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As we approach the grandest function of the year that of our London Annual Dinner, I think it would be fitting to give you a message from our Chairman which is as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to Barkers once again for our annual London Dinner. This has been a very busy and successful one for us as an Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support for all our functions throughout the year, and all of you here this evening, it is heartening to see so many old friends.

To the Committee a very special thank you for your hard work during the past year.

May you all have a wonderful evening.

John O'Keeffe, Chairman.

Our Hon. Secretary is very kindly helping my poor brain out this month and the following is her contribution:

The Laois and Waterford Associations pooled their resources together recently to hold a very successful Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the National Club, Kilburn. 350 people sat down to a delicious dinner washed down with the best of German Hocks, the Blue Nun. The meal was quickly and efficiently served by a very courteous group of ladies, who left no stone unturned to make sure we had a hot and well served meal.

The dancing got under way to the music of the ever popular Swinging Doors.

Amongst the many Waterfordians present were a group of men in London for the Tipperary-Waterford Friesan Breeder Conference, led by our own Michael Hayes of All Ireland Hurling fame. They said they enjoyed every minute of the evening and deemed it a fitting finale to their weekend in London and said they were all looking forward to their next trip, hopefully we will have something going on, if we know the dates in time I am sure we can arrange a get together. Practically every Association was represented at this function, and we thank them most sincerely for their support, the profits go to very deserving charities. It goes to show that a successful function can be arranged between two or more Associations even on a Thursday night.

A big thank you to our chairman, Mr. John O'Keeffe for arranging the dinner with the Laois Association, to both committees who worked so hard to sell tickets—no mean task.

Mary Allen, Secretary.

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Irish Society of Harrow

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As there are 11,000 of us at least in the Harrow area I thought you would like to know a little bit of the history of the area in which you live. Here goes the first part.

Headstone Manor, Headstone Lane, Harrow, Middlesex.

Headstone is an important historical site, and research into its history is still being carried out. Much is already known and more significant details have recently been established. The following is a summary:

General History.

The site was part of an acquisition of 100 hides (about 10,000 acres) of local Harrow lands which were given reluctantly by the King of Mercia to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Wulfred, in A.D. 825 "For the benefit of the Church."

A later dispute which also concerned Harrow and this land occurred in A.D. 1094 when the Diocesan Bishop of London unsuccessfully claimed against the Archbishop the right to consecrate the new Parish Church of St. Mary. As a consequence of this the Archbishop made the large parish of Harrow, extending from Alperton and Wembley to Pinner and Harrow Weald, "exempt jurisdiction," that is, a "peculiar" under the direct authority of the Archbishop. This was not abolished until 1845. The Archbishop showed thereafter a keen interest in Harrow, with visits at fairly regular intervals.

The Archbishop maintained a grange at Sudbury near Harrow-on-the-Hill, but in the 14th century the estate was divided into three farms, and in A.D. 1344 Archbishop John Stratford transferred the Demesne, or Grange, to Headstone Farm where he built a manor and chapel enclosed by a "well built moat." It is evident the Archbishops occasionally stayed at this manor.

Archbishop Cranmer took over the Headstone estate on his accession to Canterbury, and two years later in A.D. 1535 a new lease was drawn up with his tenant, Farmer Richard Redying, in which was included a requirement that "Bed, board, linen and starling" shall be provided whenever required, also that the tenant was to have use of the new barn but that the "Archbishop was to reserve three bays at the west end for his own personal use."

The chapel was destroyed some years before the Reformation and the estate was reluctantly surrendered by Archbishop Cranmer to King Henry VIII in 1545 (it is believed with £13 11s. 8d.—the value of the annual rent—as compensation), and it was acquired from the king by
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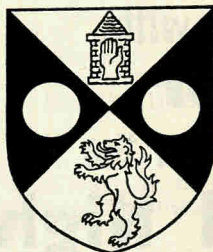
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The Cavan Association in New York organised a trip to Cavan in August. Amongst the many functions organised for our New York cousins was a football match in Kingscourt between a selection of their young members, and the 1966 Cavan team. The home side had an early victory. Weather conditions were the worst ever, and the indoor stadium in Kingscourt was not quite ready for the occasion, so the visitors were at a disadvantage. After the football match a very enjoyable dinner dance was held in the Dun-Na-Ri Hotel where 500 people attended. Tributes were paid to the New York Cavan Association by His Lordship The Bishop of Kilmore, Most Rev. Francis McKiernan. His Lordship spoke of the contribution Cavan people in New York had made to the social, political and religious life of the United States, he also spoke of and paid great tribute to all the kind Cavan people in New York and all over the United States who had been so hospitable to so many of us when in the United States either on a visit or seeking a better life as an emigrant.

Mr. Wilson, the Minister of Education, also welcomed the guests in great style, and paid tribute to the many Cavan people who contributed so much to life in America, and kept our tradition and culture as a valued inheritance to be proud of, and passed on to successive generations.

The London Cavan Association was represented by Mr. Matt Brunton and his wife, Rose. On behalf of all of us Matt welcomed our American friends to Cavan, and extended our warmest congratulations to them on their 130th anniversary. Mr. Brunton thanked Mr. Brian O'Grady for his organising ability in bringing all of this about, and the regal way our American counterparts were treated by the Cavan County Development Board during their stay in our native county. I am sure they went back to America with happy memories of their visit to Cavan, as I came back from America earlier this year with happy memories of my time spent with the Cavan Association of New York.

Our Annual Sit Down Dinner Dance this year is on the 9th November. As you know our dinners have always been a success and we guarantee this year will be no exception. The place is the Irish Centre, Camden Town, and the tickets can be had from any of the committee members. The music will be supplied by the versatile High Kings who are enjoying immense popularity at the moment. The High Kings have the rare ability to be able to supply the right blend of music to suit all ages, young and old. Please book early and alert your friends.

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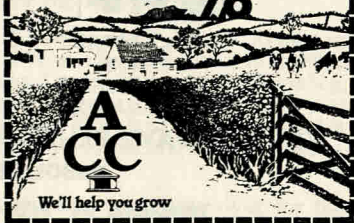
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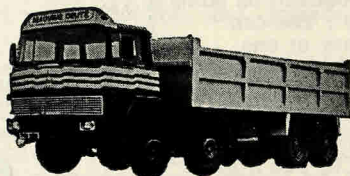
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With the holiday season over and Autumn, 1978, approaching, the social season comes to life, the Association already has had a Bacon and Cabbage Supper held at the Irish Club, Eaton Square.

The highlight of the year for the London Clare Association is the ever popular Dinner Dance at Barker Penthouse, Kensington. We hope to have many visitors from over the sea on November 18th; already all tickets for this Clare "night out" are sold out again. We apologise to many who may be disappointed—the demand for tickets for this function was greater than ever this year.

We thank you for your patronage over the years and we look forward to offering you a hearty cead mile failte personally at Barkers Penthouse on Saturday, November 18th, the chairman and committee will be all waiting on the night to greet you.

There is always the possibility of cancellations please contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Theresa Doyle, or any of the above numbers.

This year it is the turn of West Clare to hold Parish Reunions. Already preparations are being made in West Clare and here in London by the Committee. The Parishes of Cross, Carrigaholt, Kilkee, Doonbeg, Kilrush, Cooraclare, will be held on Thursday, November 16th, at Quex Road, Kilburn. On Monday, November 20th, Irish Centre, Camden Town: Parishes of Killimer, Kilmehill, Kilmurry McMahon, Lissycasey, Coolmenn, Kildysart.

A coach to London from Clare for relatives travelling over for the Reunions is being arranged. For further information contact Tom Mannion, Travel Ennis 21985.

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Waterford Association (continued from page 1)

We held up the press for Waterford Association on this occasion as everybody was so busy organising the many functions for charity we have held recently most of them being very successful. We were having to turn out again for yet another get together at the Holyrood Social Centre at Bushy on the Saturday night following the dinner at the National; a committee meeting on the following Wednesday, and in the meantime preparations for our dinner at Barkers on the 28th of October. Incidentally, our representatives on the Council, John O'Keefe and Wally Smyth who are also members of the Executive of the Council of Irish County Associations had to attend two meetings in between all this.

Going back to the Holyrood, our esteemed committee member, Mr. Jim Keane is Hon. Secretary of that august premises. At the moment Mr. and Mrs. Keane are off on one of their many ballroom excursions up the country somewhere destination unknown, they assure us they will be back in time for our annual dinner.

On the weekend of our annual dinner we have a visiting hurling team coming over from Waterford led by Mr. John Foley; they are to meet Sean Treacys at the G.A.A. Grounds at Eltham on the Sunday afternoon, so please be there to cheer them on.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zacharia Zacharias on the birth of a baby daughter Maria, a sister for Christopher. Mrs. Zacharias is the daughter of our Secretary, Mrs. Mary Allen, who hails from Kilmeaden. Mrs. Allen and yours truly have something in common in that her daughter is married to a Greek gentleman, and my son is married to a Greek lady. Through our members we have a liaison with America, Australia, Persia, France, and now Greece.

Secret Wedding

The wedding took place recently and secretly between Miss Elizabeth Smyth, daughter of Wally and Jane Smyth, of the Irish Counties Journal, and Mr. Tim Pugsley, son of retired Squadron Leader Pugsley and Mrs. Pugsley. The only people in on the secret were their two close friends, musician Andrew Bernie who is the son of an Irish mother and father and his American model wife Irene. We were all done out of a great day, but the password seems to have been "no fuss."

Congratulations to them both may they lead a very long and happy life together.

Congratulations to Orla Burke who has been chosen to represent Ireland at the La Maja International Pageant 1978, at Puerto Rico. Orla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burke of Ferrybank, Waterford.

Congratulations also to two Irish people who are appearing in this year's Royal Variety Performance, namely Mary O'Hara and Danny La Rue.

Jane T. Smyth, Press Officer.

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Clare Association (continued from page 7)

At a committee meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, get well wishes were extended to our Chairman, Sean Igoo, who is in hospital. Hurry up Sean and get well we miss you.

We also extend our get well wishes to Mrs. W. Keane who is very ill in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. W. Keane are active members of the Laois Association.

Sympathy.

We offer our sincere condolences to Mrs. McGrath and her family in London on the death of her husband, Jim. R.I.P.

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Said Mrs. Hall of Prestwood Road, Dovecot: "We have never been to Ireland before and it's many years since we had a proper holiday so we are really looking forward to the trip. My husband and I cannot thank Thelma and her friends enough. They have been very good to us."

Before Mr. and Mrs. Hall left Liverpool they were treated to a champagne reception by Captain Des Keenan and Accounts Office Staff.



Pictured above (left to right) are: Mike McNally, Senior Accounts Clerk; Captain Keenan; Accountant Hubert Davies, Thelma and Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Green-fingered Frank Haydock reckons his prize tomatoes are the best in Britain.

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Moscow—the Old and the New

The present walls of the Kremlin were built 1485 - 1495. The white-stone cathedrals and churches of the 14th and 16th centuries—the Cathedrals of the Assumption, of the Annunciation and of Archangels. The Bell Tower of Ivan the Great, the Church of the Twelve Apostles—are all unique specimens of old Russian architecture.

In 1962 the Museum of Carl Marx and Friedrich Engels was opened, the only museum in the world presenting the life and work of the founders of Scientific Communism. The Museum of the Revolution, the History Museum, the "Battle of Borodino" Panorama Museum opened in 1962, the Tretyakov Art Gallery with its ancient ikons to the works of contemporary Soviet Painters. The A. S. Pushkin Fine Arts Museum with Collection by artists and sculptors from many countries. The Oriental Arts Museum displays the arts and crafts of many eastern countries. The exhibition of the economic achievements of the U.S.S.R. has 70 pavilions illustrating the latest achievements of Soviet industry, farming, science and culture.

There are modern blocks of flats, and the Moscow Metro must be the most beautiful in the world named after V. I. Lenin. "Mayakovskaya" station. When in Moscow a must is the Bolshoi Theatre. More about Moscow another time when space permits.

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The Annual General Meeting of Hillingdon Borough Irish Society took place on Wednesday, 6th September, 1978, the attendance was most encouraging. The Chairman, Joe O'Driscoll, opened the meeting by welcoming all present and reviewed the past year's operations, Joe thanked his fellow officers and committee and all members of the Society for their help and all who supported the many functions organised in the past year.

The Chairman especially thanked the Press: the Editor of the Journal, Mrs. Jane Smyth; the Irish Post; the Irish Weekly; the Hillingdon Gazette, for the help and publicity they have given the Society and not forgetting Capital Radio.

The Secretary, Mr. Finbar Myers, in his report gave an outline of the events of the year, thanked the Chairman, Officers and Committee for their help and support during the year in office as secretary.

His report is as follows: after one year in operation the Society has laid a solid foundation for the future. Your committee has strived over the past year to ensure that this foundation will one day lead to the Irish Centre, which Hillingdon badly needs.

The various functions which we have held during the year have all been a great success both financially and also in getting the Irish people in the borough to meet socially in a good Irish environment. None of this would have been possible without your help, and I speak for all the committee when I express our appreciation for the splendid following you have given to us over the past year.

The Secretary went on to say that it will take some time before we can build our own premises. However, our initial aim is to rent property and have our own bar, etc., and with your backing raise enough capital to build our own centre. Negotiations regarding renting premises are now at a delicate stage and we hope to be able to give you details later.

To the outgoing committee the secretary expressed his thanks for services rendered to the members and supporters and with your backing we can have an even better year ahead.

And from yours truly as press officer for Hillingdon Borough Irish Society a big thank you to my fellow officers for their help and support to me and I look forward to working for the Society for the coming year.

The Society are having a social and dance at Hayes Manor School, Woodend Green Road, Hayes, in October (please ring any of the above officials for details), again we hope for your support. The first annual Dinner Dance will be held at Bothwell Hall, Bothwell Lane, Hayes, on Saturday, October 28th. For further details contact any of the above.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. John Drumney on the sad death of his wife, Betty. John and Betty were members of the Society.

To Mr. Ronald Coleman ex-Mayor of Hillingdon on the death of his wife, Joyce.

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the influential Sir Edward, later Lord North six days later in the new year.

At the time of the enclosure the farm totalled over 410 acres, but particularly with suburban development during the past 100 years it had shrunk to just over 63 acres when it was bought from a Colonel York by Hendon Rural District Council in 1925 to ensure its preservation as an open space. The farm ceased to function in 1928, when it was also known as "Moat Farm."

The Manor.

Following speculation for more than 100 years about the true age of the manor house, survey work, still in hand, has recently shown that portions of the existing house date from about the middle of the 14th century, and that originally contained a now rare timber framed aisled manorial hall. From this, with a newly discovered reference to the Archbishop conducting an Ordination of Priests in the chapel at Headstone in A.D. 1347, it is evident the existing house contains some parts of the manor built for Archbishop Stratford after his acquisition in A.D. 1344. Further research may clarify the extent of the original hall and the location of the chapel.

The large square moat surrounding the house remains virtually as originally built. It is now a rare example of a complete water filled mediaeval moat in the London area.

After the tenant farmer, Rewse, bought it from the North family, the estate expanded and became a busy mixed farm so that in the 19th century there were a number of farm buildings, a small barn, stables, ponds and a manure pump grouped around the tithe barn, as well as some cottages on the farm. The farm buildings deteriorated badly with the farming depression, and the two barns are the only ones to have survived. The small farm barn, constructed in oak framing and elm-board in the traditional manner, dates from about A.D. 1700, and is now a rare example in the Middlesex area.

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B + I News (continued from page 10).

His carrots aren't bad either, and when it comes to growing spuds, onions, apples and oranges he reckons he can teach the experts a thing or two as well.

But his workmates at B + I Line's Liverpool Freight Terminal, Waterloo Docks, think he is blooming crazy. For Frank, a 25 years old Equipment Controller, has his garden in his dockside office.

It all started about 12 months ago when a friend gave him a plant cutting. He stuck it in a bowl in the office and it just grew and grew.

"The we got a couple of tomato plants and some carrot seeds and planted them, too. Things just snowballed, and within a few months we were growing spuds, onions and lettuces," said Frank of Rowan Drive, Kirkby.

He has also got two apple trees and orange bush growing in a paint tin and next year he plans to start a grapevine. "Who knows, we might even make our own wine," he added.

The Mystery of Bus No. W4

It all started about four years ago.

My car required servicing and an acquaintance recommended his garage as being reliable and trustworthy. Armed with a map, I arrived at the garage at crack of dawn, explained my requirements and was assured that the car would be ready for collection that same evening. I asked the garage gentleman how I could get back to town by public transport. "Easy, Guy," he said and pointed out a bus stop immediately opposite the garage from whence a short ride on Bus No. W4 would deposit me in the forecourt of Finsbury Park Underground Station and from there, the underground train to Central London. Almost immediately, a bus arrived with a large W4 displayed in front which duly terminated at Finsbury Park. I purchased a morning paper from a newstand beside the entrance and an apple from a fruit barrow on the other side and set off for town.

That evening, I returned to Finsbury Park, bought an evening paper from the same newsvendor, purchased another apple from the same barrow and strolled over to the W4 terminus. Signs indicated where buses W1, W2 and W3 pulled in but no W4 sign. I asked a hovering bus inspector for the whereabouts of the W4 bus stop. Looking at me in a rather puzzled manner, he replied that there was no such a bus as a W4. I glanced over at the newsvendor and the fruit seller to assure myself that they were the same persons from whom I made purchases only 8 hours or so previously.

I assured the inspector that I had arrived in a W4 bus only that morning but backing away slightly, he reiterated that there was no such a bus. Approaching the two sales gentlemen, I asked them whether they remembered me from that morning. The newsvendor said he did, but when queried about the whereabouts of the W4 bus stop, said he had never heard of it. Rather despairingly, I stopped about six people emerging from the station, asking them the same question but none acknowledged the existence of a W4 bus. Eventually, I hailed a taxi, gave him my map my friend had drawn for me and arrived at the garage to collect my car.

For some reason unknown to myself I did not ask the garage about the W4 bus. As my friend has left the country long since and as I did not retain his map, I have no idea where the garage is now although I have driven miles trying to locate it. When I meet somebody who lives in that particular part of London, I say casually "Ah that's on the W4 bus route." Blank stares greet my subtle question and the mystery remains.

Being of sound mind, I hereby testify

- (a) I was not drunk.
- (b) I do not suffer from hallucinations.
- (c) There is, is, **IS** a No. W4 bus.

Michael Brazil.

OUR QUIZ



1. According to Greek Mythology how were the dead transported to Hades
2. What was a Diligence?
3. When and where did the earliest bicycle race take place?
4. What type of sporting event takes place at the England Club?
5. What besides Grog, do sailors measure by the glass?
6. Which is the Tom Thumb of Trees?
7. What is the occupation of a Syce?
8. How can you hear Big Ben strike thirteen at midnight?
9. When were bachelors taxed in England?
10. At what point on the Equator is there permanent snow?
11. What is a Dutch Concert?
12. What is Ringo Starr's real surname?

(Answers on page 20)



Farewell to Martin Whitty, K.S.G.

A very small and elite dinner party was held at the Inverness Court Hotel on Sunday last for two reasons: one was to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Whitty, and the other was for Martin to hand over a cheque for £3,000 to Our Lady of Lourdes Society for the Sick Fund, Martin who has collected nigh on £30,000 for the fund in recent years, takes himself back to Co. Wexford for a well earned retirement.

The dinner party was headed by the Rt. Rev. Victor Guazzelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

Mr. Tony Murphy, from Cork, proposed the toast to Our Lady of Lourdes Society and in doing so was loud in his praises for the magnificent work done by Martin Whitty in order to get sick pilgrims to Lourdes who otherwise could not afford to do so.

Clareman Mr. Michael Vaughan who was the toastmaster for the evening coupled his remarks with those of Mr. Murphy and wished Mr. and Mrs. Whitty a long and happy retirement in Co. Wexford. Mrs. Jane Smyth of the Irish Counties Journal proposed the toast to Martin and in doing so stressed the wish of all present that Martin would return to take dinner with his friends at the Inverness Court again next year, as we had all been attending this special dinner for so many years it had become one of the most important functions in the London social calendar.

Mr. Whitty goes back to his origins, he was born in Whitechurch, New Ross, Co. Wexford. Martin held various offices with the Wexford Association including Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Whitty was on the Committee of the Kennedy Memorial Fund, Chairman of St. Josephs Festival, Martin is also a K.S.G.

Mrs. Whitty is a native of Gowran, Co. Kilkenny, and was the former Miss Nora Pendergast. Mrs. Whitty was as we say "the power behind the throne," she helped Martin by answering the 'phone and being general dogsbody, and being left at home night after night while Martin did his begging rounds for the poor and sick.

The St. Joseph's Festival Committee founded by Martin was a committee of two, Mrs. Margaret Tucker who did the typing, etc. I am sure Margaret would not mind me saying something I heard Fr. Paddy Sheridan saying a few years ago when he was at the Irish Centre, London: "The best committee is a committee of two with one always absent." In that way one has no one to consult with or debate with and the job is done better and faster.

The Irish Counties Journal wishes Mr. and Mrs. Whitty every happiness in their retirement.

Eddie Macken and Kerrygold at Wembley

As we went to press Eddie Macken was preparing for the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley. Eddie who is a brilliant horseman is confident that Kerrygold will put on a great performance. It will be Kerrygold's first appearance since his fall at Hickstead last July. Eddie was heartbroken and so were the spectators who let out a big sigh when he fell at the water.

It is a pleasure to watch Eddie Macken ride at any event but with Kerrygold its a real source of pride and joy. Macken and Kerrygold were second in the World Championships at Hickstead in 1974 and 2nd in the European Championships in Vienna last year.

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Heritage

Congratulations to Irish Heritage on the trojan work put into their special tour of England to commemorate Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy.

Catherine McAuley was born of quite well off parents in Dublin 200 years ago on September 29th. Catherine spent all her life looking after the poorest and most degraded in Ireland and England up to the time of her death at the age of 63 years.

It is fitting that Irish Heritage should honour this fine lady from the past. Members of Heritage are both English and Irish. Their tour starts at the Seymour Hall on the 14th of October at 2.30 p.m. and then goes on to Doncaster, Abingdon, Oxon, Bristol and Wolverhampton.

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Answers to Our Quiz

1. They were ferried by Charon across the River Styx.
2. A type of Stagecoach.
3. 30th May, 1868, in Paris.
4. Lawn Tennis. It is the home of the Wimbledon Championships.
5. Half-hours or barometric pressure.
6. Alpine Willow (one inch).
7. A Groom.
8. Twelve by Wireless, last stroke without.
9. In the reign of William III. Esquire 25 shillings, Gentlemen 5 shillings, Man 1 shilling.
10. Mount Kenya.
11. One concluded by drinking.
12. Starkey.

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The Things I Loved

The open hearth the turf-fires glow
Happy thoughts of long ago,
A winding path, a peaceful lane,
The fragrance of roses after summer rain,
The old folks greeting—in the Gaelic tongue,
I remember well; when I was young,
The vixen's call—on a moonlight night,
Filled my boyish heart with fright,
How the aged oak—in the valley sighed
When storms swept the countryside.
Then I awoke one morning to find
I had left the thing I loved behind,
Oh! how often since, in another clime,
Have I journeyed home in every rhyme.

Michael Hannon.

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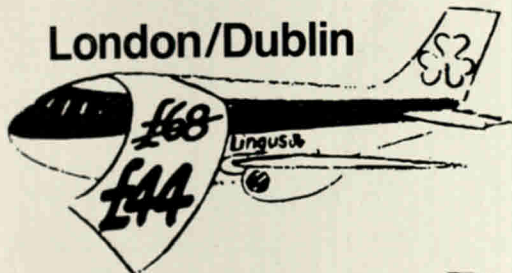
Riddles

- Q. What is the difference between the North Pole and the South Pole?
A. All the difference in the world.
Q. Why did the Boy Scout feel dizzy?
A. Because he did too many good turns.
Q. What is the difference between a hungry boy and a boy who is always eating?
A. One longs to eat—the other eats too long.
Q. When is a sheep like ink?
A. When it is in a pen.
Q. When are streets greasy?
A. When the rain is dripping.
Q. When does a cow become a piece of land?
A. When it is turned into a field.
Q. What is the most popular tune in the world?
A. A fortune.
Q. The longer I live the smaller I grow, you can knock me out with just one blow. What am I?
A. A candle.
Q. What is the best way to make a fire with two sticks?
A. Make sure one of them is a match stick.
Q. What has two wings but cannot fly?
A. A football team.
Q. Why is it never safe to sleep in trains?
A. Because trains run over sleepers.

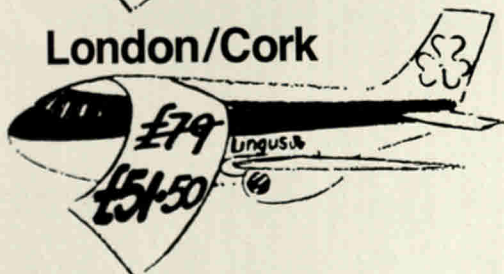
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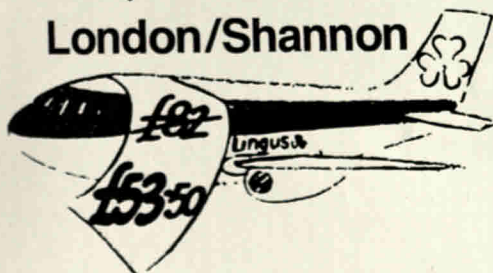
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