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The Sligo Association Quiz Team being presented with the Guinness Cup by Mr. G. Kennedy of Bord Failte (on extreme right) also included from left Luke Kennedy, Breege Kennedy, Tom Beckett (Captain) Sheila Morrison and Owen Branley.

By the time you read this we hope everybody will have enjoyed a good Summer vacation. Last meeting of the Association held at 'The Goldhawk' on the 1st Tuesday in July was well attended with Chairman Mr. John Stenson presiding. Arrangements were completed for two functions in July, namely a Benefit Dance in 'The Cricklewood' on the 12th and a fund-raising Dance in 'The White Hart' Acton on 27th, both of which were a great success and our thanks to the proprietors of both establishments for placing their premises at our disposal. Our thanks also to all who patronised those functions and bought tickets for the Benefit Dance which was mainly organised by a past secretary Mrs. B. Conlon. It is heartening to realise that almost £1,000 was raised at two Benefit Dances in a matter of 3 months and a great tribute to the many people who worked so hard to make it all worthwhile. With such encouraging results Sligo Association are holding an Annual Dinner Dance at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, on Thursday 26th September. This is being organised after a lapse of three years, as our last attempt was sadly lacking in numbers and it is to be hoped with recent results that this will not be the case on the 26th September. We feel certain that we can once again appeal to our fellow Associations for their support, which was always forthcoming on previous occasions. His Lordship The Mayor of Sligo has indicated that he will honour us with his presence. The Irish Embassy will also be represented and Mr. Hoy of the Irish Tourist Board is also travelling from Sligo, for the occasion and will be a very welcome guest. We specially appeal to all Sligo people in London and surrounding districts to give us their full support. Tickets are now available from the Hon. Secretary Mrs. A. T. Bennett, 57 Park Road, Hendon N.W. 4, Telephone 01-202 6750, price £3.00 per person. Cash with order please. The Association is also planning a second return trip to Sligo for St. Patrick's Day. Full details of this will be published at a later date. (Continued on Page 17)

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A Cairdi,

This letter is written with the thought in mind of our Annual Re-Union Dinner/Dance which is being held in the Gresham Ballroom on October 3rd next, and, through the medium of this excellent magazine, The Irish Counties Journal, we extend greetings and every good wish to all our Patrons attending this opening night of the Inter-County Social Season. We are indeed deeply indebted to our patrons who year by year fill this great Ballroom to capacity on the occasion of the London Galwegian's night out. Words alone are hardly adequate to express the gratitude of the Committee of Management for the outstanding support we have had from our Galwegian supporters and from our many friends in the Counties, whose presence at any function, is in itself a guarantee of a pleasant and successful evening among contemporaries.

We look forward to having a full house on October 3rd and for your own special pleasure, a display of dancing will be given by The Brooks School of Dancing. Many of you will remember the Brooks Family—John, Michael and Julie who danced their way into our hearts at many Galway Functions during the past ten years. They were outstanding members of the Kavannagh Academy of Dancing and gained distinctive honours a few years ago in being declared World Champions in their particular sphere of Entertainment. Subsequently John Brooks was granted a licence to teach Irish Dancing and today, we find him in his element training future World Champions. We feel we voice your opinions in wishing this talented young man continued success. The colours of the Brooks School are Maroon and White—colours not altogether unknown in other fields of endeavour.

Although we have many distinguished Guests representing 'The Corps Diplomatique' Local Government (Galway)—Ireland West Tourism—Constructional Engineering, The Council of Irish Counties—The Irish Centre—The G.A.A.—The St. Patrick's Parade Committee—Hoteliers—The Columban Fathers and Galway Associations of the Midlands, it is not my intention to forestall in any way, the gifted person who will propose the toast to 'The Association' and who, no doubt will do justice to these distinguished guests in extending to them a courteous and sincere Cead Mile Failte on such a happy occasion.

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The West of Ireland, and Galway in particular, has a worldwide reputation for holidays. of Galway Bay, Salthill, Aran, heard Corrib. Connemara or the or events like the Connemara Pony Show, The Galway Races and the Galway Oyster Festival? People who have been to the West of Ireland wish to return again and Mer County Social Season. We are indeed deeply indebi-Qiaga

atrons who year by year fill this great Ballroom to capacity on Ireland West, the Regional Tourism Organisation, is there to serve you and to ensure that your visit is as easy and as pleasant as possible. Whether you were born in the region and wish to see the folks back home, whether you have holidayed in the West already and wish to return or whether indeed you have never seen the magic of the area for yourself, and would like to do so now, we will assist in any way possible.

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GALWAY'S HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

The West of Ireland and Galway in particular has a worldwide reputation for holidays AThe fame of Galway Bay, Salthitly Aran, Connemara, the Corrib, etc., has spread throughout the world and is something of which every Galwegian can be forough. Other Galway events such as the Connemara Pony Show (held in mid August), the Galway craces (5 Day meeting at the end of July and other meetings in September and October) and the Galway Oyster Festival (Mid September)

eare also world famous and attract a large international participation. People who have been to the West of Ireland wish to return again and again but, of course, this is particularly true in the case of those born in Galway and who wish to return for a sholiday and to visit

their relatives.

Galway has not changed very much over the years. It has retained its beauty and its character and the people have retained their hospitality, their wit, their personality and, in large measure, their own unique lifestyle. Yet so many things have changed in Galway, usually for the better. Living standards have improved and the general increase in affluence is evident where holiday facilities are concerned as well as in every other sphere of life. In fact, it is true to say that it is now possible to enjoy the natural unspoilt amenities of Galway nto a greater degree than ever before because of the improvements that have taken places in amenities and facilities. Galway today and the facilities and options it offers the visitor is quite a different place If from the Galway of even 5 years ago it in yllapisydd berella oz

-moLet us examine some of the developments that have taken place. Take accommodation for exampled Galway has the largest pool of holiday accommodation in Ireland outside Dublin! It caters for every possible type of person. The entire county is dotted with a network of top class hotels, guesthouses, town and country homes and farmhouses. There are caravan and camping sites also also are centurears self-catering accommodation has become very popular and the list of houses-to-let published annually by Ireland West continues to grow. Another exciting development in the self-catering field has been the establishment of a Rent-An-Irish-Cottage-Scheme at Tullyncross, Renvyle, Cov Galway a mos nalg of to neitaioes A tuo

There have also been many exciting developments in the field of activities and there is today a new marina at Portumna which gives access to the Shannon-Ireland's great inland waterway. There are similar facilities available for sailing enthusiasts and sailing intructions can be arranged Galway/Salthill is not only Ireland's premier sea side resort but is also a centre for coach tours to the surrounding areas Connemara, West Clare, Achill and Con Mayo, b the Corrib country etc. A recent important addition to the Salthill resort has been the opening of Galway Leisureland with its 331 metre heated swimming pool and numerous other facilities aimed at providing en-

tertainment for visitors during all seasons.

There are many other unusual things to do in Galway Mediaeval Banquets are held in the restored Dunguaire Castle, less than twenty miles south of the city and it is possible to fly to the Aran Islands from Carnmore Airport four miles east of the city.

These are only some of the recent trends and developments in Galway tourism which aim at complimenting the many unique natural facilities and attractions of this beautiful country with all that is best in modern tourist comfort and satisfaction. Ireland West the Regional Tourism Organisation which has been involved in so much of this work is also there to serve you and is anxious to ensure that as many of you as possible can have a pleasant holiday back home as soon as possible. This is the job to which Ireland West is committed You should write to them at Aras Failte, Victoria Place. Galway, Telephone No. (091) 3081 if you need any advice on taking that well-earned rest soon.

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A Cairdi,

Now that our holidays for 1974 are for the most part but a pleasant memory of a relaxing and happy break from the turmoil, strife and toil in the daily battle for survival, our thoughts turn to the many friends we have made in our County Associations and to the excellent social atmosphere we have created for ourselves here in

London on an Inter-County level.

Speaking for myself, having resided in this country for more than thirty five years, I find on returning to Ireland, that outside my own immediate family or that of my good wife, I am not generally known. If, on the other hand, someone recognises me, I find that he or she has so altered physically in the intervening years that I either fail to place them or I have forgotten their name, which can be quite embarrassing. I often wonder if others come up against a similar problem in visiting the Homeland. For this reason, the friends of my wife and I have made during a lengthy tour of the social sphere in London and especially among County Associations, are considered by us a great asset to a friendly way of life.

In our own Association, (Galway) we have many staunch friends with whom we make exchange visits from time to time, sometimes spending a rather pleasant week and in a conceptal and happy home.

spending a rather pleasant week-end in a congenial and happy home. On such occasions we find it helpful either to talk about the future of our Association or to plan some new innovation in connection with, say, an Annual Re-Union Dinner. In moments of lucidity and between sips of brandy, one can conjure up the most marvellous ideas just as if one had been smitten for a fleeting moment by the telepathic thought of some super intellect from a world as yet undiscovered in outer space. Perhaps it is all due to the grand company in which we find ourselves or it may be that under certain conditions as specified one can have a more liquid approach to the topics under discussion.

The Council Welfare Fund

There is a special topic affecting all Associations to which I must draw your attention, namely—The Welfare Fund. Many calls have been made on this fund since The Annual General Meeting in February last. Much wanted donations have been made under the current Terms of Reference to those in dire need through the loss of a breadwinner in a family. The sum donated is deeply appreciated by the recipients at a time when help is so necessary and no doubt your generous support of this fund is bound to draw many blessings on your members.

You will realise that to maintain the fund at a substantial level appeals are made from time to time to The County Associations and the response has been good. It is not always easy for an Association to find the cash required and for that reason I would like to draw

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The London Wexford Association are now resting after basking in the sun at their resorts, and places of historic interest, following the general clear out from London for the 'Home Country' writes Michael Dovle, Journalist from Secretary's Office at Fulham.

The Wexford Association, now on the threshold of its twenty first Birthday should feel jubilant on its attainment and faithful service to

the Irish scene in Britain.

Notwithstanding the slow progress last year, the committee have steered forward to recapture lost territory and now claim through the general help of the press, including the Irish Counties Journal, and its Managing editorial personalities, that Wexford Association is

on the expansion.

It will be generally appreciated if the members attend the general meetings and not overlooking the committee members, who will be penalised, should they fail in good attendance at the Important meetings held at the new meeting place on the Harrow Road, W.9. We hope to hold monthly meetings there, and will inform you of these in the next issue.

Two important functions have been registered this year, and the next grand dance is at the Cricklewood Hotel on the 14th September with a top band, should give greater confidence, and an improved fin-

ancial turn over to the organisers.

With Publicity 'Mike Doyle' Hon. Secretary, is not sparing his efforts, in placing the traditional name on the lips of all Counties from Cork to Donegal across to Waterford, and down to Dublin. He is enthusiastic in his scoops and has influenced the National Provincials in Wexford, who have come forward to give extra pictorial

space and news columns towards Wexford Gaels.

Most of the Wexford people, have had an early vacation, and the next person to move home, for a well deserved holiday is Dick Gaul. He is veteran Chairman of G.A.A. clubs and fills the 'Big Chair' with Father Murphy's G.A.A. Club at Kilburn. Dick has missed the 'Strawberry Fair' at Enniscorthy, his native town, but will catch up on the sporting activities, including the Hurling and Football finals Croke Park, Dublin on the 1st September.

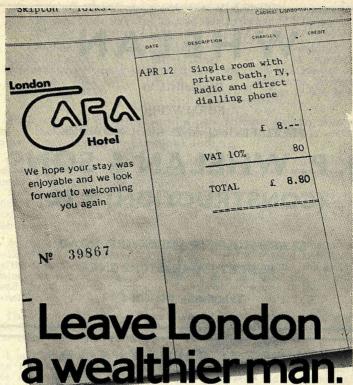
All Wexford people have respect for their loyal Chairman Dan

O'Leary, his Driving School carries the name of Wexford throughout London on his cars every day. Dan is a hard worker, but is candid when he says 'that support from all quarters' is the only means to

push the movement on the road to success.

All members and the public were happy to to see Mrs. T. Russell, wife of the Registrar, Tom Russell (Living at West Kensington) back in her popular seat with the people. She had been ill for some time, and our good wishes, towards greater health progress and success, is unanimous.

Our secretary has received many messages from the 'Old folk at extending their greetings and looking forward to a Big National exodus under the Associations's banner next year, when a great civic reception will be organised to welcome home our folk.



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After what can be described as a poor Summer Holiday season we are all back to the ever increasing amount of work that is necessary to get things moving for the winter season.

Our first function is the Bacon and Cabbage on the 28th September followed by the Miltown and Mullagh reunion on 4th November, both

functions will take place at the Irish Centre.

The Annual Dinner Dance at John Barkers this year on November 16th, I remind you in good time of this function as there will be a scramble for tickets later on and you are advised to get your requirements early.

At the same time we are having the West Clare Parishes Reunions -12 parishes. The dates for these are November 18th, 19th and 21st at the Irish Centre. I will give you the parishes against the particular dates in the next issue. Bishop Harty has indicated that he will attend the Dinner and some of the parish reunions if this is at all possible.

The Bunratty weekend flight is already full and we have a standby list. This takes place on October 12th and we are looking forward to the usual enjoyable time.

I very much regret to inform you that our Founder Chairman, Mr. Joe Hanrahan died recently, R.I.P. Many of our members especially the older members were very upset that they did not know about this so that they could pay their respects by going to his funeral. Joe was a great Chairman and a man that had a rather difficult time in the formation of the Association. He did his work well and for that reason we have a sound foundation to work on. Joe was very active in many other organisations and will be sadly missed by all.

For the record I give you the list of Chairmen up to the present date: 1, Founder Chairman, Joe Hanrahan; 2, Michael Power; 3, Michael Clancy; 4, Martin Moroney; 5, Sean Igoe; 6, Our present Chairman, John Canny.

Our congratulations to Oliver O'Connor on his recent Marriage and now on his return home to Clare. He has purchased The Bell Hotel in Lisdoonvarna. We wish him every success and assure him that we shall call whenever we are in Clare.

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

P.S. From the Editor

The Irish Counties Journal tender deepest sympathy to Mrs. Moroney on the Death of her Brother, Mr. Michael Gleeson, R.I.P. who was born in Scariff, Co. Clare and died recently in Imerick.

Prayers and Mass offered.

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Re-Union Dinner

Our at Home Re-Union Dinner Dance held recently in the Ardree Hotel, Waterford was a great success. Exiles from Birmingham, Leeds, London and Watford dined and danced their way in the resplentant Amber Glow of the Ardree Ballroom until 3 a.m. together with their friends from Waterford. All the ladies looked magnificent in their beautiful gowns and of course we must not forget their escorts who made the evening perfect.

The spot prizes were so numerous that nearly every other couple went home clutching a parcel in the early hours of the morning. We take this opportunity of thanking the business people of our City for their generosity in donating these gifts. We also thank them for their continued support for our yearly pocket diary. They can be as-

sured that we will reciprocate.

The Management and Staff of the Ardree are to be congratulated

on the splendid food and service provided.

During the evening our Chairman, Mossie Donovan outlined the year's activities and aims and thanked the people of Waterford for their unstinted support down the years, he also presented a cheque for £300 on behalf of the Association to Mr. Michael Wadding, Chairman of the Suirside Friends of the Mentally Handicapped and promised the remainder of our £1,000 target during the year. Mr. Wadding, a man of few words, thanked us for our generous gift and assured us that not a penny would be wasted.
Bishop Charles J. Henderson in his toast to Ireland made a plea

for our prayers for a true and lasting peace in Ireland.

The Mayor, Alderman Joe Cummins and his wife endeared themselves to us all, and in his speech the Mayor extended a warm welcome to all visitors wherever they came from, it was his hope that they would always remember their home City and County and feel welcome there, however long they might have been away. The Mayor said he felt a kindred spirit with us as he was an exile himself for

some years.

Bishop Michael Russell said that too many exiles had the idea that the people at home had forgotten about them, but really they had not and they could feel assured always of being welcome. Bishop Russell said he wished to give special mention to his personal friends Cathy and John Dee, stalwarts of the Association over the years who always made him very welcome on his numerous visits to London. The Bishop went on to say we should be very proud that one of our members Mrs. Jane Smyth made such a good job of the Irish Counties Journal. (Copies of which were on the tables for the Dinner) Bishop Russell ended by thanking us for being worthy ambassadors for Waterford in the city of our adoption.

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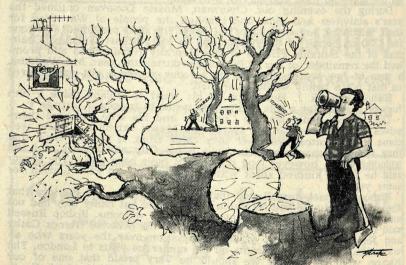
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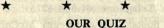
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With most of our members on holidays this month, there has been a lull in activities.

Our usual monthly social is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at The Warwick, Victoria Road, New Barnet. Our next one is on the 1st October and should prove most popular with the music being supplied by The New Bernie Egan Family Combo. We believe Bernie's daughter has a birthday on that date. We hope it is a very happy occasion spent with us.

All Ireland Football Final

Arrangements have now been finalised for the flight to Dublin for the All Ireland Football Final. We will be leaving London on Saturday, September 21st at 08.20 and returning on Sunday, 22nd. Price £25.00. We do have a few seats left, so telephone immediately to Peter O'Shea or Declan Connell at the telephone numbers above.



Juniors

1. What is a Dinghy?

2. What is the short name for one of Kipling's greatest poems?

3. Between what towns did the first railway line run?

4. Give the feminine equivalent of drone

5. What does a river or stream do when it meanders?

6. What is galena?

Veterans

Give one word for government by the few.

2. What are the colours of the United Nations Organisation flag?

3. Which Pope had the longest reign?

4. Which group of people is said to have been descended from Shem?

5. Name the two main narcotics produced in New Guinea?

6. Which planet was known to the ancients as 'The sparkling one'? Answers on Page 25

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Sligo Association (continued from page 3)

The last committee meeting offered sincere condolences to the families of two Sligo girls, one was fatally and the other seriously injured recently in an incident in Dublin. Also to Mrs. Killoran and family on the death at an early age of her husband and to the Maye Family on the death of their brother Michael R.I.P.

Meetings are held each month on the 1st Tuesday at "The Goldhawk", Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush W.12 and new members are always welcome. Our Hon. Sec. will always be pleased to give any further information to anybody wishing to become members.

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EMIGRANT 'AT HOME' WEEK...

During August throughout the County many Festivals and "At Home" Weeks are organised, with Sports and Music and Dances playing a big part. One of the most successful of these "At Home" Weeks is that organised by the people of Bunnoe—a small place within a short distance from Cootehill, Redhills and Cavan.

This the ninth annual Festival was no exception, the people of Bunnoe enjoy playing hosts to their emigrants, and opening the Festival this year on Sunday 4th with a real Field Day which included a G.A.A. League Game, a Camogie Challenge Match and plenty of swings, slides and games for the children gave a great start to the festival. In all about fifty visitors from England and the U.S. joined in all the events organised, and when the Festival closed on 15th with a grand finale and presentation of Trophies at a Dance at Doonaree, the visitors passed a big vote of thanks to their hosts for all the hard work they had put into making their visit so enjoyable.

AUTUMN SEASON IN LONDON

Bacon and Cabbage Supper on Saturday, 19th October. Tickets were distributed at the September meeting. If you have not yet obtained your requirements you should apply at once to the Secretary. Tickets £1.50 each.

DARTS COMPETITION

Cavan have a bye in the first round. Details regarding the second round will be announced in good time.

QUIZ CONTEST

Cavan play Clare in the first round. Details later.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Michael Lynch on the birth of a son, Edward, on 9th August at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

The following is a letter taken from, and published by kind per-

mission 'The Anglo-Celt' which I think may interest you.

Dear Sir—Thanks to the 'Kingscourt Notes' of your widely read 'Cavan Celt' last week, I was welcomed home to my native soil after 37 years. It all began with the visit of the very popular Kingscourt Band to Wembley at Whit. As I sat on the stand and listened to many familiar tunes on this famed turf, I felt a craze to return to the 'ould sod' and before I knew it I was on the Irish Sea homeward bound with the group-my friends.

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Before I tell you of our functions for the future in London I would like to tell you something of our sister Association in Dublin. Under the Chairmanship of Christy Byrne there is a real hardworking committee in the Irish Capital.

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Hospitals

Their liaison with hospitals in Dublin is unique in that as soon as it is known a Westmeath person is hospitalised somebody is there at visiting times. If any of you have ever been in hospital away from home you will know the value of their work in making sure that the patient has visitors.

Annual Dublin Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Westmeath Association, Dublin takes place at the Crofton Airport Hotel on 11th October, 1974. Representatives of our Association will be present as well as representatives from Westmeath itself and government circles.

At the aforementioned Dinner there will be a presentation to The Westmeath Man of the Year. As also medals to the winners of the seven a side football team from Mullingar.

We are proud of our sister Association in Dublin and wish them continued success in all their future activities.

London

Here in London a lot of hard work has been going on behind the scenes to bring you a spectacular weekend on 18th, 19th and 20th October.

Starting on 18th at the Gresham Ballroom we welcome Raharney, the winners of The Westmeath Senior Hurling League who will start their prize weekend in London on that date. Dancing from 9.30 to two Bands. Admission at door 50p. Please come along and give a rousing reception to Raharney

rousing reception to Raharney.

Double attraction for Sunday 20th—The Hurling match at Dagenham between The Thomas McCurtain Hurling Team from Dagenham and Raharney.

Our Association is presenting a special challenge trophy for this match

FOOTBALL

Then we have the Westmeath perpetual cup being played for by the Round Towers football team and the Thomas McCurtain Football team. Both Raharney and Round Towers will then be entertained by the McCurtain's Committee.

The weekend will be rounded off with a farewell Dance in the Lees Hall, Ilford.

We hope to see a lot of our Westmeath friends during that weekend.

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Leaving the Barren wastes of North London behind, members of several Irish Associations joined up for a holiday in the Emerald Isle. The holiday makers, under the auspices of the London New Ross Association of Kilburn left London on the 25th July for County Wexford, Waterford, and other scenic beauty spots in the republic.

A record turn out in booking round

800 men and women.

It was a bright morning. I arrived at the station to find the place taken over by the Irish, in company with a Radio Reporter, a programme, which I was 'helping out' as I knew the techniques and characters of the people behind the comprehen-

helped to give the 'Irish a Great Show on the air' in Britain and Countries overseas. This was the first time ever, that Ireland on Holiday from the Emigration fields "went out live" to many places, where so little of our 'lives and ways' of living was known.

The loud speakers, the Radio contacts blurred all over the station. The Colours of Cork, Waterford, Clare, Kilkenny, Galway, Wexford and Kerry were flying high in the dawn breeze.

I felt proud being Irish The Internationals holidaving in Pritain

I felt proud being Irish. The Internationals, holidaying in Britain, and those leaving for overseas, were 'Spell bound" to see the true

spirit and happy lives spent by our people in Exile.

To give credit to any person, would be unfair. All the Executive worked in one unit. A machine with so many eyes and hands. Mike Murphy, President looked worried. He felt, that the train should be moving. His anxiety and determination showed special training. "I haven't had a night's sleep, in weeks" he remarked to a Radio reporter. "I hope soon to settle down in a corner of a carriage, and fall into a deep slumber." But seconds later he was alive, directing, carrying cases, pushing a pram and all sorts and sizes of tasks. Mick Murphy was also seen on the train as it sped away in the company of the C.I.E. representative helping to issue the half fare tickets to various parts of Ireland. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking C.I.E. for their generosity. The Secretary, Joe Furlong (New Ross). I recall the first meeting of this Movement, I was acting in a Press Capacity on the Organising side. Young Joe was so co-operative and willing. Then came Terry Murphy, Treasurer, he was engaged 'in people and fares' and trying to help out people who were faced with little problems. Terry down the months carried the 'Bag' and his earnest endeavours are symbolic of the Chairman Pat Walsh,

who, surveyed the vast turn out with astonishment.

To all present the 'Great Train Travel' to the Republic was some sort of a general gift. People who availed of the £14 return trip, with Bed and Breakfast at Inns, Hotels, Farmhouses, etc., with fresh Irish button because the survey of the surv butter, bacon and eggs, envisaged the dawn breaking on the Wexford Coast, to sit down to Irish life and hospitality—for only £1.50

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Waterford Association (continued from page 15)

Cannon Hazelton apologised for the inability of Bishop Ward Armstrong to be present and he knew that everyone present would join with him in wishing the Bishop a speedy recovery, he knew how the Bishop held the Association in such high esteem. This the Canon said was his own first acquaintance with the Association and he was surprised by the extent of its activities. The Waterford Association, Canon Hazelton said was a wonderful organisation and one which should get the support of the people both at home and abroad. The Canon concluded by thanking the Chairman and committee for their kind invitation and said his wife and himself were honoured to be amongst us.

Future Events

We are now looking forward to our Annual London Dinner Dance at Barkers, Kensington on the 22nd November, 1974. We will keep you up to date on information.

Don't Forget

Our dance at the Loyola Hall, Tottenham on 14th September, and The Cricklewood Hotel, Cricklewood on 5th October. Tickets can be obtained from any Committee member. Our very own pocket Diaries will be on sale again in a few months, they make excellent presents for all occasions and are packed full of information.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim French and Mr. and Mrs. K. Butler on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniver-

We wish James French Junior every success in his new life down

under.

ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

Juniors

A small boat used to ferry sailors to the shore.

2.

3. Stockton and Darlington.

4. Honey-Bee.

5. It twists and turns as it seeks the lowest ground. 6. One of the Ores from which lead is obtained.

Veterans

Oligarchy.

2.

Pale Blue and White.
Pius 1X (he reigned 31 years, 236 days from 16/6/1846 to 3. 7/2/1878).

4. The Semites.

Betelnut and Tobacco.

Mercury.

M. WATERS, County Carlow Association.

Wexford Association (continued from page 10)

Wexford Association, now looks forward to a happy Autumn season. The Cricklewood Dance is important and a general appeal from the Chairman to make it one of much importance to emigrant life, is an earnest wish. The Association, expressed much thanks to the Irish Counties Journal for its continued support and publicity within the London Circle, of the Colleens and Sons of all Counties.

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Our Association has been more than holding its own in the past few months. Our last three charity functions were a tremendous success both financially and socially.

On the 28th June we held our third benefit dance this year and as the two previous functions it was a great success financially. Over £300 was handed to Mrs. Ann Lawless of Portloaise. This brings the total amount handed over to charity since February to £1,300. At this point I would like to thank our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for making these functions such a success. Our thanks must also go to Mr. Peter Cleary of the Prince of Wales, Kingsbury, his staff, and customers for all their support in the past. I look forward to their

Remember, too, that fl is still . surth at it is still .

Back from our successful trip home the Loais Association in London were delighted at the welcome afforded the party at the Dinner Dance held at the Killeshin Hotel, Portloaise which was attended by over 400 people. In attendance at the said dinner was the Chairman of the Loais Association in Dublin, Paddy Maher. For some time now I have continually called for closer liaison between the home county and the London Association, I am pleased to be able to tell you that it has been decided to form a committee in Loais to make for better co-operation. Having concentrated on acquiring finance for deserving causes the Loais Association are now diverting their attention from same to improve their own financial position, and a Dance for this purpose will take place at the Cricklewood Hotel on October 4th. Music for the occasion will be by the Benn Bros., admission 50p, Mr. Oliver J. Flanagan T.D. for Loais and Offaly will be in London in connection with a talk on B.B.C. Radio and hopes to be able to attend this function.

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Westmeath Association (continued from page 21) A nominal to the Reminders samoy voine bnA waiting at the airport, And two

Keep your eyes open for November dates in next months issue. A charity function has been arranged for Loyola Hall, Tottenham.

We are away to Wicklow in the first round of the inter County Dart Competition. We are also drawn against Wicklow in the Quiz

Talking about darts, we would like to thank the Cavan Association for the friendly match we played against them recently. It was a most enjoyable evening.

See you all on 18th October.

Musical Note

Bernie Egan has told me how pleased she is that her new family Band has been booked for so many Associations functions. All Bookings are confirmed in writing, which is an assurance that the band will turn up on the night, thus relieving secretaries of the headache many of them have had in the past with other groups.

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Amid cheers from the local people in Ballybay, members of the Monaghan Association on holiday in Ireland, headed by the Chairman and former Ballybay Footballer, Don Marron and his wife, Enid, marched with the Corduff Pipe Band, Clontibret Pipe and Accordion Bands through the town to open Ballybay "At Home" Week, on Saturday, 10 August. On Sunday a great crowd attended the "Welcome Home" Dance at the Riverdale Hotel. There was also a very enjoyable "Shopping Spree" laid on by the Chamber of Commerce during the week.

A two-day Fishing Contest on Shantonagh and Derryooney Lakes was particularly enjoyable and some good catches were made by both visitors and local anglers. The overall winner was Peter Donaghy, Carrickmacross, and the London prize was won by Patsy Duffy, Hanwell, London. The prizes were presented at our Dinner/Dance at the Riverdale Hotel on the Wednesday night. The "At Home" Week was voted a tremendous success, and as we said our goodbyes plans were already being discussed for 1975.

We would like to thank all the people of Ballybay for their kind-

ness and the great reception given to us.

ENID MARRON, Hon, Secretary.

Galway Association (continued from page 5) However, I would like to pay a small tribute to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fahey, who are our guests at this function. Paddy Fahey, (Photographer) as he is fondly known has been associated with the County Associations from their early beginnings. He was always on hand to advise, to encourage, and above all to give publicity through the medium of his camera when such publicity was badly needed to strengthen or build up an organisation. From the uphill struggle of those early days in the 50's when we were practically unknown to the affluence of the 70's Paddy Fahey has captured countless scenes which have made us known on an international level through passage of time. We, the Galwegians, like to remember and are grateful to a friend of long standing in the person of Paddy Fahey.

Items of Interest

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Michael Flynn (nephew of our Chairman) who has been appointed Irish Ambassador to a developing West African country. We are happy to announce the engagement of Mr. Michael Brooks and Miss Josephine (Joey) Lennon which was celebrated on July 24th last. We wish them every happiness. We are pleased to see that Mr. Matthew Moore has regained his former good health and is once again playing an active part in Association affairs. Matthew had a prolonged illness during Spring and early Summer and due to a strict diet whilst in hospital, he has emerged a fitter man albeit somewhat more slender in appearance. We wish him continued good health.

As we go to Press, it may interest you to know that Miss Rita Faherty, daughter of our Vice-Chairman, Pat, represents The Association, as Miss Claddagh of London in the Claddagh Princess Contest

which has been revived in Galway City.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Connell (Pat and Anna) new managers at The Roxborough Hotel, College Road, Harrow are busy organising the Hotel as an Irish Country and Western House. Pat is a well known drummer in the musical world in London and has had a few bands going in the metropolis. Pat is from Westmeath and quickly joined the Westmeath Association when told of its existence by the Irish Counties Journal. Patrick also belonged to the G.A.A. at home and played for Athlone. His wife Anna, besides helping her husband, is busy bringing up two little girls, Laura aged 8 years and Michelle aged 4, as well as a 2 year-old son named Ian.

The newly decorated Function Room at the Roxborough seats 150

for dinner or is available for charity functions and weddings.

FROM HARROW TO KENTISH TOWN Joe and Greta Mulroy, formally hosts at The Roxborough Hotel, Harrow have taken their expertise to the Tally Ho at Kentish Town, Joe is from Mayo and is well known there for his boxing ability.

He is a former Connaught Heavy Weight Champion. Joe's wife Greta comes from Colrande, Co. Derry, They have two grown up daughters. Sharron who lives at home and Maureen (Mrs. Blunt) who is married.

with two daughters, aged one and three mot and qook only stress that the work are in the Kentish Town Area why not drop in for a drink is if you are in the Kentish Town Area why not drop in for a drink is and a chat. Better still if you want a get together or a small dinner, give Joe or Greta a ring to avail of the beautifully decorated new A Restaurant (there are two) and all will be arranged for you. deller bluow

Dropped into The Railway, Hotel, at Wealdstone for a Jar, met them charming Tom and Theresa, O'Neill from Ballycullane, Co. Wexford, who are managing the said Hotel, I thought for a few moments I'de met some long lost relations and memories of being met at Bally-ni cullane Station by my young cousins with the ass and cart and trot-in ting along through the country roads and on to Tallaught Lane where my father's birthplace was hidden a mile up the lane (or Boreen) where as a child I romped the fields and jumped the stiles, visited neighbours and friends in this way. Never using roads, and tiding the odd pony or horse bareback on the way, and talking to the ducks chickens turkeys and pheasants. But coming back to the preducks, chickens, turkeys and pheasants. But coming back to the present at Harrow, my hosts at The Railway Hotel did at least know my relations and we talked a lot about the old country and county, Wexford in particular.

On explaining to our hosts that there was at Wexford Association

in London, they were delighted to join and the charming couple have three children, Caroline, aged 10, Pauline

9 and Tara, 41.

As you can see from their advertisement in this Journal musical inguists are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus Sunday, morning. All are talented musicians and I am sure all willy forgive if I missingle out Brenday of the Brandon II am sure all willy forgive if I missingle out Brenday of the Brandon. single out Brendan of the Brendan, Joe and Mary group. Brendan is lo a school teacher and music teacher. He is talented at classical music as well at Irish Country and Western. A joy to listen to do a present There is a large Ballroom with an excellent dance floor. At present

being used for Disco and the teaching of Ballroom Dancing. Theresa has grand ideas for redecorating and refurnishing this room to be

used for Weddings, Dances and all types of functions.

The Hotel is residential, but Tom declines bookings until he can get more money released from the Brewery to redecorate the bed. rooms and bathrooms. We wish Tom and Theresa every success with their ambitions. May issue as the Riverside Hotel.

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Council of Irish Associations (continued from page 8)

your attention to a manner of raising funds which has proved successful—some Associations, at their Annual Dinners and during an interval, have given a brief explanation of the Welfare Fund coupled with an after-dinner Benefit Raffle. In this method you do not draw on existing funds and at the same time you are in close contact with most of your members and their friends at a time when good-will and open generosity may be appealed to.

Again, some Associations, offering a good prize or prizes, (which can be sponsored) request a donation for a raffle ticket rather than a fixed price, which in these affluent times can prove successful. With a little forethought, organisation and good planning the Welfare Fund

could, and should, be built up to £5,000.

The Irish Counties Journal.

In the Irish Counties Journal we have at our disposal the finest little Magazine we could wish for. In its content we can express our views forcibly, gain free publicity and make direct contact not alone with our own members, but with every organisation supporting the Journal and with all who read it. For these reasons one would think that Associations would vie with each other to have their views published in each monthly issue. On the contrary, some Associations never make even a single issue of this journal in any given year. The Advertisers, who keep the Journal in existence would think it reasonable that all Associations play their part fully in its support, Association members would most certainly expect to see the name of their Association in print occasionally and the Council of Irish Counties would relish greater participation of the Counties.

On behalf of the Council I would appeal to all Committees of Management to ensure that someone in the Association is made responsible for writing a few lines occasionally on behalf of members so that such members may congratulate themselves for having the intelligence and foresight, in the first place in voting the said committee into office.

In the July issue of the Irish Counties Journal an article of mine on that rather controversial subject—Abortion—was published. Subsequently a Lady said to me "I didn't like it. I didn't like it at all" I thought to myself, "I am pleased, it wasn't written for its entertainment value but rather to draw attention to an evil in our midst."

Mise Le Meas, BOB DALY, Press Officer.

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'Wishing Well' that was so familiar in my childhood—all so lovely. It was nice to meet also, so many old friends and school pals, and if anybody says the Irish are losing their hospitality then don't believe them—they must be joking! I had really a wonderful holiday and I enjoyed every moment of it—the music and dancing, the old memories relived, and the 'gargle' and the Irish brew and the friends old and new the lot.

Thanks to God that I lived to return—and to all who made me feel it is great to be alive. Remember it won't be another 37 years before

I come back.

A grateful exile. HARRY SMITH.

BRIAN MULLEN, Hon. Secretary.

Apology * * * *

Due to Printers error the Riverdale Hotel was referred to in the May issue as the Riverside Hotel.



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