

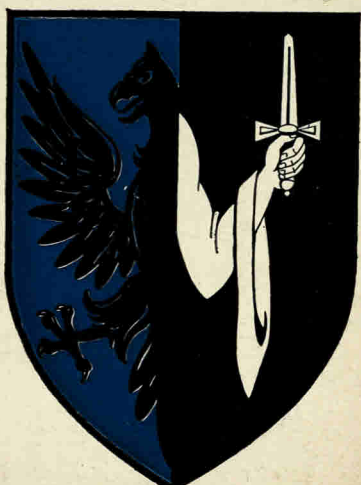
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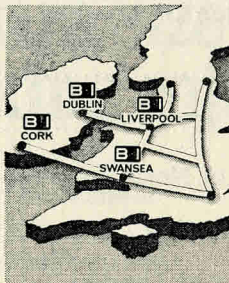
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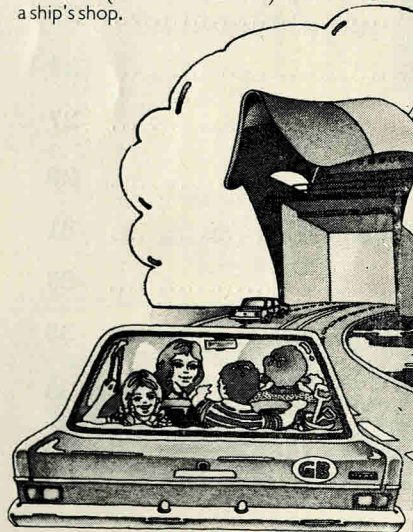
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE A.G.M.

The past year has not shown any significant changes in either the structure or policy of the Council. There has been no marked increase or decrease in the number of affiliations, and the pattern of attendance at our monthly meetings has been much the same as in other years.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last A.G.M. we have joined the Federation of Irish Societies, but its still rather early to forecast any benefits which may arise from the union.

The functions organised by the Council, have on the whole been very well supported. The Annual Dinner at the Gresham Ballroom, was up to the usual figures and realised a handsome profit for our Central Funds. The Buffet held at the Irish Centre for the Welfare Fund was an outstanding success, whilst the Summer Fayre for the Irish Centre was well up on recent years.

The County Associations continue to support the Irish Centre as indeed was evident at the function held here in aid of the Mayor of Camden's Rail Disaster Fund.

During the past year our Life President, Mr. James Conway, left us to take up residence in Ireland. To the various County Associations who contributed to the presentation which was made to him here last December, I extend his sincere thanks on behalf of Mrs. Conway and himself. We wish him well in his retirement and hope he may be able to visit us here in the future.

The President's £1,000 competition was held again this year, and our thanks must be extended to our President, Mr. Gorman for his generosity. To the successful counties we offer our warmest congratulations and hope they will act as a spur to those who failed. Perhaps, in any future competitions of this sort, the Council might decide to have present at the judging, a representative who would ensure that the terms of reference were adhered to. This in particular would apply to the participation of the competing county in the affairs of the Council of Irish County Associations, or failing this, publication of the winning entries.

Both the inter-county and individual quizzes continue to hold their attraction for most of the counties and we offer our congratulations to both Donegal and Mr. Luke Kennedy for their first success in both these competitions. Our thanks must also go to the quiz-masters who give much of their time to preparing the questions and conducting the quizzes.

The Irish Counties Journal has now been in existence for 27 months. We thank the Thomond Publishing Company for the efforts

they have made in that time to make it the success that it now is. Perhaps more of our counties could send in material for publication as it is evident from the content that it is the same counties who take the opportunity to publicise their activities, month after month.

The Welfare Fund is now fairly established and a useful stepping stone is there to build up the fund and perhaps widen the terms of reference. It was the intention of the Executive to launch a publicity campaign to try to increase our revenue, but they felt there were so many appeals afoot that it might be more advantageous to wait for a more opportune time. Perhaps the biggest disappointment was that not all counties contributed to the fund initially, but we hope that they will do so eventually.

During the past year we have been addressed by various State and semi-state bodies. In the early part of the year representatives of the Irish Tourist Board visited us on many occasions. From the many package deals and bargain offers which they presented to us, we found on the whole that there were not so many advantages to County Association members. Perhaps in the not too distant future we may be able to make the publicity campaign policy makers see that what we emigrant Irish want is a comfortable means of transportation at a reasonable cost.

I would like to pay tribute to our patron, The Irish Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan, for the help he and his staff have given us over the past years. I would also like to thank the Management, Priests, and Staff of the Irish Centre for the facilities which they have put at our disposal when we've held our meetings there. I would also like to welcome the new management of Michael and Nora Lahiffe. We wish them well in their new post and know that we shall receive from them the same courtesy that we have received in the past.

To the many County Associations and other organised bodies who've invited me to their functions during the past year I take this opportunity of thanking them for their overwhelming generosity and welcome.

Finally, if at any time during the past twelve months, I have said or done anything to offend anyone, I now offer my apologies, and assure them that it was neither deliberate nor personal.

To my fellow officers, the committee of management, the Council delegates, and to you I say, once more, thanks for your help and understanding during my year as your chairman.

Mr. P. HEGARTY (Chairman).

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Photograph taken at the Children's Party

Waterford Association members were to the fore for the festivities of St. Patrick. Starting at the Embassy I could see at least ten Waterford faces, which proves that Waterfordians are prominent in the diplomatic, cultural and charitable spheres in this country.

The next social function was the St. Patrick's Parade Dinner at the Gresham, which was supported by twenty of our members. Perhaps it is because we have such a high regard for its Chairman, our long standing friend Mr. Jim Conway.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the night in the friendly atmosphere of Tommy Gormans, as the Gresham is more commonly known among the Associations.

It was of course the eve of the departure or should I say exodus from London to New York, Dublin and Sligo. Paddy Stafford and Joe Stone represented us in Dublin while Paddy's wife represented us in New York. Who said "parting is such sweet sorrow"? Paddy and Jessie certainly did not seem as if they wanted to part that night. We had the company of all Paddy and Jessie's family on that night, what a jolly lot they are.

The dates have now been fixed for our two Annual Dinners, our 5th Reunion Dinner at the Tower Hotel, Waterford, will take place on Saturday, 4th August, 1973. It is our annual exercise to boost tourism in our native county. So please start saving your pennies now and do your travelling with the Waterford Association. We can get better rates if we travel in numbers of over 10 persons.

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The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Roscommon Men's Association in London was held in the Irish Centre, Camden Town on Sunday, 18th February, when the attendance was the largest in the history of the Association.

The members were welcomed by Mr. Tom Gilleran, Chairman, who outlined the activities of the Association and thanked everybody who had worked to make it a successful year. Mr. Gilleran had a particular word of thanks for the publicity given to all functions by the Roscommon Herald, Cork Examiner, and Irish Post.

Having heard the Secretaries and Treasurer's reports, the President thanked the Committee on the wonderful work they had done, particularly with regard to raising money for various charities.

Deep regret was expressed by members, at the decision of Mr. Gilleran, Chairman for the past nine years, not seeking re-election. Efforts to make him reconsider his decision were to no avail. Several speakers paid tribute to his sterling work, not only for the Association, but for all Irish social activities in London.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Dominick Donnelly, a founder member of the Association, who was killed in a car crash in Ireland since the last Annual Meeting.

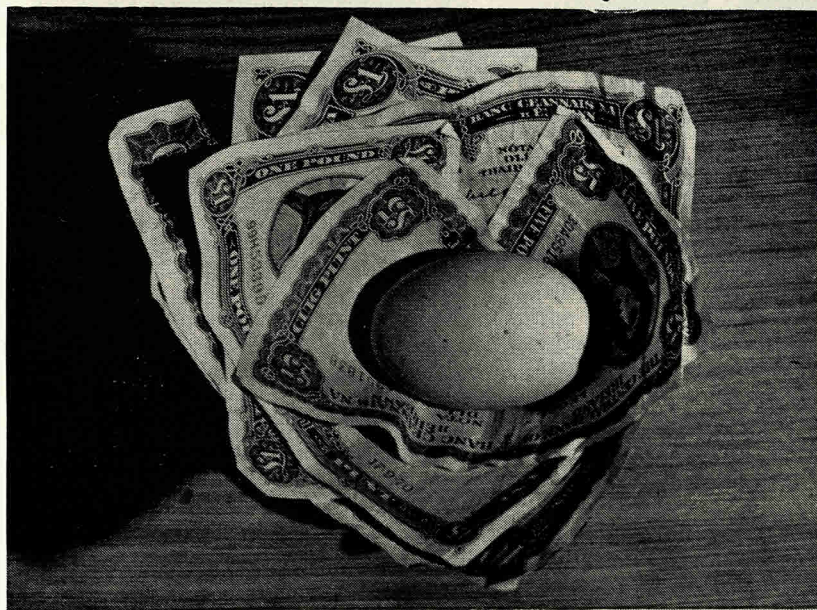
It was announced that the next function to be run by the Association would be a Buffet dance in the Irish Centre on Saturday, 7th April, which it was hoped would be well supported by Roscommon people in London.

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3. What is meant by a ship's draught?
4. What is the only reptile found in Ireland?
5. At its closest how far is Ireland from Scotland?
6. What is the first line of the American National Anthem?

VETERANS

1. What is meant by a Philistine Society?
2. Express by a familiar foreign word or phrase "bewildering colour".
3. For what purpose would you refer to a Tercentenary Handlist?
4. With what would you credit yourself if you were called a Chrysostom?
5. What did the dear old lady mean when she said "He asked me for a Bradsaw and as I had not got one I gave him a gimlet"?
6. What is the "Isle Royale"?

(Answers page 33)

EASTER BOUQUET

I will find the fragrant lily
Lay it gently at HIS feet
I will seek the tiny snowdrop
And the primrose frail and sweet.
I will search along the woodland
For the violet small and coy
I will listen for the bluebell
Find a daisy gay and shy.
I know where a rose is hiding
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For the Risen Lord-Divine.

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Photo taken by Gerry Harrington at our function on 21st February. Seated from left to right: Mary O'Callaghan (Donegal) assistant secretary; Pat O'Donoghue (Kerry), chairman; Mary Collins (Roscommon); Liam Ormsby (Mayo), secretary; standing l. to r. John O'Mahony (Waterford), Liam Skerrett (Clare), treasurer, Tom McGuire (Longford), the other committee member is Ray Arigho (Dublin), who is not in the picture.

The recently formed Irish Association of North London held their first social function at the Archway Tavern, N.19, on 21st February. The success of this dance was far beyond the expectations of the newly formed committee. It was obvious from the attendance (250) that the next social event must be held in a much larger hall. The next grand social event takes place in about six weeks time — details of this event will be advertised in the Press.

The Committee was formed on 13th December, 1972. The elected Chairman is: Mr. P. O'Donoghue (Co. Kerry), Hon. Treasurer: Mr. K. Skerritt (Co. Clare), Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. Ormsby (Co. Mayo), Hon. Ass. Sec.: Mrs. M. O'Callaghan (Co. Donegal). Committee: Mr. R. Arigho (Dublin), Mrs. M. Collins (Roscommon), Mr. T. McGuire (Longford), Mr. J. O'Mahony (Waterford).

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The demand for the Bacon & Cabbage tickets was beyond all expectations. 235 will have sat down which is a record number. Apart from the committee not having tickets, we have already turned down well over another 100. From the committee's point of view this is a very healthy situation but we do feel extremely sorry for the people who have been disappointed only by the fact that there is not sufficient space to accommodate the larger numbers. We will however give those people first choice at our next function, which will be a Buffet Supper and Dance in June. There will be full details of this in the next issue of this Journal.

I mentioned in the last issue that we were going to the Birmingham Dinner Dance. This was a very successful affair and very much enjoyed by all who travelled with us. We were to leave the Irish Centre at 2.30 p.m. and pick up at points on the way, the last one at Cricklewood. The coach never turned up until 4 p.m. and the people travelling were very upset with the driver who had slipped up on the time. However, we got there in plenty of time and after a very enjoyable evening we managed to get back to the Centre at 6.30 a.m. on the Sunday morning. The forty weary but satisfied travellers were happy to get home to their beds.

Present at the dinner were Bishop Harty, Fr. O'Donoghue, Bill Loughnane, T.D., Frank Taylor, T.D., Jack Daly, Michael Mulqueen, the Deputy Mayor of Coventry, Michael O'Halloran, M.P. and many other distinguished guests. We send our congratulations to Birmingham and Coventry on this combined effort which was so successful.

Our Quiz Team went down to Kerry when they met last week at the Irish Centre. It was a very close contest and only a two points margin separated them at the end of the final round. It was a sporting contest and very much enjoyed by all who were present. Our congratulations to Kerry on their win and we now hope that they will go on to take the final honours.

We offer our most sincere sympathy to Rev. Father Mee on the recent sudden death of his brother. R.I.P. Sympathy also goes to Fr. Brady and family on the death of his father. R.I.P.

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As we went to press the demand for tickets for our Dance at Brent Town Hall was quite good and with music again supplied by Johnny McCauley we are looking forward to a good evening.

Our Quiz Team managed to have two points to spare over our neighbours Clare in the quarter finals of the Guinness Cup. The contest was very close and very enjoyable, with never more than four points between the two teams. A lot of ifs and buts after the game, might have carried the evening the other way, but on the last question of the contest falling to James Cremins nephew of that other great Kerry stalwart, the issue was never in doubt. Another interesting factor was the appearance of Clare Cronin, niece of another Kerry and Munster stalwart, John Cronin, on the team this year. We are looking forward to a very formidable game with Carlow and should we win (as indeed we hope to) we shall be meeting the men from the City of the Tribes in the final and we have pretty definite ideas on where the Guinness Cup will rest for 1973.

Many of our members have expressed their regret that we did not have our usual Religious Parade connected with St. Patricks Festival this year. Let us hope that in 1974 we will be back in force with our Annual Parade and Gaelic Service as in former years. Our Association was represented at the Dublin Parade by our Registrar Tom Mangan. Our Secretary and his family travelled to New York, together with other members of the Association, on the St. Patricks Parade Committee Charter. The observations made by the

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Lough Sillian, Co. Cavan.—Photo by courtesy of the Irish Tourist Board

Coming Events

Saturday, 5th May, 1973—Buffet Supper and Dance at the Irish Centre, N.W.1. This is our Annual Spring Social, and be sure to make use of the application form for tickets, which you will find at the bottom of this article, as this is a very popular event each year.

Sunday, 27th May, 1973—Charity Walk in aid of Irish Centre Welfare. Details from Rev. P. Sheridan, 485 0051.

Thursday, 18th October, 1973—Cavan Association Dinner & Dance, Gresham Ballroom. Full details later.

Request

We are short of a copy of the Irish Counties Journal, dated January, 1972. Can you help out? If so please contact your secretary.

Situations Vacant in Ireland

Interesting, varied and remunerative. Details of these have been circulated to most County Association Secretaries. Lists can be seen at the Irish Centre or contact your secretary.

Request

Your prayers are urgently request for my only sister Anna Mae Mullen who is seriously ill in a Dublin Hospital.

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Seeks the comfort of stall and fodder
Then sinks on her knees as though in prayer.
Along the lane a workman hastens
With heavy tread his footsteps fall
Light is his heart with thoughts returning
Of his little Heaven in a cottage small
The cloak of night is now unfurled
Across the day so tenderly.
Within my heart a prayer is sent
To HIM — such joys he gave me.

MAI O'HIGGINS

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 6)

Benefit Dance

The most immediate support we need is for our Benefit Dance at The Cricklewood on 27th April next in aid of Michael Glavin, who sustained serious injuries in a recent car crash. Michael will be out of action for at least 12 months. At least we have still got him with us "T.G.". You may remember brother Jimmy died from injuries sustained in the same crash. R.I.P. The Glavin family have been ardent supporters of all our functions throughout the years. Let us now show them our gratitude and flock to the Benefit Dance at The Cricklewood. Bring all your friends, your enemies as well, but come in your hundreds. You are assured of a jolly good night into the bargain. Music for dancing by the Wild Rovers.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and Ellis Griffin on the death of Jim's uncle, Mr. Michael Griffin. To Paddy and Jessie Stafford on the death of Jessie's mother Mrs. J. Cahill. To Mr. and Mrs. Ruste on the death of Mrs. Ruste's father, Mr. Tom Bage. To Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hickey, Limerick Association, on their recent sad bereavement. To Fr. Mee, O.M.I., on the death of his brother. May they all Rest In Peace.

Indisposed

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Ellis Griffin, who sustained a fall recently and Mrs. Josie Sauvage for the same indisposition. No they were not drunk. They were both on their way to church ten miles apart on Ash Wednesday.

Bon Voyage

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hickey will shortly take up residence back home in Dungarvan. Our best wishes go with them for every success in their new venture.

London Annual Dinner

The obstacles we spoke of in last month's issue on booking Hammersmith Town Hall have been overcome. So its back to Hammersmith for this years Annual London Dinner. The date is 27th October.

More news next month. In the meantime looking forward to seeing you all at the Cricklewood on the 27th, and at Wembley Town Hall on the 11th with Johnny McCauley.

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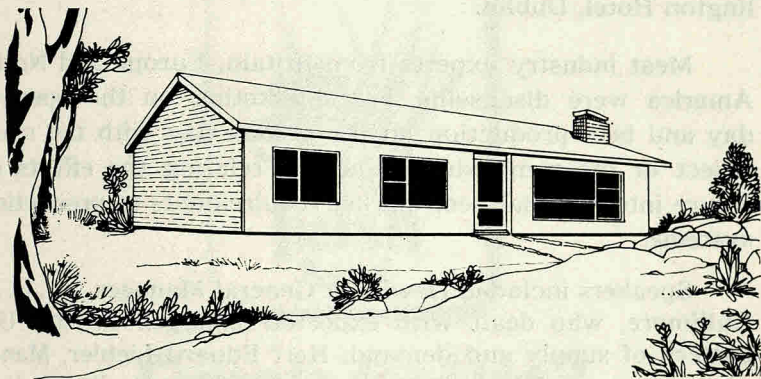
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INTERNATIONAL BEEF SYMPOSIUM

An International Beef Symposium by the Irish Livestock and Meat Board was held on April 5th and 6th in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin.

Meat industry experts from Britain, Europe and North America were discussing beef marketing on the opening day and beef production on the second day with the main object of the symposium aimed at relating the effects of future international beef market requirements to production systems.

Speakers included Dewhurst General Manager, Mr. C. S. Cullimore, who dealt with expected changes in the UK pattern of supply and demand; Herr Eduard Liebler, Manager of one of West Germany's largest meat distributing organisations, who discussed the changing pattern of meat consumption and shopping trends in Germany; Mr. P. G. Waymouth, Transport Co-ordinator for one of the world's biggest transport groups, Union International Company, gave a paper on the development of temperatures controlled transport and the Manager of Oxexport, the Danish Beef Marketing Board, Mr. H. C. Schmidt, dealt with aspects of the Danish trade in beef and livestock.

Speakers on beef production were Senor Bruno Zerbi, Managing Director of a major Italian beef production company; Mr. Matt Barlow, Specialist Cattle Husbandry Advisor of the Irish Department of Agriculture; Mr. Robert Gow, Chairman of Stratford of Texas Inc., running a chain of feed lots with a capacity of 110,000 head of cattle and Professor Arthur Horn, Scientist and Animal Husbandry Specialist from Budapest, who dealt with the development of cattle production in Eastern European countries.

There was an open forum at the end of each day's programme chaired by the Board's General Manager, Mr. Peter Needham.



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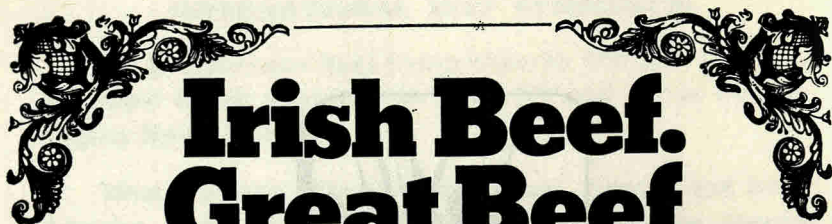
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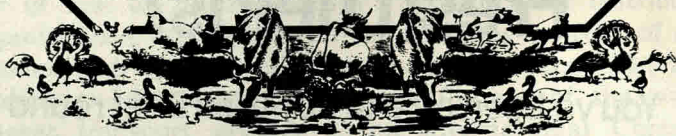
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DEWHURST IRISH BEEF PROMOTION



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Pictured above, from left to right, are Messrs. R. Plumb, J. Corby, P. Davies, and P. Titchener, with, left, Dewhurst General Manager, Colin Cullimore, and right, Peter Needham, Irish Livestock and Meat Board General Manager.

At the presentation, Mr. Cullimore said "Dewhurst enthusiastically supports any promotion geared to supplying the British housewife with good quality beef at an economic price and we are already discussing the possibility of further promotions later in the year."

Mr. Cullimore was one of the principal speakers at the International Beef Symposium held in Dublin recently.

Poster Wins Award

The popular Irish Livestock and Meat Board poster depicting cuts of beef on a butcher's block in a field of green grass, highlighting the promotional theme "Great grass makes great beef — Irish beef", was one of only 23 awards, from a total 466 posters submitted for the annual British Poster Design Awards, sponsored by the Design Council.

The judges commented that it represented "A first rate piece of advertising and first rate poster" combining the essential message with a bold visual image.

As well as the honour accorded by the award, it was the item of the Board's point of sale material which was widely acclaimed by all sections of the meat trade.

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St. Joseph's Festival in conjunction with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

There is an old saying which says "Nothing succeeds like success". And another one which contradicts it, and which might be a more accurate way of describing St. Josephs Festival Committee, is that "You only get back what you put in".

Since it was founded four years ago the St. Joseph's Festival Committee has been fortunate in having got together a very dedicated and valuable set of officers and because of the amount of effort they put into their work the results have been most rewarding.

To speak to people about St. Joseph's Festival Committee brings the immediate mention of Chairman Mr. Martin Whitty and Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Tucker, with Canon J. Williams and Canon Marriott, being also worthy of a very sincere mention.

To start off the year and set a target to raise a £1,000 for the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes is a very bold step, which was undertaken this year by the Committee. Unlike other organisations who also talk in such large figures the St. Josephs Festival Committee set about their task with great confidence. Both the Chairman and Secretary talked to many people about ways and means of raising that money and pound by pound the fund was climbing. Many friends of the Society made generous donations and contributions and the climax to the years work was the Festival Dinner which was attended by such a large gathering at the Gresham Ballroom on Thursday, 8th February, when Chairman Martin Whitty felt very proud on having achieved his target and indeed managed to go a lot further.

On Sunday, 11th March, at a private Dinner at the Inverness Court Hotel, Mr. Whitty presented a cheque for £1,600 to Bishop Guzelli for the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes. A truly wonderful achievement by a very dedicated committee.

This large amount of money was only raised because the people collecting it were dedicated people, because the cause was a very worthy one, and because there are a great many people who are always willing to do something to help man's inhumanity to man, or to help where the ways of God are wiser than any man may know.

Many County Associations are pleased to have been able to assist the St. Josephs Festival Committee in their excellent work. Let us hope that in the years ahead greater efforts will be made by all to extend this very valuable work.

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COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS
Secretary's Report to 1973 Annual General Meeting

To all delegates

Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, Mr. Life President and Delegates, this is my first opportunity as Secretary of the Council to give you a review of the events during the past twelve months.

Affiliation

We had 22 Counties affiliated in 1972 one less than the previous year. Let us hope that the Counties who have not yet affiliated will now do so and will be actively back in the fold for 1973.

Functions

Our Annual Dinner/Dance at the Gresham Ballroom was the highlight of our social calendar where V.I.P.'s from all areas of the community graced our Top Table and made this a night to remember by all present. The Council Buffet which was held in conjunction with the Mayor of Camden, Mr. Brian Duggan for the victims of the rail disaster, which was held in the Irish Centre, was an outstanding success. On this occasion we were privileged to be able to present to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conway a silver cigarette box and lighter as a token of our appreciation for all the work they have done in the past years.

The President's £1,000 Competition

Once again we, the Council, are indebted to our President, Mr. Tom Gorman, to the tune of £1,000 in respect of the Inter-County Competition. We are all well aware of the Term's of Reference regarding this Competition, and let us hope that they are adhered to when the County Secretary's are making out their reports.

Protests

At the first Council Meeting after the A.G.M. last February we had a lot of discussions regarding holidays and travel to Ireland in general. I requested all County Secretary's to write to us expressing the feelings of their Associations, whether it be praise or criticism, for Bord Failte, Aer Lingus, B+I, British Railways, Car Hire Firms, Hoteliers and all State or Semi-State bodies. I am sorry to have to report, to date, the response has been nil.

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The Irish Counties Journal has had a lot of discussion at our monthly meetings during the year. This is the Counties' Journal, and surely it is in our own interest to send in our monthly reports in time for publication. To my knowledge, about eight or ten counties contribute regularly to the Journal, surely we can do a little better than this. After all the Journal is there for our benefit, and should be contributed to by all County Associations.

Quiz Competition

The organisers of the Inter-County Quiz and Individual Quiz Competitions together with the Associations and individuals taking part are to be congratulated on their efforts in making the contest so competitive and attractive. Here I feel a special word of praise must go to our Treasurer, Mr. Michael Waters, also to our Chairman, Mr. Pat Hegarty, all the score keepers and everyone connected with the quiz. Congratulations to Mr. Luke Kennedy on winning the Individual Quiz. Sure it couldn't happen to a nicer fellow.

Saturday Nights at The Irish Centre

Dates have now been allocated up to the end of December, 1973. All County Associations together with the Irish Centre have been notified. Regretfully we were not able to accommodate all the Associations on the nights they requested. For this we apologise. Certain Saturday nights in July and August may still be available and these

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KERRY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 17)

travellers to Dublin seem to suggest that Hoteliers in Ireland have not yet learned their lesson about overcharging.

One hopes that such incidents of excessive charge will be brought to the notice of the County of Irish County Associations and that something can be done to bring the Hoteliers who are offending to heel.

The Kingdom Hurling and Football Dinner held at the Cavendish Room during March was a very enjoyable evening and from the trophies on display the year was a successful one for the Club. Our Chairman and Mrs. O'Connor were guests of the Club and the function was supported by a strong contingent from the Association.

Congratulations to our Chairman on winning the Capri XL 1600 in the raffle which was sponsored by Parnells Gaelic Football Club. The draw itself apart from the result was very successful for Parnells Club.

A final note about some tickets which are still available for SIAMSA for the Rainbow Theatre on Easter Sunday night. Tickets can be had from 4 Craven Park or 969 2040. At Easter also the Listowel and Lispolle people in London will be playing hosts to their visitors from Kerry.

Our Annual Draw will be taking place again this year and we will let you have tickets and full details shortly. This year we will again have a good selection of valuable prizes and we hope that all members will make an all out effort to exceed their sales figures of last year.

Our Annual Reunion Dinner in Kerry has not been finalised as yet, we hope to have final details following our Annual Dinner and we will communicate those to you, when we have finalised same.

The Golf Match which we hoped to arrange for members will be taking place in June and all members who are interested are asked to write giving their handicap and club as soon as possible to: The Secretary Golf Section, c/o St. Brendans, 4 Craven Park, London, N.W.10. Your donations towards a suitable trophy would also be appreciated. Remember, now its your turn to tee off.

Our sympathy is conveyed to Fr. Quinn, Superior Columban Fathers on the death of his brother. To the Kerrisk and Connell families on their recent bereavements. Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls.

M. O'CONNOR, Chairman.

ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. The Red Grouse.
2. A Midsummer Night's Dream.
3. The depth of a ship's hull below the water line.
4. The lizard.
5. Thirteen miles.
6. "Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light".

VETERANS

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2. Camouflage.
3. Newspapers Record.
4. Orator.
5. A bradawl.
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firstly will be offered to the Associations not accommodated and secondly to any Association capable of putting on a function. Very Revd. Fr. Mee, O.M.I., Chaplain, requests Associations to put on a good function, and in return the Centre will put all amenities at their disposal. The Centre would welcome functions during the summer months.

The Welfare Fund

The Welfare Fund which you decided to open during the past, has been a marked success. The fund which now stands at just over £700, has not been supported by all the affiliated counties, but perhaps this is due to the fact that not all the County Committees have been made aware of its existence.

The Federation of Irish Societies

During the past year the Council of Irish County Associations has affiliated to the Federation of Irish Societies. Let us hope this is to the advantage of all concerned.

In Appreciation

To our Irish Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan and Mrs. O'Sullivan, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Feehan and all the Embassy Staff, to Mr. J. Conway, Mr. T. Gorman, to the Irish Centre, the Irish Club, to all our friends wherever they may be, to the Chairmen, and Secretaries and Delegates, to the Irish Post, Cork Weekly Examiner, the Kilburn Times, Thomond Publishing Company and the National Press of Ireland, a very sincere thank you.

In memory of absent friends

To all members who have suffered bereavement during the past year, the Council extends their deepest sympathy. Holy Mass was offered for all after the meeting.

To my fellow Officers, to the Executive Committee and to all who have helped me in any way during the past year, my grateful thanks.

New Management Committees

Many Associations hold their Annual General Meeting at this time of the year, in the event of any change in your Committee or Management or Delegates to Council Meetings, would you please forward their names and addresses to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

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The Association's Annual Dinner and Dance held at The Gresham Ballroom on Thursday, 15th February, 1973, was an outstanding success. Over four hundred members and their guests attended the 20th Annual Dinner and Dance in the 21st year of the Association's existence.

Our 21st Birthday Cake made a shining centre part of the top table which was appreciated by all who attended. Our cake was cut towards the end of the dinner and many congratulations were received, and glowing tributes were paid on the great work of our Association in the past 21 years by the eloquent speakers who were as follows: His Worship the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Brian Duggan, Mr. Michael Smith, T.D., Mr. Michael Vaughan, Chairman Shannonside Tourism, and our affable President, Mr. M. McCormack.

We would like to express our thanks to all those members and friends of the Association who helped to make our annual event the undoubted success it was again this year.

We are looking forward once again to playing host to the Tipperary Hurling Team who will be travelling over to play at Wembley during the Whitsun weekend (26th-27th May).

By the time you receive this Journal our A.G.M. will be over and we look forward with confidence to the coming year.

J. F. KEATING, Hon. Secretary.

NEWS FROM HOME

Donegal

£25 million will be spent on providing a new industry in the Letterkenny area. The new factory to be built by Courtaulds Ltd., will be known as Synthetic Fibre Production. The industry will provide employment for 1,000 people.

Limerick

Seven bands from America were among the twenty who competed for the "Treaty Stone" perpetual trophy in Limerick recently. Among them was the Bishop Kearney High School Band we all know so well. Others were from Boston, New Jersey, North Quincery, Massachusetts and New York. 750 musicians in all. An estimated 2000 American visitors were in Limerick for the day and business to the city was estimated at £35,000. What a boost for Shannonside Tourism who organised the event.

Cork

A Welcome Home Festival is being organised for West Cork from July 19th for 10 days.

During the Festival there will be a competition to find "The Maid of the Isles". Competitors are expected from various cities throughout England and Wales as well as Ireland.

An unusual taxi driver

Mr. Denis Joyce who founded the Cork Flying Club two years ago, is now operating a flying taxi service from Cork. If you want to get to Belfast, Donegal, Dublin, or anywhere in Ireland for that matter, in a grand manner Denis Joyce is your man.

Mr. Joyce told the Irish Counties Journal that he wants to break into the tourist industry in the not too distant future. At the moment he flies cargo from Cork to Coventry for an English firm.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES

Ninety years ago Florence Nightingale relinquished hope of forming a Trained Nurses' Provident Fund when she thought that the invitation of public subscriptions might encourage hospitals to lessen their nurse's pay or not to raise it. However, another energetic and far-seeing administrator, the Secretary of the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, remained undaunted by the formidable difficulties surrounding the creation of such a Fund. The scene is set by the Pension Fund's former Secretary, Arthur Wood-Smith, in his book "Stream of Time".

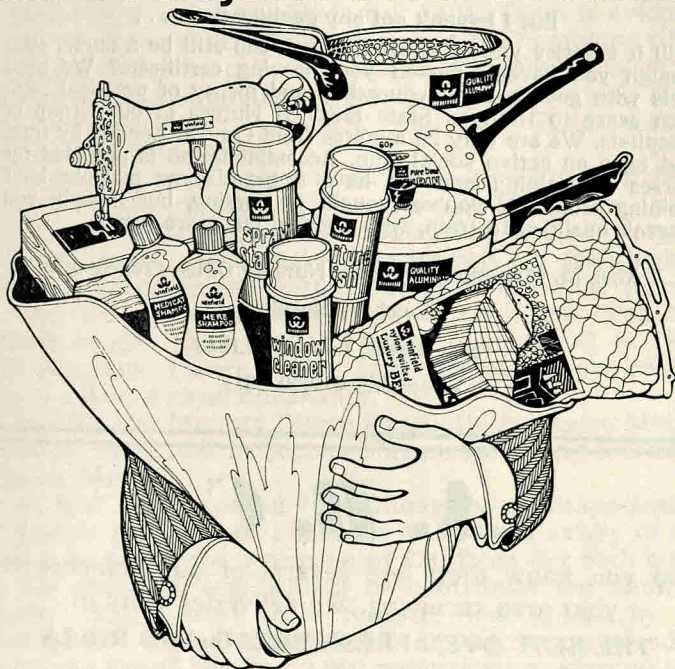
"One evening — in 1880 — a man sat alone with his thoughts in an office of a busy hospital on the outskirts of London. They were not happy thoughts. He felt dispirited, sick at heart." Henry Burdett, the secretary-superintendent, was deeply concerned about the case of a nurse on his hospital staff. "Some two years previously this nurse had contracted typhoid fever in its most virulent form from a patient in the hospital. A Swedish sailor, himself a victim of the disease had attacked her in a delirium whilst she was attending to his comfort. The precautions she took to avoid infection were unsuccessful and a long illness left her a physical wreck, incapable of any further useful work. The plight of this poor nurse disturbed him. A small gratuity from the hospital and the help of friends kept her for two years. But the wells of charity were not inexhaustible, and he had, that day, begged the governing body of his hospital to grant her a pension or other allowance to save her entering the workhouse. All this forcible pleading was of no avail. Every resource was exhausted . . . and to the Infirmary she went, to spend in its bleak interior the few remaining years of her life. By the time he left his office at the hospital that night his mind was made up. Profoundly impressed by the need of helping nurses to protect themselves against the major risks of life, he was determined that if human endeavour could achieve this it should be done. And he would do it."

Such was the origin of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

Four Generous Friends

The first Board or Council included an impressive list of doctors, bankers and hospital chairmen, calculated to inspire confidence in the Fund's management. Four subscribers to the Memorandum of Association made a significant gesture when they each gave £5,000 to provide the Society's deposit at the Court of Chancery. They were Sir Everard Hambro, Lord Rothschild, Henry Huck Gibbs, and "the most English American", Junius S. Morgan. Three members of today's Council are direct descendants of these

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THE ROYAL NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES (continued from page 36)

Founders, the Fund always having maintained strong family connections with the merchant banks and London business houses. The Council is exceptional in that its members receive no fees for their services but instead pay an annual subscription of two guineas to the Fund.

Royal Patronage

The Princess of Wales (later Queen Alexandra) consented to be the first President. Since then the Fund has been privileged to operate under royal patronage, although the prefix royal was not added until 1891. There is evidence that at first Queen Victoria demurred at the combined title). "The office could be called the Royal Pension Fund or the National Pension Fund but the Royal National — no!" However, representations prevailed and the Fund proudly assumed its present name.

In these days of abbreviated titles, the initials RNPFN are well known throughout the nursing world. In earlier times they were sometimes misunderstood and one appealing letter from an animal-lover arrived at Buckingham Palace addressed to the National Pension Fund for Horses.

Over the years a number of receptions have been held in Marlborough House and St. James' Palace and, in 1904, at Buckingham Palace when 1,000 nurse policy holders enjoyed a day of royal hospitality.

In 1953, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother graciously consented to become Patron following the death of Queen Mary.

At first the response from nurses was disappointing. One case is recorded of a matron of 35 on a salary of £80 a year who hoped for a pension of £50 from her 55th birthday. For this she was willing to contribute ten shillings annually. Others were more realistic and, guided by the advice given in the British Medical Journal, resolved to support the Fund. The first 2,000 policies were effected well within the two years limit imposed by the Articles.

It took 19 years for the Fund to reach its first million pound milestone. In 1970 the assets were increasing by that amount every four months. Between 1894 and 1970 annual premium income rose from £34,000 to £4 million and the total funds from £191,000 to £45 million.

A Continuing Service

In the vast spread of present day business activity the Pension Fund has remained true to the ideals of its founder, Sir Henry Burdett, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., who wanted to provide nurses with a regular income when their working days were over by the wise investment of their savings in a mutual insurance society. For many years the RNPFN blazed a pioneer trail in the field of superannuation. More recently it has shared its responsibility with the state (since the

advent of National Insurance in 1918 and the N.H.S. in 1948) and with other pension and insurance schemes, notably the F.S.S.N. (now the Federated Pension Scheme) which started in 1928.

The Pension Fund's wide range of policies include endowment and whole life assurance, children's education and family income benefit, mortgage protection and term assurances, savings and investment policies as well as personal pensions for the self-employed. Its membership embraces all professions in the health services and covers virtually all those engaged in caring for the sick.

The Fund is a mutual society with no shareholders. It does not employ any agents or pay any commission, all business being transacted by post. These features mean low administrative expenses and hence, favourable benefits for members.

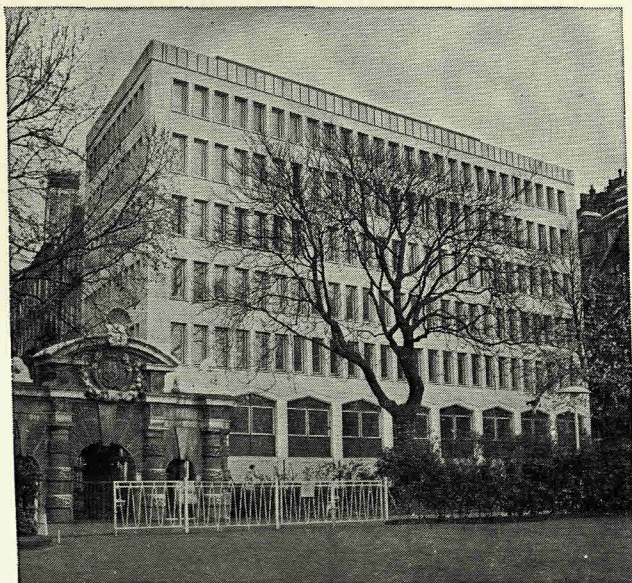
Nurses in retirement have been helped tremendously by the Fund's generous rates for immediate annuities and by the declaration of special bonuses. In 1965, 1968 and 1971 the Fund distributed a handsome and unexpected bonus to most annuitants for a 3 year period. It is hoped to continue this in the future.

Membership of the Pension Fund is open to nurses throughout the world. However, the Irish Insurance Act of 1936 prevents a permanent resident of Eire from effecting a policy with a Society such as ours, not licensed to transact business in Eire. There is no reason why Irish nurses may not join the Fund when they are resident for a short while in the United Kingdom and once started, policies may be continued abroad anywhere.

The old houses in Buckingham Street where Peter the Great entertained William III and where Charles Dickens may have lived have been replaced by a fine new building. The Pension Fund's policy and administration have been continually re-shaped to accord with modern business techniques and efficiency. But there remains still the strong tradition of service to nurses everywhere, implanted by the Founders when they wrote the Constitution. One example of this service is the Fund's readiness to provide speakers on superannuation, insurance, savings and pension provision at Hospitals and branch meetings of the Royal College's and of the numerous health service organisations throughout the British Isles. Officers of the Fund have motored 100,000 miles to give 400 talks during the last three years.

For special details of the work of the Fund and of its two associated charitable organisations, the Nurse's Memorial to King Edward VII and the Junius S. Morgan Fund for Nurses, readers are invited to write to Burdett House, 15 Buckingham Street, London, W.C.2.

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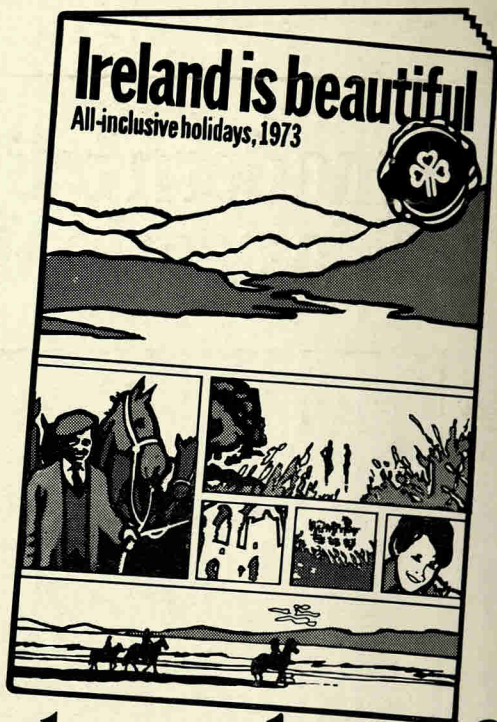


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