economy. Mr. Nelson encouraged Irish people to return as

tourists for holidays, and also to consider returning for good, bringing with them their vision and expertise.

His speech got tremendous applause, he was very popular and in great demand through the evening.

Rev. Nelson stayed at the Irish Centre at the invitation of Rev. P. Sheridan, and at his own request he spent the week taking an active part in the social welfare work of the Centre, thus seeing for himself the work and problems dealt with by the Irish Centre. We would like to thank Rev. P. Fanning and the Irish Centre for their hospitality to Rev. Nelson.

Our next function is Christmas Reunion on Saturday, 11th December in the Irish Centre. Full details regarding this will be sent to all members by Newsletter. If you are not a member and would like to become one please get in touch with the Treasurer or Secretary.

#### A.G.M.

Annual General Meeting of the Cavan Association will take place on Monday, 6th December, 1971 at the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W.1, at 8 p.m.

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### OUR QUIZ

#### JUNIORS

1. What would you try to do if you were asked to 'box the compass'?
2. What kind of type do deaf people read?
3. Is there such a thing as a Firefly, or is it just an expression?
4. When you blow soap bubbles why do they rise?
5. What is a Welsh bardic festival called?
6. What is the French port usually linked with Newhaven?

#### VETERANS

1. What is another name for Hydrophobia?
2. In which musical work does the Hallelujah Chorus occur?
3. What kind of fish is an April-fish?
4. What was the name of the Hunchback of Notre Dame?
5. What common substance has the chemical name Calcium Sulphate?
6. In which country is the Afrikaans language spoken?

Answers on page 35





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Since our last bulletin we have had a very successful dance at the Irish Centre, on 16th October, and the proceeds from same have been devoted to a very worthy cause. During the past week members of the Association and Officers of the Council of Irish County Associations visited the Scanlon Children, who were orphaned recently and are now being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Harrington at Roehampton. We were very impressed by the way in which the children were being cared for and a donation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, we have also decided to buy carpets for the children's bedroom. To all and sundry who have helped these children we offer our sincere thanks.

We are at present arranging a Benefit Dance for a Kerryman living in London who has not been able to work for almost two years and with a wife and family to support this becomes more difficult, due to the rising cost of living. When we have finalised a date we want the usual good response to this worthy appeal. We will call on the assistance of other organisations to ensure that this benefit is well worthwhile. Plans are under way to have this before Christmas.

Any member knowing of any cases where assistance is required a call to the Hon. Secretary would be appreciated, and we will assist where possible.

Anyone who has accommodation to let for a family of four in North or North West London the secretary would like to hear from you. This accommodation is for a very good family who badly need this accommodation before Christmas. So the season of goodwill would be better if any assistance could be offered, even temporary accommodation.

On Saturday, 27th November we shall be having a Social at St. Brendan's, when we hope to show films of the opening, and films re. St. Patricks Parade, 1971, in London and Dublin.

On Friday, 3rd December, we are holding a Special Dinner at the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London, S.W.1 Dancing till midnight, music by The Benn Brothers. We have secured a first class menu from the Irish Club, unfortunately as accommodation is limited to 105 we ask you to apply for tickets. Transport will be available from some centres. The cost of the dinner is £2 and we hope to have Raffles and Spot Prizes included in this figure. Officers and members who have been connected with the Irish Club since its foundation 21 years ago will welcome the Association to another Irish Venue on the Coming of Age of the Irish Club.

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After the holiday recess the Association is active once more and meetings resumed on the first Wednesday of September at the Goldhawk, Goldhawk Road, W.12, and consequently on the first Wednesday of each month at the above venue.

During the holiday break Sligo met Kerry in the first round of the Guinness Cup inter-county quiz competition at St. Brendan's Hostel, headquarters of the Kerry Association in London. It must be remembered it was Kerry who narrowly defeated Sligo in this quiz last season. It was a very close contest throughout resulting in a draw at 48 points each at the end of the final round at which stage a sudden-death finish was introduced which meant the first team to fail to answer a question was doomed to defeat.

Our Honorary President and quiz Captain, Mr. T. A. Beckett, earned a victory for Sligo by successfully answering his question while his opposite number on the Kerry team failed to do so hence Sligo meets Waterford in the second round. The very impartial Quiz master was Mr. P. Hegarty of Donegal.

Future dates for our patrons diaries. Mr. T. E. Gorman has graciously placed the Gresham Ballroom at our disposal for a grand dance on Sunday, 14th of November, music supplied by the Country Blues Showband. Situated in Holloway Road, this is the leading venue for dinners, dances and other functions patronised by the Irish in London. We are very grateful to Mr. Gorman and his Manager for this booking.

Our next function will be held at the Irish Centre, Camden Square on Saturday, 18th of December. In the past this has proved a great social occasion and no doubt the committee will spare no effort to make this year's event even better.

Among the many people of late who are returning to Ireland to take up permanent positions are Seamus Lynch of Roscommon and Tom Murphy of Wexford. For many years they have been staunch supporters of all good Irish causes and regular attenders at all Sligo functions and we wish them every success in the future.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed a well earned holiday and to those unfortunate enough to have suffered a bereavement in the family we tender our sincere sympathy. To Miss S. Morrison a much respected member of our quiz team and her family also Mr. Jim Mullarkey Chairman of the London County Minor Board and all the Mullarkey family. For both families whom the loss of a mother saddened their lives we offer our condolences.

For further information of our aforementioned activities please contact our Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. Conlon, 16 Westleigh Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex. Phone 01-952 2565.

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The long hot Summer has drawn to a close and the nip in the air warns us Winter is on the way. As the evenings grow darker and the nights longer more and more people are reluctant to leave the comfort of their firesides and their T.V. sets, be they colour or just plain black and white!

However, certain Winter social events have that touch of magic that lures people out into the cold of a London night. One such event is the Annual Dinner-Dance of the Mayo Association, without question one of the most looked forward to County Association Social functions of the year.

Every year demand for tickets far exceeds supply. Already there are signs that this year's Dinner will be a sell out! The date this year is Saturday, December 11th, the venue is once again the ultra-modern Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, Cosram Street, W.C.1. Music will be provided by Billy O'Brien with Kathleen Harvey to sing all the favourite songs. Tickets are £3.00 each — Dress optional and ticket sales are in the capable hands of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Lyons, to whom all enquiries regarding tickets should be sent, see address above.

Membership of the Mayo Association is open to all Mayo people in London and to the sons and daughters of Mayo-born parents. We are always glad to hear from fellow exiles. So if you are from Mayo and wish to join, just drop a line to our Registrar, Mrs. Susan Cutts, 14 Melville Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex. Membership costs 63p per married couple and 50p single men and women.

Details of future dances, parties, etc. will appear in future issues of this journal. We are indebted to the publishers of this popular magazine for their generosity to our Association.

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The advent of the cold weather hails the approach of Autumn, and Winter cannot be far behind. The Winter schedule of social activities will soon be upon us once again. Association activities are in full swing and we are happy to report an influx of new members. New blood is always good to have and a hearty welcome is extended to all who joined us recently. We hope that they, and indeed everyone in the Association will play an active part and not just wait passively for the Association to do something for them. New ideas are always sure of a hearing as is constructive criticism.

It is a fact that for any social event to be a success, it must be planned well in advance and this is true whether the event itself is intended to be financially profitable or not. Help is required in planning and arranging and assistance is always gratefully received.

We have certainly had no lack of help in preparing what is expected to be a great social success — the Leitrims Association Social and Dance at Quex Road Hall, Kilburn, on November 22nd. Dancing 8.30 - 11 p.m. to the music of the Kingdom Showband, and tickets are available now from any member of the committee — price 30p each. Make a note of the time and date and get your tickets early. Further details if required can be had from our Secretary.

Every month, a draw is held for a prize Bond, for which every Association member is eligible. Our winner for October was Mrs. Michael Tierney.

Do you get your local county newspaper? The Leitrims Observer is currently featuring interviews with people connected with Development projects in the county and the fight for community survival, and the Leitrims Man of the Year competition is again being sponsored, by the Observer and the Leitrims Guardian magazine. Details and voting forms are currently appearing in the Leitrims Observer. The Observer can be posted weekly to your home, if you are unable to buy it locally. The annual subscription costs, including postage, is £5.

The next meeting of the Association is scheduled to take place in The Irish Centre, Camden Town, on Monday, 29th November, at 9 p.m. sharp. All members of Leitrims people who would like to join are very welcome to attend.

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Kilkenny people and their friends turned out in full strength recently when we held a Benefit Dance at St. George's Club, Walthamstow, in aid of a Kilkenny family. It was our first major venture in East London and it turned out to be a great success. Those who supported us will be glad to know that a sum of £100 was raised to help this family. A thousand thanks to all who helped out and supported us that night.

The many people who had such a good night in Acton some time ago will be pleased to know that we return there on Friday, 7th January, 1972 for another dance at the White Hart, 264 High Street, Acton, London, W.3. Anyone who missed the last one should make a special note of the date. A great night is assured.

Our next main function is a Dinner-Dance at the Irish Centre, Camden Town on Saturday, 13th November, 1971. Everything points to it being a very enjoyable night. The guest of honour will be the Mayor of Kilkenny, Ald. Kieran Crotty, T.D. In the past these functions have proved to be very popular, so it is essential to order tickets now. There are some still available at £1.50. Dinner will start sharp at 8 o'clock. Dancing to 12 o'clock. Admission to the dance after dinner is 25p. Music supplied by "The Irish Rovers". Full particulars from Hon. Secretary, T. Dack. Telephone 01-435 2504.

We note that the London Co. Board of the G.A.A. are continuing, this year, on their usual narrow minded way. In recent years we have become as accustomed to their back-tracking that this year's selection of the Hurling Teams to play at Wembley comes as no surprise. But the omission of the All-Ireland Finalists, Kilkenny must surely be marked down as their greatest blunder yet. One wonders, in view of the falling gates at Wembley how the Co. Board can justify their decision.

Last year we saw a big drop in numbers at the games with the decision to exclude Wexford. Let us hope that this trend will continue until such time as the Co. Board changes its mind. One wonders if there are any Leinster delegates on this Board or is it completely dominated by Munster men. One way or the other, it seems the general public gets very little consideration.

Once more we have come to the end of Summer — the holidays are but a memory — the Hurling and Football championships are over. But the tales of victory or defeat will keep many an emigrant going right through the long winter nights. Tipperary and Offaly men will sing the praises of their team's great victories while Galway and Kilkenny men will console themselves by saying we were in hard luck.

To the exile the Gaelic Games are very special — they are probably his greatest tie with the Homeland. Unfortunately, he can seldom, if ever, see his teams in action. So, he must depend solely on the written or spoken word. He must base his arguments on what the sportswriters or radio commentators say.

Go to any Irish Club on the night of a big match, find the man who has a radio good enough to pick up Radio Eireann and you have found the most popular man in the house that night. That afternoon, like thousands of other Irishmen he will have gone to all sorts of places such as parks on high ground, under telegraph poles or even on roof-tops to try and pick up the match. He may be lucky and hear most of the commentary between the crackling and whistling of the wireless. But it is little consolation to him to hear the commentator roll off the list of countries to which the match is being relayed. It does little for his morale when he remembers he is here in England in 1971, the nearest country to Ireland with more exiles in it than all the other countries put together and he still cannot pick up Radio Eireann properly. One thing is certain, he holds a deep and lasting resentment towards the authorities of Radio Eireann for their steam-age radio station, he feels completely let down by the Irish Government, and he gets the message "I'm all right Jack" from the G.A.A.

Forgetting the match for a while, he ponders on. He remembers early in the year, during the post strike, someone said it would be serious for the Irish economy as up to £40 million a year goes through the post to Ireland from exiles in England. He knows, too, that at least half the income from the tourist trade is from exiles who faithfully return to Ireland every year for their holidays. (Of course, he has been told often enough that he is doing no more than his duty to the Homeland). Again, he remembers reading that the Irish Fatstock Commission has just launched an advertising campaign to boost the sales of Irish Beef in England at a cost of around £70,000 in the hope of netting an extra £2 million for the Irish economy. He is proud that the Irish authorities should launch such a campaign and wishes it every success. But, not being an economist, he is at a loss to know why the Irish Government can spend so much money every year encouraging money into Ireland, and yet for their own kith and kin in England, who contribute so much to the Irish economy, he can't afford to boost the strength of Radio Eireann. He knows too, that not only would it give great enjoyment to exiles in being able to hear the matches but it could also be a great boost to Irish language and music lovers abroad and also to Bord Failte in their quest for tourists.

No, he does not know the answers, but he knows that someone, somewhere in Dublin does. He knows too, that he can never ask those people the questions, but perhaps some politicians somewhere in Ireland will ask it for him. Maybe, the men of R.T.E. or Dail Eireann will, one-day, take their heads out of the sand, face up to reality and give him an answer. Meanwhile, down at the local the discussion will go on and foremost in the discussion will be what the sportswriters said the day after. So for the present, he lives in hope. Let's trust he doesn't die in despair.

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## G.A.A. IN CAVAN

By Rev. S. Hetherton



Photo shows the teams — Cavan and Meath — in the march out for the All Ireland Final of 1952. Rev. S. Hetherton is eighth from the front.—Photo by kind permission of Independent Newspapers Ltd.

The G.A.A. was founded to meet a challenge. The National Pastimes were in decline through lack of organised promotion and control. The games of the people were threatened with extinction. The deterioration was arrested and the challenge was successfully resisted.

The Association has since achieved a position of remarkable strength in the country. Today the games which develop athletic powers, delight the hearts and retain the loyalty of the vast majority of Irish youth are certainly Gaelic Games.

In a short essay of this nature it is impossible to give in detail the history of Gaelic Football in Cavan, but in brief it can be said that Cavan was looked upon as one of the kingpins of Gaelic football. Records show that the first gaelic football match played in Cavan was on 11th December, 1887. This match was played in the present Royal School Grounds (this overlooks Breffni Park). The match was between Bailieborough Home Rulers (I do not know whether or not this team included any of Captain Jimmy Kelly's antecedents!!) and the redoubtable Ballyconnell First Ulsters. An interesting feature of this match was that Bailieborough had to bring their own goal posts with them. The match was banned by the R.I.C. under the Sunday Observance Act. For some mysterious reason, Bailieborough beat Ballyconnell on the score of 3 points to nil. The referee was a man called Mulligan from Virginia.

Since then Cavan have been engaged in many epic encounters, both at Club and County levels. Perhaps by far the most important

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### Dinner/Dance

Our Annual Dinner will be over by the time you receive this issue. A report will appear in the Christmas issue. I wish to take this opportunity of apologising to those who were unable to obtain tickets, unfortunately we are limited to 360 people including guests.

### Sick List

We wish Mr. Paddy Moloney a speedy recovery from his illness. Paddy, who has been in hospital for the past few weeks, is our Assistant Treasurer, he has been a staunch member of the Association for many years. We would also like to wish Mr. Peter Heany, and Mr. Tom Glavin a very speedy recovery from their illnesses.

### Singing Contest

Mr. Paddy O'Brien is representing us in the Singing Contest sponsored by the Galway Association. Good luck Paddy.

### Recalled to Eire

Waterford's gain in our loss and once again we lose an enthusiastic member to the Waterford and Lismore diocese, namely Fr. Bill Meehan, who was Curate to our President, Right Rev. Mons. C. J. Henderson, P.P.V.G., Blackheath.

Fr. Meehan had always thought of becoming a Priest but changed his mind midway through his leaving exams, and decided to enter the Cistercian Monastery attached to his school at Roscrea. It was not through any feeling of dissatisfaction that Fr. Meehan left the Monastery, but because of a shortage of Novices; this meant that it might be some years before there were enough to make up a Theology class.

The Abbot spoke to him when, during a period of review under General Chapter, the Cistercian Order was in a state of uncertainty due to possible changes in its rules and he showed him that his tasks as a Lay Brother might multiply until he was virtually running the farm single handed. He recommended him to become a Secular Priest, saying that the doors would always be open for him to return any day he chose. So after seven years as a Monk he went to the Seminary after all, but this time to Waterford. At one time there were so many Priests in Ireland that it was quite common for them to do a tour of duty in England. This being so, and because of the ties between Waterford and Southwark and the acquaintance of Fr. Meehan's family with Mons. Henderson he was placed at Blackheath immediately after his ordination in 1970. Since then he has been an active member of our Association, so we say goodbye to Fr. Meehan and wish him every success in Waterford.

### Future Functions

Our Christmas Dance will be held at St. Pauls Catholic Social Club, Station Road, Wood Green, N.22, on the 11th December, admission 50p. Fully licensed bar open until 11.30 p.m., nearest Tube Station, Wood Green (Station Road faces Wood Green Station). Tickets can be had from any member of Social Committee.



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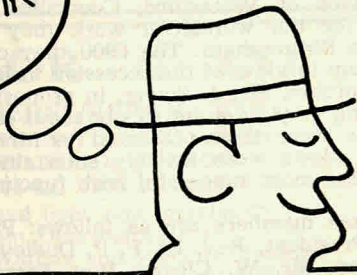
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### Annual Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Raffle, and can be had from the Secretary or any member of the Association.

Congratulations to the Blues re. their victory over Drogheda at Lourdes Stadium on 17th October. The Waterford team were as follows: Thomas, Bryan, Maguire, Morley, Morrissey, McGeough, Power, O'Neill, Hale, Kirby, Matthews.

Congratulations also to Miss Jennifer Murphy. Cappelquin Macra Na Feirme who was selected Waterford "Queen of the Land" at a dance held recently at Lawlers Hotel, Dungarvan.

### Welcome to New Members

Mr. R. Aherne (Lismore), Mr. Fennell (Coolnasmea), Mr. Cullen (Grange), Mr. Vincent O'Toole, Proprietor of the Maryland Guest House, The Mall, Waterford, has offered 10 per cent discount on accommodation, food and drinks, to all members of the Waterford Association on production of their membership card. We wish to thank Mr. O'Toole for his very kind offer.

### Social Committee

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### Waterford Association, Birmingham

The 9th Annual Dinner of the Waterford Association, Birmingham, was held at the Irish Centre, Birmingham, on Friday, 9th October. The guests were as follows: The Most Rev. Dr. M. Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore; Councillor and Mrs. T. Galvan, Mayor of Waterford; Right Rev. Monsignor D. Leonard, V.G.; Rev. Fr. M. Cullinan, President Waterford County Association; Mr. and Mrs. W. Smyth, Chairman Waterford Association, London; Mr. J. O'Donnell, Chairman Irish Development Association, Birmingham; Rev. Fr. F. P. Dudley, Vice-President Waterford County Association, Birmingham; Sister Mary Annuntia, Headmistress of St. John's, Moseley; Rev. Fr. J. Sullivan; Rev. Fr. T. Foynes; Rev. Fr. P. Wall; Rev. Fr. O'Doherty; Fr. E. Cotter; Fr. T. Whittle; Mr. J. Daniels, Birmingham Mail; Mrs. Maureen McGreen; Miss Munster.

During his speech Most Rev. Dr. M. Russell said he liked the idea of the speeches at Birmingham, they were always like telegraph poles few and far between. On the serious side he said he loved coming to Birmingham to meet old and new friends. He especially liked going back to Waterford and telling our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters that he had met us in Birmingham. It gave great pleasure to our loved ones at home to know that our Bishop had met us across the Channel and that we were doing all right. Most Rev. Dr. Russell repeated Fr. Farrell's slogan, Please Write Home Often.

The Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Tim Galvan, praised the Association for the wonderful work they were doing on behalf of Waterford in Birmingham. The £900 they collected for charity was a very large sum in view of the recession in Birmingham at the moment.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Power, in proposing the toast to the guests had something very eloquent to say about each and every one of them.

Bouquets were then presented to Mrs. T. Galvan and Mrs. W. Smyth. The guests were lavishly entertained and the entire evening was one of the most successful Irish functions held so far throughout England.

Committee members are as follows: President, Rev. Fr. M. Cullinan; Vice-President, Rev. Fr. F. P. Dudley; Chairman, Mr. J. Power; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Cleary; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. P. King; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. O'Brien; Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. P. Browne, Messrs. J. Doyle, M. Delaney, E. Cullinan.



### G.A.A. IN CAVAN (continued from page 27)

and historic encounter was the All Ireland Final played at the Polo Grounds, New York, in September, 1947, between Cavan and Kerry. These two teams, steeped in Gaelic football tradition, served up a brand of football that will long be remembered and to the joy of all Cavan supporters, Cavan won the one and only All Ireland final played outside Ireland.

Cavan have added to their proud record five All Ireland wins — 1933, '35, '47, '48 and '52 and 44 Ulster Titles, and have appeared in no less than nine All Ireland finals. The 1937 All Ireland is worth mentioning. The final between Cavan and Kerry ended in a draw and in the replay Cavan was forced to bring on seven substitutes. When an eighth substitute was needed. Cavan had no choice but to ask Patsy Lynch, who was not a sub, to tog out there and then on the side line, and fill the gap. Needless to say in the absence of eight of their best players Cavan lost. In the drawn match the ref blew the full time whistle as the ball went over the bar. All spectators, and the Radio Eireann Commentator hailed Cavan as the Champions, but the referee did not allow the point and so the match was deemed a draw.

In the course of the years Cavan has produced many great players, notably Jimmy Smith, John Joe O'Reilly, Louise Blessing, Packie Delvin, Mick Higgins and Tony Tighe. It is commonly held in Cavan that Jimmy Smith was the greatest footballer Cavan ever produced — in fact many hail him as Ireland's greatest.

An All Ireland medal has escaped many outstanding players and I deem myself lucky to have won one with Cavan in 1952. Since then Cavan has not won an All Ireland Final although figuring in many semi-finals. The County seems to have declined and it is hoped that history will repeat itself in the not too distant future to enable Cavan to recapture the coveted Sam Maguire Cup.

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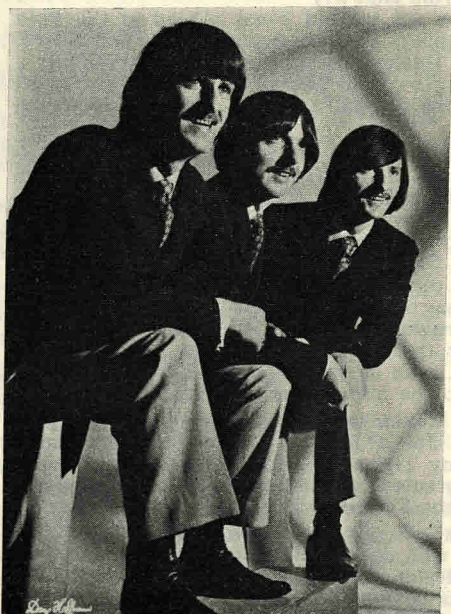
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October 15th last saw the latest release of these three young Irish brothers. The three, Shay McEvoy, 26, and brothers Tony and Morris, aged 22 and 21 respectively, have been signed up by President Records and their record 'Makin' Georgia' was released in both Europe and America. 'Old Gold' is the name that they call themselves and they can be heard playing at The White Horse, 31 Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, W.12, which is a St. George's Tavern.

Shay, the drummer and eldest of the three says "We are all delighted that we have got this chance. President Records are very pleased with the song and everyone there seems confident that we have a good chance of success". 'Old Gold' write all of their own material and have had their songs recorded by other artists.

The picture shows, left to right, Shay, Tony, and Morris.



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Sleek-haired woman  
And dark-eyed man  
— and a child with cheeks  
Red as a Munster rose  
Eyed me up and down as I passed.  
'Good day to you, sir,' she said,  
With a lilt in her voice.  
'Do you think the good weather will last?'  
That night by the glow  
Of the campfire's blaze  
The dark-eyed traveller strange stories told  
Of how he fought in wars in lands afar,  
Guarded the Queen of Sheba's gold,  
How with a dark-skinned tribe  
In the jungle deep  
He had hunted with arrow and bow  
Ah — 'If I was young again,' he said —  
Scratching his head,  
'To other strange lands I'd go.'  
The little child  
With clustered curls of gold  
Never batted an eye in surprise  
As she listened to the stories  
Her father told  
'Neath the blue of the Galway skies.  
That a treasure of tales  
That little goldhead must hold  
I thought; as I went on my way  
— And wondering when  
I'd meet them again  
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## THE BACHELORS

(Continued from last month)

The incredible success of their Scarborough and other seasons proved that they are now one of the very few top star acts in the country today who can fill the biggest theatres; and it resulted in their signing a three year contract with the famous management of Howard and Wyndham, who presented the boys in a new and lavish production of "The Bachelors' Show" for seasons at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; the Royal Court, Liverpool; the Coventry Theatre; the Alhambra, Glasgow, where, as is traditional at this theatre, it was called "Five Past Eight"; the King's, Edinburgh; the Grand, Leeds; the Opera House, Manchester, and Theatre Royal, Newcastle.

During this tour they were acclaimed by the press as: "Achieving the peak triumph of their career", "Showing just how talented and versatile they are", "Now highly professional all round entertainers", "The incomparable Bachelors", "How The Bachelors sparkle" etc.

During 1968, in addition to their theatre seasons, they appeared on T.V. in "Bachelors' Night Out", "Show Of The Week", "Frost On Sunday", The Eammon Andrews' Show" and "The R.A.F. Show" which was transmitted live from the Victoria Palace and attended by the Duke of Edinburgh, and also visited Australia, where they broke all records during a three weeks' season at the Chequers' Theatre Restaurant in Sydney.

1969 proved one of their greatest years, bringing them a highly successful first T.V. series and top billing in a West End show. The series, "It's The Bachelors", was one of A.T.V.'s biggest hits that year, being consistently high in the T.V.R. Top Ten ratings during May and June, following which their stage show "Summer Spectacular" packed London's Victoria Palace twice nightly for four months. The success of these ventures led to a second T.V. series of "It's The Bachelors" in the spring of 1970 — this time in colour and twice as long. Then came a return to Blackpool to star in "The Bachelors' Show" at the Opera House — the country's biggest theatre, seating 3000 — which they filled to capacity twice nightly for four months.

Having topped charts, theatre bills and T.V. programmes, The Bachelors are not resting on their well-earned laurels: between them they now play nine instruments and practise and rehearse constantly — all possible reasons why 1971 looks like proving a turning point in their careers. Early this year the B.B.C. signed them to star in a new television production — as actors. Entitled "Under And Over" by David Climie and Austin Steele (authors of the successful "Oh Brother" series), it was shown unheralded as a last minute replacement for a cancelled programme on January 8th and audience reaction was so enthusiastic that it is to be extended to a six part series to be shown later this year. Prior to this, The Bachelors' first appearance at the Talk Of The Town during February and March proved another triumph with the press proclaiming them: "a big hit", "a resounding success", "breathtaking", "they have never been better", "more applause than I've heard at the Talk for a long time" — a good augury for the summer when they present a new version of "The Bachelors' Show" at the Futurist Theatre, Scarborough from June to September.

Although becoming famous has made quite a difference to their lives, it has left The Bachelors remarkably unchanged in many ways with the same hobbies and interests. In 1961 Con married pretty



Kathleen McLoughlin from Dublin and they now live in a 15th century house, listed as an historic monument, in Elland, Yorkshire, with their three children: Carole born 7th October, 1962, Gregory born 16th May, 1964, and Michael, born 20th January, 1969. 1961 also brought a bride to John in the delectable shape of Celene O'Reilly — also from Dublin — and they live in Richmond, Surrey, with their three sons: Sean, born 26th March, 1964, Cormac, born 6th February, 1966, and Ciaran, born April 24th, 1970. On October 5th, 1968 Dec married the beautiful dancer Sandra Williams and they live in a mews' house in London with their daughter Victoria born 14th May, 1970.

Away from the theatres and studios The Bachelors all enjoy outdoor life with plenty of golf, riding and water ski-ing. But they also like a quiet evening at home watching T.V. or going to the cinema — Con's favourite actors being Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Marlon Brando; Dec preferring Julie Christie and Tom Courtenay, whilst John's top stars are Ingrid Bergman, Albert Finney and Steve McQueen. For travelling, Con has a Rolls Royce and a Triumph Vitesse; John a Triumph 2.5 Automatic and a Triumph Vitesse, and Dec — a vintage enthusiast — a 1927 Austin Chummy, a 1929 Bentley and a 1934 Austin Nippy in addition to a modern Ford Capri.

A successful television series and a London show were two of The Bachelors' three ambitions: the one remaining is to make films. This they have done, but they were in the nature of guest spots, whereas the boys would like to have roles which would be an integral part of the whole film. As their intensive work over the past years has resulted in their becoming professional entertainers of the highest calibre, appealing to all ages and both sexes and now successful as actors, there is no doubt that the remaining ambition will become reality in the foreseeable future.

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## ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

### JUNIORS

1. You would try to name the 32 points of the compass in correct order.
2. Ordinary type.
3. Yes, it is a winged insect that gives out a brilliant light at night.
4. The air that fills them is warm from the lungs and therefore lighter than the air outside; warm air rises and takes the bubble with it.
5. Eisteddfod.
6. Dieppe.

### VETERANS

1. Rabies.
2. Handel's "Messiah".
3. It's not a fish at all, but a word meaning an April fools errand or hoax. In Scotland it is a "gowk" (or Cuckoo).
4. Quasimodo.
5. Plaster of Paris.
6. South Africa.

## A GRAND NIGHT FOR THE IRISH



Pictured here after the re-opening and blessing of Bidly Mulligan's 205 Kilburn High Road, London, N.W.6 (formerly the Victoria) are Father Edna Canning, O.M.I., who gave blessing, and the Manager and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McManamon.

Kilburn now has its own Irish pub. Bidly Mulligan's formerly the Victoria, re-opened on Thursday, 30th September, after a £35,000 plus face lift with an Irish blessing, Irish music and bars crowded.

The blessing was given by Father Edna Canning, O.M.I., Assistant Priest at the local Catholic Church in Quex Road. The short ceremony ended with a prayer said in Irish.

Father Canning said: "It is a fine Irish custom to ask for a blessing when a family moves into a new home, so it is right that we should ask for a blessing here."

Mr. Patrick MacManamon, landlord of Bidly Mulligan's, said: "This has always been a popular house with Irish people living in Kilburn. So we took the opportunity to rename it when we had to close some of the bars for redecoration."

Bidly Mulligan is a legendary Dublin character made famous by Jimmy O'Dea, the Irish comedian. In his 40-year career on the Dublin stage he made the song, "Bidly Mulligan, pride of the Coombe" as popular as Gracie Fields made "Sally in our Alley" in England.

Bidly Mulligan's is a St. George's Tavern. Redecoration is part of the big programme of property improvement being carried out by the company, which is part of the Watney Mann Group.



## JACQUELINE NOT FOR ALBERT HALL CONCERT

Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis, the former wife of the late President John F. Kennedy will not be among the guests of the London Wexfordmen's Association list of guests at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Monday, November 22nd for the eighth annual Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert.

This news was broken to the Committee in a letter from Tom Murphy now resident in his native New Ross. Mrs. Onassis wrote to him expressing her delight at the invitation but regretted that she could not attend as she would prefer to be with her children around the anniversary of her first husband's death, she did, however, send best greetings to Mr. Murphy and the London Wexfordmen's Association for the success of this great function and hoped to be present sometime in the not too distant future.

Mr. Murphy also received a letter from Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of Senator Teddy Kennedy, who made headlines with his speech on the Northern Ireland situation recently. Mrs. Kennedy, a noted pianist, was invited by the Wexfordmen to perform at the Albert Hall Concert. It was not possible for her to appear on this occasion but she was interested in a London performance if some suitable orchestra could be found as a backing group. The Wexfordmen are pursuing this one and it will be discussed at a later meeting. She and the Senator were met privately by a member of the Association on their visit to London recently and talks took place on the intended tour in 1972.

Mr. Kevin Morris, Mayor of Wexford, will attend the Annual Concert and the Mass and March/Wreath Laying Service on Sunday, 21st November. He will arrive in London on Friday, 19th November, with Paddy Roche, Secretary of the Wexford County Board, G.A.A., and Mrs. Roche. Fr. Michael Funge, who will comper the Concert and his first appearance (return to London) with Tom Murphy will also travel on the same plane. A reception will be held on their arrival. Dr. Donal Herilhy, Patron and Bishop of Ferns, will be present for the Concert only.

The Con-Celebrated Mass will take place at the Church of the Holy Apostles at 11.30 a.m. and as many as six Wexford Priests will be present.

At 3 p.m. on the same afternoon, the annual Memorial March and Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place from Speaker's Corner, Marble Arch and go via the principal streets of the West End to the John F. Kennedy Bust at Park Crescent near Great Portland Street Station. Five London Irish Bands will take part and all Irish Organisations in London are cordially invited to participate and lay wreaths. A short oration will be given by Alderman Kevin Morris, P.C.

Meanwhile, the tickets for the Royal Albert Hall Concert are going well and patrons wishing to avail of them should make haste and contact the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. Danny J. O'Leary, 1a, Chippenham Mews, London, W.9. Phone 01-286 0516. Cheques or Postal Orders and stamped addressed envelopes, please.

TOM MURPHY.

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A father said to his small son. "My boy, I am not going to do any more of your homework. It's not right."

"Never mind Dad," said the boy, "have a shot at it even if it isn't."



## LONDON GAELIC LEAGUE CHOIR

The Oireachtas Premier Award for the London Gaelic League Choir once again.

The recent whirlwind visit of the L.G.L. Choir to Ireland was yet another resounding triumph.

A smooth flight via Aer Lingus on Friday night, October 15th gave all the choristers a chance to have a good night's rest in Jury's Hotel. By 10.30 a.m. on Saturday morning they were in full throat in Francis Xavier Hall, Upper Sherrard Street for a special Telefis Eireann Sound Recording and 2.30 p.m. found them assembled once more for the benefit of the T.V. cameras — this time amid the natural beauty and peace of the R.D.S. Showgrounds.

But the real business and the crucial test came later that evening when the choir members sang with their hearts as well as their voices to take the Premier Award for Mixed Voices — the fifth success of the Choir since their first appearance in the competition in 1962.

They enjoyed a clear four marks margin over their nearest rivals, Galway University Choir, who had beaten them by two marks in last year's competition. Granted that big numbers are not necessarily an asset musically, it was still gratifying to the London contestants to realise that they took the honours from two choirs boasting twice their numbers or more. The Avondale Singers (Dublin) were third in the competition.

The Welsh adjudicator on the panel, T. Gwynn Jones, paid the competing choirs the compliment that many of them compared favourably with the best Welsh choirs.

In the detailed adjudication Dr. Seirse Bodley was loud in his praises for the choir's rendering of all their five songs. Among the points he referred to were the very strong and perfectly controlled voices of this choir, the great musical understanding shown in the interpretations given, the exceptional quality of the men's voices, the neatness and accuracy in phrase endings and the smooth take over of the melody of the different sections of the choir without any break in the style.

There have been many moments in the history of the London Choir but for many members none was so charged with emotion as the moment the Adjudicator chose to announce that the St. Gall Trophy was to be the proud possession of the L.G.L. Choir for yet another year. Nobody except the members within the choir could appreciate what this means because they alone know the sweated efforts that had to be put in and the unforeseeable complications that had to be overcome to send a choir to represent London at this year's Oireachtas.

As the key to their success they would unanimously point to the selfless dedication and driving force that are summed up in a name — that of their conductor, Miss Sheila Devaney. This in no way gainsays the fact that the contribution of each individual member was vital to this victory but Miss Devaney had been conductor of the choir for

no more than six months when last year she led them into 2nd place and now at her second attempt she has conducted them to a clear win. In the light of this the choir members and her many friends were thrilled when she became the first-ever recipient of a special award on Saturday night last — a Gold Medallion struck in memory of Liam O. Dubhghaill and, henceforth, to be awarded annually (if the adjudicator considers the standard sufficiently high) to the conductor of the winning choir in the Mixed Voices Premier Competition.

In this exhilarating and celebrating mood the choir moved to Portlaoise on Sunday, where they contributed three "spots" in a concert organised at St. Mary's Hall to raise building funds for a local school for handicapped children. After that concert the celebrations continued amid the warm hospitality and first class service of the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise, where the manager is Shaun O'Reilly, a most popular member of the L.G.L. Choir for many years prior to his return to Ireland with his wife and family, and ever since one of the choir's most loyal supporters and generous benefactors.

Now back in London, the members are looking forward to fulfilling a very full list of engagements between now and Christmas.

The choir has vacancies for new voices in all four sections and prospective members will be welcomed to our weekly rehearsal any Thursday evening (7.30 — 9.30 p.m.) at the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square — nearest Tube Station is Sloane Square.

DONAL CROWLEY

Press Officer, London Gaelic League Choir

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## CURATE'S CANDLE BEAMS IN A NAUGHTY WORLD

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Father Seamus Shields, Roman Catholic Curate, Founder and Chairman of the Magilligan Co-operative, must be one of Northern Ireland's few remaining optimists. Barely a mile from the Magilligan Army Camp in County Londonderry, where I.R.A. suspects were questioned, he is pulling a declining rural community up by its boot-straps with one of the most amazing self-help enterprises this beleaguered country has seen.

Four years ago when Father Shields moved to Magilligan there was only a derelict cottage where his Co-operative now stands. The cottage is now a folk museum. Beside it stands the Log Cabin Cafe, The Leprechaun Miniature Railway, and the Magilligan Mini Zoo. There is a dress shop and tweedweaving business, Bellarena Fashions, a mushroom and tomato farming concern called Providence Produce, and a small agricultural trailer factory, Provident Trailers — it was meant to be "Providence" too but the Registering Office got the name wrong.

Under Father Shield's goading the Limavady Rural Council is about to build 100 new houses down the road and he is now telling the Stormont Government that a development area factory should be erected on a piece of land he has waiting to expand the trailer business and make a real dent in unemployment. The Londonderry County



Council, for its part, is being urged to set up a caravan park and other tourist facilities down on the beach.

Father Shield's motto is: "It's better to light a single candle than sit and curse the darkness". He has no time for the political and sectarian disputes which are tearing apart the city. "I'll hire anyone here if they'll work and I don't care what religion they are," he says, calling in the foreman of the trailer plant and the manageress of the tweed factory — Protestants both — to prove his point. When a large party of journalists descended on him earlier this year seeking information about conditions at the Barracks, they got a substantial lecture on manuring mushrooms and were left to wander past the Wallabies, Polar Bears, and Elephants.

Fortunately the Army Camp was used only temporarily for sorting suspects. As a permanent Concentration Camp it would have created tensions threatening the whole basis of the Priest's experiment. The Zoo and the other tourist attractions are money-spinners but his real purpose, pursued with deep religious conviction, is to build a new community.

"The small farmers were disappearing off the land all the time, but we have persuaded about 20 of them to start growing mushrooms now, which we market for them in Scotland, and we're proving that tomatoes can succeed as well," he says. "They all tend to be such individualists but if everyone would pull together and realise that co-operation is in their best self-interest we can really get somewhere."

Magilligan is Father Shield's second Co-operative. He is still President and Chairman of the first at Swatragh, in the south of the County, founded by him eight years ago. The farmers there were confounded by the success of his cattle market, and in co-operation with a company he now has a garment factory employing 200 women. Last year Swatragh paid a dividend of 7½ per cent to its shareholders.

But capital is hard to come by. "They're all too fatalistic," says Father Shields. He believes the Government could do a lot more to encourage self-help in the country areas instead of concentrating on big foreign industrialists. "They were even importing carrots from Texas when I started, but carrots are one of the things which really do grow in Northern Ireland," he says.

Perhaps the Government, like the farmers and the villagers, is unwilling to accept that it will take the energy and conviction of a man like Father Shields to carve out a future for Ulster. Too many, he says prefer to turn their heads and pretend that they just don't see. But whether they see or not he will go on all the same as the single candle sending out its glimmer of light.

PETER HILDREW.

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### LAUGH-IN

An Irish lady went into a large supermarket and asked if she could pay by cheque. "Can you identify yourself?" asked the assistant, whereupon the lady pulled out a mirror from her handbag, and staring at it said, "Yes, that's me all right."



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