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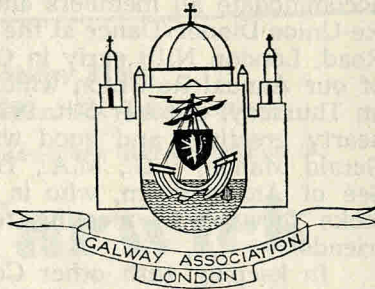
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With a special thought to those reading the Irish Counties Journal at our Annual Dinner on October 5th, 1972.

Looking back over two decades we now find that our Association has been in existence for a period of twenty years. In the early 50's our founder members decided to form an Association in order to welcome and entertain a football team from Galway which was visiting London. The said team, known as "The Tuam Stars" had made quite an impact on G.A.A. circles in the West of Ireland, so much so, that they had been invited to take on a London Fifteen. The Association formed did such such a grand job of entertaining that it decided to remain in existence as "The Galway Association of London".

We are happy to say that some of the Founder Members are still active within the Association and turn up with their friends to support our functions.

As an Association we are affiliated to the Council of Irish County Associations which in turn is affiliated to the Federation of Irish Societies which means that members, on production of their membership card, are made welcome and can avail of the amenities of these clubs throughout Britain. Delegates from Galway attend the monthly meetings of C.I.C.A. which body co-ordinates the activities of County Associations and which sets out aims or objectives to be achieved by all Associations in a united effort. The Council operates a Welfare Fund, which, for the most part is financed through subscriptions from County Associations.

Our Association supports the Irish Centre on all possible occasions and we generally manage to arrange a Dinner/Dance at the Centre on the Saturday nights allocated to us through the Council. Galwegians have made great strides forward in the past decade. In order to maintain the interest of members we organise Socials, Dances, Dinners, Concerts, Card Drives, Film Shows, Parties for children and parents, Coach Outings, Essay Competitions for children under sixteen and singing competitions for adults. So as to

accommodate all members and friends we hold an Annual Re-Union Dinner/Dance at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, London N.19 early in October each year. In respect of our Annual Re-Union which is being held at this venue on Thursday, October 5th, 1972 we are delighted to extend hearty greetings and good wishes to Right Revd. Bishop Gerald Mahon, V.G., M.A., Titular Bishop of the Ancient See of Annaghdown, who is among our guests, and who looks forward to meeting fellow Galwegians and their friends.

In keeping with other County Associations we value greatly the amicable relations which exist between us and the Irish Embassy. On many occasions in the past we have been favoured with the presence of the reigning Ambassador at our Annual Dinner or by a senior member of the Embassy Staff. This year, our hardworking and dedicated Dr. Donal O'Sullivan will be with us if circumstances in these critical times permit him and his good lady to enjoy a social evening among the Galwegians. We are indeed grateful to Their Excellencies and if circumstances do not permit them to join us, we shall receive whoever is sent to us from the Embassy with the utmost courtesy and respect as representatives of our homeland.

We feel this is a fitting occasion to offer our appreciation to His Excellency, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan for his devotion to duty in these troubled times on behalf of Ireland and its people. We pray God will bless and guide him in all his endeavours to bring peace and happiness to all the Irish people as a nation.

Through the medium of the Irish Counties Journal you may have read some items which I have submitted from time to time on behalf of the Galway Association. As you read this item, perhaps you could spare a kind thought for Mrs. Jane Smyth, Director, the Thomond Publishing Company, who has been responsible for giving so much free publicity to County Associations in the production of this rather excellent magazine. To her credit, Mrs. Smyth has provided us with a remarkable and efficient service and we, in the Galway Association, take this opportunity to tender our grateful appreciation. No doubt, the Waterford Association can feel justly proud in counting among its members such a capable and efficient person as Mrs. J. Smyth. One also realises that her husband, Wally, who has steered the Waterford Barque through deep waters in his capacity as a former Chairman of that excellent organisation, has perhaps a deeper understanding of her ability.

On behalf of the Galway Association of London I offer greetings and good wishes to Mr. Tom Gorman, President,

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THE ARAN ISLANDS

These islands are situated about thirty miles from Galway City at the entrance to Galway Bay and are known as Innismaan, Innismore and Inniseer. Whilst holidaying in Galway I had the pleasure of visiting these islands on the steamship Naomh Eanna, which is named after the patron Saint of the Aran Islands. The Naomh Eanna dropped anchor a few hundred yards off Inniseer and the journey to this island was completed by Currach. The Currach seems a fragile kind of craft fabricated from laths of wood about one inch square and covered by canvas which is stretched and tarred to make it waterproof. It is propelled by means of four oars operated by two men. These oars seem to be much longer than those used inland on the lakes and they are different in so much as they have no blades but are of uniform width from the handgrips to their tips. The oarsmen work in perfect unison and the currach actually skims like an arrow across the water. An American whom I met commented "Harvard would pay a colossal sum for oarsmen like these, such perfect rhythm".

I learned that when the great winter gales beat against the Islands of Aran complete isolation becomes the way of life, and the islanders reveal utter indifference to the world. To be on the Island of Innismore at that time is to know this strange "apartness" and to a sensitive person it can be frightening when the light of day goes and a dark wall surrounds all.

It is like a process of hibernation, a complete withdrawal, and time really means very little. It is at times like this that one can "step back in time" — over a thousand years. One becomes acutely aware that the island is a vast cemetery, with its monastic ruins, strange burial memorials, hundreds of gravestones above the ground and many more covered by the wind-blown sand of centuries.

One sees near the ruins of the church of Saint Eanna, on Innismore, strange burial memorials shaped square like a household chimney as it emerges from a cottage roof with a cross on top. I have never seen this type on the mainland. However, long before the monks came to the islands of Aran, history had already been forged by a race making their last stand for life and independence in the most westerly reaches of the then known world.

Here, preserved for us, is evidence of a great pre-historic race — the massive stone forts, the pagan burial grounds and cromlechs. To this island of Innismore came Saint Eanna, a former pagan, born just before the death of Saint Patrick in 461. He remained a pagan into manhood and

was a professional soldier. His temperament was warlike and mercurial, yet he had a great warmth of heart, and he was drawn to the beauty of the new faith as to a bright flame.

The young Eanna, of kingly lineage, set his course for Rome, no mean journey in those days. He was ordained in Italy and then came back to Ireland. He landed at Drogheda and gathered about him a group of holy men. He set out for the Aran Islands to form a monastic settlement.

He was to spend sixty years there (483 to 549). By 529 his island had become famous as a centre of learning, and monks and princes flocked from Europe to join his community. Eanna was undoubtedly one of the greatest leaders of the Church. He could not easily discard his kingly character and this was reflected in the severity of the rule. He was a man of great strength of character, a powerfully dominant personality, and an intellectual. It is recorded by Magraiden in 1390 that "in that golden age, the fifth, the Saints of the Sacred Island of Ireland almost equalled in St. Eanna was a strict disciplinarian, but the the greatest punishment which could be imposed on a transgressor of the rule of discipline was expulsion from the island. This, to the monks of his community, was a fate worse than death.

The siting of these ancient monastic settlements reflected the aesthetic appreciation of the builders. Whether it was the sombre beauty of Glenalough or the panoramic beauty of Glencolumbcille, it combined to form a splendid harmony that we shall never see again.

Innismore is a strange, fascinating island. It seems like a vast necropolis with its strange monuments and its huge stone forts. Its wonderful people, unlike us in their utter simplicity, understand the dignity of labour, the sanctity of life, and the discipline of self.

St. Eanna's feast day is on March 21st.

On visiting Innismore my wife and I made a point of having a look at a special shop which displays for sale all the island's handicrafts and produce. We selected two very beautiful sheep skin rugs at a reasonable price of just over £9 for the pair which included postage to our home in London. A few days after arriving in London we received our rugs, the exact two we had selected which augurs well for the honesty of our dealings with the islanders who are so open-hearted and without guile.

BOB DALY, Secretary,
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Our contribution to the tourist industry this year was in evidence on the ninth of August last when we held a reunion in our home county.

It was a splendid occasion with churchmen from the various denominations attending.

The Owenass Hall Mountmellick was filled to capacity with not only the exiles from London and Bradford but from Mountmellick and the surrounding districts.

The occasion was availed of to make a presentation to our old friend and councillor Rev. Father T. O'Shea on behalf of the people of Mountmellick and the surrounding areas on his transfer to another parish. Glowing tributes were paid to the dedicated Churchman for his wonderful work not only in his native parish but also in England.

It will be remembered by all Mountmellick people in Bradford and London that Father O'Shea was instrumental in launching the re-unions which now take place yearly in the aforementioned cities.

From those humble beginnings was born the Laois Association, London, which is one of the most progressive Associations in the capital today.

The function was a nostalgic occasion with the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones. The evening ended all too soon with our goodbyes and a promise to return again next year "P.G."

Date for your Diary—We are holding a dance at the Cricklewood Hotel, Cricklewood Broadway, on October the sixth. We count on your support for that night which promises to be a very enjoyable night with the dynamic Johnny McCauley Trio.

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How the aged oak —
In the valley sighed
When storms swept the countryside
Then I awoke one morning—
to find
I had left the things I loved behind
Oh, how often since,
In another clime
Have I journeyed home.
— In every rhyme.

MICHAEL HANNON

GALWAY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 4)

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KILDARE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting held recently at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W.4 was well attended, and the officers appointed for the next twelve months are as follows:

President: Mr. P. Mulpeter 542/5678; Chairman: Mr. R. Baker, 722/4472; Vice-Chairman: Mr. D. Weller; Treasurer: Mrs. M. Baker; Secretary: Mrs. R. Davis, 96 Glasgow House, Lanark Road, W.9, 624/7394.

Due to lack of membership the Association was unable to undertake any worthwhile function, other than the Annual Dinner, and the Social and Dance in aid of the N.I. Relief Fund. However, both these events were successful and we must in all sincerity thank those people who supported both functions. It is rather difficult to encourage new members, as most people today are only interested in what can be got out of Association, and not at all concerned about putting some effort into the running of them. Here we make a special appeal to all Associations: if you should know any Kildare people please put them in touch with me at the above address or any of the officers listed above.

Our Annual Dinner this year has been arranged for Saturday, the 16th September, at John Barkers, Kensington. Tickets are available at £3.00 each. We hope other Associations will come along and give us the support we need to make our evening a success.

We have been allotted a Saturday night at the Irish Centre for 18th November. Details as to the type of function for that date have not been as yet finalised.

At a ceremony held recently at St. Ercon Walds Church, Walton-on-Thames, Mr. P. Casey was presented with a Medal and Scroll for 25 years service to the Church and Choir.

The presentation was made by Bishop Michael Bowen, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

Paddy is a well known personality especially in football circles. He played for sometime on the Kildare county team, until he moved to England. He gave a good deal of his time here promoting and encouraging young people to take an interest in games.

We are pleased to congratulate him on the honour he has just received.

R. DAVIS (Mrs.), Hon. Secretary.

OUR QUIZ

1. Who was the English outlaw who led the Merry Men?
2. What is a bully off?
3. What famous explorer sailed in the Santa Maria?
4. What is a G.P.?
5. Where could you see the Great Geysir?
6. Where are the Broads?
7. What do we mean when we say a person is "twofaced"?
8. Who composed the overture "Semiramide"?
9. Which Shakespearean character said: "If music be the food of love, play on and give me excess of it"?
10. If you read a book by Arthur Ransome, what would you expect it to be about?

Answers on page 30

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Our yearly exercise for the Tourish Industry was in evidence at the Tower Hotel, Waterford, on 5th August last where 260 people sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

Among the V.I.P.'s present were Bishop Russell, Bishop Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong, Councillor James Quinlan, Mayor of Waterford, and Mrs. Quinlan, Mr. W. Kennealy, T.D., Councillor Jim Galvin and Mrs. Galvin, Mr. James Power, Chairman Educational Committee, Councillor W. Jones and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Munster Express, Miss B. Gallagher, News and Star.

Too numerous to mention were the hoards of us who travelled from London, Birmingham, Coventry, America, Dublin, and all parts of Waterford City and County.

The Chairman, Mr. J. French in his address echoed the familiar request of all Associations, that the Government do something about a transmitter that would enable us to hear the news from home at first hand.

At the end of his speech the Chairman presented a cheque for forty pounds to His Lordship Dr. Russell, for the Handicapped Children of Waterford, and thirty pounds to Father W. Meehan for his holiday fund for poor children.

Bishop Russell proposed the toast to Ireland and in his short speech hoped that the Waterford Association Members and all Irish people would continue to portray their country as a good christian one with a set of values second to none.

Bishop Armstrong in proposing the toast to our Association said, he was very impressed by the friendliness and christian charity of the Waterford people, he went on to tell us that the joint appeal of Bishop Russell and himself for the Dunmore East disaster fund had reached the colossal sum of six thousand pounds. This he said was just one example of the concern of Waterford people everywhere.

The Mayor Councillor James Quinlan expressed his delight at being present at the social function of the year.

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Brent Irish Society despite the holiday period are having a very active time and at the recent Wembley Carnival their float which depicted the famous Kate Kearney's Cottage and the "wee folk" received first prize.

The children's pipe and drum band gave an exhibition at Barham Park, Wembley, and received a very enthusiastic reception. As a result of those performances the chairman of the society, Mrs. Eileen Wagstaff, received a letter from the chairman of the Wembley Hospital in which he expressed his delight at the performance of the band and stated that they were doing great work to foster the relationship between the Irish and English communities in the borough.

The band was also present at the recent re-opening of the Cricklewood Trades Hall Club in Cricklewood Lane and they piped in every member.

On the occasion of the 21st birthday of Philip Wagstaff, son of Mrs. Eileen Wagstaff, the society members gave him a real surprise by calling at his home, blindfolding him, and taking him by coach to the Irish Club, High Wycombe, where they provided a full cabaret show which included singing, and a performance by the pipe and drum band.

The recent benefit dance organised by the society at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, for Michael Brown, who was injured in a motor cycle accident, was an outstanding success and showed a profit of £116.00, which has been presented to Michael in addition to a free holiday in Ireland, which he is enjoying at the time of going to press. We all wish Michael a speedy return to good health.

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 19)

He said he followed our achievements very closely as did the other members of the City Council through the medium of the Irish Counties Journal. The mayor commended the officers and committees of all the Irish Associations for the wonderful ambassadorial work being done in the country of their adoption.

The music for dancing was supplied by Jed and the Southern Express who had the young and the old tripping the light fantastic until the early hours of the morning.

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Dear Members,

In the month of August usually there is very little to report except to give the details of the forthcoming functions. I hope that you are fully charged after the holidays and ready to press on for the remainder of the year. We have a big programme ahead and I would like you please to take note of the following functions.

Bacon and Cabbage Dinner Dance at the Irish Centre on September, 23rd, 1972.

The weekend flight to Shannon on October 21st. On arrival at Shannon a coach will be laid on to take any of you who wish a quickie shopping spree in Limerick and a visit to the beauty spots of Clare. Afterwards the party will return to the West County Inn where they are booked in for bed and breakfast. After a light tea they will change to attend the Medieval Banquet. What time you wish to return to the hotel is entirely up to you. On the Sunday morning your time is your own, and for people who are local to Shannon there will be plenty of time to go home and see your people.

The all in price of this weekend, which includes the Medieval Dinner and bed and breakfast at the West County Inn is £18.50.

Looking further ahead we have our Annual Dinner Dance again at John Barkers, Kensington, and on the same week parish re-unions embracing East and West Clare. A total of something like 20 parishes. I will give you the full list in the next issue.

The committee regret that there was a slight hitch in our summer flight due to the fact that the aircraft was not available to bring them back on the date arranged. We did everything possible to let people know that the date was changed including an advertisement in the Clare Champion, but since people do not read papers when on holiday a number of them came to the airport as first arranged. At this end, however, we do take exception to the fact that we ran a flight at a considerable loss in order to disappoint our

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IN THE NEWS AT HOME

Honour for Sligo Man

The Netherlands Ambassador recently conferred the Knighthood of the Order of Nassau on Ald. James Gannon, Hon. Vice Consul of the Netherlands for the North-west since 1959, in recognition of the work done by Ald. Gannon in the promotion of good relations between the Netherlands and Ireland.

County Fermanagh Man Swims the English Channel

On the 16th August last Mr. Edward Keenan of Corna-grade, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, became the first Irishman to swim the Channel. It was his second attempt. His first attempt was in 1970.

Offally Man Wins the Albany Cup

Mr. Brendan Brewer Tullamore won the Albany Cup for his catch of 6 lbs. 6 ozs. in the Coarse Fishing Competition, which was held recently at Shannonbridge, Offally. A second trophy was presented to Mr. H. Rodgers of Leicestershire.

Pollution Control Equipment Factory for Waterford

A factory costing approximately £500,000 is envisaged for the Industrial Estate Waterford. Initially the factory would provide about 200 jobs, but if plans by Purity International Ltd., are successful in capturing 50 per cent of the European air pollution market there would be jobs for many thousands. Mr. Ladd J. Pircon, President of the Purity Corporation of Chicago, whose Company controls 52 per cent of the Irish offshoot is also a director of the Irish Company and is the inventor of the Air Cleaning Unit which is called Pentrepure Impinger.

County Kilkenny Man Heads New Co-Op.

Mr. Stephen O'Connor of Glenmore, County Kilkenny, has been appointed group general manager of the Waterford Co-Operative Society. The new Co-Op. was formed by the merging of four Co-Ops. Mr. O'Conner was former head of the original Waterford Co-Op. Dairy Division.

SPORTS — G.A.A.

The Kilkenny Men's Association, Dublin, organised the very successful Victory Banquet to honour the brilliant Kilkenny team who won the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship at Croke Park on Sunday, September 3rd last. Mr. Pat Fanning (Waterford), President of the G.A.A., who attended the Banquet said it was one of the Great Hurling occasions, and it required the traditional rivalry of Cork and Kilkenny to produce it. The score was Kilkenny 3-24, Cork 5-11, the attendance at Croke Park was in excess of 66,000.

Soccer

On Sunday, 27th August, Waterford had a fine victory over Limerick when they won at Markets Field, Limerick. The score was Waterford 6, Limerick 1. The League Champions were in better form than they were two weeks previously when Limerick beat them 2 to 1.

NEWS FROM B+I



A section of the party of 70 children from the Cardinal Manning Boys' School, London, under the aegis of Fr. Kenneth McCabe, who recently arrived in Ireland for a group holiday. The children are seen here boarding the B+I Line Car Ferry "Innisfallen" at Swansea for travel to Cork. They were accompanied by Mr. Keith Brett and Brother Austin Wolfe.

B+I — Ireland's own shipping line — which is currently enjoying a far more successful year than was originally expected this year are already looking to expanded carryings in 1973.

One of the new features of their car ferry business at the moment is the large number of Irish oriented groups availing of their services on the Swansea-Cork and Liverpool-Dublin routes. Two of these in July and August were a group of children from the Cardinal Manning School and also a party of G.A.A. under-16 footballers from London Co. Board who travelled to Dublin to play the curtain raiser on all-Ireland semi-final day at Croke Park.

B+I Line see these groups as a further proof of their success in selling their services to the Irish in Britain. Indeed, with the support they have received from Irish

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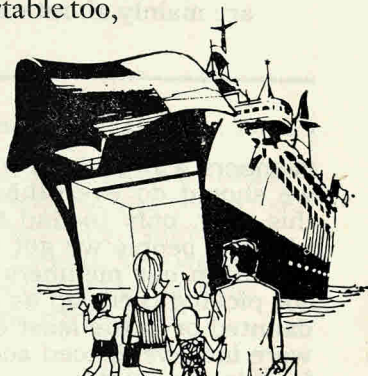
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OUR QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Robin Hood.
 2. The start or restart of a Hockey Game.
 3. Christopher Columbus.
 4. G.P. stands for General Practitioner; a doctor in general practice.
 5. In South Ireland; it is a hot water spring.
 6. Norfolk and Northern Suffolk.
 7. We mean that the person is insincere.
 8. Rossini.
 9. Orsini, in "Twelfth Night".
 10. Children enjoying outdoor activities. Ransome's books are mainly about camping and sailing.
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CLARE ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 25)

members who had early bookings and with the thought that we should do everything possible to get people to Ireland this year, only to find that in this case with the exception of a few people we got very little co-operation in our efforts to inform our members on this flight, that the aircraft was not picking them up as arranged. Never the less we are not daunted or in the least downhearted as the good people who were inconvenienced accepted the fact that this was not our fault in any way.

There seems to be no excuse for the fact that some members telephoned Shannon airport to be told that the flight was still on as arranged. We do sincerely apologise to our members for the inconvenience and we shall make certain that it will not happen again.

I am sure that there is quite a lot that I should mention but I am pressed for time and if you will bear with me I will give you all the necessary information in the next issue.

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WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 23)

Mr. Maurice Galvin and Mr. Chris Hendry provided the Cabaret for us while we drew our breath for a very pleasant half hour.

Forty valuable spot prizes, were presented to us by our friends in the business life of Waterford. We would like to publicly thank them for their generosity.

Thanks are also due once again to Councillor and Mrs. Jones and Father W. Meeham for their tireless efforts on our behalf in making sure everything went according to plan.

Our thanks to the Chef and the banqueting manager and staff of the Tower Hotel for the wonderful cuisine and service.

We wish a speedy recovery to good health to Mr. John Dee, John's wife Cathy was a valuable former secretary of our Association.

To Mr. Tommy Threfal who is recovering from a serious illness Tommy is uncle of our past Chairman Mr. W. Smyth.

If any of our members would like to spend a voluntary night at the Irish Centre Tea Bar we would be delighted to hear from them. This valuable service is run by the Clare Association.

Dates for your Diary

Friday night, 22nd September, Benefit Dance at the Cricklewood Hotel, N.W.2, music by Johnny McCauley Trio. Admission 50p (for a Belmullet man).

Saturday night, 18th November, Dance in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Stoke Newington, at the Loyola Hall, Manor Road, Stoke Newington, N.16. Music by the Wild Rovers, admission 50p.

Annual Reunion Dinner/Dance at Barkers

On Saturday, the 14th October, our Annual Reunion Dinner/Dance will be held at Barkers Penthouse Restaurant, Kensington. Tickets £3.

Saturday night, 23rd December, Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre.

Tickets can be had from any of the undermentioned Social Committee:

Mr. Bill Downing, 202 6357; Mr. J. Regan, 733 9965; Mr. P. Moloney, 450 7027; Mr. Jack Griffin, 609 1693; Mr. John O'Keefe, 120 Ivy Road, Cricklewood, N.W.2; or Mr. John French, 807 2114.

NEWS FROM B+I (Continued from page 28)

people in this country they are now facing an end of year situation which is far better than was predicted earlier in the year.

Frank Nealis, Public Relations Manager for B+I Line, said that the reaction they received from the Irish going home on holidays during the year was "quite fantastic". He added that their "Wednesday Special" was one of the most successful marketing ideas they had tried out to date, resulting in Wednesday sailings from both Swansea and Liverpool being booked up months in advance.

"We are quite confident that many of the Irish people who have perhaps travelled with us for the first time now realise that our service is everything we claimed it was. We are not really satisfied that Irish people should travel with us merely because we are the Irish carrier — but because we are the most suitable and most convenient", he added.

The sailing schedules announced by B+I Line for the winter and Christmas periods are similar to those of last year.

On the Swansea-Cork route the "Innisfallen" will sail from Swansea from September 24 to December 19 (and from December 27 to January 7) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. and from Cork on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. From now to September 27 the schedule is as it was during the summer.

From December 20 to December 24 (Christmas period) sailings are from Swansea every night (Wednesday to Sunday) at 10 p.m. and from Cork, each morning at 8.30 a.m. There are no sailings December 25 or 26.

No sailing tickets are required by anyone on any sailing on the Cork-Swansea route.

On the Liverpool-Dublin route the basic sailing pattern is even simpler; nightly sailings, seven nights per week at 10.15 p.m. from each port right up to January 7, 1973. No sailings on December 25 or 26.

Sailings tickets are required on this route as follows:

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The above photograph shows a group on a Cavan Outing in 1957. Fifteen years later how many can you identify? To give a few names—Maureen Keating, who was Hon. Secretary that year; Michael McGovern, Jimmie Cullen, Margaret Kennedy, Robert King, John and Mary Carolan, and Brian Mullen.

And talking of outings, we are now organising our Charity Walk in aid of our Appeal Fund for the Special School for Mentally Handicapped Children in Cootehill. The walk will be at Richmond, covering ten miles. Starting time will be 10.30, Sunday, 8th October. Cards for this walk are available, with any further information required from: Rev. P. Sheridan, Irish Centre, 485 0051 or Hon. Secretary/Hon. Treasurer, telephone numbers and addresses above.

Now for the opening social of the season: the Annual Dance at the Gresham Ballroom, on Sunday, 17th September, 1972. Music by the well known Breffni Band — The Crested Knights. Tickets at 40p each are already in circulation.

A date for your diary: Cavan's night at the Irish Centre this year will be Saturday, 21st October, 1972. Details later.

THE REVISED BREATHALYSER LAW

The Road Traffic Act 1972, which came into effect just over a month ago, has now confirmed the breathalyser as the police's major weapon against drunken drivers, according to Ford Times, the motoring newspaper.

A report in the journal's current issue says that Sections 5 and 6 of the new Act retain the roadside yellow crystals test carried out last year on 96,974 motorists (56,293 were positive).

And explains what can happen if you are stopped by a police patrol car:

Green for Danger

If you turn the crystals green beyond the line marked on the breathalyser tube, you will be arrested and taken to the nearest police station.

There, you will be given a second breath test. If this is positive, or if you refuse to submit to it, the police then have the right to ask for a blood sample or a specimen of urine.

Refusal to take this makes you liable to imprisonment (in more serious cases, of up to two years) a fine (of up to £100) and compulsory disqualification.

If, at the initial roadside test, the crystals stay yellow, the police can still arrest you for the offence of driving or being in charge of a car while unfit through drink.

Once again, you have to leave the car and accompany the police to the nearest police station. There, you will be formally charged and asked to provide a blood sample or urine specimen.

You are not compelled to do so, but your refusal will be noted later in court and could be considered as an admission of guilt.

Ford Times' advice to people who drink and drive is: DON'T! But should you be tested, watch for these points — ignoring them could mean being wrongly incriminated.

DON'T take the test unless 20 minutes have elapsed since your last drink — this could result in a falsely high recording.

DON'T refuse to take the test, granted that 20 minutes. Refusal is a separate offence under the new Act and you stand to be fined £50, and face a charge of drunken driving.

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MOTOR RACING FOR THE BEGINNER

(Continued from last month)

Other drivers, less successful, and taking part in fewer races, spent under £1,000 for their season of high-speed "apprenticeship" thrills.

Regulations for Formula Ford are the same in every European country and it is the rigid control that helps to keep the running costs down to this affordable level. The cars — looking like scaled down Formula Ones — are required to run on ordinary road wheels and normal tyres; a great cost saving over racing wheels and special tyres. Only minor improvements are permitted on the 1600 c.c. Ford Cortina engine, another cost saving aspect.

In the fiercely competitive market, where ten manufacturers offer their F.F. cars to youthful buyers, all cars cost in the region of £1,700. And that is in race-ready condition complete with racing gearbox, tuned engine and the compulsory safety precautions like safety harness and fire extinguisher.

Brise explains exactly how he went about organising himself for his first year in motor racing. "I went to several races towards the end of the 1970 season and studied the cars and the results and decided which car to buy. The rest was easy. I joined the club which was organising the most races for the next season and planned a schedule for the year listing all the races I wanted to run in. The governing body of motor sport (in this case the Royal Automobile Club) issued me with a licence for £4 and suddenly I was a racing driver".

Brise with his clear thinking approach took his car to a circuit and spent three afternoons in private practice before he entered his first race. "It's very important to get the feel of the car and understand how to cope with it before you line up with 20 other people all intent on getting to the first corner first."

In those three private sessions he skidded the car off the track and onto the grass verge four times; each time without damage. "But all the time I was learning how to cope with my mistakes without

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the fear of hitting or being hit by other drivers". In his first race he finished second and went on to a total of 26 impressive wins during the season. Brabham team chief Bernie Ecclestone spotted Brise during his winning run and signed him to race the works Formula 3 Brabham for this season. Another graduate on the road to stardom?

Jackie Stewart refers to Formula Ford as scaled down Formula One cars. "The whole principle and attitude is the same in both classes. Our Ford-F.I. engine produces about four times the power of the Cortina but our tyres are four times as wide. The F.F. gearbox is made by the same people (Hewland) who produce the one on my world championship-winning Tyrrell-Ford. The suspension system is similar on both cars and any young driver learning to get the best from his F.F. car and "tune the suspension and chassis" is doing just what Grand Prix drivers do".

Most of the leading British Formula Ford manufacturers have agents in the European countries where the Formula is run — Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Belgium.

Merlyn, an Essex firm which builds both Formula 3 and F.F. cars, produced 44 F.F. cars last year and has taken orders for 40 already this year. Delivery time is about seven weeks and Merlyn will make the glass fibre body in the colour of your choice.

Brise's list of his expenditure for his season reveals that like all young drivers he has been prepared to do a lot of the work himself — like removing the engine and taking it to the engine tuner for its periodic checkovers. "I don't think a week went past without my appearing in lectures with a split finger nail or bruised knuckles, but it was worth it," he reflected.

Brise's budget is on the high side but it must be remembered that he kept his car in super-competitive trim — sufficient to stay ahead in 39 fiercely competitive races during the year. He feels that the extra money he spent checking the engine after every third race was reflected in the prize money that he earned at the end of the year. "You've got to speculate to accumulate in racing as well as in business," he said.

Not everyone can win as many races as Brise. But many people spend half the money that he did and still achieve reasonable success. That tells the real story of what Formula Ford is all

about. It's a fun formula for those who want to run purely for the sport and a graduation formula for those who want to spend a little more and aim for a professional career.

Since the formula was introduced over 2,500 cars have been sold world-wide. Jackie Stewart reckons that the world champion in 1975 will be a Formula Ford graduate. He could be right.

Cost of 1971 Formula Ford Racing Season

— Tony Brise

Expenditure		£	Income		£
1 Elden Mk8 and engine		1,700	B.O.C. Championship prize money	.....	264
Spare gear ratios	.....	144	STP bonus money	.....	106
2 spare sets of wheels	.....	24	B.O.C. special award	.....	50
1 spare engine	.....	350	Firestone tyre bonus	.....	50
20 sets Firestone Torino Tyres	.....	500	Thorensen championship prize	.....	100
Rebuild for engine after every 3rd race at £30 each	.....	400	Groewood Award	.....	100
500 galls. petrol	.....	200	Other club awards	.....	30
Trailer	.....	65	Resale of Elden car	.....	1,450
Entry fees and travel costs	.....	300	Resale of spare engine	.....	250
Accidents and replacements	.....	200			
Various spares — batteries, etc.	.....	100			
<i>Total</i>	.....	<u>£3,983</u>	<i>Total</i>	.....	<u>£2,400</u>

Deduct income from expenditure and ACTUAL cost for one year of Formula Ford racing — £1,583.

THE REVISED BREATHALYSER LAW (Continued from page 36)

DON'T take a drink after the police have stopped you. True, the result of a breath test and of any later blood or urine analysis would then be invalid, but it lays you open to charges of obstructing the police.

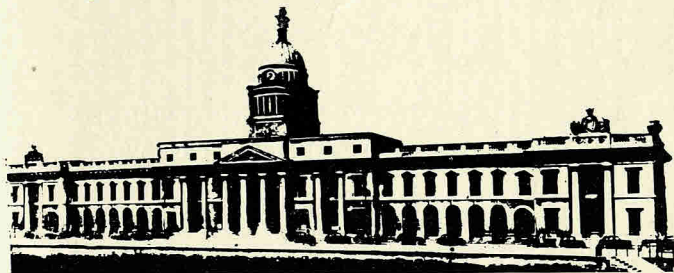
DON'T be obstreperous: you again risk obstruction charges.

WARN the police if you have been smoking recently. Cigarette smoke can turn the crystals brown.

CHECK that the breathalyser kit is intact and that the crystals in the tube are a clear yellow.

DON'T stand near a lighted shop window or under a street lamp at night: both can give a faulty impression of colour.

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