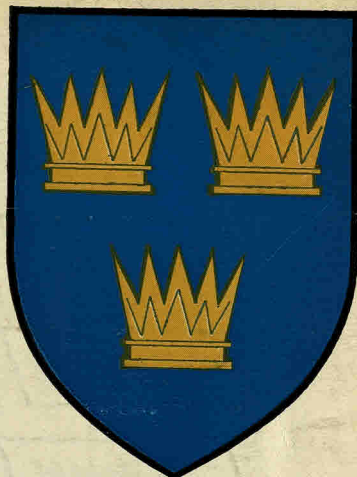


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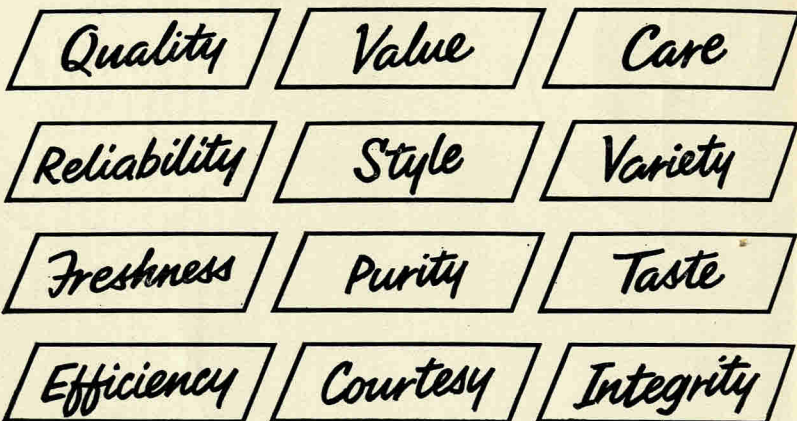
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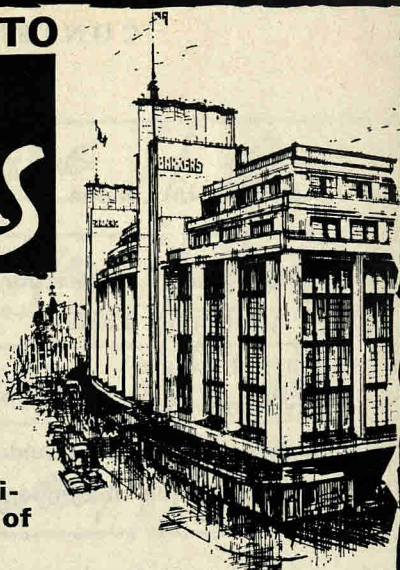
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Our recent Bacon and Cabbage Dinner Dance at the Irish Centre was a very enjoyable affair and was fairly well attended: 136 sat down to dinner and several more came in afterwards to the dance. This we regard as good for the month of September so soon after the holidays. We are now looking forward to our Annual Dinner Dance, and the parish reunions around the same time.

The Dinner takes place at John Barkers of Kensington on 18th November.

The West Clare parish reunions, three separate functions, as follows. First at The Irish Centre:

Monday, 20th November: The Parishes of Kilrush, Cooraclare, Kilmihil and Kilmer.

Tuesday, 21st November at the Gresham Ballroom. The Parishes of Doonbeg, Kilkee, Cross and Carrigaholt.

Wednesday, 22nd November, at the Archway Tavern. The Parishes of Kilmurry, McMahon, Coolmeen, Kildysart and Lissacasey.

The committee look forward to meeting all our members at one or more of the above functions. His Lordship Dr. Harty, together with several of the priests from the various parishes, will be here for the functions and I feel sure that they would like to meet everyone from Clare. Should you know anyone who may be out of touch with the happenings here and at home, please give them the details and tell them that they will be very welcome. In the next issue you will have a full account of our splendid weekend in Clare.

The above should have been in last month's issue but unfortunately I was unable to get it to the editor in time. However, I do hope that it will be useful to members regarding the dates and times of the parish reunions.

Our recent weekend trip to Clare was a great success and enjoyed by all who travelled over. The tours of the County both on Saturday and Sunday were most enjoyable. Some of our party got to see the Football Semi-Final, more took the opportunity of seeing the hurling match Offaly v. Clare at Ennis. At least one coach party were fortunate enough to see the handball match between Kerry and Clare at Tuamgraney.

The evening dinner at Knapogue Castle was a great affair and seemingly enjoyed by the entertainment artists just as much as the party attending the dinner. Our thanks to the Knapogue Castle staff who did everything possible to make our evening enjoyable, they even kept the shop open until midnight so that we could purchase our souvenirs.

The West County Inn, our home for the weekend, really gave us the full treatment, and we are most grateful to them for giving us the opportunity of using the hotel facilities to the full. Some of our party had enough energy to go to the Hotel Ball after returning from Knapogue and I understand that the festivities went on well into the early hours of Sunday morning. Alas, old age catching up, I was too tired and took to my bed.

Finally, on behalf of all who travelled, I wish to thank all our guests who attended the Dinner. Mr. T. Mannion and Mr. Malone, both of whom worked so hard to make us enjoy every minutes of our stay, and Shannonside Development for their co-operation and help which is greatly appreciated.

I will see you all at the Annual Dinner P.G., John Barkers, Kensington, 18th November, 7.0 for 7.30 sharp.

With kindest regards to all,

(Mrs. N. T. MORONEY)

OUR QUIZ

Juniors

1. In George Bernard Shaw's play, who taught Elizabeth Doolittle?
2. What connects Marble Arch with Brighton Pavilion?
3. If you put a pony on a horse and won a monkey, what was your bet and how much did you win?
4. What game has 168 spots?
5. If you were giving a room three coats of paint, which goes on the first?
6. Which bird stands up while hatching its eggs?

Veterans

1. King Henry the Eighth had six wives. One of these had four husbands; which wife?
2. What would have happened if you had changed from the green seats to the red seats?
3. Rise to Vote Sir. What is special about this?
4. What is a Dutch Nightingale?
5. Who called whom "the bravest of the Gauls"?
6. For what was the mural crown awarded?

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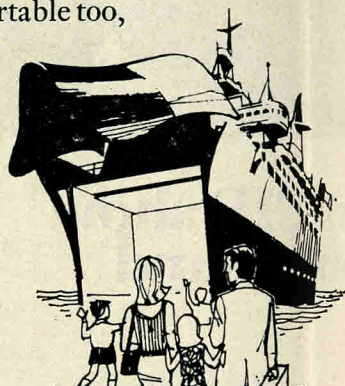
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All arrangements are well in hand for the Kennedy Brothers' Memorial Concert in The Royal Albert Hall, on Sunday night, 19th November, 1972. Our producer, Mr. D. Cadogan, has laid on a splendid line-up of artists. All boxes are sold out and all other tickets are selling well, so do get in touch with your friends and get them to come along. Ring Mr. D. J. O'Leary, 01-286 0516, for your requirements. See papers and posters for full programme.

Children's Party

Once again it is time for our Children's Annual Christmas Party for members' children to be held on 31st December, 1972. Ages from 4 to 12 years. If a member has no children he or she can bring along two nieces or nephews. As in previous years, the children are to be left with the Committee and called for after the party. This year admission is by ticket only, so do fill in the form below and return it to the Secretary not later than 1st December, 1972. We assure you that the party will be up to its usual high standard. Santa will have a suitable toy for each child. There will be lots of eats and good entertainment. Do please help your Committee by sending in forms in good time.

Membership

Perhaps you are one of the few who has not renewed your membership for this year. If so, there is a form below which should be filled in and sent with 25p. to Mr. T. Russell, 49 Talgarth Road, London, W.14. If you are already a member, why not pass on this form to a Wexford friend. Only this week two people heard of the Wexford Association for the first time and were delighted to become members. Owing to the high cost of postage, we are sorry we shall only be sending Newsletters to paid up members from now on.

Quiz

The members who attended the Quiz in The Irish Centre on Wednesday, 18th October, had a very enjoyable evening when Wexford and Galway met in The Guinness Cup Competition. Wexford had a severe handicap when two of the team could not attend. However, they put up a grand performance and only lost on the score of 68 to 73. Great credit is due to the members who took part.

Welfare

Do not forget the welfare committee are always anxious to help out where a member is out of work through illness. If you know of a member who is ill, please contact the chairman of the welfare committee, Mr. P. Newport, 01-677 0053.

Dinner and Dance

Your Association is helping out with a Dinner and Dance to be held in The Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, on 16th November, 1972. This Dinner is to raise funds for the St. John and St. Elizabeth, St. John's Wood, which is run by the Sisters of Mercy. As it is a very worthy cause, we hope as many of

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Welcome to the Guests at the County Sligo Dinner, 12th October, 1972

by Thomas A. Beckett

I know that our distinguished guests will bear with me in my economy of words of welcome, because I am sure we will show them tonight that we are indeed pleased and honoured to have them each and all, as our guests.

I am particularly pleased to welcome, my Lord Bishop of Elphin, The Most Rev. Dr. Conway, who gave me a real Cead Mille A Failte when I called on him a couple of weeks ago, and I feel that he must have had a friendly word with the clerk of the weather on my behalf.

I never ask, for reasons which I will not mention, for information regarding a Bishop in his own Diocese, but I was assured in the South of Cork that Sligo were indeed astute to beat the Vatican to the punch when they secured Dr. Conway, in spite of their demands for his services at headquarters.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome my Lord Bishop of Kilalla, The Most Rev. Dr. McDonnell. A Kilkenny man assured me that Dr. McDonnell always gave him the impression that he had something well worth saying, and that he always did say something well worthwhile.

I am delighted to welcome The Right Rev. J. C. Duggan, Bishop of Tuam, whom a Jackeen styled as a spiritual descendant of Thomas Davis.

We also have some grand visitors from the Laiety, and I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Donald Hurley, first secretary of the Irish Embassy, and a very distinguished practical politician and, needless to remark, I am delighted to welcome Alderman Sean McManus, our first citizen whose record for good work in Sligo is well-known to all of us.

I am also delighted to welcome Cllr. Brian Duggan, Mayor of Camden, because Brian is a very old friend and some of us were rather afraid that he might have found it difficult to get away from Blackpool this week.

I am very pleased to see our old friend Fr. McLoughlin here and also Fr. Gilhooly who have honoured us by coming all the way from Sligo to be with us tonight and Fr. Mee of The Irish Centre, the most imperturbable man I know.

I am also very pleased to see Pat Hegarty, the Chairman of our Council of Irish County Associations; Mr. and Mrs. Smyth of Thomond Publishing Company, who produce our very well finished monthly Journal; Mr. and Mrs. T. McGowan, our hosts in Shepherds Bush at our monthly meetings. Mr. and Mrs. T. Dunne, of Aer Lingus; Gerry Daly of the *Cork Weekly Examiner*, which is, in the opinion of most Irish men, steadily moving to the position of being the leading national paper.

I am very glad to welcome the man who always welcomes us, Tom Gorman. Some people call him our Fairy Godfather, but while he is a very fine Godfather, he is certainly not a fairy because all the gifts he gives us are good gifts, which make us endeavour to improve ourselves and we are indeed very grateful.

And I am sure everybody else is very glad to see Tom Gorman here tonight.

We finally have that great photographer, Pat Fahey.

Now, I have said very little about all these people, particularly those whom we know, because I do not want to hold up the important function of dancing,

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NEWS FROM AER LINGUS

NEW IRISH COMPANY FOR BRITAIN

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A new company is to be launched in Britain which will enable three major Irish travel companies to work together in the development and wholesaling of inclusive holiday packages to Ireland. The announcement was made on 6th October in Dublin, by the General Manager of Aer Lingus — Irish in Britain, Mr. Conor McGrath, who will also be Chairman of the new company, CaraIreland Limited.

Shareholders in the company will be Aer Lingus - Irish, British & Irish Steam Packet Co. Ltd. (B. & I.) and Coras Iompair Eireann (C.I.E.). It will be registered in Britain and will have its headquarters in Aer Lingus House, Poland Street, London, W.1.

Mr. McGrath said that plans were already well advanced to introduce a comprehensive range of packaged holidays to Ireland for 1973 — featuring a choice of air or sea travel between Britain and Ireland. The Spring advertising programme, print production and direct mail campaign are now being planned. CaraIreland's marketing programme will involve the sales force of Aer Lingus, C.I.E., B. & I., and any other interested carriers out of Britain.

"CaraIreland," said Mr. McGrath, "will provide an ideal vehicle for effective co-operation between three of Ireland's major transport organisations, each of which has a heavy stake in the British market. We think the concept is opportune in the present environment of Irish tourism.

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Dealing with the opportunity for a new wholesale tour operator, Mr. McGrath pointed out that many British wholesalers were not now showing the degree of interest in travel to Ireland that they had shown previously. "Some have, in fact, dropped Ireland altogether, which is not entirely surprising in the present circumstances".

The marketing activities of CaraIreland Limited will be complementary to those of its three shareholding companies. Each company will continue to co-operate with those wholesalers who wish to include Ireland in their programmes.

CaraIreland will take over existing Irish holiday programmes, as a going concern, from Cara Marketing Limited, which is an Aer Lingus subsidiary. These include the successful GateWay Value Holiday programme.

The other members of the Board of CaraIreland Limited will be Mr. Malachi Faughnan, Passenger Sales Manager — Britain of Aer Lingus - Irish; Mr. Brendan Murphy, Tours Manager, C.I.E.; and Mr. Ronnie Delaney, B. & I.'s Divisional Manager — Car Ferries and Tourism.

The company's General Manager will be Mr. John Duffy, at present Tours and Charters Manager for Aer Lingus - Irish in Britain. Mr. Duffy (31) has extensive experience in the retail and wholesale travel business, having been a manager for six years with a major tour operator before he joined Aer Lingus - Irish in 1967.

Mr. Terence J. Sheehy, Bord Failte Eireann's General Manager - Britain, who was present at the conference, said he welcomed the formation of the new company. "It heralds a new era of closer co-operation between the major Irish companies engaged in selling travel to Ireland to British holiday-makers, and that must have a beneficial effect at a time when it is badly needed".

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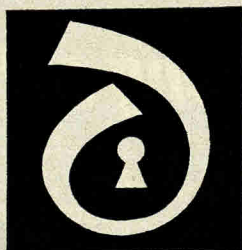
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A photo taken at our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner, held at the Irish Centre, on the 16th September last.—Photo by Jim Regan.

The recent Bacon and Cabbage Dinner of the Cork Association and Society held at The Irish Centre was a huge success as you can see by the smiling faces of a small section of the attendance. Great credit must go to The Irish Centre management and staff for the beautiful meal and their endeavours to make the evening the success it was.

All is now in readiness for the Annual Dinner and Dance at the Penthouse Restaurant, John Barkers, Kensington, W.8., on Thursday, 30th November.

The line-up of guests will be very impressive. We are hoping to have our Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan. Definitely coming is our Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Sean O'Leary. The Mayor and Mayoress of Hammersmith, Cllr. Eric Hill and Mrs. Hill. The Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority, Mr. Owen Branagan.

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Our warmest congratulations to our President who has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Bishop Henderson was educated at Mount Sion and St. John's College, Waterford, and was ordained on 6th June, 1948. From 1948 to 1954 he served as a curate, Welling, Kent. From 1955 to 1958 he was based at Streatham in 1958. Bishop Henderson was appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese in 1960. At the age of 35 he was made Papal Chamberlain by Pope John with the title of Monsignor. In 1969 he was made parish priest of Blackheath and Vicar General in succession to Monsignor Gilby. Bishop Henderson is the only son of Mr. Charles Henderson and late Mrs. Henderson of Chashrae Place, Waterford. Among the many telegrams received by our President was one from the Mayor of Waterford, Cllr. James Quinlan, which read as follows: "The Corporation and people of Waterford learn with great



**Bishop Henderson
Waterford Association**

Photo by Jim Regan

joy of your elevation to auxiliary Bishop of Southwark and pray for God's blessing on all your future labours". More than that none of us can wish Bishop Henderson. The Consecration will take place at Southwark Cathedral on the 8th December, 1972.

Congratulations to Father Michael Enright as Vice-President of our Association on his election as secretary of the Waterford B.L.E. Athletic Board.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Keefe of Edgware on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to our Quiz Team on their win against Monaghan in the Guinness Cup, second round. The members of our team were as follows: Father Fleming, T. Freeman, J. French, Jr., P. O'Brien and H. Davis.

Thank you, Monaghan, for a very sporting contest. The score was Monaghan 50, Waterford 56.

Votes of Sympathy

At our last committee meeting, votes of sympathy were passed to the following in their recent bereavements. The Mayoress of Waterford, Mrs. J. Quinlan, and Messrs. Ned and Bob Power.

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Music this year will be provided by the well-known Johnny McCauley Trio. Johnny has promised to make it an evening to remember, so music-wise patrons are sure of the very best.

Reception is 7.15 for 8.0 p.m. sharp. Dress is optional and tickets are £3.50 each.

Ticket arrangements are in the capable hands of the Association's secretary: Mr. Hubert Lyons. Hubert's address is 78 Clactonbury Way, London, N.12. His 'phone no. is 446 1896, and early application is advisable; every year we have to refuse late comers, so please apply early.

An added attraction this year will be the Grand Christmas Cash Draw. Lucky winning tickets will be drawn during the evening. Tickets for the draw are still available, so make sure of a book. Tickets are 10p. each, or £1.00 per book of 10, tickets from any Committee member or from the addresses shown above.

When applying for Dinner-Dance tickets, please make cheques and postal orders payable Mayo Association: cash with order will simplify matters for Hubert, he will appreciate your co-operation.

The Mayo Association wishes every success to The Irish Centre Christmas Fair. This Fair will be held in The Irish Centre on Saturday, 9th December, opening time 11.30 a.m. This Fair deserves everyone's support. Where would we be without the Centre?

In conclusion, a couple of dates for your diary. Thursday, 7th December: Irish Centre Clann Connacht Buffet Dance; Saturday, 30th December: Irish Centre Mayo Association Buffet Dance.

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The promotion will extend over a two month period — until 27th November — and will be backed by colour television advertising as well as a publicity campaign in the trade and national press.

Mr. Peter J. Needham, General Manager of the Irish Livestock and Meat Board, announcing details of the promotion, said:

“At this time last year, there were those who queried the wisdom of launching our Irish beef campaign in view of the political situation. We said then, and we say again, that the trade between our countries, which dates back over a thousand years, must go on. Politics die but trade continues. Irish beef, particularly, is as important to the British housewife and the British butcher as it is to the Irish producer.

“We have carried out a research investigation into this question and, in spite of the difficulties and handicaps presented, our findings indicate that Northern Ireland problems have in no way hindered our efforts to seek an identity for our prime beef in Britain.

“Quite the reverse, in fact, is true and, in this campaign, we are being joined by, for example, Messrs. J. H. Dewhurst Ltd., one of Britain's major retail meat

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Irish Beef (*continued from page 19*)

groups who are organising a three-week joint promotion with the Board in twelve hundred stores all over Britain and by Key Markets, also planning a national campaign in two three-week promotions with the Board. A number of other supermarkets and multiple groups who will be running special campaigns in the Greater London area include Fine Fare, Liptons, John Manson, F. J. Wallis and John Best, and we are anticipating that other nationally known companies will be confirming participation shortly. Most of these, of course, are additional to the support we already enjoy from the independent butchers.

"A team of merchandising girls, wearing a specially designed costume like the young ladies in the photograph, will be calling on 6,000 butchers to distribute Irish beef posters, consumer leaflets, meat stabbers, show cards and price tickets, all carrying the Irish quality symbol. We are beginning to make a significant impact on the meat trade itself and the reaction from supermarkets, multiples, independent retailers and wholesalers has been very encouraging.

"However, our major effort is aimed at establishing the quality image of Irish beef among housewives as well as its identity at retail level. Both of these objectives are necessary in the marketing strategy we have set out for the Irish industry.

"We know that 1,000 tons of Irish beef are consumed in this area every week and we would like every contented consumer to be aware that it is Irish beef which she is enjoying. During the past year, for the first time in history, you have seen Irish tickets displayed on beef in this country — but not enough — and we aim to increase the number dramatically in the future.

"Our share of the British market is well established. We are the biggest suppliers of prime beef to the U.K. and what we now seek to establish is the appreciation of the quality of our beef; in other words, we are out to sell the sizzle as well as the steak.

"We are also aiming to give practical help to the housewife, as you can see from the consumer pamphlets which show different cuts, with explanatory notes and cooking hints. We have appointed an experienced Home Economist, Miss Mary Owens, who is planning not only cookery demonstrations but an advisory service on meat which will be available to ladies' organisations.

"With the lowering of the E.E.C. customs tariff last June, Irish beef exports to Europe and to the American forces in Germany increased, though I would add that much of this beef is of a type not suitable for the U.K. trade and, in any case, 70% of our production still comes to the U.K. where it will be particularly useful during the next few months in view of the shortfall of the forecast home production.

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I start off with a very special thank you to our walkers and, particularly, our sponsors for the great social and financial success achieved for our Charity Walk in aid of the special school being built at Cootehill for Mentally Handicapped Children. The Walk turned out to be a get-together of Cavan families, and the following is a report on the Walk written by Helen and Collette, the twin daughters of Matt and Rose Brunton.

The Walk for the Mentally Handicapped

It was a cold morning, when we were called at 7.30 a.m. We got to the Irish Centre for 9.0 a.m. Mass. Afterwards we went into the kitchen for a cup of tea while we waited for daddy to come back. As Tommy O'Reilly's car had broken down so he had gone to fetch him.

We arrived at Richmond Park and met the others. All together there were nineteen walkers.

Off we started at about 11.05 a.m. and the morning was much nicer now. The trees were very pretty and all colours of Autumn. We saw lots of Deer and the only mishap was Helen who fell and grazed her knee.

More deer in sight, lots of them, all sizes. The babies seemed to keep on their own.

Halfway we stopped for lunch. Everybody was happy and enjoying the walk. Now the sun was very hot.

On the second half we ate oranges and sweets, and it seemed no length until we reached the finish.

We had a photograph taken and all got into their cars and made for the Irish Centre once again. There was a big welcome there and Father Sheridan brought us sandwiches and drinks.

We really enjoyed our walk and no complaints about feet or blisters.

We raised over £170 and a good day was had by all.

HELEN & COLLETTE

On Saturday, 21st October, a most successful Roast Beef Dinner followed by Dancing to The Wild Rovers took place at The Irish Centre. The Officers and Committee were delighted to see so many Cavan people, and all were particularly pleased with the food served. A special thank you to The Irish Centre, Father Sheridan, and Michael Burke, the Catering Manager, for all they did.

Sunday, 3rd December is the date for our Annual General Meeting at The Irish Centre.

Commencing with Holy Mass at 3.0 p.m. Celebrant: Rev. Thomas McCabe, O.M.I.

Meeting will follow, with refreshments at the interval. An interesting Agenda is envisaged.

Nominations for Officers and Committee should be sent to the Secretary without delay, and any suggestions or ideas for 1973 will be welcomed.

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The Committee of Management organised a Jumble Sale at Hatchard Road Parish Hall, near St. Gabriel's Church, Holloway Road, on Saturday, 14th October, 1972. We are indebted to Very Rev. Fr. McNamara for placing this venue at our disposal. We did not actually use the hall but rather the surrounding patio as the weather was so fine. Although our high sales staff were poised for action we found that people preferred to make their own choice, in their own time, of the many attractive bargains to be had. All customers found something to suit individual tastes and most people seemed quite pleased with purchases made.

In the pleasant Autumn sunshine on this Saturday afternoon we were able to discuss at length many problems affecting future activities in a social atmosphere of jovial ease. At the end of the day unsold goods were disposed of to the Nuns at Shirehall, Walthamstow, who help orphans and old people, and to the Nuns at Parkway, Camden Town, who help the old and destitute.

The Michael Molloy Singing Competition

Once again, the Galway Association invites Choristers, young or old in between to compete for The Michael Molloy Trophy and runners-up prizes. Apart from the rather lovely trophy of Celtic design, attractive prizes usually donated by members will be on hand for those whom the Judging Panel place in second and third positions, in this competition. We are deeply indebted to our members who sponsor such prizes.

It gives great pleasure to place at the disposal of intending competitors our Entry Form, together with the rules governing this singing competition.

Beannact De oraib go leir A Cairdi Eireannac.

BOB DALY, Secretary

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(Signed)

Galway Association

RULES

1. Closing date for entry is 1st January, 1973. All entries to be marked "Singing Competition" and forwarded to The Galway Association", c/o The Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, London, N.W.1.
2. A competitor may enter only once.
3. The Judges decision is final.
4. The competition will be run off in heats and competitors will be marked on a points system. Those with the highest points will go forward to the final.
5. The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission.
6. The venue for the competition in its entirety is to be The Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, London, N.W.1.
7. Members of the public are liable to a cover charge of 10p and are welcome to the competition.
8. The right to refuse admission to the public is also reserved by the organisers.

BOB DALY, Secretary
The Galway Association of London

P.S. We are pleased to state that Mr. John Brooks, Irish Dancing Instructor, has kindly agreed to comper this competition. B.D.

Apologies

Sincere apologies to Mr. Martin Whitty, Vice-Chairman of the Kennedy Brothers' Memorial Fund, and my old friend Tommy Murphy, Joint Hon. Secretary, for omitting their names on the heading of the Editorial in last month's issue.

— Editor

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by Michael Hannon

I mould my verse
out of many things,
out of the long hot summers
The glorious Springs
From the rain lashed winters
Bitter and harsh
From the greening meadows
The rain soaked marsh;
From the little winding roads
That turn and twist,
I mould my rhymes
Out of things such as this.
From children's laughter,
The night winds sigh
From the shimmering stars
In the darkening sky
From the wild-life
That in the forest stirs,
The swaying reeds,
The towering firs,
Hunger, War, and fighting men
Have whetted the tip
Of my writing pen.
Things both great and small
Things grave and gay
Sunshine and shadow,
Blue skies and grey
Mountains : Valleys
Fields of waving corn
Houses, Hamlets;
The place where I was born
The awe-inspiring wonders
Of God's universe
have found a place —
In my humble verse.

ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

Juniors

1. Professor Henry Higgins in *Pygmalion*.
2. Both were designed by Charles Nash.
3. You bet £25 and won £500.
4. Dominoes (28 pieces).
5. The second.
6. The penguin.

Veterans

1. Catherine Parr.
2. You would have moved from the House of Commons to the House of Lords.
3. It is a palindrome (it reads the same backwards as forwards).
4. A frog.
5. Caesar: the Belgians.
6. For the first Roman to scale an enemy wall.

Humble apologies to Mr. Waters for misprint on answer number 3 last month.
Should be 30th May, 1868. — *Editor*.

THE WATERFORD ASSOCIATION, BIRMINGHAM

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Our Annual Dinner Dance on 6th October at the Community Centre was, as usual, the highlight of our year.

This year, as our sister Association in London, we were unable to have the pleasure of our Bishop, Dr. Michael Russell, who was in Rome. However, Dr. Russell sent his greetings and hopes to be with us next year again. "P.G."

We were delighted to welcome distinguished people from Waterford and London who came to our dinner at great expense to themselves in order to be with us on our special night. They were as follows: the Mayor of Waterford, Cllr. James Quinlan and the Deputy Mayoress, the beautiful Miss M. Quinlan; last year's Mayor, Cllr. Tim Galvin and Mrs. Galvin; another past Mayor, Cllr. William Jones and Mrs. Jones. From London we had the chairman of our sister Association, Mr. Jim French and Mrs. French. Mr. and Mrs. Mossey Donovan. Mossey is secretary of the Council of Irish County Associations and secretary of the Waterford Association, London. From London, also past chairman of our sister Association, Mr. Wally Smyth and Mrs. Smyth of the *Irish Counties Journal*.

Father Brendan O'Mally, President Irish Development Association, in his short speech before proposing the toast to Ireland, referred to The Irish Centre as our second home. He welcomed all Waterford people there.

We haven't got the space or time to write all the speeches, suffice to say. The toast to our Association was proposed by Mr. Paddy Maxwell, chairman of the I.D.A. The response by the Mayor of Waterford, Cllr. James Quinlan. To our guests, Rev. Father M. Cullinan, President of our Association and the response was by Mr. M. Delaney, our chairman.

We would like to thank Miss Munster for gracing us with her presence. The I.D.A. and catering staff for the beautiful meal and service afforded to us, and the band, and Miss O'Brien for making our evening the success it was.

Cork Association and Society (continued from page 13).

We must get the proceedings under way early so that we can have a longer period for dancing, so do get there in good time, 7.30 p.m. for 8.0 p.m. There are some tickets left. Please get in touch immediately with any of the following: Miss E. Honohan, Hon. Secretary, address as heading; C. Burke, 102 Kilburn Lane, N.W.10, Tel. 01-969 5442; Mrs. O'Leary, 18 Kingley Road, N.W.10, Tel. 01-328 2310; Mr. Joe Sheehan, 23 Peter Avenue, N.W.10, Tel. 459 6437.

Those of you who have tickets for the draw in aid of St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, please bring them along to the dinner. The draw will take place during the evening.

Waterford Association *(continued from page 15)*

Birmingham Dinner

Six of our members travelled to Birmingham to be with our sister Association on the occasion of their Annual Dinner held recently at The Irish Centre. As usual the committee did everything possible to make our stay a pleasant one. An account of the dinner appears elsewhere in this issue.

Did you know that The Irish Centre, Birmingham, is governed by the Irish County Associations under their business heading Irish Development Association Ltd., each association has a member on that governing body. The I.D.A. recently acquired the property from the Birmingham Corporation for the sum of £50,000.



Photo taken at the Cricklewood on 22nd September by Jim Regan

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Waterford Association (continued from previous page)

Our Annual Dinner at Barkers

Our Annual Dinner at Barkers was, as usual, a great success. A full account of which will appear in our Christmas issue.

1973 Diaries

Our 1973 diaries are now on sale at 30p each. They would make a lasting present for someone this Christmas. All profits to our Building Fund.

Future Events

Our next function is a Charity Dance for the Little Sisters of the Poor, Stoke Newington, at Loyola Hall, Manor Road, Stoke Newington, N.16. Admission 50p., music by The Wild Rovers. Please come along and bring all your friends.

Our Christmas Dinner will be held at The Irish Centre, Camden Square, N.W.1., on Saturday, 23rd December.

Tickets for all functions from the Social Committee who are as follows:

Mr. Bill Downing, 202 6357; Mr. J. Regan, 733 9965; Mr. P. Moloney, 450 7027; Mr. Jack Griffin, 609 1693; Mr. John O'Keefe, 452 7940; or Mr. Jim French, 807 2114.

Children's Party

Our Annual Children's Party and Film Show will be held on Sunday, 17th December. Children between the ages of 2 and 11 years are eligible. Please help us this year by filling in the form below and sending it to the Secretary, address as heading, before 2nd December.

Please hurry as it will be a fab party with Father Christmas and lots of goodies.

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S PARTY

No. of Boys..... Ages..... No. of Girls..... Ages.....

Name of Parents

Address of Parents

London Wexfordmen's Association (continued from page 7)

our members as possible will attend. Tickets can be obtained from our chairman Mr. P. McCabe, 01-205 5930.

God Bless,

MARGARET NEWPORT,
Acting Secretary.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Dear Members,

By now, you have all no doubt recovered from your holidays and settled back for yet another session before we approach the festive season.

Disappointment must be felt by many because of the poor showing by Kerry in All-Ireland but one must, without hesitation, congratulate Offally on their victory. Many arguments that prevailed about whether they would have beaten Kerry in 1971 will no doubt go on, but to all who witnessed the Final and replay the result will be obvious.

On the home front the Senior Championship eluded the Kingdom when they lost to the Garryowen by the narrowest of margins some weeks back. One wonders what else they must do to win the title but the Garryowen, a longer side on the go, have always played football deserving of the champions. One now looks forward to the Kingdom regaining the League title and amends will have been made for another year.

On Thursday, 30th November, we are holding a Dance at The Galtymore Dance Club. This date was originally given to us for a benefit dance, but this dance has now been postponed and we are holding the dance for funds for the work of the Association. Tickets are 30p each and may be had from any of the officers.

We are also holding a Card Drive at St. Joseph's Hall, St. Mary's Road, Harlesden, N.W.10, on 3rd December, and the prizes are very good. Tickets are £1.00 and can be had from the Hon. Secretary. A good night's entertainment is assured with light refreshments being provided.

Our congratulations to our Registrar and Mrs. Mangan on the celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Who knows, next time round, Tom might get the Gold.

Our congratulations to Rg. Rev. Monsignor Canon Henderson on his election to the Episcopate in the Diocese of Southwark.

Since our last newsletter, we have learned of the deaths of the late Jimmy Sheehan (Glenbeigh) and the late John (Wexford) L. Kiely. To their widows, family and relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

The November Mass for the repose of the souls of all deceased members, relatives and friends, will be offered on Sunday, 26th November.

M. O'CONNOR

The Sligo Association *(continued from page 9)*

and everybody here is so well known to you that I am only trying to gild the lily.

I would, however, like to include in my wishes of good health the editor of the *Sligo Champion*, Mr. Tom Palmer. I sincerely regret that he is not here because he certainly gives us great help.

I hope that I have not left any of our distinguished guests out, but maybe I have — those very necessary people, our paying guests, but I would ask them to rise with our Sligo members and drink a long and deep toast to the good health of our very distinguished guests here tonight.

Sympathy

Since I penned these words, I have learned of the death of our dear friend, Tom Palmer, R.I.P. The Sligo Association extends their sincere sympathy to his family in their sad loss.

AN OPEN LETTER
TO THE COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS, LONDON

10 Summerhill Road,
Tottenham,
London, N.15.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I was very perturbed at what I can only describe as an attack on our Hoteliers at our last monthly meeting, because I feel that the development of Tourism is absolutely essential to our country and that it is the duty of all us immigrants to do all in our power to encourage our own people, as well as others to holiday in our country.

Of course, complaints such as those read at the meeting should be fully investigated and every possible step taken to ensure that we give visitors and revenants a fair deal, and that Ireland is in fact the Ireland of the Welcomes but, perhaps it is the keenness of our members to ensure that we are worthy of our heritage that makes them seemingly more eager to hear the bad rather than the good reports.

I must stress that while I do all I can to encourage people from this and other countries to visit Ireland, I invariably suggest that they contact Borde Failte. I am not, as I understand has been alleged, a "stooge Apologist" for this amorphous body. In fact, no-one has criticised one of their managers more than I have but we have got them, and we must use them. But approaches should be, I feel, by letter only, with a copy to the T.D. in the area of complaint.

Well, I spent nearly three weeks at home and, while thanks to the kindness of my friends, my report is, I fear, very inadequate, as the first chance I had to spend any money, was on the Sunday of the Match when I took a young fellow out of school with friends I was staying with. However, we tried a couple of Hotels including the Montrose, but they were full up and as we had to get the youngster into school very early we went into a cafe, whose name I do not recall, on Stephens Green, about twenty yards from the top of Grafton Street. Bacon and Eggs for five, which included a child of seven, cost £2 . 15.

My next chance was on the Monday when I paid 40p for sandwiches and a pot of Tea at the Longford Arms Hotel.

I was not allowed to spend any money in Sligo but a friend brought me to the Great Southern Hotel, where I was not even allowed to pay for the drinks but I believe that a Businessman's lunch for two costs £1 . 32.

En route to the South, I stayed at a Farm house with Mr. and Mrs. McTigue, where the charge for bed and breakfast was £1 . 25, plus 25p for a meal at night, which consisted of a good feed of bacon and eggs. They wanted me to go out for dinner because they had not expected a visitor.

I would add that I can speak highly of their friendly attention and courtesy, and would have no hesitation in recommending it to any other Fly Fishing Angler wanting accommodation in Co. Mayo.

I would mention that I had the devil's own job to get to Clonakilty due to the fact that I tried to take a short cut and when I got there at about 9.15 p.m. I found that my reservation had been cancelled. However, they had another room available and my bill for bed and breakfast, and what was described as high tea, but to me it was a first-class dinner cooked by the manager's wife herself, plus 5% tax, cost £3 . 18. I only wish I could get it as cheap as this in England.

On the following day I looked into Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel, for lunch and saw they had Salmon Steak on the menu. I said to the girl, "I presume this comes out of a tin". She was indignant and told me that it did not, and I can vouch that it didn't. It really was a first-class meal. I believe the actual price of it was 65p, but with coffee the total bill was 75p, plus 18p for beers which was actually two bottles of cider, and that is a damn sight cheaper than I can get it over here.

I got the tariff of Hearn's Hotel, which seems to be a first-class hotel. A single room costs £2 . 50 from the 1st May to the 30th September, or £2 . 00 from the 1st October to 30th April, breakfast being 50p.

I stayed at The Tower, Ross Crea, Tipperary, but unfortunately I have mislaid the bill, but can assure you it was about £1 . 40 for bed and breakfast and morning tea.

I finished my spending at the Elphin Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Loaghaire, where quite good lunch cost me 79p. I would add that I had my heart put cross ways in me, when in Tubbercurry a Priest showed me a bill of his expenditure at the Burlington Hotel, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, where one of the bills for bed and breakfast for two nights cost £15 . 33, while that of another man at the same Hotel for the same period was for £19 . 87 but, as someone said, "Someone has got to pay to bring the water to the swimming bath".

At these rates, we should be able to support the Industry of Tourism in our own Country.

Yours faithfully,

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The rooks fly high
And Nature in her sadness
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Upon the wind.
By the hill - orchard - hedgerow, cornfield
Now bare and still
An icy mist sweeps across the sky
Wreathing and wrapping up the mountain-
side.
Like a cloak of silver steel
Flung open wide.
To my garden at noon
June's sunshine came
A blackbird bemused
Sang — like it was spring again.

Across the garden path
A rowan tree moans and sways
To the icy touch of a polar wind
Gone was the sunshine
And the singing from my world
My happy INTERLUDE — now far behind

MAI O'HIGGINS
Waterford Association, Dublin



BOOKS

Out this week **The Irish in Britain** by Kevin O'Connor published by Sidgwick & Jackson, price £2.95p. Worth reading if you are not fed up reading Irish History. There are illustrations and statistics from the time of the famine up to the present day, with a little humour, or should I say Irish wit, thrown in for a good measure.

The man himself, Kevin O'Connor, is a thirty-one year old Limerick man who came to Britain for six months, but stayed for ten years. He was for a time a news reporter with B.B.C. Radio London and is currently a contributor to media in Ireland and Britain.

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Mr. J. Dunne, chairman, presided at the A.G.M. of the Laois Association, London, which was held at the Cricklewood Hotel on Tuesday, 24th October, 1972.

In his short address, the chairman said he was not going to bore everybody with a long speech. He thanked the officers and committee for their hard work during the past year. A special thank you he said to the kind people, too, who put their cars and time at the disposal of the Association for all our functions. The chairman said he was very pleased with the progress our Association had made in its short time of existence.

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Mr. H. Milmo, was able to report that the Association's finances were in a healthy position and it was adopted without delay.

Secretary's Report

Yours truly endorsed the chairman's remarks, and reported that the functions put on during the year were most successful.

Our last one on the 6th October at the Cricklewood Hotel was well attended. Representatives of all areas of our county's exiles were present.

Arrangements were made to help the incoming committee. The 8th December, we will hold our first Annual Dinner Dance at the Irish Centre. We hope to have Bishop Lennon, D.D., Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin as our guest of honour. Please come along and make this a successful night. For 1973, we were lucky in being allotted two Saturday nights at The Irish Centre.

At this point, Father John Dunne, who travelled from Portsmouth to be with us, proposed that all the outgoing officers be re-elected to carry on the good work. This was carried unanimously, with the addition of Mr. John White, of Rathdowney, Laois, being added to the list as assistant secretary.

Our sincere thanks to *The Irish Post*, *The Cork Examiner*, *The Kilburn Times*, *The Nationalist* and *Leinster Express* for their valuable publicity. A special thank you to Mrs. Smyth of *The Irish Counties Journal* for all her help during the past year.

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The Mullingar Parish Reunion held at The Irish Centre, Camden Square, recently was a very successful event. An informal gathering of ex-parishioners, families and friends who are resident in London and other parts of England.

There was dancing to suit all tastes and ages to the music of Pat McNamee and his band. The novelty dances and spot prizes were very popular, plus the refreshments.

We were very pleased to welcome on that occasion the party who came from Mullingar. Mr. Paddy Flanagan, T.D., Fr. Cleary, and The St. Loman's Social Club, and other Mullingarites who took the opportunity of coming to London to visit their relatives.

We availed of the opportunity to make a presentation to our dear friend and committee member, Fr. Dillan, on his return to Ireland. Fr. Dillan was suitably impressed with the lovely antique silver tray and set of Waterford cut glass. We would like to thank Fr. Dillan for his trojan work on behalf of our Association, behind the scenes without seeking the glory. We wish him every happiness and success for the future.

We wish success and happiness also to Very Rev. J. Drmody who has been transferred to Kilskyre, Co. Meath.

Annual General Meeting

Due to our inactivity during the summer months, our A.G.M. was put back. However it will definitely be held at The Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W.1. on Sunday, 26th November at 2.30 p.m. sharp. We welcome all who are interested and especially those willing to take an active part on the committee during the coming year.

Wedding Bells

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. Walsh on their recent wedding. Mrs. Walsh was formerly Miss Betty Colgan from Rathconrath and has been an active member of the committee for several years.

Exiles Return

A "Bon Voyage" party was held in the Hope and Anchor on 2nd September for Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman who have returned to Mullingar for good, having spent approximately twenty years in London. The couple were presented with a crystal cut decanter on behalf of the Association by the Chairman, Mr. P. Caffrey.

Get well wishes are extended to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gerry Reilly who is recovering after a recent operation, likewise to Mr. Leam Conway and all other members who are ill.

That's all for now, but we will keep you informed of future events in our next Bulletin

Yours sincerely,

P. J. CAFFREY,
Chairman

THE COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS (LONDON) NOVEMBER, 1972

As Assistant Secretary of The St. Patrick's Parade Committee, I have been requested by Mr. J. Conway to put certain points before you. Mr. Hegarty, Chairman of The Council, has asked me to fit in the following items concerning The Council which I do with sincere apologies to our Secretary, Mr. Mossy Donovan, in cutting in on his field of endeavours :

1. The Irish Centre Bazaar takes place at The Irish Centre on Saturday, 9th December, commencing at 1.0 p.m. Any saleable goods you may have will be much appreciated together with your support as patrons on the day.

2. The Council are holding a Buffet / Dance at The Centre on Saturday, 16th December, 1972, in aid of the Welfare Fund. It is hoped that each Association will purchase ten tickets for this function.

Raffle

Mr. Pat McCabe is organising a raffle for a return trip to New York for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in that city. The Raffle will take place at the Council Buffet on 16th December.

THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE (LONDON)

County Associations are earnestly requested to send delegates to the next meeting being held at The Irish Club, Eaton Square, on Tuesday, 28th November, 1972.

Affiliation fees of £5 . 25p would be appreciated for 1973 Parade. It is the intention of the Parade Committee to hold a Parade in 1973. Your views on this matter would be appreciated at the Council Meeting on 21st November.

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