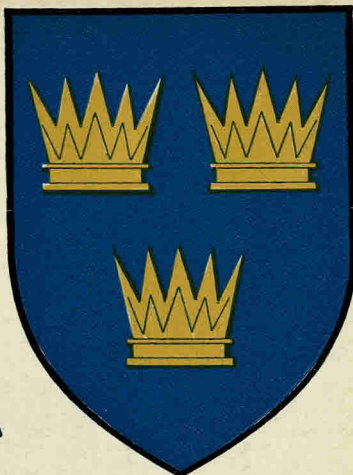


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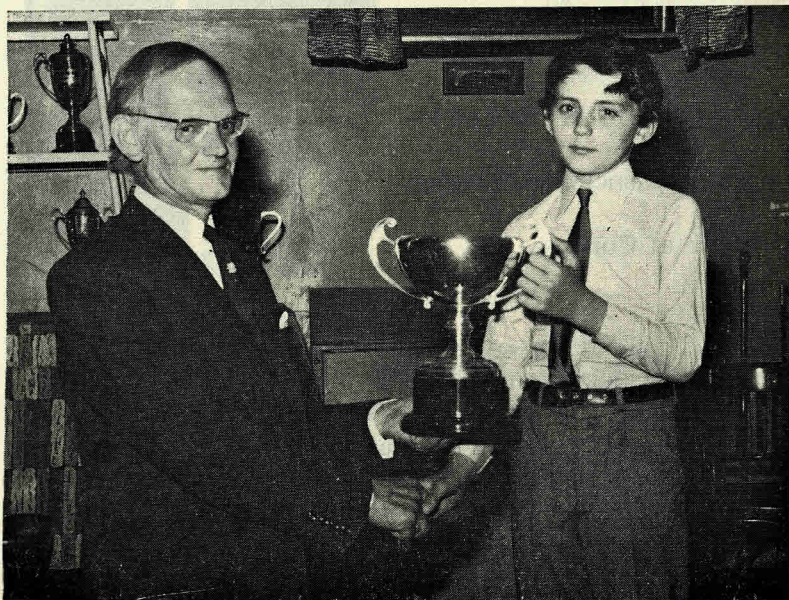
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We are indeed very fortunate to have the premier position in *The Irish Counties Journal* this month in order to grace the tables at tonight's Annual Dinner at Hammersmith Town Hall.

The Officers and Committee of The Waterford Association take advantage of the opportunity to welcome you and to express the sincere hope that it will be a memorable occasion.

You will appreciate that an event like this evening's function just does not happen spontaneously. A considerable amount of forethought and sheer hard labour has been involved in the preparation of tonight's events, but it will all have been worth while if you enjoy yourselves to the full.

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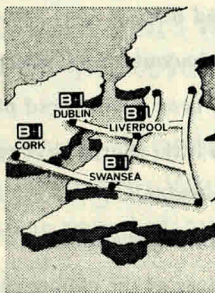
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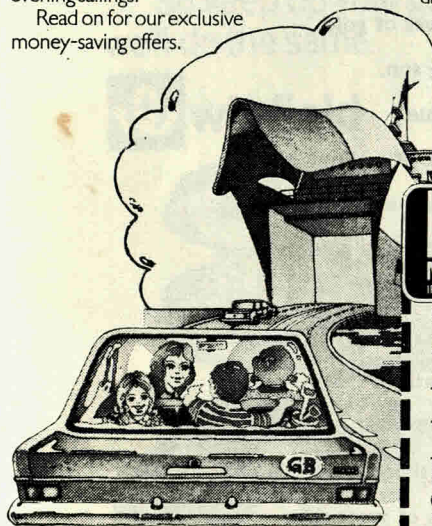
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by MAI O'HIGGINS

Waterford Association, Dublin.

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I walked along a beach  
Deserted now.  
In the shadows of my mind  
I could hear a whispered prayer  
From a little church beyond—  
At Abbeyside.  
There among the rocks  
The voices of the children's play  
Around my feet sandcastles lay  
Fragments of a happy day.  
White specks of seagulls  
Touched the waves of gold  
From the setting sun.  
The shadows came  
With the promise of a starry night  
And there across the bay  
Old Helvick in the grey gold light.  
Sweet witching hour  
'Twixt night and day  
My homeward path  
And there beyond  
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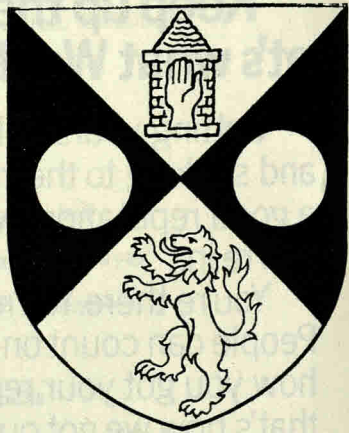
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## ONCE UPON THE BOYNE

By PATRICK MULLOY, Vice-Chairman, The Irish Club.

At the age of about five my family moved from Dublin, where I was born, to the town of Drogheda on the banks of the Boyne, not far from the Northern Irish border which, of course, did not exist at that time. My family consisted of my parents, my brother Billy, who later became known as Liam, and my two sisters Anne and Mary, who was known amongst her friends as Maggie.

About four and a half, maybe five, miles north-east of Drogheda there is a small seaside resort called Termonfeckin. To the youngsters of the town, this was the promised land: a place of mystery, of magic, of castle in the air, built on sand dunes surrounded by a vast and incalculable sea. When it is considered that the only means of access to this wonderland was by pony and trap, or other animal drawn vehicle, over rugged roads and boreens, in the days when a motor car was a freak, the promised land was far, far, away indeed.

With the approach of Whitsun my mother determined that, by hook or by crook, the family would have a trip to Termonfeckin, and set about finding a mode of conveyance. Failing in her efforts to secure a pony and trap, or even a side car, better known, perhaps, as a jaunting car, she settled for Paddy McEvoy's ass and cart rather than disappoint us. Paddy's ass was quite a character in the neighbourhood; it could be seen any day galloping up or down Windmill Lane, with Paddy astride of it, or yoked to a cart with a churn in the middle of it, and Paddy crouched down on his haunches, with the reins between his fingers, guiding the ass as if he were Ben Hur guiding his chariot.

By the time Paddy arrived at our house with the ass and cart on Whit Monday morning, the excitement was intense; even our mongrel Irish terrier, Tim, got caught in the fever and chased madly around in circles, confident that something unusual was happening. A packed picnic basket was pushed under the seat, which was a wooden plank stretched from one side of the cart to the other; my mother, who had borrowed a very fashionable "motoring" veil for the occasion, took her place in the centre of the cross seat. My sister Anne, who was always concerned about the family "image" sat on my mother's left with the poise of a lady-in-waiting; my brother, Billy, claiming to be something of an expert at managing an ass, sat on my mother's right, the rope reins dangling loosely between his fingers; my sister Maggie and I sat at the back, with our legs trailing over the tailboard. Tim, the dog, snuffled around the cart for a while, then leaped up and bagged himself a seat in front where, with his ears well back, and his tongue lobbing out by the side of his mouth, he waited for the next move. Meanwhile the entire neighbourhood had turned out to give us a send-off, a gesture which was not received with full approval by Anne, was always afraid that we would make a "show" of ourselves.

As the moment for departure arrived Paddy McEvoy stepped back and left my brother Billy in control. Billy gave what he considered to be a highly professional yup, but the ass never took the slightest notice; then he tried a double yup-yup, with equally abortive results. While trying to think up some other cajolery that might persuade the ass to move, Paddy McEvoy stepped forward and gave the donkey a fearful skelp on the rump with the open palm of his hand.

"Up outa that, y'ould cod!" he yelled, and away the ass shot like a streak of well greased lightning.

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Our last function a Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, was a huge social and financial success. We suffer the same embarrassment as other Associations with regard to Bacon and Cabbage Dinners, namely that we cannot put on enough of them, for the Saturday nights. We could get bookings for other nights at the Centre, if you would like to let us have your feelings on the matter.

We would like to thank the Irish Centre priests, managements, and staff for the wonderful meal they serve us so beautifully, at such a nominal sum. There is no better value anywhere else in London.

### Bunratty

We are all now looking forward to our weekend trip to Shannon the weekend of the 13th October next. We are sorry to disappoint so many of you who wanted to come when we were already fully booked. Keep in touch we have you on the waiting list. We did try to negotiate for a larger aircraft, but also the cost was too high for our requirements. It seems that we were very fortunate to have had a very reasonable quote for this aircraft, which we had booked for some considerable time. Hence the reason we can provide you with a flight to Shannon, bed and breakfast at a first class hotel plus a mediaeval banquet at the famous Bunratty Castle, at the small cost of £20.

### Annual Dinner

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### Sympathy

I am sure you all felt as shocked as I did on learning of the tragic double drowning at Kilkee of Mr. M. Ryan and Mr. M. Quinn, R.I.P., both men married with families. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both families in their great loss.

We were doubly shocked by the recent sad death of Mr. Patrick McAuley who was electrocuted on a London building site. Our sincere sympathy to his wife and children, also to his parents, brothers and sisters. Patrick, R.I.P., was only 27 years old, and resided at Kilburn. His remains were flown home to Shannon. The funeral took place at Kilcreest cemetery.

We also tender our sympathy to Mrs. Garret on the death of her mother, R.I.P.

The past month certainly has been a rather tragic one for Clare people both here and at home. Please God the people who are closely connected with these tragic circumstances will be given the strength to bear with their great loss. I would ask all who read this to spare a thought in their prayers for all concerned.

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### CAVAN ASSOCIATION (continued from page 6).

#### Quiz Time

The second round is now being played. Cavan is drawn against Kerry. With the Dinner/Dance over we must field a team without delay. Date and venue will be advised. Volunteers for the team will be welcomed. Phone the team captain, Robert King 578 6390. The winner of this contest go forward to meet the winner of the Roscommon/Carlow match.

#### Farewell

The Irish Community and other folk who knew Fr. Tom McCabe of the Irish Centre will be sorry to learn of his transfer to Ireland. Members of the Cavan Association especially so, as for the two years  
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## **NEW LIFE FOR HOLY CROSS ABBEY**

By Most Rev. THOMAS MORRIS,  
Archbishop of Cashel and Emly.

In January, 1969, Dail Eireann held a meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin, to commemorate the first meeting of the Dail there in 1919. The first item on the Order Paper was—to my own surprise and deep pleasure—the “Holy Cross Abbey (Co. Tipperary) Bill, 1969.” The Bill had an unopposed passage through the Dail in its further stages so that the Commissioners of Public Works were enabled to restore for ecclesiastical purposes the ancient Abbey of Holycross, so well known to exiles from mid-Tipperary. Home on holidays these Summers, many exiles join the thousands of visitors to view the restoration work which is due to be completed in 1975.

One such exile recently remarked, “there’s a lot of work to be done yet!” So there is indeed, enough work for two years more we think; but maybe the visitor was thinking of the other buildings of the monastery—sleeping quarters, abbot’s house, chapter room, store rooms, etc.—which are not due for restoration at this time. The Abbey church is being restored to serve as the parish church of Holycross in future, and it was the need to reconstruct the present parish church which prompted the parishioners, priests and myself to think of this big adventure back in 1967.

If Holycross parish had done like so many other parishes and renovated its parish church (built in 1829), all of us would have been spared the headaches and effort which have been called for during the last six years. Yet the Abbey had a claim on us; its history was all around us, even a local name such as “Bohernacrusha” (“the road of the cross”) reminds us of the pilgrimages which made this crossing of the Suir more important at one time than several of our modern towns; the building had fared better than most of our ancient monasteries; and restoration will lead to a living church, not merely a museum piece.

A troubled history has deprived Ireland of many specimens of historic buildings such as can still be found in Britain or on the Continent. Ancient cathedrals, parish churches and—more rarely—abbeys can still be visited by a holiday maker in Britain, but we are not so fortunate in Ireland. We look forward to receiving international recognition for what is being done in Holycross. Last month the Minister for Local Government announced that the restoration of the Abbey will be one of the two Irish “pilot” projects in 1975, which will be European Architectural Heritage Year under the auspices of the Council of Europe and, by a happy coincidence, our deadline for completing the Abbey church.

It will be no novelty for Holycross Abbey to be known internationally. Legends about the beginning of the Abbey, and about the hermitage which existed before the Cistercians came, have been recorded. We know as historical fact that the King of Limerick, Donal Mor O’Brien endowed the Abbey eight centuries ago, in 1180. It took

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Down dear Patrick Street,  
I could hear the Shandon bells chime  
A soft Munster breeze  
And the dear river Lee  
Called me home  
Through the oceans of time.

That faded old picture of Cork  
I shall keep  
Though time many changes has wrought  
For if in the flesh  
I cannot be there  
There is nothing to stop me in thought—

To visit again  
The place that I love  
To walk the Mardyke and Parade  
And to whisper an "Ave"  
O'er the green grassy mound  
Where the bones of my forefathers are laid.

MICHAEL HANNON.

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## OUR QUIZ

### Juniors:

1. 1,120 lbs. is equal to what?
2. What do you call the torpid state in which some animals pass the Winter?
3. In Geometry what do we call a straight line that touches a curve but does not cut it?
4. We obtain paraffin from Petroleum. What is the source of Turpentine?
5. What is the difference between a tall boy, and a tallboy?
6. What is the International Camping sign?

### Veterans:

1. What is a Kentish Glory?
2. A thermostat is a device that controls temperature, what does a rheostat control?
3. What is the current that brings the icebergs from the Arctic and gives the coast of Canada a cold climate?
4. Which Royal Yacht was the Predecessor of the Britannia?
5. Eiderdown and Kapok are used for stuffing pillows. Eiderdown comes from ducks; what is the source of Kapok?
6. Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath. For which Religion is Friday the day of Prayer?

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Treasurer:

Our inaugural Dinner and Dance got off to a good start on Saturday, 15th September last, at the Regal Rooms, Edmuntton, London, N.18. Our chairman, Mr. Paddy O'Donoghue, got into his position at the entrance to the Ballroom accompanied by Mrs. O'Donoghue. They shook almost 200 hands, and made everybody feel at home from the very outset. The secretary, vice-chairman, assistant secretary and treasurer, were at his elbow to take people to the Reception Area and point out the table plan. Irish people arrived from all over London and the home counties with their friends of all nationalities.

Speeches were kept to a minimum. Fr. M. J. O'Shea proposed the Toast to Ireland, without any more ado than that. We also had the toast to the country of our adoption. Our chairman, Mr. O'Donoghue did two jobs in five minutes flat. In proposing the toast of our Association he outlined our many achievements in the short time of our existence. Mr. O'Donoghue said he hoped our enthusiasm would last forever, thereby taking our Association from strength to strength, that next year he hoped the chairman would be able to announce the almost impossible, that of obtaining our own premises in North London.

Our chairman said it gave him great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smyth of the Irish Counties Journal as guests to our first annual dinner, and thanked them for the publicity given to our Association.

The dinner and speeches over the dancing started immediately with the chairman and his lady leading the dancers to the music of the Billy O'Brien Band.

During the evening we had a beautiful display of Irish Dancing by three very young and very capable ladies, namely: sisters Patricia and Bernadette Traynon and Pauline Mullaly. One could hear a pin drop during their performance.

We said our good nights or rather good mornings in the early hours and vowed to return to the same venue in the near future.

We would like to thank Mr. Michael Anker and his very efficient catering staff for the wonderful service and the delicious food served, piping hot. To make those of you who were not there feel hungry or neglected. The following was the menu: Rich Cream of Vegetable Soup. Vol-o-Vin filled with Chicken and Mushrooms in White Wine Sauce. Roast Sirloin of Beef (Irish of course), Roast Potatoes and Buttered Runner Beans. Pears with Vanilla Ice Cream covered in hot Chocolate Sauce. Followed by delicious looking and tasting Petit Fours and Coffee, and a very good Leibfraumilch to wash it all down with.

Good wine, good food and very pleasant company. What more can one ask from any evening out.

Our thanks to B. and I. for donating the raffle prize of a return trip to Ireland plus hundreds of book matches (saved our menfolk fumbling in their pockets during speeches). To Allied Irish Banks for donating our Menu free of charge. To our hard working committee, and all of you good people who came along to support us, without you it would not be possible to do anything.

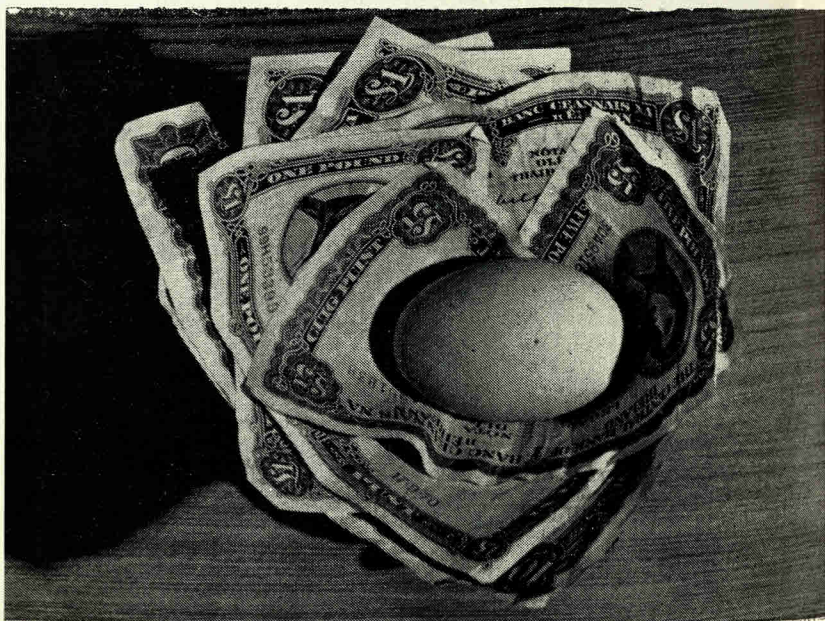
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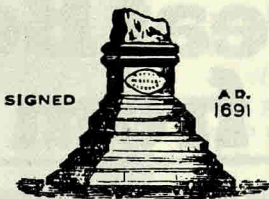
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By the time you read this we hope to have had a very successful Dinner at the Cavendish Ballroom attached to the Spotted Dog at Willesden. Will tell you the results in the next issue.

A very important date for your diary is the 3rd November again at the Cavendish Ballroom a Benefit Dance for hurler Michael Graham who had a leg broken in the league final. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Please support this worthy cause, only 50p entrance fee.

Committee meetings are held every month at the Marlborough, N.W.8.

For further information please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

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## WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (continued from page 2)

Hammersmith. We did, of course, fit you into the beautiful Penthouse Suite at John Barker's of Kensington. This year, however, we are so to speak back "at home" and we know that this return to The Town Hall is what you all want.

Although this evening's Annual Dinner represents to a certain degree the climax or highlight of the Association's activities, there are still events to come before your officers and committee hand back their seals of office at the Annual General Meeting on the 27th January, 1974. A gathering which may not be as glittering as the gathering assembled here this evening but which nevertheless should be no less enjoyable.

We will be sitting down to a pre-Christmas Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at The Irish Centre, Camden Town, on 21st December, and tradition now demands our annual Christmas party for the children, also at The Irish Centre. When we come to render an account of our stewardship at the A.G.M. one reproach that cannot be made to us is that we buried our talent in the ground like that unfortunate fellow in the Bible.

All the organisation in the world would, however, be in vain if we did not enjoy the enthusiastic support of our city and county men and their ladies. We are deeply grateful to you for your support in the past, for your support here this evening, and may we hope for your continuing support in the future.

A big welcome to our friends from Waterford and Birmingham who travelled far to be with us tonight.

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Last year, with Southern Electricity and the Slough Evening Mail, she organised a "Cook of the Year" competition in which the final "cook-out" was contested before more than a thousand spectators.

In a recent visit to the States, she was surprised to note the lack of informative or educational matter provided for the consumer in the sphere of meat promotions, for she considers that consumer information is vital to the success of any campaign. Always interested in joint promotions with other organisations or publications, she can be contacted at the Irish Livestock and Meat Board's London office, 26-28 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE. Telephone 405/1772.

## CAVAN ASSOCIATION (continued from page 12)

he has been in London he has been an active member of our Association. He became treasurer this year, and a member of our Quiz Team. Our good wishes go with him for every success and happiness in his new appointment, and I hope we will have a visit from you one of these days.

### And Hail

To his successor at the Irish Centre, we welcome Fr. Patrick Carolan, who is also a fellow county man, and comes from Grousehall. Fr. Carolan has spent some years in both Liverpool and Birmingham, and indeed was Chairman of the Cavan Association in Birmingham. Greetings and good wishes are extended to you, Father, and we hope to see you at our meetings, when your duties permit.

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## ONCE UPON THE BOYNE (continued from page 8)

As the galloping ass reached the top of Windmill Lane he dropped into a steadier trot, but when we branched off in the general direction of Termonfeckin he stopped dead with a jerk, and started to browse by the side of the ditch. In our haste to get started we had not taken care to ensure that the cross seat was properly adjusted on either side; with the sudden start, and the equally sudden stop, the seat slipped off one side and my mother, Anne, and Billy were pitched into a heap on one side of the cart. The end of the seat landed on Tim's tail: with a yelp and a howl that would do credit to his wild ancestors, he leaped over the side and galloped so fast up the road that his backside was lost in the cloud of dust behind him. When he felt at a reasonably safe distance, he jumped on to the side of a ditch and barked defiantly back at the ass on whom, no doubt, he laid all the blame for an unprovoked assault on a peace loving member of the party.

By the time we had arranged ourselves again, nerves were getting somewhat frayed: my mother, whose motoring veil was now drawn across one eye, blamed Anne for deliberately planning the seat affair, while Anne accused my mother of trying to make a "show" of her. Meanwhile the ass was browsing away contently completely indifferent to my brother Billy's attempts at persuasion, including a somewhat gentlemanly skelp on the rump; not an inch would the stubborn donkey budge until it pleased itself, which was after a lapse of about half an hour.

When eventually the donkey decided to move off on its own accord, we were afraid to speak in any tones above a whisper, lest we should give the animal ideas which might bring him to a halt again. When Tim, the mongrel, saw the cart on the move once more, he decided to take a chance and leaped on to the back, squatting between Maggie and myself, a position which, no doubt, provided him with a better escape route. Away we jogged for about a mile and it seemed as if Billy had mastered the knack, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, the ass stopped dead again; Tim was taking no chances and abandoned ship forthwith. For another half hour we tried every form of persuasion, but the donkey would not budge an inch; a few sympathetic passers-by tried to assist without avail, then, in desperation, we dug into our picnic basket and finished the contents by the roadside.

It seems we had reached the outer perimeter of Paddy McEvoy's milk round and no amount of persuasion would induce the ass to pass it, and that was as near as we ever got to Termonfeckin. With the empty picnic basket at our feet, and an obstinate ass in the shafts, we turned the cart and with a sense of frustrated resignation we headed for home; the ass knew he was on the homeward journey and trotted happily along without further hindrance.

Since that eventful journey I have travelled to many places of beauty, of fame or of historic or cultural interest; but Termonfeckin, a place which I nearly reached, but never quite made it, will always remain the promised land. I have never been there nor shall I ever go there, for I should hate to shatter a dream . . . In the words of Thomas Moore:

Does Time with its cold wing wither, each feeling that  
once was dear?

Then child of misfortune come hither, I'll weep with thee  
tear for tear.

PATRICK MULLOY.

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## NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD

### Well worth seeing on your next visit to America

The Kennedy Centre in Washington, which cost £28,000,000 to build, has a Theatre, an Opera House and Concert Hall, between them housing about 7,000 people. All theatres are connected by long and very lavishly laid out corridors. Indeed, the whole Centre is beautifully furnished and decorated with gifts from all over the world, in memory of President Kennedy. The gift from Ireland was a magnificent Waterford glass chandelier. It hangs in a room with two Goya Tapestries from Spain. The room is called The Waterford Room and is the most popular part of the Centre. Three hundred people known as Friends of The Kennedy Centre act as voluntary guides.

Still on Waterford: Ryan O'Neill, the famous film star, is at present filming "The Luck of Barry Linden" in Waterford.

On the 23rd September a Folk Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Waterford. The celebrant was Rev. William Meehan, Chaplain to The Little Sisters of the Poor. The Young Generation, backed by The Folklore, sang during the Mass.

Another interesting bit of information from Las Vegas with yet another Waterford man in the news is that Eddie O'Sullivan, formerly of The Royal Showband, is now in management. He has booked his 10 per cent. hypnotist Paul Goldin to appear in that plush resort where he once played with The Royal.

### Tipperary

The Clancy Brothers are at it again at their thriving farm in Carrick-on-Suir. They are breeding £4,000 calves for export. Paddy, the salesman of the trio, gets his orders when he appears with the group in every major city in America.

### A Cork Man

Dr. Tadgh Twomey, who recently retired as head of research of The Irish Sugar Company, was one of the few graduates who, in 1932 after intensive studies overseas, put The Irish Sugar Company on its feet. He was founder of An Taibhdherc in Galway and acted in many of its productions. Dr. Twomey born in Cork, studied at U.G.C., U.C.D. and U.C.G.

### Wexford

Where there's muck there's brass !

A County Wexford farmer, Mr. James Murphy, who died recently R.I.P., left £72,463 net.

### A Win for Kerry

The All-Ireland senior soft doubles handball championship on the 22nd September at Croke Park was won by Kerry.

Talking about Croke Park, as we go to press there is an exodus of all or almost all Irish men to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Gaelic Football Final between Cork and Galway. A gate of over 70,000 was expected. The few remaining Irishmen on this side of the channel packed two theatres in London for the live showing.

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Now that the holiday season is over (and I hope you all had an enjoyable time with plenty of sunshine wherever you went) I trust you are fit and ready to join us in our various activities for the coming year. All shoulders to the wheel for the many projects we have in store for you.

By the time you read this we hope to have had a successful benefit dance on the 28th September, at the Spotted Dog. The Wexford Mimmers will perform at this function, as indeed they will at future functions. On going to press the tickets were going well for this deserving cause, that of the wife and family of the late Paddy Hill who hailed from our beloved country. R.I.P. We thank Jim Murphy for arranging this charity dance.

The next date for your serious attention is 24th October. On that date we hold our general meeting at the Earl of Derby, Amberley Road, London, W.9, at 8 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend and bring your fund raising ideas with you.

On Saturday, 27th October our Bacon and Cabbage Supper takes place at the Irish Centre, Camden Town. Tickets can be had from Mr. T. Russell (Tel. 603 7885), Mr. P. McCabe (205 5930), Mr. D. O'Leary (286 0516) or from yours truly at the above address.

As most of you know the Bacon and Cabbage is at £1.50 the best in London at the price. If you cannot get there for the dinner we will try to forgive you, but try not to miss the function altogether. Dancing will commence directly after the dinner and admission to that is only 40p. Do please come along and bring your friends for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Please let us know your numbers in good time so that we can make the catering arrangements early, and so add to your evening's comforts.

Congratulations are in order for our very gallant Quiz Team for their win over Cork in the last round of the Guinness Cup Quiz. We wish them the very best of Irish luck in the next round against Dublin. We would like to thank Cork for a very sporting Contest. Who knows maybe their County will win the All Ireland at Croke Park.

Looking forward to meeting all of you in the not too distant future.

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## **TIPPERARY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 14)**

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Four sections of the building have been roofed already and the nave, aisles and south transept remain to be covered. Walls have been made good and pointed in traditional style with mortar of lime and sand. A Tipperary team of builders, with a Fogarty as foreman, will hand over a renewed Abbey church in two years, please God. And straightaway the living worship of parishioners and visitors from Europe, America, Australia, will begin, and they will say "Lord by Your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world." Aoibhinn don té a chifidh an lá san!

### **Date for your Diary.**

Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre, 2nd November, 1973.

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## **NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD (continued from page 27)**

### **Luton, Bedfordshire**

Congratulations to 15 year old Noel Rooney for bringing to the South of England two gold medals won recently at Fleadh Ceoil na Breataine held at Preston. One gold for singing in Irish and one for singing in English. To the best of my knowledge the contests were the All-Ireland Gold Medal and the All-England Gold Medal. Correct me, all you Comhaltas fans if I am wrong. Noel is the son of the well-known Luton contractor Mr. J. P. Rooney.

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The above was sent to us by Mr. Seamus Daly, teacher, of 16 Deerbroad Road, London, S.E.24. Telephone 01-674 3659, who would be pleased to give any further information.

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**QUIZ ANSWERS**

**Juniors:**

1.  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton.
2. Hibernation.
3. A Tangent.
4. Pine Trees.
5. A boy high in stature, A high chest of drawers.
6. A black tent on a white background, or vice versa with the word "Camping."

**Veterans:**

1. A type of moth found mainly in Scotland.
2. Electric Current, it is used to regulate and control electrical equipment.
3. The Labrador Current.
4. The Victoria and Albert.
5. The seeds of the Kapok tree.
6. Moslem.



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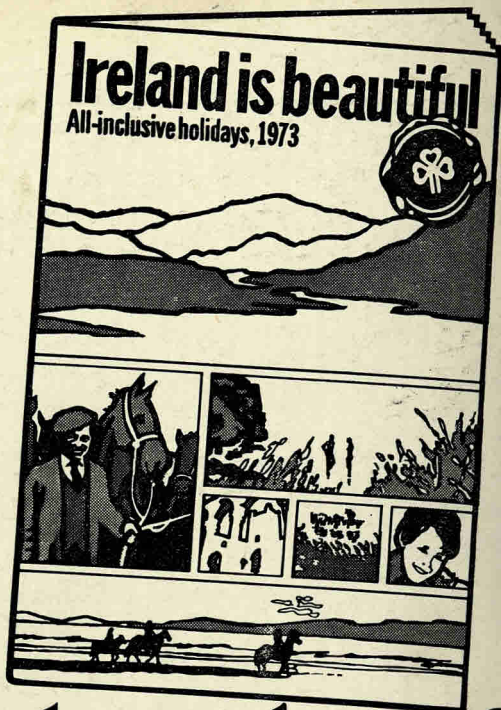
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