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A Cairdi,

Having been appointed Press Officer for the above organisation there are one or two items I feel I should bring to your notice. The points I make are intended not alone to refresh the memory of delegates but to bring into the picture all members of our associations to whom the Council may seem a body set apart from the life of associations.

Firstly, a social committee has been inaugurated under the able Stewardship of Mr. T. Dack, Assistant Secretary, with a view to creating new activities on an Inter-County level, such as: A Darts Tournament; A Drama Group; A Debating Society; or one could think in terms of a language class in respect of those adventurous spirits, who may, at some future date, wish to take up employment in one of the Common Market countries. In actual fact a great new vista could open up in the life of our associations and judging from the calibre of those operating in the Social Committee one can feel confident that many new ideas will emerge.

Heretofore, we depended for entertainment, to a great extent, on the Inter-County and Individual Quiz; an Annual Re-Union Dinner; a Bacon and Cabbage Supper or a Buffet and Dance. Such activities as mentioned cannot be described as strenuous and indulging in high living during the Social Season can indeed be most unflattering to a good figure. Perhaps in order to reduce the paunch so easily cultivated, one could be forgiven if one had visions of the new Social Committee launching a Keep-Fit class in one of the extra rooms to be made available at the Irish Centre within a couple of weeks. I dare say we have within our ranks Physical Training Instructors of a past decade. They might be persuaded to flex their muscles once again to advantage.

Darts Team

Already some Associations have formed Darts Teams and at the April meeting of the Council challenges were issued and I am happy to say, taken up. The ladies not to be outdone by their men-folk, are also in the field and champing at the bit in throwing out a challenge to other ladies teams on an Inter-County level. Now that the gauntlet has been cast at our feet it is most essential that all Associations produce Darts Teams with a special encouragement and every assistance in respect of the ladies, so that they become supremely accurate in placing a Dart where required on the board.

The Quiz

Mr. Dack seeks applications from Counties to enter teams in the Inter-County and Individual Quiz as soon as possible so that heats may commence early this year. The entry fee is 50p per team and 12½p per person in the Individual Quiz. Thanks to the efficiency of our Treasurer most Counties have paid their Affiliation Fees of £3.15 in respect of 1974. A few are still outstanding but we look forward to a clean slate at our next meeting.

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With the idea of the journals being on the table for tonight's dinner. I would like to welcome all of you here this evening and hope that from the word go it will be a stupendous affair.

We are delighted to have with us the Bishops representative, Right Rev. Monsignor Dennis Clarke, P.P.V.G. who is at present domiciled at Tullamore but is a Westmeath man. The Ambassadors representative, Mr. Joe Lynch, first secretary, Mr. Denis Coyne, the new Chairman of the Westmeath County Board G.A.A. Our stalwart supporter Pat Flanagan, P.R.O., County Board G.A.A. This is his ninth year in succession at our Annual Dinner here in London. Mr. Harry Lynch from Mullingar representing the Midland Regional Tourism Board. Mr. Christie Byrne, Chairman Westmeath Association, Dublin, and Mr. J. Murray, Chairman Westmeath Association Birmingham, and his party.

We are indeed delighted to have them all with us, we bid them a Cead Mile Failte to London and hope they will go back with happy memories of their stay.

We appreciate the bonds of friendship with them as with the Clergy and Civil Authorities of Westmeath. It is good to know they are all with us in our efforts.

Our committee and members were overjoyed at the decision of the Westmeath County Board G.A.A. in deciding to send the Senior Hurling Team, 1974, on a trip to London to play a top London team. Our association will present a suitable trophy to the winners. Every facility will be available to them from our committee during their stay here.

Darts

Our darts team is going strong. By the time you read this we will have played a game against St. Vincent's at the St. Vincent's Institute for the Deaf at Brixton. We hope to arrange a match with the Cavan Association in the near future.

Golf

We have quite a few golfers in the Association that we know of. We hope to form a team to play against any Association who would care to challenge us. Come along all you golfers we don't know about and show yourselves.

Rathowen Feis

The Westmeath Association, London, is presenting a trophy to the organisers of this years Feis to be held on 2nd June, 1974.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smyth of the Thomond Publishing Company, publishers of the Irish Counties Journal for all the publicity afforded to our Association. To Mr. Gerry Daly of the Cork Examiner who has a great deal of patience with us. To the Westmeath Examiner who publish everything we send them. Without all the publicity we would only just exist. We would like to thank each and every one of you for attending our Annual Dinner. I hope you won't mind if I give a special mention to Kevin Eggerton of the Prince's Head, Battersea, and Aiden Graham of the Falcon, between them they brought over 100 people to our dinners. To Steve Cunningham of the Eagle for allowing us to hold our meeting at his premises.

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Once again we have another full house in the Penthouse Restaurant on the occasion of our Annual Dinner. We hope that all of you present will enjoy yourselves as your committee have endeavoured to assure you and your friends of a pleasant evening.

Occasions like the Annual Dinner give us an opportunity of seeing some of our members who for one reason or another fail to give us support during the year that is required, so I hope nobody's feelings will be hurt by this observation. All of you will have an opportunity of making amends with your support for our draw tonight, also our function at the Greenford Hall on 21st June. Your efforts for our Annual Draw will be greatly appreciated. Tickets for both of these events will be available shortly.

Over the past months the affairs of the Association have been rather quiet, with the achievements of members in the Golfing Section taking the priority. Our recent tournament at South Herts Golf Club was most successful and I think we should express our thanks to the Club and its officials for the courtesy extended to us. We look forward to going back again later in the year to compete for the St. Brendan's Cup, a competition confined to our Golf Society members.

Congratulations to Frank Guerin, Danny Donoghe, Martin Diggins, Maurice O'Connor, Frank Diggins, Michael Guerin and Bert Griffin who were among the prize-winners on the day.

The West London Tournament on 24th April will certainly contain some members of the Kerry Association Golf Society among the prize-winners.

On Sunday, 21st April, the Kingdom won the 1973 Senior Football Championship, in a manner which left all the critics amazed, underated for the final they began as underdogs everywhere except in the Kerry camp and delivered the goods by the biggest margin in a final for a long time.

Congratulations to Denis Diggins on winning three first prizes and two seconds at the Salvatorian College Swimming Gala, also to the O'Sullivan brothers on their success in the World Dancing Championship in Dublin.

To all who supported the dance in aid of Mrs. Leniham and family at the Irish Centre and to the Kilkenny Association our thanks. Over £200 was given to Mrs. Leniham and family from this dance.

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Hope House

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Hope House

The blessing and official opening of Hope House took place on Wednesday, March 27th, 1974. The proceedings started with concelebrated Mass, the principal celebrant being His Eminence Cardinal Conway. The concelebrants were: His Eminence Cardinal Heenan, His Grace Archbishop Cunnane, His Lordship Bishop P. Casey, His Lordship Bishop E. Casey.

During the concelebrated Mass we had the response sung by the famous and very talented Roberta D'Este whom many of you will remember singing in the Irish Centre Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Roberta has made several films and taken part in many West End productions including the lead in *West Side Story*. At the conclusion of the Mass Roberta sang "Bless This House" to which everyone joined in the last verse.

We were then taken on a tour of Hope House by Rev. Fr. P. Sheridan who was indeed a very busy man that night organising and supervising everything, Fr. Pat also acted as M.C. for the whole occasion.

We then proceeded to Mazenod School Hall for the reception which was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Longford, K.G., President of the Irish Centre. Speakers included His Eminence John Cardinal Heenan; His Worship the Mayor of Camden, Councillor R. Collins; the Minister Plenipotentiary Irish Embassy, Mr. Sean Gaynor; His Lordship Eamon Casey, Bishop of Kerry; Rev. Patrick Mee, O.M.I., Director of the Irish Centre. Most of the older members of the County Association were present and some new ones. I believe most of the people present were people who gave Fr. Sheridan a deed of covenant to help with the new project, one can be always assured that the Associations are to the fore when help is needed for the Irish Centre.

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Aer Lingus Promotes Ireland's South West

Aer Lingus staged a unique event for 16 different Cork Associations at the Airline's London Headquarters, 3rd April.

Guests were told of a major sales and publicity drive — promoting Cork and the South West of Ireland to the British Holiday market. The campaign was supported by the Southern Regional Tourism Organisation and Aer Rianta.

Advertisements in national and special interest publications are placing a special emphasis on holidays in the South West.

Flyaway holiday brochures — offering a wide range of holidays with access through Cork airport — devotes a separate page to the region. This main programme is supported by a brochure, devoted solely to the South West, and other brochures (GateWay Weekends, FreeWay Motoring Plan, Group Fishing, etc.) which feature Cork packages. All are backed up by display units, posters, public relations and direct sales activity.

Aer Lingus flight capacity is to be increased this summer. The London-Cork route, for instance, will have 26 flights per week during July and August this year — compared to 20 flights last year.

Malachi Faughnan, passenger Sales Manager, Britain, for Aer Lingus, told his guests: "Aer Lingus is firmly committed to the development of holiday traffic through Cork to the South West. This year, there's every sign that the British market is more interested than ever before in holidays within the sterling area — an escape from doubt about surcharges and currency fluctuations on continental holidays."

Mr. Faughnan described Ireland's South West as an area of prime tourist appeal and claimed that Flyaway Packages represented top value and the widest possible choice of holidays.

"Flying into Cork, we are offering self-drive motoring, farmhouse, horse-drawn caravans, fishing, golf and even short weekend breaks, he said, "our promotional drive deserves the support of everyone from the South West who lives in Britain."

Guests at the reception included Mr. J. Burke, Vice-Chairman of the Cork Association and Mrs. Burke. Other associations represented were: Newmarket, Bandonians, Kanturk, Drimoleague, Kinsale, Clonakilty, Middleton, Youghal, Tircleague, Macroom, Skibbereen, Bantry, Beara and Charleville.

Aer Lingus London-based staff from Cork present included Brendan Cronin from Killeagh, John McCarthy from Cork, Angela Honan from Douglas and Margaret Browne from Middleton. The Southern Regional Tourism Organisation was represented by Mr. Michael Manning currently working as a member of the Bord Failte "Failte Campaign" in London.



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Many Irish men and woman everywhere and particularly those of us who come from Offaly, will remember the famous Croghan Hill for its wonderful scenery not to mention its historical value.

It has been written and talked about since the time of St. Patrick and it is said that when St. Patrick lighted his Pascal Fire on Tara, that a similar fire started on Croghan Hill, yet we read in our papers, that this famous landmark is to be torn apart because it contains properties valuable in the making of non-skid roads.

We learn from reading our local and national papers that most people are very much against this project and we of the Offaly Association (London) wish to associate ourselves with them. How can those people want to destroy this most picturesque of places to where St. Brigid came to take her vows centuries ago and from where one has a commanding view of five counties and is said that on a clear day you can see the Mountains of Mourne.

Its stone is said to contain life saving properties when used for surfacing roads (though this has not been proved conclusively) but we wonder if a monument so steeped in Irish folklore and history should be excavated even to serve such a worthwhile cause.

Surely Mount Atlas as it has been called, has so much to offer as a tourist attraction, and as a landmark, that it far outweighs its unproven life saving properties, if as has been suggested the Offaly County Council will have to spend £200,000 so that Croghan Hill can be quarried may we humbly suggest that they spend this money on developing our beloved River Shannon as a tourist attraction, or maybe improve the hospital service in the county.

Benefit Dance

Benefit dance to be held at the Loyola Hall, 64/70 High Road, Tottenham, N.5, on May 16th, in aid of Mrs. McAteer and children who lost her husband so tragically, we know that people have already given generously to this very worthy cause but we hope that we will have a crowded hall on that night, so that we can send as much as possible to his widow. Tickets are 50p each and the music will be by the "Mini Showband".

We are also running a dance at the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, on July 20th, when all proceeds will go to Fr. Mee to help in some small way with at least some of the projects undertaken by those wonderful people who run the Irish Centre.

Annual Dinner and Dance

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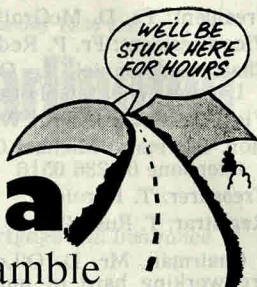
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Chairman, Mr. D. O'Leary and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Martin Whitty, are working hard to put the Wexford Association to the fore once again. The dynamic Martin Whitty is off to Lourdes with 1,000 individuals on May 18th having handed over £2,000 to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, he will see at first hand how happy he has helped to make the less fortunate invalids in being able to visit the Grotto. Think of us in your prayers while at the Grotto Martin, we all need them.

On his return Martin will be busy with Chairman Dan O'Leary and the committee of Wexford in organising the new committee's first dinner on 1st June at the Irish Centre.

The dinner is scheduled to start at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m., tickets are only £1.20. The committee hope to see a large gathering at this first function and so help the Association to a good start for the coming year.

Aer Lingus and the Irish Counties Journal have been invited, and coaches with 55 people aboard are heading in from Staines to join in the fun. Fun and gaiety are the order of the night and the good food from the Irish Centre should make for a very happy evening. So come and join us and be assured of a wonderful time.

This year we aim to bring you our Kennedy concert again. At the moment we are negotiating for premises. We are undecided as to whether it will be the Albert Hall or not. More about this in the next issue.



The Council of Irish Counties (continued from page 1)

Saturday Nights at the Irish Centre

Saturday nights at the Centre have been allocated up to the end of June 1975. The second half of 1975 will be allocated at the May monthly meeting which incidentally is being held on Tuesday, 14th May, 1974, at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

The Irish Centre

Counties allocated dates at the Centre both current and future dates must confirm three weeks beforehand the type of function being held and in respect of Dinners the final numbers must be given three days before the function. As the Hostel at the Irish Centre closes on Friday, 19th April, 1974, a means of using up surplus food from dinners is now ended. With that thought in mind accuracy is now more essential when giving final figures for dinners as overbooking will prove rather costly. Due to the Hostel closing, more large rooms, when decorated, will be available to County Associations. Rev. Father P. Sheridan would appreciate help from any quarter in preparing these rooms for everyday use.

Credit Union — Investment

Mr. Owen O'Neil introduced this subject at the April meeting when he gave a brief outline on the object of such a movement within Counties whilst stressing certain advantages in group buying. Litera-

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Secondly, there is property, but how many of us have the cash for a second house, or a villa overseas. If you are that fortunate now is the time to buy property in Ireland, as the market is really beginning to boom, write to Maurice Dowling for details. And finally, there is the Stock Market. Again, the ordinary man is no expert and does not like the risk. With those thoughts in mind you could despair of turning your savings into a fortune or even a nestegg.

However, the unit trust field can provide an interesting alternative, particularly when a new fund is launched. There is always the hope that its investment Managers will profit from past experience and out-perform existing funds. Certainly a fund being launched in Spring 1974 is arriving in a depressed market, but at least it cannot be surprised by the changes and slumps of the last six months.

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One very important factor that is worth the potential saver considering is that which brokers term "£ Cost Averaging". A person saving in a unit trust may follow the unit price of his investment from time to time. In a period such as we have experienced over the last twelve months it could easily be that the unit price had not risen at all, but only fluctuated; perhaps dropping for a time and rising again to its original price by the end of the year, e.g.—

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Your Money (continued from page 14)

Ask yourself this question, in the current economic climate how do those people who make a living on the stock market exist? Share prices are generally falling, or at the very best, maintaining a level price. Obviously stockbrokers make money when their shares rise in value, but it is apparent that money must also be made in difficult times. Very simply they use their judgement to buy shares at the lowest ebb and sell again when those shares rise a few pence.

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OUR QUIZ

Juniors

1. How could you distinguish between a crow and a rook?
2. What is a bloater?
3. What distinguishes a borough from a Town?
4. How many sheets of paper to a quire?
5. In which game would you use a wood and a jack?
6. What term would you use to describe the following group of instruments — Cymbal, Triangle, Drum?

Veterans

1. Who was the first Irishman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature?
2. What is (a) the mass of the Moon compared with that of the earth? (b) the temperature of the Moon?
3. What does the heraldic term "Salient" mean?
4. What Irishman expressed in music his desire to fall like a soldier?
5. What English King wished to make an Equine bargain for his kingdom?
6. Give a palindrome to match a respectful form of address?

Answers on page 34

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The Irish Centre (continued from page 6)

Let me conclude by telling you a little of Hope House itself.

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Thus was realised a "dream" of the founders of the Irish Centre — a good hostel capable of accommodating 80/100 working men.

Fr. Carolan, O.M.I., will take charge, assisted by Bro. P. Regan, O.M.I. No doubt they take on a difficult task, a twenty four hour a day job, coupled with the fact that heavy mortgage repayments must be met. However, it is not without significance that the place is called Hope House, they will not fail. We wish them every blessing and success.

MARTIN MORONEY, Chairman Irish Centre



The Council of Irish Counties (continued from page 12)

ture on the subject is being at present studied by Very Rev. Fr. P. Mee, O.M.I., Chaplain, the Irish Centre, and by Mr. G. O'Flynn, B. Comm. Chairman of the Council. We shall have the advantage of their good advice and expert opinion at future meetings of the Council.

The Welfare Fund

Demands on the Fund are being met and the Welfare Committee would appreciate donations from Counties in respect of current year.

The Irish Counties Journal

The Committee of Management of the Council of Irish Counties respectfully reminds Associations that there will be no let-up in their efforts to ensure that all Associations send in a contribution to the Irish Counties Journal. So, be warned. Beware of the wrath to come. Give the Journal some thought. Better still, give is some ACTION — NOW.

Mise Le Meas

BOB DALY, P.R.O.

Jim Keating, Secretary of the Council, wishes to bring to your attention the following, with many queries regarding tickets for the Annual Dinner which takes place in a few days time. Munster contact Mr. S. Igoo 272 5098; Leinster contact Mr. T. Dack 435 2504; Ulster contact Mrs. E. Marron 748 5334; Connaught contact Mr. R. Daly 675 0556.

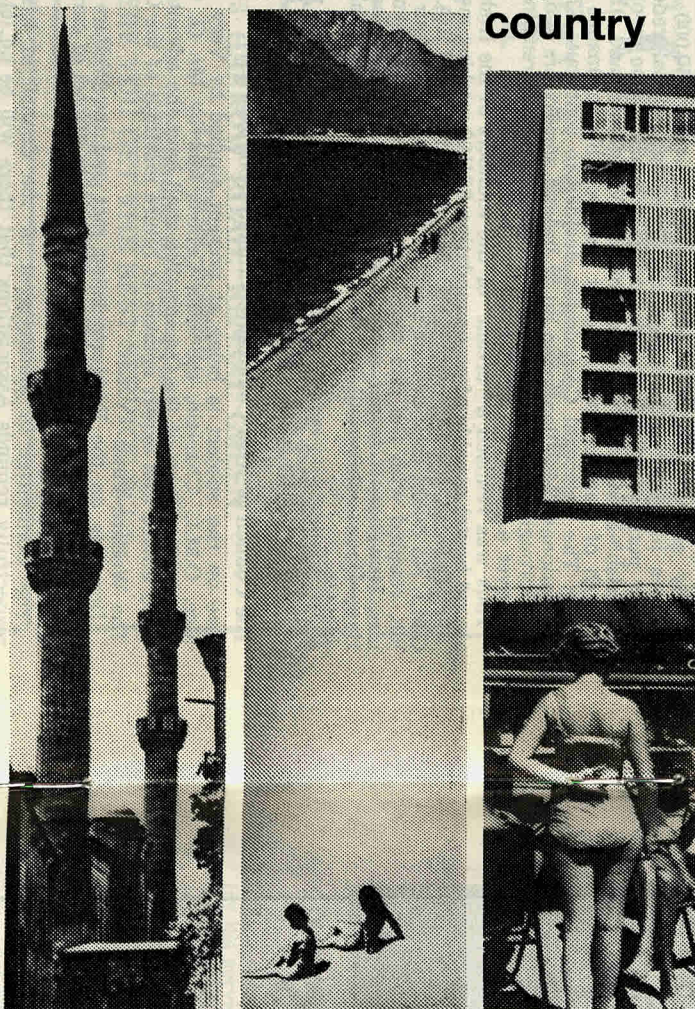
TOURISM IN TURKEY

The number of foreign tourists visiting Turkey is fast increasing — the figure has risen from 97,000 to 1,230,000 in 1973. Revenue from tourism has also increased considerably from 6 million dollars to 175 million dollars in the same decade. Turkey has been placed second, next to Portugal, among O.E.C.D. members for high percentage of tourist increase. The rate is 281% for the period 1963-1969, which means an average yearly increase of 18.8%. The number of British tourists visiting Turkey increased from 14,000 in 1960 to 105,000 in 1973, which is an increase of 300 per cent. Turkey today has an area of 310,000 square miles, most of it in Asia and partly in Europe, with a population of about 36 million people. The Asiatic part of Turkey, which is called Anatolia, has been for many years a passage way of conquest and migrations. At least seven layers of civilisations have preceded the Turkish Seldjuk and Ottoman cultures. Modern Turkey and the modern Turk are the possessors of such a rich and varied cultural and ethnical heritage and products of such a melting pot of varied ingredients.

Turkey, having become fully conscious of its ever increasing natural human and archaeological resources it possesses, decided in 1963 to set up a Ministry of Tourism and Information. The first thing to be done was to take stock of the situation. Some 10,000 ancient towns and cities, nearly 50,000 burial mounds — most of which have not yet been explored — citadels, caravanserais, innumerable monuments, the restoration and preservation of which represent a colossal financial outlay. It is a fabulous inheritance, a responsibility which would be a heavy one to shoulder if it were not undertaken within the framework of tourism.

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the field of touristic development. Heading this order of priority came the Marmara region, the Aegean and the province of Antalya on the south coast. Istanbul the largest city in Turkey, is a by-pass for European tourists, joins Europe to Asia, and paves the way to the East. Resting on seven hills and divided by the Bosphorous, Istanbul houses nearly 3 million people. This city was the capital of several empires and the focal point of Ottoman civilisation and culture. A mixture of the East and West, of old and modern, gives Istanbul an atmosphere unlike that of any other city in the world. Historical monuments, especially mosques, further this mood and hold you spell-bound between two continents.

There is no doubt that air transport occupies the first place in the development of international tourism. Yesilkoy airport (Istanbul) is now being expanded to accommodate supersonic airliners. The Bosphorous bridge, now under construction, linking Europe with Asia, is considered a vital link in Istanbul's belt highway system and is designed to facilitate transportation between Yesilkoy air terminal, the now third Gold Horn bridge, Istanbul's old incoming and outgoing highways.

In the course of the first five year plan from 1963 to 1967 nearly 43,000 beds were provided and this represents a yearly average of 8,000 beds. The second five year plan makes provision for more than 100,000 beds.

In the second five year programme it was decided that touristic investments should concentrate on regions and centres of high tourist potential. In accordance with this idea an international competition was set up for planning of a 12,000 tourist complex at Side, Antalya.

Planning has not been confined to the Antalya region. Twelve more centres in the Marmara and Aegean areas are also being considered. Viewing today's trends in international tourism, the Ministry of Tourism began placing emphasis on mass tourism.

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Photograph taken on the occasion of the presentation to Fr. Clancy

Photograph by Martin Moroney

At a recent meeting of the Quiz Team Father Clancy was honoured for his service to the Association and also to mark the occasion of his appointment as P.P. Uxbridge, Middlesex, he was presented with a tea service by the Clare Association. The presentation was made by the past chairman, Mr. Sean Igoe, who thanked Fr. Clancy for his continued support and advice both as Chaplain and as a member of the committee.

At the same meeting Sean Igoe was presented with a Tankard suitably inscribed to mark the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Association for the past four years. The presentation to Sean was made by the present chairman, Mr. John Canny, who thanked him for the work he had done over the years and at the same time expressed the feelings of all the committee that Sean remain active with the Association even though he had retired from the chair.

Our dance at Hammersmith St. Augustine's Hall will be over by the time that you read this but according to the sale of tickets it is sure to be a success.

The buffet supper to be held at the Irish Centre on June 8th starting at 8 p.m. will be another sell out and if you wish to join us do apply for your tickets now. Tickets are £1.50 each.

Following this we are having a dance at the White Hart, Acton, on June 22nd, this is a new venue for us and we hope that the Clare people in that area will join us for this particular function. The outing this year to Bognor taking place on June 30th, again we would like

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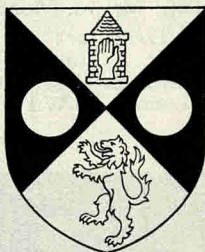
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Photograph taken on the occasion of the presentation of the £1,000 to the Irish Centre. With the committee is the famous Cavan actor T. P. McKenna and Mrs. McKenna

Photograph by Owen and Moroney

Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper held on Saturday, 27th April, at the Irish Centre brought to a close one of our most successful social Spring seasons.

It has been a very very busy few months for the officers and committee, but oh so very rewarding. It was a great privilege for us to be able to lead the County Associations in making a contribution to the new Irish Centre Hostel, Hope House, Kilburn.

We wish every success to this great venture and every happiness to all who live under its roof.

Calling all Dart Players

The Council are organising a Darts Contest on the same lines as the Quiz Contest, and we will, of course enter a team. Details will be announced as soon as available.

Meanwhile, to find out just how many of our members would be interested we propose to hold an individual darts contest, and Tom O'Reilly, a past chairman, is presenting a cup to be competed for annually. All interested please contact either of the following committee members: James J. Moore, 2 Croyland Road, Nr. Edmonton, London N.9; Michael J. Lynch, 92 Deans Road, Hanwell W.7, telephone number 567 7507.

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Dates for your Diary

June 4th.—June monthly meeting at the Irish Centre, Camden Town.

June 7th.—Dance in the Irish Centre. Music by the Johnny McCauley Trio. Proceeds in aid of our years target of £1,000 to the new Irish Centre Hostel.

There is a coach running from Ealing for all these functions in the Irish Centre which will arrange pick-up points along the route for anyone who wants them. Your local contacts: John Finnegan at 998 3624 and Tommy McKenna at 579 1478. They also have tickets for sale for all the dances as do other members of the committee.

July 6th.—Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre. Please note that this is Saturday night not Friday night. Coach from Ealing as above and tickets on sale at £2.00. You can let any of the committee know your requirements and these will be noted.

The July monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd July and will count as a ticket meeting and final number count for the Bacon and Cabbage Function.

August — Holiday Time:

1st Week.—A fishing competition is being organised for which there will be a trophy. Full details will be available shortly of what can be loosely termed rules of the competition. Entry fee will be decided at the next meeting and all are welcome to enter.

14th August.—Holiday re-union. Tickets will be on sale shortly at £2 and the more that come along of the associations holidaying members, their family, friends, the merrier the occasion will be. I would need to have a fair idea of numbers by mid July and final numbers during the first week in August when I will be around Riverdale Hotel in Ballybay and a message can be left for me with the manageress, Miss Sadie O'Brien.

Sympathy.—Deepest sympathy is offered to Mr. Ben Quail on the recent very sad loss of his wife Pat who we all knew and loved so much and will be sadly missed by all the Monaghan Association.

Thanks—To Mr. Tom Gorman for his very generous donation of £200 towards the expenses incurred by the Association during the recent trip by the Corduff Pipers.

To Mr. Seamus Macklin for very generously donating the raffle prizes at our dance down in Hanwell on Easter Saturday night.

The two April dances were financially very successful, we hope by the time all the ticket money is in to have made well over £200 towards our target. If you still have ticket money for either of these dances I would be pleased to receive it as soon as possible in order to finalise the statement of profit.

Congratulations—To Father Reggie Smyth, the former President of the Monaghan Association who was 25 years ordained on Easter Monday.

ENID MARRON, Secretary Monaghan Association in London

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We are all delighted at the return of our former president for the weekend of February 22nd to 24th which included a parish re-union and a challenge football match. The re-union took place on Saturday night 23rd in St. Stephen's Hall, Shepherds Bush, and it was wonderful to meet our former president, Rev. Seamus Dunican, who brought over the Walterstown Football Team for a game on Sunday against Garryowen in London.

Our March Social in St. Augustines, Hammersmith, was very enjoyable, due to the excellent music of the "Boys of Bluehill".

Our Bacon and Cabbage supper will be over when you read this and we are sorry we had to disappoint some people who could not obtain tickets.

PETER GOODMAN, P.R.O.

Stop Press

Friday, 31st May, Charity Dance at the Gresham, Holloway Road, for the wife and family of Jim Moore, R.I.P. Tickets from the secretary at 50p each.



THAT ONE TALENT

by Thomas A. Beckett

"And that one Talent which is Death to Hide ..." "Our Scenic Beauty" is not lodged with us useless, as Bord Failte have publicised the "Health Giving Joys" of holidays in Ireland; with the happy result that the world and his wife are steadily "Beating a Track" to our shores.

But, it would seem that we exiles as holiday revenants are needed to top up or maybe even put a "crevin" on the load.

Casual chats with our visitors confirm my own experiences that our hotel and general services are excellent and compare very favourably with those on this side of the Irish Sea.

Car hire in contrast is severely criticised as is the high cost of alcoholic refreshment.

But the greatest deterrent to visitors from England is, what can only be described as the exhorbitant cost of fares to Ireland.

They prevent tourists coming to see us; they just cannot understand why travelling to Dublin should cost so much more than travelling to Belfast.

The high fares constitute an actual hardship to our own people with large and even not so large families.

Bord Failte stress that the high cost of alcoholic refreshment and the exhorbitant cost of fares, do not come within their terms of their reference. Fair enough, but they come within ours, individually and collectively, terms of Irish citizenship.

We have all got T.D.'s who, even if we don't always get home to vote are still our elected representatives.

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Officials and guests arriving at the Irish Centre in Camden Square, N.W.1, for the Fermanagh Association London, Dinner Dance. From left: Mr. D. McManus, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Fr. Mee, Irish Centre; H. McCormack, Chairman; F. Maguire; Rev. Fr. McVeigh; S. Maguire; M. Lynham; S. Lynch; Dan and Mrs. McCarroll; Rev. Fr. McGrory and Mrs. M. McCormack, Hon. Secretary

Photograph by P. J. Fahey

The officers and committee thank all who supported our dinner dance at the Irish Centre on February 23rd.

It was a very enjoyable function. The food and entertainment were superb. Our thanks to the management and staff and to Charlie McNally who everyone will agree is a very talented entertainer. He was here on a short holiday and returned the following day to complete a concert in Enniskillen organised by Fr. McVeigh in aid of "Glencraig" curative school for mentally handicapped children. "Good Luck Charlie" we hope to see you again soon. Fr. McVeigh contributed to the entertainment on the guitar and had us all singing along with him. To all the party who travelled from Fermanagh to be with us, Frank Maguire, Sam Lynch, Dan McNally (Coventry). We hope they enjoyed the function as much as we enjoyed having them. To Mrs. Green's coach party and all the committee and members parties again many thanks for your support. Also all the counties who always support us.

A word about our trip to Dublin "My Husband and I" as guests of the Fermanagh Association, Dublin, we had a most enjoyable weekend. Our thanks to the Dublin Association members and especially to Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary who arranged everything to make our stay so enjoyable. John is a founder member of our Association and also Vice-President.

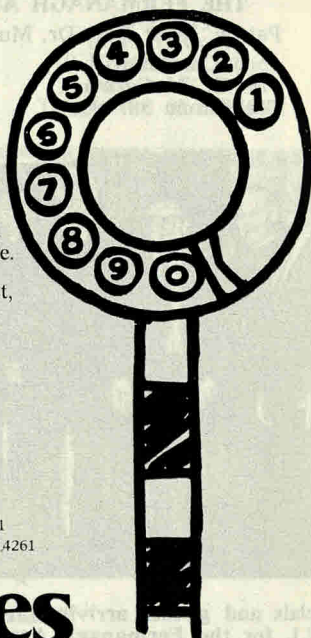
News later regarding our coming events.

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THE IRISH DRAMA FESTIVAL SEASON

In the early part of April glancing through the Irish newspapers I became aware that once again the Amateur Festival Season was with us and reading the remarks of the adjudicators I gather that the standard is as excellent as ever.

Each year I fall a victim to this reporting; I read through the titles of the plays being produced by each group, the names of the players (which means nothing to me), and the praise and criticisms of the judges and as I read I go back in time to the days long ago when the Drama Festival at the Fr. Matthew Hall in Dublin gave me my first taste of theatre.

Evening after evening a small group of us would dash home from work, grab some tea and away with us to join the queue at Church Street. The groups (who came from the four corners of Ireland) may have been amateurs, but to our eyes they were wonderful, and the players opened up a whole new world. We sat and absorbed it all. Then the rush to catch the last bus home and as we sat on the bus there would follow the arguments, the oh-so-knowledgeable comments and remarks. It was all there, the excitement which follows watching a good play, would your choice be the winner, who would be judged the best actress and actor. We found it hard to wait for the results.

We, ourselves, were members of a local dramatic society, as indeed I think were so many young and not so young people in those days before the arrival of "the box". It was part of our social life.

This year as I read through the reports I got to thinking that with the Council and County Associations it would be an easy thing to start Amateur Dramatic Groups, complete with our own Drama Festival.

I would like to know if anyone would be interested in such an idea and if a sufficient number were, perhaps we could have a preliminary meeting and set the stage (so to speak) for an autumn start.

MARIE MULLEN, Cavan Association



Clare Association (continued from page 23)

to have early bookings so as to make the final arrangements for coaches and for the stop on the way home which usually is a very enjoyable affair.

The summer flight taking off on July 27th and returning on August 11th will, I feel sure, be a most suitable arrangement for all travelling and gives the full benefit of the holiday period by returning on the Sunday evening, August 11th. For full details, price, etc., contact me at the above address, evenings or during the day at 743 1141.

As you can see from the dates and functions mentioned we are having a fairly busy time during the early part of the summer and I can see this continuing throughout the year. We depend on our members making early booking for the flights especially so that we can make the necessary arrangements. I feel sure that you will not fail to do so on this occasion. The information contained here will be distributed to all members by way of a circular during the coming week.

Our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Goldhill on the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Our sincere sympathy to the Roache family and to the Kenneally family on their recent sad bereavements.

N. T. MORONEY (Mrs.), Hon. Secretary

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John Treacy

Congratulations were heaped on John Treacy. Ireland's most promising athlete at the recent committee meeting of the Waterford Association in London. John who is a native of Villierstown, County Waterford, is not yet 17 years old but in the world's Junior Cross Country Championships held at Monza, Italy, on March 16th, he finished 3rd behind Kimball, U.S.A., and Artis of Italy. Both those runners were 2 years older than John as were most of the other 70 runners.

John also won a schoolboy international Cross Country race from runners representing England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Irish sports writers picked him as athlete of the month for March, 1974, the youngest winner of this award ever.

Congratulations were also passed to Gerry Deegan, Waterford, and Tony Ryan, Dungarvan,

John Treacy
Photograph by Jim Regan

who were also on the Irish Team at Monza. This is the first time three runners were ever picked from Waterford on an Irish Cross Country Team.

History was nearly made by the Treacy family as John's brother Ray was also picked on the team but a late change in the age group by the Italian Board found Ray to be 10 days too old. Both these boys are sons of Jack and Mrs. Treacy, Villierstown, County Waterford. John attends St. Anne's School. Cappoquin with his twin sister Elizabeth, who is also a very promising athlete.

Some of the biggest universities in America are seeking John's name to join them on a scholarship course, so his future looks very promising. Who knows, but with average luck, Ireland might have a future Olympic Champion in John Treacy of Waterford.

JIM REGAN



We are delighted to report that the dance in Loyola Hall, which was held recently, was an outstanding success, the profit from this function (continued on page 38)

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3. A borough has a Mayor.
4. 24 sheets.
5. Bowls.
6. Percussion.

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Veterans

1. William Butler Yeats.
2. (a) 1180; (b) 214 F on the equator when the sun is overhead and 250 F after nightfall.
3. Jumping.
4. William Wallace.
5. Richard III — "My kingdom for a horse"
6. Madam.

M. WATERS — County Carlow Association

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Cavan Association (continued from page 24)

St. Patrick's College, Cavan, Centenary Committee

A cheque for £205, the proceeds from the Buffet Supper, after all expenses had been taken, has been sent to the Most Rev. Dr. F. J. McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore, for presentation to the College Centenary Fund. The committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the function such a great success.

Extraordinary General Meeting

On Monday, 3rd June, 1974, an E.G.M. will be held at the Irish Centre, at 8.30 p.m. sharp, to approve and accept a revised Constitution of the Association. This meeting will be preceded by Mass at 8 p.m.

Employment in Ireland

I have received from the Department of Labour in Dublin an up-to-date list of a selection of remunerative and interesting jobs available in the home country. This list covers a wide field and vacancies occur in most counties.

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THE CRAIG NA MANAGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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The Craig Na Managh and District Association held their first Annual Dinner and Dance in the beautiful setting of the London Tara Hotel on Saturday, 23rd March, 1974.

The full committee of the Kilkenny Association headed by Chairman, Mr. Tommy Dack, and President, Mr. Tommy Stellitano, were present. A coach load arrived all the way from Craig Na Managh headed by Kilkenny County Councillor Rev. Fr. P. Dunny.

Chairman, Mr. J. Lysaght, delegated the job of proposing the toast to Craig Na Managh Abbey to Secretary, Mr. M. Gahan. Mr. Gahan acquired us with the reasons for starting the Association last year. The famed beautiful Abbey was in danger of being neglected and abandoned as a place of worship. As the Abbey had been used as a place of worship since the 13th century the Kilkenny people in London, especially from the Craig Na Managh area, interested themselves in conjunction with other people at home to raise funds to save the Abbey and by doing this arouse the interest of the Government in making a grant available to restore the Abbey. This the Craig Na Managh Association has achieved and work has already started on the Abbey.

Mr. T. Moran in proposing the toast to the guests said he hoped he could justify the confidence the Chairman (Mannix) Lysaght had in him when asking him to propose the toast to our guests.

In addressing the hundreds of people present Mr. Moran said there are many kinds of guests and he hoped he would be forgiven for first of all welcoming the many paying guests without whom a function of this sort would not be possible. You are not all from Craig Na Managh the Chairman said nor even from Kilkenny, nor are you all Irish, yet you thought it worth while to attend our first dinner.

On behalf of the committee I say wherever you come from you are most welcome. Mr. Moran went on to welcome Fr. Dunny's party who left Craig Na Managh by coach on the Wednesday and then by B. & I. boat to the dinner.

Mr. Moran said that when he asked the Chairman if he should run through the list of names at the table he said "Run by all means Tom, but remember — No Streaking".

The guests were then suitably addressed and were as follows: Mr. Jack Whelan, Kilkenny County Councillor; Fr. Sheridan, representing the Irish Centre, London; Fr. Cushen from Chiswick, and Fr. Kevin from Ealing; Fr. Casey from Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smyth of the Irish Counties Journal. At this point Mr. Moran got mixed up between publishers and printers and said he would have to have a quiet word with Mr. Smyth and entice him to print some fivers for the fund. We believe he meant Mr. O'Connor of Hibernian Printing Co. who was also present in the company of his good lady and Mr. and Mrs. P. Casserley.

With that Mr. Moran asked all to be upstanding to drink the health of our guests.

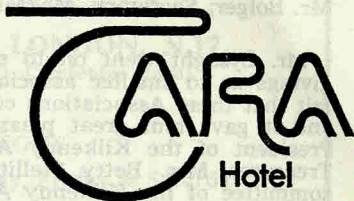
The toast to the Association was proposed by Rev. Fr. P. Denny who praised the Chairman and committee for the tremendous amount of work they had done here in London and for the Craig Na Managh Abbey. He was delighted to be present and wished the Association every success in the future.

Chairman, Mr. J. Lysaght, responded to the toast by saying he was not a dab hand at after dinner speechmaking. He thanked Fr. Dunny for his kind words and encouragement. The efforts, he said, made by

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