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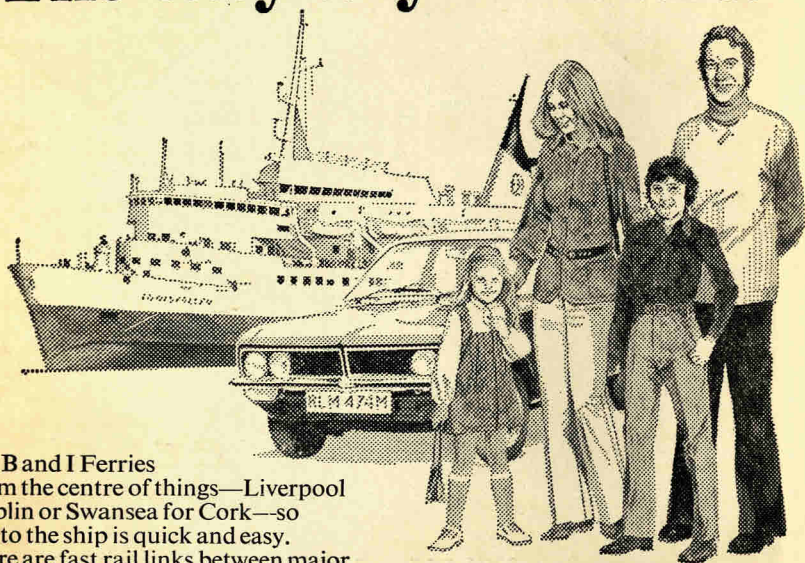
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Some of our Committee Members at a recent Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre. Photo by Owen & Moroney

At this time we are all looking forward to our Annual Dinner Dance which is of course the main function of the year. We feel that there will be the usual demand for tickets and I do hope that there will be enough to satisfy all customers. Once again we will have the pleasure of the company of our Patron, Most Rev. Dr. Harty, D.D., together with many other guests and friends from over the water and from many other County Associations. All will be most welcome and the committee assures them that every effort will be made to make this the Sixteenth Annual Dinner the best ever.

Parish Reunions.

The first of the parish reunions will take place on the 4th November, Miltown and Mullagh at the Irish Centre starting at 8 p.m. Monday, 18th, following the Dinner Dance the parishes of Kilrush, Killimer, Cooraclare, and Kilmihil. Tuesday, 19th—Kilkee, Doonbeg, Carrigaholt, and cross. Thursday, 21st—Kilmurray, McMahan, Kildysart, Lissacasey, Ballycorick, Coolmeen and Cranny.

Bishop Harty will attend the Parish Reunions together with many of the priests from the parishes, as yet we cannot really say what priests will be able to travel owing to the difficulty of having someone to standby for them. This will be a great week for the Clare people in London and we expect a great turnout at all reunions.

Christmas Flight.

We are having the usual Charter flight for the Christmas holidays and at the time of writing we already have several applications for seats. The dates as follows: Leaving London Heathrow on 21st December at 4.30 p.m. and returning Sunday, 29th December from Shannon at 7.20 p.m. The return fare: £35.00.

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Our Chairman Mr. J. Canny presenting Father Mee with the cheque for £500.

Photo by Owen & Moroney.

Here you see the photograph of our Chairman making a presentation of a cheque for £500.00 to Father Mee, Director of the Irish Centre. This was to complete a sum of £1,000.00 which we had promised to the Centre to relieve some of the debt on Hope House, which incidentally, I am pleased to tell you is going very well. It is not generally realised that all the surplus cash we acquire from dances, etc., is given to some deserving cause. Our next effort will be to raise £1,000.00 for the School for backward children in Ennis. The profits from all functions from this date will go towards this and we hope that it will not take too long to raise this amount. Already we have a start on this, thanks to Mr. T. Gorman, who has generously given £1,000.00 to the Council of Counties to be divided between the affiliated County Associations with a view that they should at least double or treble the amount and give it to some organisation doing work for the Mentally Handicapped Children. Thanks to you, Mr. Gorman, we are grateful for our share which I understand will be £37.50. Anyone also wishing to donate something towards this worthy cause will be gratefully received by our Treasurer, Mr. J. Long, the Chairman, Mr. J. Canny, or myself.

Our last Bunratty flight was the best ever and below I give you a short description of the weekend, as seen by one of our ardent supporters on this twice yearly outing. Mrs. Smyth, of the Thomond Publishing Company and her husband, Wally, who always enjoy the trip and I leave her to give the full picture. Before doing so I wish to thank them both sincerely for the presentation they made to me at the West County Hotel, whilst I am most grateful for the beautiful Waterford Cut Glass Vase and the thought behind the presentation, I feel that I was not worthy of it.

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As this issue of the Journal will be on the tables for our 17th London Annual Banquet, we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all of you here this evening. We know you will have a wonderful time, with good food and wine and good company.

We are especially grateful to our patron, The Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, for gracing us with his presence. To His Worship the Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Cummins and Mrs. Cummins. To the journalists who travelled over from Waterford especially to be with us.

Birmingham.

On 5th October last, headed by our Chairman Moss Donovan, we travelled to Birmingham to join our sister Association there for their 12th Annual Dinner. It does not seem like twelve or thirteen years since Mike O'Mahony came down to London to us for guidance and information on starting an Association in Birmingham. Mike's face was missing from the crowd this year, but I believe he is doing a great job for his parish and for the youngsters on the sportsfields of Birmingham.

The Birmingham Dinner was held at the renowned Grand Hotel, where recently, Gabriel Quinn from Meath, a leading figure of the Bartenders Guild was presented with a set of Waterford Glass, comprising of Decanter and six glasses by Horace Hunter, President of the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild.

To come back to the point, the Birmingham Dinner was a very impressive one. Chairman Michael Dalaney, a man of few words was pleased to welcome us, especially those who travelled from Waterford and London.

Vice-Chairman Peter Wall regretted the fact that the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell could not be present.

Father Crawley who was the Bishop's representative, echoed the Bishop's statement at our Dinner in Waterford, that exiles are not forgotten, even though sometimes they may feel they are. Father Crawley said he was grateful for the opportunity of conveying the Bishop's good wishes and prayers for all exiles and continued success to the Waterford County Association, Birmingham. Father Crawley concluded by thanking Father Cullinan for his hospitality to himself and Father Dudley.

The Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Cummins, said he was honoured to be a guest at this fine gathering of Waterfordians and friends. It was he said a sentimental journey for him, as he was an emigrant in Birmingham some thirty years ago and in fact, he commented he had just met a friend of those days here this evening.

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The President, Rev. Fr. M. Cullinan, in his short speech said he was pleased to welcome Father Pat Sheridan to Birmingham, he went on to say it was gratifying to see old friends, such as Councillor and Mrs. Tim Galvin, Jim and Mrs. French and Wally and Mrs. Smyth, previous chairmen who honoured Birmingham with their presence each year.

Father Pat Sheridan, attending his first function in Birmingham got a rousing cheer from the London contingent and a warm welcome to Birmingham from one and all. Father Sheridan, was, as usual, the star attraction with his jokes (not the one about the hard hat). Seriously though, he said he loved London and all the people he had come to know in the County Associations during his 7½ years there. Father Sheridan went on to say he was overwhelmed with the warm welcome he had received in Birmingham and asked us to pray that his work would be successful in that Great City.

There were so many V.I.P.s at the Birmingham dinner it is impossible to mention all of them. The committee who did a wonderful job are as follows: Hon. Secretary, Mrs. P. King, Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. P. Browne, Mrs. J. Power, Messrs. J. Doyle, E. Cullinan, M. O'Brien, J. Power, B. Clearly and J. Crotty.

I was pleased to meet again, in Birmingham, Joe Murray, who was a fellow guest at the Westmeath Association London Dinner, earlier this year. Joe is Chairman of the Westmeath Association, Birmingham, Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in that city and a founder-member of the Irish Community Centre (I.D.A. Ltd.), Birmingham.

Last, but certainly not least, that inexhaustible ex Miss Munster, Margaret Cullinan, Eddie's daughter), Margaret is responsible for inaugurating the Irish Centre Youth Group, which has been in operation for the past 10 months. The Group organise youth dances, take 40 children at a time on trips to Northampton, look after the old people and have also given a party for their senior citizens. The group meet once a week at the Irish Centre, Deritend.

We said our goodbyes and sped down the M1 back to London with fond memories of an evening well spent.

Since Birmingham we have visited the Waterfordians in Bushey had a few friendly games of darts with them in preparation for the Inter-County competition. We lost of course, but to very dedicated dart players. We then played Limerick in the first round of the competition and were knocked out of the game. Challenged them to a game the following week and won, too late alas. Thank you Limerick for two very pleasant evenings.

On going to press representatives of our Association are preparing to attend Father Sheridan's farewell dinner at the Irish Centre, London. Preparations are also in hand for our Christmas dinner and children's party.

Our fund for the handicapped workshop in Waterford is still in progress. Donations will be gratefully accepted by our treasurer. We are grateful to Mr. Tom Gorman, President of the Council, for his donation of £37 for this fund.

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Brian Duggan in his official robes as Mayor of Camden.

At regular intervals, I hope to do personality profiles on some of our members. A new member, a former First Citizen of Camden, Brian Duggan is a natural first choice.

Brian hails from Thurles, Co. Tipperary, is married to a Cork girl, Joan, and has two teenage boys. A former secretary of the Irish Centre Social Club, 1964/68, also a member of the administrative committee of the Irish Centre, 1965/68.

He was returned as councillor for the Camden Borough of Camden in the local elections 1971/72, topping the poll in the process. A measure of his popularity can be gleaned from the fact that he was appointed Deputy Mayor of Camden, 1971-72, in his first year as councillor. The following year he was elected Mayor of the London Borough of Camden. With all sections of the community Brian's popularity was truly unbelievable. This was reflected in the 1974 local elections when he again topped the poll.

At present he is Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Richard Cobden schools and the Nethley Primary School. He is also on the Board of Governors of the St. Aloysius Secondary and Primary Schools. A member of the Labour Party since 1962, he was Chairman of the St. Pancras Ward Labour Party, 1969/73.

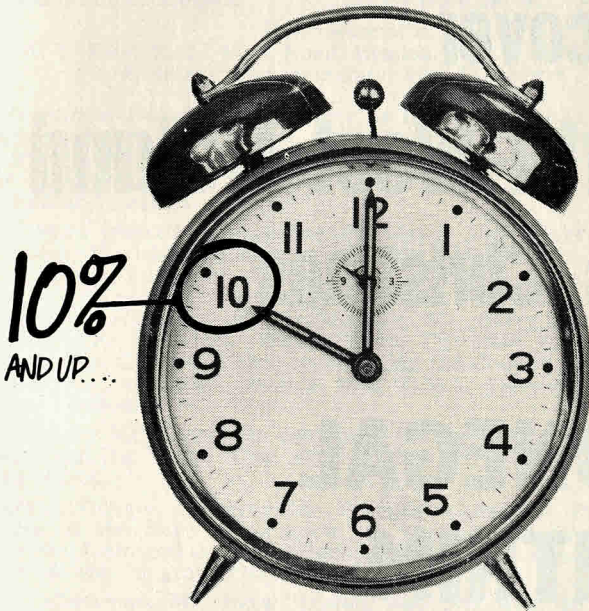
Brian Duggan represents all that is best in the Irish race and is a great example of the part played by many Irishmen and women in the public life of this country. Like all great men he has that wonderful, but rare, virtue of humility. He is also fortunate in having a wonderful and inspiring wife—Joan. As Lady Mayoress she walked every step of the way with him and they made a very successful team indeed. Our good wishes for continued success and good health go with them.

I am glad to report that our membership is steadily increasing, comprising of all classes and creeds and indeed of all age groups. Intending members should ring any of the above officers for information.

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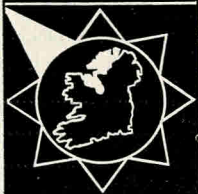
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Our Annual Dinner held recently at the Gresham, was even more successful than we dared hope. At the outset we would like to thank our friends from the various County Associations, The Sligo Associations of Birmingham and Northampton, for their support on this, and many other occasions.

We were pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Sligo, Councillor Patrick McLaughlin and Mrs. McLaughlin. The Mayor of Islington, Councillor Jack Walker, Father Travers representing Bishop Conway. Mr. Eamon Hoy, North West Tourism. Dr. Una O'Dwyer, representing our Ambassador. Mr. Gerry Daly, The Cork Examiner. Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smyth, The Irish Counties Journal. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry O'Flynn, representing the Council of Irish County Associations, and Rev. Patrick Mee, O.M.I., Director of the Irish Centre, London.

Councillor McLaughlin in conveying the greetings of the citizens of Sligo, said that Sligo City was on the move without spoiling its environment.

Father Travers conveyed the Bishop's wishes for the continuing success of the Sligo Association. He was pleased he said that the numbers of emigrants had dwindled considerably since the old days when he was emigrant chaplain at Euston Station.

Our Chairman, Mr. John Stenson, who proposed the toast to our guests was the most eloquent after dinner speaker I have heard for a very long time.

Mr. Eamon Hoy, of North West Tourism said, "Over the past few years Irish Tourism had suffered a temporary setback due to the situation in the northern part of our country. This necessitated a review to our marketing strategy. We were fortunate that in Britain we had a ready made target market available to us in the ethnic population.

Ethnic traffic is now an established part of Irish Tourism. It is a segment of which no longer can be ignored. We in North West Tourism will continue to support the national Failte Campaign initiated and spearheaded by Bord Failte. It is imperative that we continue to do so. The Irish in Britain have, this year, made a significant contribution to tourism in Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal in a year which promises to be the best for some time.

It is important that we play our part in promoting Ireland as a tourist destination where there is friendship, hospitality, good scenery and value for money.

During the past year members of your Association demonstrated their desire to visit their native county and to contribute to tourism revenue. For the St. Patrick's Day parade in Sligo a contingent travelled by coach and ferry. I was honoured to be invited to the function organised to mark the occasion. It is our hope that a larger

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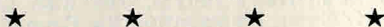
contingent will participate in the 1975 visit. We in North West Tourism will be pleased to be associated once again in the arrangements.

Although there can be black sheep, the vast majority of our countrymen in exile are prepared to contribute to the development of their new found land. At the same time they always retain the link with the homeland. The various county associations—such as the Sligo Association, London—have played no small part in keeping the exiles in touch with the people at home. It is important that this good work continue not merely for the pure commercial reasons of tourism. Through membership of your County Association you are given the opportunity to retain your identity as being Irish in your country of adoption.

May I conclude by congratulating those who founded the Sligo Association and those who keep it to the forefront of Irish activity in this city.

In conclusion I would like to thank our secretary, Mrs. Bennett, who as usual worked her fingers to the bone. To all the committee, Mr. O'Gorman and staff for helping to make our night a memorable occasion.

LUKE KENNEDY (Press Officer), 41 Allison Road, Acton, W.5.



OUR QUIZ

Juniors

1. What industry was introduced to Dublin by the Huguenots?
2. What was the nationality of the writer, Hans Cristian Anderson?
3. In a rainbow, which colour is on the inside of the arch?
4. July is named after Julius Caesar. Which month is named after his nephew?
5. In what game might you have a straight flush?
6. Which County has the longer summer day, Cork or Donegal?

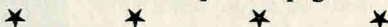
Veterans

1. Which planet appears to be red?
2. What is the meaning of "to square a circle"?
3. What two countries fought in the Punic Wars?
4. Who was tired of living and afraid to die?
5. In Heraldry, what does the term "Couchant" mean?
6. Which Irish playwright wrote "The Goodnatured Man"?

Our Womenfolk

1. What industry was introduced to Dublin by the Huguenots?
2. What is Seersucker?
3. A cotton Wedding Anniversary marks how many years of marriage?
4. What does the word "Novercal" mean?
5. Who founded the Irish Presentation Order of Nuns?
6. Referring to families, what is meant by the Distaff side?

Answers to our quiz on page 20

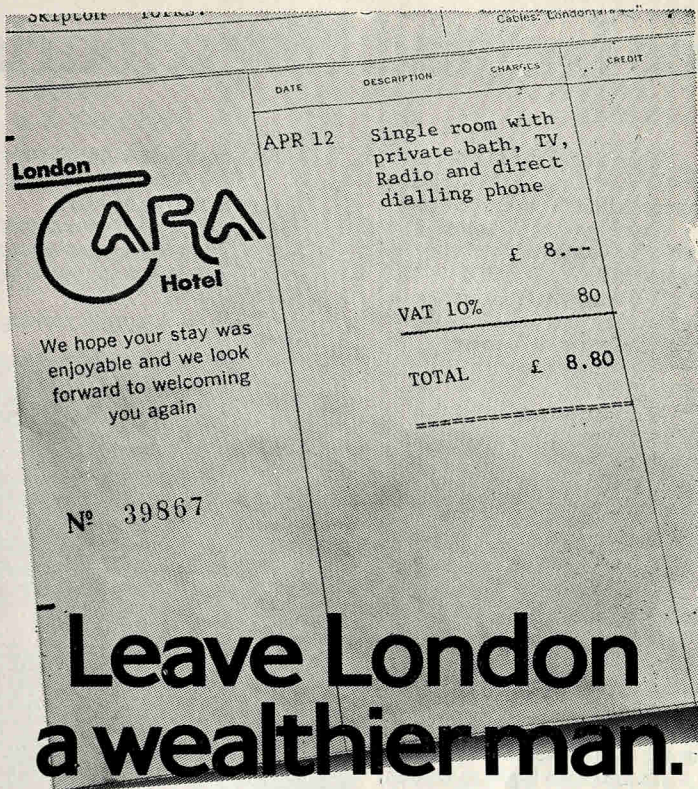


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We are all extremely sorry that Father Sheridan, who incidently was on the weekend trip with us, has been transferred to an appointment in Birmingham. I take this opportunity on behalf of all our members to wish him every success and happiness in his new post. at the same time I wish to thank him for all the kindness he showed to members of our Clare Association and for the many happy hours we had in his company.

Our congratulations to Mr. Michael O'Halloran on his re-election to Parliament with a very much increased majority. Well done Michael.

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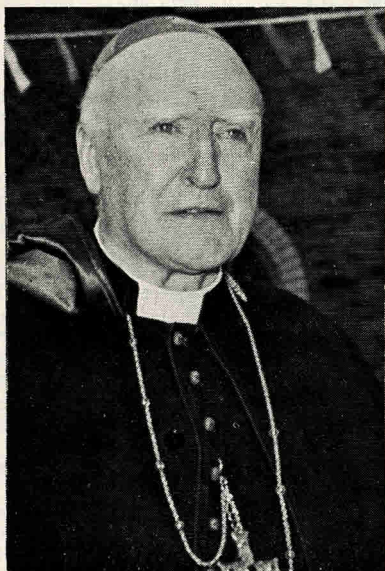


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DEATH OF MOST REV. DR. AUSTIN QUINN

With regret we record the death of Most Rev. Dr. Austin Quinn, former Bishop of Kilmore which occurred in the Missionary Convent of the Holy Rosary, Killeshandra, on Tuesday, 24th September, following a short illness. He was aged 82.

After directing the spiritual affairs of the diocese for 22 years, Most Rev. Dr. Quinn retired towards the end of 1972 and went to reside in Killeshandra Convent, but he continued to take an active interest in all Church functions and in recent weeks had attended a number of ceremonies, looking in the pink of health. The news of his death came more or less as a shock, as it was not generally known that he had been ill.

On his retirement in 1972 Most Rev. Dr. Quinn was succeeded by Most Rev. Dr. Francis McKiernon.

His memory will remain for ever green in a diocese where there are many monuments to his indefatigable energy and dedication as a builder of churches and schools.

He was also Patron of our Association, and took a keen interest in all our activities.

There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral. My wife and I were in Dublin, and travelled to Cavan to represent our Association at the funeral. In the afternoon we visited Most Rev. Dr. F. McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore, to express to him the sympathy of our members. Dr. McKiernan asked us to express his thanks to all members, and he also sent greetings to everyone.

Sympathy is also extended to John Mulvanney on the tragic death of his father, at Lisduff, Virginia. Deceased was a brother of Harry Mulvanney well known to our Association, who died a year ago.

Also to the Widow and family of the late Dr. Mark A. Cooney, retired County M.O.H., Cavan, His son, Garrett, was a member of our Quiz team in years gone by.

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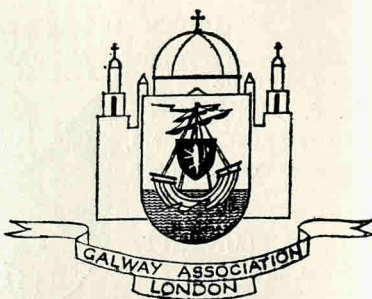
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A Cairdi,

The Annual Re-union Dinner held at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, N.19, on Thursday, October 3rd, 1974, was a gay and socially successful occasion. The food was excellent and the atmosphere just right for a gathering of The Gaels, a fact which was favourably commented on by many patrons making enquiries concerning the next function arranged. The ladies sparkled in their customary manner, whilst the men-folk looked elegant and well groomed as befitted the setting.

Among the principal guests were Mr. J. P. Glesson, K.C.H.S., K.C.S.G., and his charming daughter. Mr. Gleeson is President of the Galway Association. Mr. and Mrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager, Galway. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lynch, Co. Development Officer. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lally, Manager, Ireland West Tourism. Mr. Owen O'Neill representing The Council of Irish Counties. Mr. Paul Murray representing The Irish Ambassador. Mr. John Brooks and friend of the Brooks School of Dancing. Very Revd. Fr. P. Mee, O.M.I., Chaplain, The Irish Centre, London. Very Rev. Fr. Brendan Burke, P.P., Vice-President, Galway Association. Revd. Fr. J. Casey, S.C.M., Chaplain, The Galway Association. The Galway Association of Coventry represented by Rev. Fr. P. Boyle, Secretary, and Mr. M. I. Feeney, Treasurer, together with nine other members.

Copies of the Irish Counties Journal were made available to all patrons who were delighted to have this rather lovely magazine as a souvenir of the London Galwegians night out. The Association takes souvenir of the London Galwegians night out. The Association takes aging Director, the Thomond Publishing Company, who so kindly provided the supply of journals which had been earlier requested. Contained in this issue was an article on Galway as a tourist attraction, specially written by Ireland West Tourism together with an item on the Galway Association of London and one on the Council of Irish Counties written by Bob Daly, Secretary, Galway.

Little girls from the John Brooks School of Dancing in their maroon and white uniforms presented bouquets of flowers to Mrs. S. Keating, Mrs. C. P. Lynch and to Mrs. J. Lally. These youngsters: Natalie Tracey, Deirdre Traynor, Noreen McDonald and Rita Carney, gave a rather magnificent display of Irish dancing and in doing so captured the hearts of all patrons. Mr. John Brooks together with the parents can indeed feel proud of this product of the Brooks School who may one day become World Champions as yet in the making. The flash of maroon and white at this Galway function was most inspiring. Music for the Brooks School was supplied by two attractive young ladies in their early teens: Miss Mary Kilkenny and Miss Mandy Murray. Six suitable gifts were presented on behalf of the Association to these talented youngsters by the Secretary and Mrs. Daly, on completion of dancing.

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THE GALWAY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 18)

Among patrons were representatives from the various County Associations together with well known Galwegians and their groups of friends. The following are but a few: Mr. Dennis Murray, Mr. Tom Conheeny, Mr. and Mrs. P. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nee, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Wally O'Connor, Mrs. K. Crowley, Mr. M. Moore, Mr. M. Gavin, Mr. and Mrs. Treacy, Mr. John Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Keane and party from Coventry Association. Mr. and Mrs. M. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. O. Foye, Mr. Joe McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. S. Meehan, Mrs. F. Fahy, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Peter Ruane, Mr. M. Sullivan, Mr. Noel King, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tierney, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lahiffe, Mr. and Mrs. P. Faherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. Quinn, Mrs. D. O'Neill and Revd. Fr. J. Casey, S.C.M., Mr. T. Lydon. Constructional Engineering was prominent among patrons.

A presentation of an exquisite Cut Glass Vase in Galway Crystal specially produced at Moycullen and bearing the inscription to: "Bob and Chris," Galway Assoc. 1974" which incorporated the emblem of the Claddagh Ring on two sides, was made to Bob and Chris Daly by the Galway Association to mark the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, recently celebrated. The presentation was made by the Chairman, Mr. G. O'Flynn, B.Comm., who expressed sincere congratulations.

A further presentation was made by Mr. J. Lally, Manager, Ireland West Tourism Organisation to Mrs. N. O'Flynn (a Galway Cut Glass Decanter) and to Mrs. C. Daly (a Cigarette Box of Connemara Marble) for efforts in encouraging tourism to Galway and Ireland West.

We look forward to having the pleasure of this grand company at future functions arranged and envisaged. It is indeed gratifying to any secretary to realise that more than 400 friendly and well meaning friends are on hand to lend support to an Association when such support is requested at a hosting of The Gaels.

A special word of thanks to Mr. Paddy Fahey, Photographer, who captured in the magic of his lens, so many gay and happy scenes on this rather lovely occasion.

Bearing in mind that the fourth birthday of the Irish Counties Journal will take place in December, 1974, we, in the Galway Association wish it continued success.

As Chris and I shall visit our family in Florida over the Christmas season we shall not be on hand to offer the usual compliments of the season to our friends. With that in mind, I take this opportunity to extend to our members, to our patrons, to our friends in the County Associations, to the Irish Centre, to the Irish Community in Britain and to the Irish Nation, greetings and good wishes for a holy, happy and peaceful Christmas. May you have peace and plenty. May you have friends to share it.

BOB DALY, Secretary.



ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

Juniors

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. A Butterfly. | 4. August—after Augustus Caesar. |
| 2. Danish. | 5. Poker. |
| 3. Violet. | 6. Donegal. |

VETERANS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Mars. | 4. 'Ol' Man River'. |
| 2. To attempt an impossible task. | 5. That the figure is laying down. |
| 3. The Romans and the Carthaginians. | 6. Oliver Goldsmith. |

OUR WOMENFOLK

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Poplin Manufacture. | 4. Pertaining to or befitting a stepmother. |
| 2. Cloth of alternate stripes of plain and crinkly material. | 5. Nano Nagle. |
| 3. One. | 6. The female side of descent. |

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Bacon and Cabbage Supper.

16th November at the Irish Centre. This function will be the first of our Autumn programme. I am sure it will, as usual, be successful. Tickets £1.75 each and can be had from the Secretary or any of the officers.

Hope House.

By the time this article appears, it is hoped that our series of "25" Card Drives in aid of "Hope House" will be in progress. It is hoped that we will run them every other Thursday night in the Irish Centre.

A Dance.

A Dance has been arranged for the White Hart, Acton, on Saturday, 14th December, and I have no doubt that this popular venue will again prove successful.

Quiz.

By the time you read this our Quiz team will have, we hope, made a successful start by beating Fermanagh. We have a score to settle with them as they beat us recently in the Inter-County Darts Competition. This was a very enjoyable evening and we are looking forward to renewing friendly rivalry with the genial Hughie McCormack and Company.

New Members.

New members are always welcome to our Association, for details contact the secretary.

See you all on the 16th November.

JOE DAVIS, Hon. Secretary.



CAVAN ASSOCIATION (continued from page 17)

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

Tommy and Jimmy Swarbrigg, known as the Swarbrigg Brothers of the Times Showband, have been chosen to sing eight songs in the Irish Song Contest in February next, and to sing the winning song in Stockholm, Sweden in March next. The boys who write all their own songs will have one of their own compositions as an entry in the final. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Swarbrigg, Station Road, Cootehill. We send our best wishes to Tommy and Jimmy when they sing at Stockholm.

COMING EVENTS.

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER: BUFFET SUPPER AND DANCE at the Irish Centre. Tickets £1.50 each. Prompt application is advisable, as these functions are very popular.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, at the Irish Centre, 8.00 p.m. Nomination papers and Motion Forms will be sent to you. We ask you to use them and so share in electing the Officers and Committee, and offering suggestions, for the coming year.

B. F. MULLEN, Hon. Secretary.

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LONDON NEWS—THE EMBASSY

We said goodbye to that very young and handsome First Secretary, Mr. Joe Lynch, who has been appointed First Secretary at our new Embassy in Beirut.

Joe is a charming and humble young man of 27 years old. He was born in County Meath. I believe his mother came from Cavan and his father from Clare, or was it the other way around, Sorry Joe.

When I asked him recently why such a handsome young man did not have a pretty wife by his side his answer was up to now, I have only had time for my career. With such dedicated service, Joe will go a long way in the diplomatic world.

The Irish Counties Journal wish Mr. Joe Lynch continued success in his chosen career.

NEW ARRIVAL

We welcome Tom Lee into London Irish circles, Tom hails from Longford and has come over to manage Mooneys in the Strand. His brother Paddy is his assistant.

Tom's fiancée, Breda Fleming from Killarney, is still at home in County Kerry.

Their marriage takes place near the beautiful lakes on 22nd February, 1975. We wish Tom every success in business and every happiness for his future marriage.

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE

The A.G.M. of the above committee took place recently at the Irish Centre. The Officers returned were: Mr. Jim Conway, Chairman; Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Treasurer; Mr. Jim Griffin, Secretary.

The meeting decided to go ahead with the St. Patrick's Day Parade for March, 1975, and preparations are now in hand for same. Jim Griffin tells me that the parade will be on a small scale similar to 1974. Anyone seeking information on the Parade Committee, should contact Mr. Jim Griffin at 156 Blythe Road, London, W.14., or Tel. 01 - 602 1301.



BUNRATTY CASTLE TRIP

We arrived at Heathrow Airport, rubbing our eyes at 7.30 a.m. deposited our baggage with ease, and proceeded to greet our friends and fellow travellers, Clive Fogarty, though not travelling with us was there at hand to see us off.

At 8.00 a.m. came the news 'all flights cancelled owing to an engineering strike'. We were assured, however, that our plane would leave at 12.30.

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Reunion Dinner Dance in Leitrim.

The Association reunion dance at the Slieve An Iarain Hotel, Ballinamore on Sunday, August 25th, was a great success and was a most enjoyable occasion for the many Leitrim "Exiles" home on holidays. The Association Dinner at the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on the following night (August 26th) will be long remembered as one of the most enjoyable and successful functions organised by the Association. Among those who travelled from London specially for the functions were Rev. Patrick Mee, Director of the Irish Centre, Mr. Michael Mulvanerty, President of the Association, Mr. Jim Fox, Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Sean O'Neil and Mr. and Mrs. P. Redican. The guests at the Dinner included His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Daly, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Mr. Pat Joe Reynolds, T.D., Mr. Joe McLoughlin, T.D., Dr. Hugh Gibbons, T.D., Mr. Josie Martin, County Development Officer, Mr. Seamus McGowan, Vice-Chairman of the Leitrim Co. Board, and Mr. Tony McGowan, County Board Secretary, and Mr. Gregory Dunne, Proprietor of the "Leitrim Observer."

£1,000 Pledge to the Irish Centre Fund.

The Association's pledge of £1,000 to the Irish Centre Fund to assist with the costs of purchasing Hope House and the renovation of the premises now looks like becoming a reality and the recent Church Gate collections in Co. Leitrim will go a long way in reaching the target set by the Association. Final figures for the collections are not yet to hand, but indications are that the response within the County is most encouraging and a clear expression of the concern Leitrim people at home have for their exiles in London.

The late Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Ex T.D.

Leitrim people everywhere were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Ex T.D., Ballinamore, which took place on August 29th. A kind and gracious lady, the late Mrs. Reynolds gave dedicated service to the people of County Leitrim, whom she represented in Dail Eireann from 1932 to 1961. She was the mother of Mr. Pat Joe Reynolds, T.D.

Monthly Meetings of the Association.

The monthly meetings of the Association are held at the Irish Centre on the last Monday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m.

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LEITRIM ASSOCIATION (continued from page 29)

Taken up post in South Africa.

Mr. Michael J. Keegan, an active member of the Association for many years and assistant secretary since 1969, left London on September 15th to take up a post with a London Insurance Company in South Africa. Prior to his departure the Association made a presentation to Mr. Keegan in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Leitrim Association. We wish Mr. Keegan good luck and every success in his new appointment in South Africa.

JAMES FOX (Chairman)



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On the social side a great day is assured, with plenty of fun and lots of bargains, so roll up in your hundreds.

See you on the 7th December.



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Photograph taken by Michael Donnelly at the 1st Dinner of the Irish Sportsmen's Association.

The above Association was recently formed in order to raise funds for various charities. The people responsible for the inauguration of this association are the two dynamic Wexford men, Pat McCabe and Martin Whitty, who leave no stone unturned in their ways and means in achieving their objects in raising funds for their favourite charities. Pat for the St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital and Martin the National Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

In recent months Pat and Martin prevailed on Johnny O'Boyle, Paddy Coyne and Pat Whelan of Gaelic Tele Sports Limited to help form the Irish Sportsmen's Association. The Association was put together in September of this year.

The first venture was collections to be taken up at all London cinemas where the All Ireland Hurling and Football matches were screened. Several pretty nurses from St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital took up duty at the cinemas having done their duty at the hospital. The result was the handing over of £250 to each charity at a dinner at the Inverness Court Hotel recently.

On receiving the cheque for £250 from Johnny O'Boyle, Mr. Desmond Mulvanay, F.R.C.S., thanked everyone connected with the collection especially Pat McCabe. He would earmark the money for a badly needed instrument in the operating theatre. Mr. Mulvanay said that voluntary hospitals found it difficult to get all the equipment needed. We could be assured that the money would help to save somebody's life.

Martin Whitty on receiving his cheque for £250 from Pat Whelan said that he was very grateful to Telesports for allowing the collections. Martin said if you could see the joy on the faces of the people you help send to Lourdes it would indeed be a great thrill to know you helped an invalid to achieve a cherished ambition which would not otherwise be possible.

We wish this Association every success in its future efforts.

EDITOR.



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Mr. Michael Donnelly and Mrs. Kitty Cahill are asking for support for a charity dance to be held at the Gresham on the 20th December, 1974.

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