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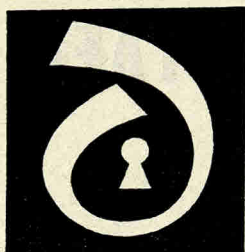
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A Night to Remember

Whenever Cork people gather for a social evening, there is plenty of chat, jollity and good humour so it is certain that these attributes will be much in evidence in John Barkers Restaurant, Kensington, London on FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1974. The occasion is the 21st ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE of the Association and calls for special rejoicing and some nostalgia and perhaps, a brief journey down memory lane. It all began when a small group assembled in London for the purpose of establishing 'The Corkmen's Association'. The year was 1954, when men of vision, including Dr. Tom Tangney, Father Tom McNamara, Mr. Tadg Feehan, Mr. Dick O'Farrell, Mr. Frank O'Connell and Mr. Tony Murphy formed an organisation, which was designed to co-ordinate the welfare, cultural and social aspirations of Cork people domiciled in the English capital. This was the third county to form an association, preceded by Tipperary & Dublin. Many other counties organised a short time later and today 27 county Associations are in existence in London. I know it is the hope of the Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations, Mr. Gerry O'Flynn, that the remaining counties will shortly affiliate to the Council and thereby realise the target of a 32 County membership. It is most gratifying to see such active interest in associations and it is obvious that all this enthusiasm is of considerable benefit to the Irish Community in London. We must ensure, therefore, that our Association continues to flourish and that it will maintain the standing it enjoys amongst Irish societies in Britain.

When the Irish Centre was established some nineteen years ago, the Corkmen's Association (Old Title) was one of the first to subscribe to its work and that support has continued up to the present time. A tremendous amount of time and energy was expended in getting the Centre under way and members of this Association have been most active in developing the welfare work in which the Centre is engaged today. Large numbers of men and women from Cork City and County have availed of the facilities offered by the Centre over the years and were helped to establish themselves after a short time.

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Cork Association (continued from page 3)

The work of the Centre is well known at home and we in London acknowledge the King-size part played by one of our members in its establishment and the attention and devotion, which he gave unstintingly for a decade. I refer, of course, to Father Tom McNamara. It is a tribute to him and to all who helped in those formative years that the Irish Centre is now regarded as one of the foremost welfare organisations in this country. But the Association has from time to time been called upon to help in other causes and has been generous in response. We have given support to Cork missionary priests and others who are ministering in far-off lands, such as Northern Transvaal and Ghana and it is our wish to continue that help in the future. There are many orders of missionary priests and sisters in Cork and from time to time immemorial, they have been sending missionaries to the four corners of the earth. Cork people have always taken a great interest in this work and each year large sums of money are despatched to the Missions. It was only in the recent past that the Bishop of Cork, Most Reverend Dr. Lucey, who incidentally, is a patron of this Association, agreed to take over the administration of a large diocese in South America and already several priests and nuns from the Diocese of Cork have taken up duty in the new diocese. This is an extension of Cork's big part in missionary activity and adds another chapter to its glorious history.

At our Annual Dinner in 1965, we were honoured by the presence of Mr. George Brown, then Deputy Prime Minister, First Secretary of State and Minister for Economic Affairs. His acceptance of our invitation was interpreted as recognition of the standing of this Association and indeed, the Irish Community in this country. It was the first time that a British Cabinet Minister attended an Irish County Association function. Only six months earlier, the then Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, was guest of honour at the Annual Dinner of the Irish Club, Eaton Square. If all of this interest and enthusiasm heralded the 'arrival' of the Irish and I believe it did, then it should be the duty of all of us to protect and improve that image by integrating more seriously in the community spirit of this country, to take a more active part in local and national politics and above all to make it manifest that we are a force for good in the land of our adoption.

A little while ago, the Association decided to pursue the concept of acquiring premises and it must be recorded that the Officers and Committee have not spared themselves in every attempt to realise their ambitions. The good will of many parish organisations has already been gained and it is this enthusiasm which is providing the view that a long-felt need is no longer in the distant future.

A journey down memory lane would not be complete without a tribute to the President, Mr. Tadg Feehan. He is one of the pillars of this Association and I believe that his experience is of immeasurable value extending as it does back to 1954. To his wife, Joan, we say 'Thank You' for being a great trouper, whose patience and endurance over the years gave others inspiration to pursue their ambitions. I am certain that if we look to the future with the confidence that inspired the founders a score of years ago, then the Annual Dinner of 1994 should also be a night to remember.

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A PICTURE OF CORK

'Twas an old faded picture
I stumbled upon
Mixed up with some clippings; you see
That sent memories winging
Mile after mile
To Erin—my own graid mo croide.

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

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

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

MICHAEL HANNON.



BUNRATTY CASTLE

(continued from the June issue)

The Great Hall

The great hall was the original banquet hall and audience chamber of the Earls of Thomond. It is of noble proportions, 48 feet high, 48 feet long and 30 feet wide. The floor is paved with marble squares and raised at the south end to form a dais on which stood a high table and the Earl's Seat of Estate. In this hall there is no chimney and the smoke from the central fire escaped through a louvre in the roof. This fine oak roof is an enlarged copy of one of the few mediaeval oak roofs left in Ireland. The original is at Dunsoghly Castle and is mid-15th century.

The furnishings of the Great Hall are mainly 15th and 16th century. On the left is an important oak chest of the late Gothic period. To the right is the Earl's buttery from which wine and drink could be served by a butler who was also guardian of the head of the stairs. On the shelves is a fine collection of leather blackjacks, drinking vessels, wine bottles and a large leather bombard. On the right-hand side of the entrance to the buttery is a fine example of a Gothic tiered buffet on which stands a ceremonial Gothic drinking horn. Above is a carved figure of St. George and the dragon with

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FATHER SHERIDAN — AN APPECIATION



Compiled by Dr. Nial Plunkett
Vice Chairman Cavan Association
and Jane Smyth, Editor of
The Irish Counties Joural.

Did you hear the one about "the Irishman with the hard hat?" with these words Father Sheridan introduced himself to the April, 1967 meeting of the Cavan Association at the Irish Centre, London, it was to be the forerunner of many jokes. Little did we realise the wind of change that was to blow through the corridors of a wilting Irish Centre.

Father Pat, with his easy manner, is always approachable and for those in genuine distress and trouble, he has a very real sympathy and an ever helping hand, he gives unreservedly his time and energy. He has a rare talent, when assisting the needy, to bestow charity without the loss of human dignity on the part of the recipient. Small in stature, giant in action, with his broad Cavan accent and charm he endears himself to all with whom he comes into contact. Religious, amenable, tolerant, gentle and tireless as needs be, he has his fundamentals right, always a Priest. He has an extraordinary talent for transforming any gathering of people into one of friends.

The thriving Irish Centre, with all its amenities is testimony to his labours, and his part in the acquisition of Hope House must surely have been his finest hour. Father Pat leads by example, his zest for doing good is infectious, his character has enriched the mosaic of Irish Life in London.

If we want to hear what exactly did become of the 'Irishman with the hard hat' a trip to Birmingham Irish Community Centre must now be on.

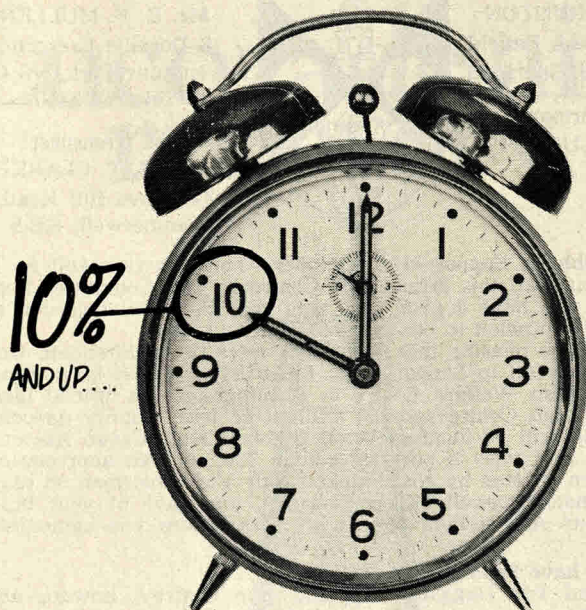
Father Pat is one of a very large family from Virginia, County Cavan. The Mother died when Father Sheridan was but a mite and his father died last year R.I.P. The family, most of them still in County Cavan, while others are scattered all over the globe. One sister most of us in London Irish Circles know is Sister Rosaline, who like Father Pat oozes with personality, and vigour. Father Sheridan would say she is the clever one, with strings of letters after her name. Sister Rosaline is headmistress for her order and now in Rome.

The Irish community in London will miss Father Sheridan and the Irish Centre in particular, as Father Pat spent most of his Priesthood at the Irish Centre, London.

Father Pat was educated for the priesthood at The Oblate Seminary at Belmont. For a while he was stationed at The Holy Cross,

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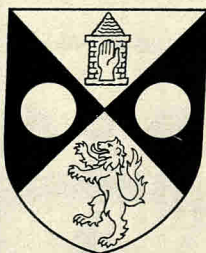
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Bacon and Cabbage Supper—19th October—This function will be in progress as you read this article. The Chairman and Committee hope that everyone will have a good time, and that they will regard it as a great opening occasion to our Autumn/Winter season.

One VIP will be missing this function, I refer to Fr. Sheridan, who as every Irish person in London, must know by now, has been transferred to The Irish Welfare Centre in Birmingham. An official farewell from the Irish Centre and the Council of Irish County Associations in London will be in progress on October 22nd. Cavan Association presented him with a portable colour T.V. and an appreciation to him has been written by Nial Plunkett, our Vice Chairman on page 8 of this journal. Farewell Father Sheridan, you gave of your best, not only to our Association, but to all with whom you came into contact.

Wedding Bells have been ringing for:—

Lawrence and Pat Duggan, John and Sue Garrey, Edward and Christine Moore.

We send our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness. The bridegroom in each case is the son of a committee member and took part in the friendly darts match we played against Westmeath.

Congratulations to Eve and Brendon Harty on the birth of a son, Colin.

Individual Quiz Contest

Cavan will be represented in the Individual Quiz Contest by Robert King and James Reilly.

Correction.

The name Brady is a well known Cavan name, and in my report on the return Darts Match in the August issue of this Journal, I said the match had been in Jack Brady's Cumberland Stores, W.1., when in fact it was held in Larry Brady's 'The Marquis of Salisbury', N.1. Sorry Larry about this error on my part, and please accept a belated thanks for your hospitality and your offer to let us hold future matches there.

Social Gathering.

Our next social gathering will be on Tuesday, 27th November, 1974 at the Irish Centre. This might we hope, cater for our business supporters and others who are unable to attend our Saturday night events. Tickets will be in circulation on 19th October.

A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. will be held on Monday, 2nd December at the Irish Centre. We hope for a 100% attendance. This is the opportunity for you to air your views. Full details will be sent to you in good time.

I look forward to seeing you all on October 19th.

B. F. MULLEN, Hon. Secretary.

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Pictured at the Cricklewood Hotel, London on the occasion of the London Wexford Association Social gathering are Mr. and Mrs. Mick Dempsey, (Wexford) Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luddy, (Kilkenny) Mr. and Mrs. M. Murphy, Charleville, Co. Cork, Joe and Ann Travers, Clonmel and Co. Mayo. With Chairman D. J. O'Leary second from right and His Lady, Mrs. Elizabeth. Elizabeth in front row.

Photonews, Michael Doyle, Fulham S.W.6.

We hope that by now you have had your holidays and are feeling fit and well. We have got several events lined up for the Autumn and hope that you will keep this Journal handy to remind you of the dates.

Highlight of the season is the visit of the Westmeath 1974 Hurling league winners (Raharney) to London, week-ending 19th October. Raharney defeated Castle pollard in the final by one point, and thus won the bonus prize of a weekend trip to London at the expense of the County Board. We send heartfelt congratulations to Raharney and look forward to meeting them and the County Board Officers, Denis Coyne and Paddy Flanagan who will be travelling with the team.

We want to give our visitors a great big welcome on this memorable occasion and appeal to you and your friends to attend all or

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The London Wexford Association is building up the London Social Scene. The constructive Policy is well in hand, and with Mrs. Elizabeth O'Leary behind the social programme one is assured of a real success.

Elizabeth is the favourite of the Wexford People. Whether it is a Paddington, London movement, or patent scheme, such as the County Association, her undivided attention with eight hours a day toil, has rewarded the Leinster men and women with a sound base.

When I first got to know this worker, her aim centred on so many spheres and fields that one couldn't fully appreciate the arduous tasks.

With this kind hearted lady at the helm, there is every indication that Dan J. (the Hon. Chairman) has little fear of being left out in the cold.

The Dance held at the Cricklewood Hotel, on 14th September proved a big success. From Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, to Donegal, people turned up in scores. The social scene was enjoyable and many attractive prizes were awarded in the 'Spot Section' and old 'Time Waltz' competition. In the latter section, the committee aim at developing an attractive programme. Other Counties in the past endeavoured to raise from the floor the 'dancing feet' and encourage people from all Counties to share the prize.

A series of heats at mixed areas and a final nights show down, will complete this feature. We have such men as Martin Whitty, from Wembley an experienced organiser, who never fails to bring along special coach loads which is a personal touch, and a great influence to the Wexford Association.

I cannot say enough of Peter Murphy. Gay, gallant, and full of intoxicating desires, his efforts centre on the spotlights with his role of Master of Ceremonies. Back in Wexford his personality was outstanding at Hunt Balls, Banquets, etc., where a stupendous work achieved a National record for a quiet unassuming exile who avoids publicity.

This year many of the Wexford Gaels returned to Dublin for the All Ireland Hurling Final and on going to press some are off to the Football Final. Our secretary, Michael Doyle went with a group dedicated to the National spirit from Chelsea, Fulham, Kilburn and Paddington. All enjoyed the games with not too good remarks for the weatherman, who rained down cold bitter conditions. We were glad to see the best team win in the Senior Hurling and of course being from Leinster had a small wager on the Kilkenny Boys, who outclassed their rivals in all stages of the game. Covering the programme, for some London Weeklies, Michael Doyle air mailed some striking action pictures from Jones Road Stadium for the early editions.

He met many of the executive, including Managing Director, Sean O'Shiocainn, who looks a bright and stalwart Gael, as in the early days of his invaluable service to the Gaelic games, from Thurles the Cathedral town where National games, first saw the light of day. We can go back in history and say Tom Simple, the 'Hawk' O'Brien, Skinny Meagher, from Toomeavara, Ned Maher, also Thurles, with a great relic left behind in John Joe Maher, the Executive member of the Rescra Co. Tipperary Players. 'J. J.' goes across to New York to support his club and Country, like in the old days when Packie Hyland went to Scotland to organise an Irish Colony to play a selection placed on the field by Jack (Football) Troy, a veteran of Leinster stardom.

A big feature is the United Leinster Emigrants enterprise. Here Michael Doyle tells the story in brief of the hopeful 1974 Banquet in London of the Wexford Association, Fr. Murphy's GAA Club movement and the 'Ross Men' joining hands and featuring a real Wexford Night's Entertainment.

It will be the solving of better understanding and the building up of a sound Parent Association. This proposal will be under the auspices of the Wexford Association.

Indications show that all are in favour of the Vinegar Hill flair bringing the unity and strength to the forefront.

At their recent meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to Michael Bowe, on the death of his sister, Mrs. O'Shea, R.I.P. Deceased died under tragic circumstances, and was well a known person at Harlesden and Willesden, London.

The Quiz and Darts Competitions, organised with the Irish Counties will provide an opportunity for the Wexford men to compete. The Darts Competition should provide an exciting result as the Wexford Lads are training at their local committee headquarters.

The Dance fixed for the 5th October at the Cricklewood Hotel should be a great turn out, and the Association members are loud in their applause on the 'sales drive' to build up a big box office receipt.

Among the guests who attended a Wexford social gathering at the Neils Arms, Harrow Road, Paddington was Mr. Frank McGrath O.B.E. Paddington. Frank, recently received his distinction for a deed of bravery performed in 1916 and it was believed that the heroic act of 58 years back dated had been forgotten. He is a wonderful man for his age, 78 years.

He was given a big reception by all present including the Limerick Governors of the Hotel, Pat and Mary Ryan.

MICHAEL DOYLE, Secretary.

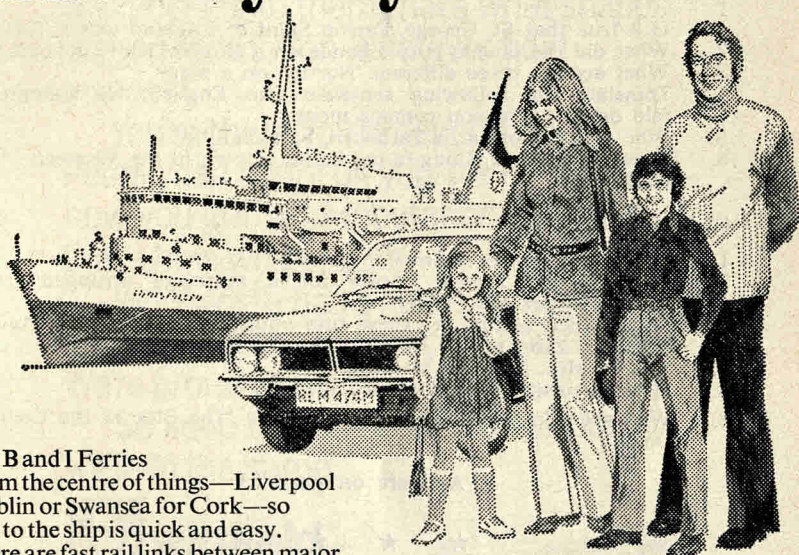
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Bunratty Castle (continued from page 7)

original gilding; it is 15th century South German. On the east wall over the doorway hangs a full length painting on a wooden panel c. 1601. The elegant young man wears slashed doublet and hose with enlarged pompoms or garters on his shoes.

The North-East window recess next to the staircase has two very interesting stones built into the left hand side one has typical Renaissance details and the date upon it is 1592. This is evidently part of the Great Earl's restoration. On the other stone is carved the figure of one of the famous Irish Sile nag Cuigs. This stone was removed to its present position from a room at the top of the south-west tower. As this upper room is 16th century and the stone much older than that, it must have been reused at the time. Above is a

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OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. What is the person who navigates vessels into harbours called?
2. What language do the Wallons of Belgium speak?
3. Of what name is Sandy a diminutive?
4. Which is the most Easterly of the Mediterranean islands?
5. What is the hardest mineral in the world?
6. Where would you find the Stone of Scone?

VETERANS

1. Is it true that St. George, Patron Saint of England was a Turk?
2. What did the double purple bands on a Roman Tunic indicate?
3. What are the three different 'Norths' on a map?
4. Translate the following sentence into English: He committed felo de se while non compos mentis.
5. Who would wear a., a Tarboosh, b., a Tallith?
6. By what name is K'ung-fu-tza better known in the Western world?

OUR WOMENFOLK

1. What is a conservatoire?
2. What is the French phrase for a marriage arranged from motives other than love?
3. From which animal are these furs obtained a., Ermine, b, Astrakhan, c., Zibeline?
4. Who is Mrs. M. E. L. Mallowan?
5. What is meat by applique needlework?
6. Who according to the popular son was 'The Star of the County Down'?

Answers on page 31

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Our Association has been very active in the past twelve months. We organise regular charity functions, quite a number of these take place at St. Augustine's, Fulham Palace Road. A lovely friendly atmosphere sweeps through the hall on each occasion and so makes for success socially as well as financially.

We have, as other London Associations, a great liaison with our sister Association in Birmingham. We exchange ideas and visits between our two Associations.

Our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at The Irish Centre, London in March was a very happy, as well as a successful affair, with our friends from Birmingham headed by Mr. Paddy Maxwell, Chairman of the Birmingham Irish Community Centre. We are indeed proud that the Chairman of this fine establishment is from County Meath.

We have co-operated with The Council of Irish County Associations in all their undertakings and representatives from our Association attended The Annual Dinner and other functions organised by that august body.

Our family summer outing to the English seaside resort of Brighton was a great success with the adults as well as the children. This is a pleasant way of keeping in touch with the families as a whole.

Our activities during the year also included organising events to raise monies for the Irish Centre's new Mens Hostel, at Quex Road, namely Hope House. A benefit dance at Camden Town Hall in July was organised for this purpose.

We wish to thank all the loyal supporters of our functions as without you we are helpless.

We apologise to those of you who could not obtain a ticket for our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner. Perhaps when the Irish Centre is extended a bit more we can seat all of you.

Now to our Annual Dinner. The Meath Association will be pleased to see all friends at the Gresham Ballroom on 24th October. Tickets £3 each from any of the above. Do not forget we have a Reunion (Drogheda) at Birmingham on 12th October and another at the famous London Tara Hotel, Kensington, on October 19th.

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Our Association is very busy with its Autumn programme of charity and social events.

Our last charity dance at the Loyola Hall was as usual a financial and social success. Besides our usual committee and friends, we had the Chairman of the Irish Association of North London, Mr. Peter O'Shea and Mrs. Rose O'Shea.

From Bushey in Hertfordshire we had 59 people, headed by Champion Irish Stepdancer, Len Kavanagh, who gave us an exhibition of his talents. The crowd from Bushey made our night and we wish to thank them most sincerely for their support. The music was by the Bernie Egan Family Combo and appreciated by all.

Still on Bushey, on going to press we are looking forward to going down there for a friendly darts match, before playing Limerick in The Council Competition. Our Secretary reports that he has had no joy from The Limerick Association with regard to the first round. Hurry up Limerick or you will be left behind.

Wedding Bell.

Congratulations to two nieces of our committee member Mrs. Jane Smyth. The former Miss Annette White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John White, 42 Cork Road, Waterford, who married Mr. Joe White (that's right, she didn't have to change her name) by the way, Joe's father Sammy, went to school with Wally Smyth, they had not met for 30 years, so a lot of reminiscing went on.

To the former Miss Breda Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kennedy, 50 Cork Road, Waterford, who married Mr. Donal Foley, who is the in between of a large Tramore family.

Both Brides and Grooms went to visit their Grandmother after the marriage ceremonies, Mrs. Downes who is in St. Patricks Hospital, Waterford.

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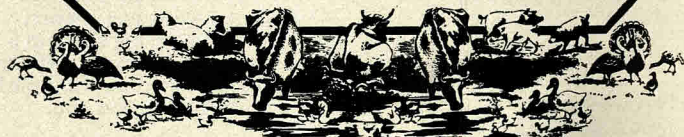
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We are in a very busy period with many engagements taking place before the Christmas Holidays. Our recent dance at the Gresham was not as well supported as we would wish and we are of the opinion that it was too soon after the Summer holidays. The Bacon and Cabbage Dinner, Saturday 28th, is a sell out and I have to apologise to the people that were unlucky in their application for tickets. This is one of our most popular functions and again I only wish that we could cater for the numbers that require tickets. Again on this occasion the committee will have to stand down and give their places to other people. This has happened on many other occasions and I take the opportunity to say thank you to the committee for being so co-operative.

The Bunratty flight on October 12th is also a sell out and we have many clients on the stand by. This of course is good from the point of making the task of running the flight easy, but I have great difficulty in convincing some people that there is no favouritism in the booking. We take first come first served.

I give all readers fair warning that our Annual Dinner Dance again this year at John Barkers on November 16th will also be a sell out as the demand for tickets is already showing. The price this year per ticket £4.50. If you wish to join us please make your booking before it is too late. We have great difficulty in controlling our numbers for this function and for this reason I would like to have your co-operation. The guest of honour this year, Our Patron Dr. Harty.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan on the birth of a baby daughter.

We tender our most sincere sympathy to Mr. Joe McEvoy on the death of his mother and to the Rynne Family on the death of their brother. May they Rest in Peace.

N. T. MORONEY (Mrs)



Bunratty Castle (continued from page 16)

fine oak late 15th century Rhenish carving showing the conversion of St. Hubert. On the left the knight, in elaborate costume, kneels before the crucifix between the horns of the now-vanquished stag. On the right the Saint is shown as Bishop of Leige. On the right-hand side of the window recess are the remains of a 15th century cross-bow.

Moving around the hall in a clockwise direction we come to an important example of a 16th century oak wall bench with linenfold panels and carved crestings with Renaissance decoration between the crockets. Over the bench hangs a fine Brussels tapestry of the mid 16th century, woven in brilliant colours, illustrating the story of David and Absalom. On the right is a Gothic iron clock on a stand, the bell supported in a crocketed framework and with pierced Gothic decoration above the dial. Upon the wall over the communion opening to the chapel is a Spanish altarpiece, the centre of a triptych by the Lanaja Master depicting St. Peter enthroned, flanked by four of the Apostles. Beneath stands a rare late 12th century long chest with supports of typical Romanesque form. Such coffers were often used in churches for the safe keeping of documents.

Waterford Association (continued from page 22)

We wish continued success to Adrienne in her studies and congratulate The Ursaline and Miss Angela Allinson on producing such a talented pupil.

International Swimming.

Did you know that Mr. Brian Williamson, superintendent of the Waterford Glass Swimming Pool is a brother of Garry Williamson, who was coach to the Irish International Swimming team that competed in the European Championships in Vienna. Garry's son, Kevin was swimming for Ireland in the event.

Our President.

We wish to thank the Irish Post for entrusting the remaining monies from the Nigel Keane Fund to our President, Bishop Henderson for the Handicapped Childrens Fellowship Trust. The Trust is responsible for sending handicapped children to Lourdes. Those of you who donated to the fund will know it is in good hands.

Annual Dinner.

Tickets are now available for our Annual Dinner at Barkers Pent House Restaurant, Kensington. The date 22nd November. The price £3.80, tickets available from any of the committee.



The Westmeath Association (continued from page 13)

as many as possible of the following functions:—

FRIDAY, 18th October, 1974—Victory Dance at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, N.19. Music by a visiting Showband from Ireland plus the Resident Showband. Dancing from 9.30 to 12.30. Admission at the door or by ticket at 50p. Tickets available from Chairman, See above. Two licensed bars and light refreshments may be had from Buffet Bar in the Foyer. The visiting team and officers will attend and the function will be covered by press reporters and photographer.

SATURDAY, 19th October, 1974—The visitors are being taken on a conducted tour of London in the morning and will have the rest of the day free to meet their friends and relations in London, or do as they please. During their stay the visitors will be based at the Regent Palace Hotel, Glasshouse Street, W.1.

SUNDAY, 19th October, 1974—At the Thomas McCurtain G. A. A. ground at Dagenham, Essex, commencing at 1.00 p.m.—Hurling:—Thomas McCurtain's v. Raharney. Football:—Thomas McCurtain's v. Round Towers. Two excellent games are assured as McCurtains have a powerful team and the Round Tower's are already in the final of the London Senior Football Championship.

A Presentation Dance will be held that night at The Leys Hall, Ilford, during which the winning team will be presented with their trophy—Admission 50p.

SATURDAY, 23rd November, 1974—Grand Autumn Dance will be held at the Loyola Hall, Stamford Hill, Tottenham N.15. Further details at a later date.

We look forward to meeting you mid October for a great Westmeath weekend. As we go to press we hear that approximately 100 Raharney supporters are travelling over by boat and special coach. The only thing now missing is the Mullingar Brass Band.

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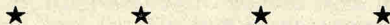
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The membership of our Association is growing steadily each month. We hope in time to have most of the 'Irishers' in North London in our fold. Anyone interested in joining us should contact one of the above named officers. I would like to point out that we are a non-sectarian outfit. Indeed people of any creed or nationality, if they have an interest in Irish culture and traditions are welcome to join us. In particular we would welcome lady members.

Our monthly social is at 1, The Warwick, Victoria Road, New Barnet, Herts. The next one will be held on Tuesday, 5th November, music by the 'Exiles'. We are also very fortunate to have as guest artistes Mr. Tom McCarthy and his extremely talented family. A wonderful evening is assured, so come along and join us in the fun.

The final arrangements are being made for Our Annual Dinner and Dance. The venue is Alexandra Palace, the date 7th December, music by Eamon Sheridan and the Westones. Tickets £4.50 per person. Many extra features for the function have been planned. Details will be published at a later date.

DECLAN CONNELL,
(Secretary)



THE WANDERING PIPER BY MICK KYDD

It is with pleasure I am able to report that at Listowel, Kerry, in August my friends and fellow Band members did very well in the piping competition.

Irish War Pipes Open.

1st, Mick O'Malley (London Irish Pipe Band).

2nd, Joe Farrel (London Irish Pipe Band).

This result reverses the placing at Birmingham where Joe Farrel was first and Mick O'Malley second.

Irish War Pipes Junior.

1st, Sean Doyle (London Irish Pipe Band).

This result confirms the ability of this brilliant 13 year old who took first place at Birmingham in the May preliminaries.

The weekend of the 7th/8th September, the London Irish Pipers were in Brussels. Performing on the Pipes and Drums at the Belgium National Horse Jumping Championship, giving two shows each day. One for the morning opening and another at the close, about 5 in the afternoon. The Band had twenty one pipers and ten drummers with the Saffron Kilt, blue pipe ribbons, Blue Hackles in the Caubeens, they made a truly magnificent spectacle and I did not detect any faults in piping or drumming from all reports the organisers were very pleased with the performance and turn out.

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1. A Pilot.
2. French.
3. Alexander.
4. Cyprus.
5. A Diamond.
6. In Westminster Abbey.

VETERANS

1. Yes, he was born in Cappopocia in the 4th Century A.D.
2. That the wearer was a senator.
3. 1., The true North, 2., the Magnetic North and the Grid North.
4. He committed suicide while of unsound mind.
5. a., A Muslim, b., A Jew.
6. Confucius.

OUR WOMENFOLK

1. A School of Music.
2. Marriage de convenance.
3. A., the Stoat, b., Young Lambs, c., the Sable.
4. Agatha Christie.
5. Applying cut out shapes upon another material to form a design.
6. Rosie Mac Cann.

M. WATERS,
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Father Sheridan — An Appreciation (continued from page 8)

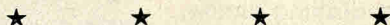
Tower Hill, Liverpool and for the past seven years here in London at the Irish Centre.

The Irish Centre say farewell to Father Sheridan on 22nd October, 1974 at the Irish Centre, Camden Town with a special Dinner in his honour.

We are sorry that the Irish Centre will not hold all who wish to partake of the Dinner, but the Douglas Hyde Suite will be open and Father Sheridan will be there also to say Farewell.

It will be farewell as we hope to see Father Pat coming down the M.1. to visit us, and we, I am sure will be going up there to visit him.

Farewell my kindly father, a Thousand times adieu.



The Wandering Piper (continued from page 29)

Sunday, 8th September was Liberation Day in Brussels and the Band were able to parade at the War Memorial at 11 o'clock and lay a wreath. A lament was played by Pipe Major O'Brien and the Band marched off to the Tune of Garry Owen.

The trip was made by coach from London, then coach to Brussels. The story of events during the weekend could fill another article. Suffice to say after the final performance on Sunday, we had to rush off to Calais to catch the Hovercraft only to find when we got there, we had a two hour delay due to a breakdown in the channel. We finally got aboard about 11.00 p.m. thence to Ramsgate and London, I finally reached home about 4.00 a.m.

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