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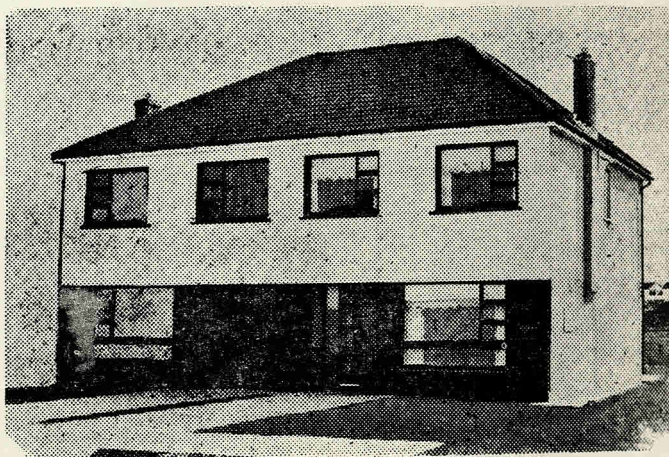
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Annual Welfare Report (continued from March)

Three Case Studies (All names and places are fictitious)

Case 1.

Paula, 16 years, ran away from home, with John, a 19 year old English boy, with whom she had become very friendly, while he was holidaying in her home town in Ireland. She did not inform her family of her departure and for some weeks her whereabouts were unknown. Through a series of telephone calls from her parish-priest, social workers and her family, information was built up and eventually, through the efforts of some relatives, John's family were located. They did not know where John lived but they had an address for a friend of his. Further telephone calls established that John visited and sometimes lived at his friend's flat.

A visit was made to the flat which was in a very depressed area of the city and well known for a high rate of crime and delinquency.

Paula was staying there with a young pregnant girl and a few young men—all of whom had been served with an eviction order. There was no food and very little money, but the others shared with Paula who had no money at all and who was afraid to go outside because of the unfamiliarity and threat of the area.

John, who was being questioned by the police because of a local burglary, had scarcely bothered with her since her arrival. She was obviously pleased at our intervention and possibly secure in the idea that now there was a way out, and to save face with the others she decided she would go home the following week. Another visit was made, and she was reassured that her parents wanted her back.

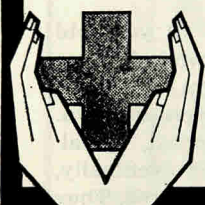
On the day prior to the eviction she was escorted to the airport. John decided to accompany her but was clearly relieved to be rid of her. It was only in the final moments before boarding that plane that her pleasure at going home became evident, although she expressed anxiety about the reception she would get from her parents. A letter from her mother a week later told of the happiness and relief at her safe return.

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Report of the First Community Care Conference

(continued from last month)

Statia Crickley then spoke on the subject "What is Welfare — Community Care" — and as always Statia showed a wonderful understanding of her subject and her talk was both informative and thought-provoking. Why can't our Irish community be as aware of their rights and the services that are available to them—as other communities are? This question having been posed—Statia developed her talk and went on to appeal to delegates to press their Societies to be more demanding in seeking answers to questions—thus helping their own community and making them aware of what is available. She impressed on the need for Societies to defend human rights — she was aware of our vulnerability as a people but she said we should not hesitate to become involved where our rights as a people are concerned. Like Gerry Corr, Statia expressed concern at our ageing population here in Britain—we should all be aware of this—it may not be a massive problem today but in a few years we will find it becomes an area of great need. Let us plan towards it, she said. She appealed to Societies to project their image locally, make the local authority aware of the work we do—we could be very surprised at the reaction we might get from them. Welfare if nothing else—is an acute awareness of people in need, community care is a means of helping this need.

Group sessions then followed with some very lively discussions and active participation by all the delegates. Following this, Rev. Fr. Bobby Gilmore chaired the Plenary Sessions where each group was afforded the opportunity of discussing their group's discussions, and again this provided a very lively and informative session.

Lunch time arrived and we were treated to an excellent lunch which did credit to the Irish Centre.

Immediately after lunch, our Chairman, Gearoid O'Meachair, spoke on the subject "What can be done with so little for so many?" . . . and as he has shown regularly at our meetings Gearoid showed a real depth of feeling for his subject and his talk gave us quite a lot to think about. Are we trying to do too much to solve the needs? Are we aware that there are times when people in need require only a friendly ear to confide in, somebody to sit down to talk to, somebody from their own background, a friendly chat can be a life saver to some. On a wider scale the functions we organise within our Societies go towards meeting the needs of people. He went on to develop what he saw as the work of the community care officer in each society. He realised it was a venture which would require the whole-hearted support of Societies, only good could come of it, nobody should feel that they are not equipped for such work, the Welfare Sub-Committee will provide all the guidance that is required, at any time or place, Mr. O'Meachair called for action—we have been talking long enough—let us get out in the field where the work awaits us—the work of helping our community here in Britain.

Debates followed and it was clear that the delegates were completely committed to the idea of Community Care Officers in each society.

At around 4.30 p.m. the day ended and Gearoid in his summing up remarks paid tribute to all who participated and felt that this had been a historic day for Irish Welfare.

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Dear Members,

Our next function is our Annual Enniscorthy Town reunion dance which takes place this year on Easter Saturday, April 10th at the Cavendish Ballroom, The Spotted Dog, Willesden High Road, NW10. Music by The Graces, dancing 9 p.m. till 1.30 a.m., bar extension. Please note the final of the Old Time Waltz competition takes place during the evening. Coming over from Enniscorthy will be the Rappers GAA Club who will be in attendance at this dance as will be the Bannow-Ballymittee under age team. Clongeen under age team and Bunclody Senior Footballers who will be hosted by the Fr. Murphy GAA Club over the Easter period. We urge all our Wexford exiles to attend this dance and meet some old friends.

Jumble Sale.

A jumble sale takes place at the Willesden Youth Club, St. Andrews Road, Willesden NW10 on Saturday, April 24th. This is to raise funds for our childrens Christmas party. Sale starts at 1.30 p.m.

Buffet Dance.

By popular request from our members a buffet dance is arranged which will take place at the Irish Centre, Murray Street, Camden Town on Saturday, 1st May (Mayday). Music by Mick Maloney and Side-tracks. Tickets are now on sale and can be had from the Chairman Michael Sills 452 3443, Secretary Kitty Cullen 965 6045, Pat Clegg 388 0172, Jim Ryan 205 9558 or any committee member.

Youth Club.

Our Chairman Michael Sills is pleased to inform you that the association youth movement is now growing in strength, already they have taken part in under age quiz competitions and as a result of a meeting held recently a sub-committee has been formed to look after our four under age GAA teams entered in the London County Board under age GAA competitions. This committee comprises of members of both the association and Fr. Murphy's Club. P. J Fortune is Chairman of the committee. Secretary is Jim Ryan, assistant secretary is Phil Roche and treasurer Martin Kirwin. Parents with children wishing to play under age Football or Hurling contact Jim Ryan 205 8558. To raise money for this club we have raffle tickets on sale for very valuable prizes, the draw will take place on 5th June. So please buy a book of tickets and support the youth.

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Dear Friends,

I would like to start by thanking all of you who came along to the St. Patrick's Parade and Mass on Sunday, 14th March. The Cavan contingent was larger than last year and I was delighted to meet so many of our members and their families, many of whom had travelled quite a distance for the occasion. The concelebrated mass in Westminster Cathedral was really lovely and Bishop Duffy's presence was an added bonus. I'm pleased to say that Cavan was well represented on the altar by Fr. Seamus Hetherton and Fr. Paddy Sheridan and I must say a special word of thanks to the Gaynor family and the Fitzpatrick family who sent along their sons to act as altar servers.

On the 17th March, to celebrate the national day some of the committee attended the Dinner Dance at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington. The evening proved to be one of great celebration in the Cavan camp. Firstly we are the joint winners (along with Clare) of the Vaughan Cup. This trophy is presented each year by the Irish Centre in recognition of the counties fund raising efforts. The committee members present were extremely surprised and highly delighted to obtain this honour and I can assure you the champagne flowed that night. Our second cause for celebration was that our Vice Chairman Terry Farrelly was lucky enough to win the B+I voucher for £75 in the raffle organised on behalf of the council Parade fund.

The first Cavan social function of the year is a dinner dance being held on Saturday, 5th June in the McNamara Hall. More details will follow nearer the time but do pencil the date in your diaries.

Sadly I have to relate the passing of a Cavan elder statesman, Mr. Paddy Smith a former Minister of Agriculture, who died recently in his native Cootehill in Cavan. He was quite a personality and I'm sure will be remembered by many Cavan folk.

Finally may I finish by wishing you all a very happy and holy Easter.

See you soon.

Bridie Reilly.

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The Clare Association London held a Bacon and Cabbage dinner dance at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, London on Saturday, 20th March. The food was excellent, cooked by the centre chef, Jim, who did a wonderful job in the kitchen with his assistants. Our thanks to John the manager who left nothing undone to make sure everyone enjoyed the meal, not forgetting the waitresses, who did an excellent job.

It was nice to see all the old faces, once again and many new faces. The Green family and party who travelled from Reading to be with us for the first time. Andy Murphy one of our members came along with a large party from the Lewisham and Brockley area. When the meal was over dancing continued till midnight. We look forward to meeting you all in the near future at the Irish Centre.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade. On Sunday, 14th county associations marched with their banners, pipe bands and floats from Horse Guards Parade via Whitehall and Parliament Square to Westminster Cathedral, where Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Duffy and immigrant Chaplains. Clare was well represented at the Parade with our MP member Mr. Michael O'Halloran walking all the way. Clare was also well represented at the Annual dinner of the Council of Irish County Associations, held at the Royal Garden Hotel Kensington, London W8, on St. Patrick's night. Over 400 patrons from different County associations took part in this festive occasion.

The Clare Association is proud and honoured to share the John Vaughan Trophy with the Cavan association for their help with the Irish Centre for 1981.

The London Irish Festival will be held on 4th July at Roundwood Park, Willesden, London NW10. This function has in the past drawn a
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Less than 200 people sat down to our pre St. Patrick's Day Dinner on 13th March last, however all those people who didn't come missed a jolly good evening. The only complaint I heard was that the band could have been better. The dinner itself was superb especially for the cost. Talking about cost, of course, it's the same people who support all dinners and in these days of recession it would be difficult for the most prosperous amongst us to find the expensive petrol plus dinner and spending money, etc., to attend all the Irish functions in and around London going on these days here are at least two Irish functions every night of the week besides lunches, festivals, concerts, that I know of personally, God alone knows how many other Irish functions are taking place I don't know about. Each year we Irish are more organised but our numbers are dwindling and it's the same people attending Comhaltas sessions, hurling and football matches, Ceili's, Feish's, dinners, dances, etc. More functions and less people and even more charities to support put a strain on our purse strings.

Well to get back to our dinner at the Irish Centre we were very pleased to welcome Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Duffy, Bishop of Clogher, who came over from Ireland to be the Chief Concelebrant at the Mass at Westminster Cathedral on the 14th. We also had the honour of having Mr. Seamus Troy (Westmeath), Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hegarty (Donegal), Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCormack (Fermanagh), Mr. and Mrs. Don Marron (Monaghan), Fr. Claude Malone, Director of the Irish Centre, Mr. Michael O'Regan, Chairman of the Rose of Tralee (London) and his wife Mary, incidentally Michael presented his Rose Tie to Maria Peacock, a semi-finalist of the Rose of Tralee in Kerry about 12 years ago. Maria was thrilled to receive the tie and they had a good chat about how the Rose title was organised then and now.

Other people chatting were Kevin Butler's daughter Sheila, and Wally Smyth's daughter Elizabeth, who went to school together. Someone who has been absent for some years, Hopper Doyle I think his name is John or is it Pat, forgive me Hopper but the name will always stick with us old ones. Hopper was one of Waterford's great hurlers and wore the Waterford shirt for 12 years. Welcome back Mr. Doyle. On the next table Billy Kiely and company discussing their forthcoming trip to America. Billy is a longstanding member and secretary of the Cuchulainn's Hurling and Football Club. We wish Billy and his club a very happy stay in America.

It was nice to see the chairman's lady back amongst us for the night having suffered a stroke a short time previously. Mamy told me she could only see shadows and had to hear the voice before recognising

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The course will also include receptions for students both in the City and in the University and an evening of Traditional Irish Entertainment. Students will have access to an important collection of books relating to the History and Literature of Ireland. The University Restaurant will be open to visitors throughout the Summer. Tennis, boating and other recreational facilities of the University will be available to participants in the Summer Courses.

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—Mediaeval Banquet at the picturesque sixteenth-century Castle of Dunyuaire on an inlet of Galway Bay.

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Of Kilkenny Interest

The Bicentenary of St. Kierans College

Celebrations for the Bicentenary of St. Kierans College will be carried out throughout the coming year.

At the launching of the Ceremonies on the 5th March a message was read out from Pope John Paul II who paid tribute to the college for the trojan work and magnificent contribution to the Catholic Church throughout the world. The Holy Father said that St. Kierans had produced both priests and laymen who kept the faith alive in so many parts of the world that it had become a beacon lighting the path to salvation.

Fifty priests from the dioceses most of them past pupils of St. Kierans concelebrated mass at St. Mary's Cathedral which was built on the site of the first college. The principal concelebrant being the most Reverend Dr. Forristal, Bishop of Ossory. One of the concelebrants was that well known hurling man Fr. Tommy Maher who trained seven winning all Ireland Hurling teams. Bishop Forrestal, in his address said that a lot of changes had occurred in Ireland in the past 200 years. The college as others like it had produced many great men who were the leading lights to those many changes.

The mass was attended by Bishop Noel Willoughby, Church of Ireland, Bishop of Ossory and Rev. R. Cooper, Methodist Minister.

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St. Patrick's Day at Cheltenham

Champagne and Smoked Salmon was the order of the day on the 17th March at Cheltenham with sprigs of Shamrock half a foot wide and the strains of 'Danny Boy' from Country and Western star Roly Daniels (Dublin) from the rostrum of the winners enclosure, after leading in his horse 'Hazy Dawn' who had won the National Hunt Challenge Cup. The first time Roly ever entered a horse in a race when most owners around the world would almost give their very lives just to own a horse fit for this great three day hurdle festival. Still there was no malice among the Irish they cheered him all the way and shouted for him to give them a song and he did not disappoint them. The horse has the same initials as his hit record "Hello Darling", I guess he had some help in buying her from his brother-in-law Terry Casey (Donegal) who is a former jump jockey.

Shamrock was flown over by Aer Lingus and hostess Andrea Bellamy pinned it on the winner of the opening event, Minster Donovan owned by Mr. J. P. McManus (Limerick).

To make it a hat trick, as on the previous day for St. Patrick's Day the other winner of the day was 'Double Again', owned by Mr. Pat McBennet (County Down).

The three winners for the Irish on the 16th were 'Miller Hill' owned by Jim Harvey (County Down) who won the Waterford Glass Supreme Novice Hurdle. Tommy Carberry's mount 'Brockshee' in the Arkle Chase, Tommy's 20th anniversary at Cheltenham.

The £20,000 Waterford Crystal Hurdle was won by Mr. Danno Heaslip's 'For Auction' ridden by amateur jockey Collin Magnier. Mr. Heaslip and his brother Mick (Galway) flew in the evening before just in time to have smoked salmon sandwiches at the Golden Valley Hotel at 5.00 p.m.

Being Waterford myself and having had a Wexford mother and father I had my shirt on 'Daring Run' owned by Mrs. Helen Doyle of Enniscorthy to win the £20,000 Waterford Crystal Hurdle but I can't complain as it was truly a wonderful race and 'For Auction' romped home seven lengths in front of all the opposition.

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Clare Association (continued from page 8)

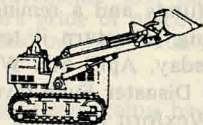
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May I remind you once again the parish reunions for West Clare will be held at the Irish Centre in November. Also Annual Dinner will be held on November 27th. Dates for parish reunions to be arranged later.

A happy Easter to all our members and friends—Slainte till next time.

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Tacumshawe Lake Disaster Fund.

We thank everyone who supported the Disaster Dance which took place at the Galymore Club on Friday, March 12th. A special thanks to Mike Meybo and the committee of St. Andrew's Church Club, Dollis Hill, New Ross Association. Fr. Murphy's GAA club, London Wexford Mummies and all our members who sold tickets and also to County Associations who made donations. To the Press, Irish Post, Willesden Chronicle, Wexford People and Mr. Noel Slaves, Ellesmere Port, for Posters and publicity afforded to us. To the Manager of Galtymore Club, Mr. Seamus Lees for donating hall, tickets and Bands free of charge. To Gerry Feeney B+I Line, Dermot Hogan, Irish Tourist Board, Bridie Shaw, Carlow Association and Mr. Sean Diviney the Prince of Wales, Kilburn NW6 for their kind gestures in donating prizes for raffles. To date we have collected £6000 in funds and a reminder to people having dance ticket money outstanding to return it together with unsold tickets to our Chairman by Tuesday, April 6th. We also thank Mr. Christopher Doyle, treasurer of the Disaster Fund favouring us with his presence by coming over from Wexford to attend dance.

St. Martin's GAA Club Golden Jubilee Book.

We would like to remind any Wexford exiles who come from the parishes of Drinagh, Murrington, Piercestown or outlying areas, that this book brilliantly edited by Dr. Ned Culleton, covers the history of the Martins Club in great detail, over the past fifty years, not alone that but it also covers the GAA history of the parish long before the formation of the Club in 1932. It also covers the history of the DMP Athletic Club and also Camogi Club as also is the history of the parish fully covered by Nicholas Furlong, after having read a copy of the book. Our Chairman has this to say, "This book, with its well researched articles and pictures brought back memories flowing as if it were only yesterday and with all the familiar faces that keep popping up reminded one of the good old days and gave one a yearn for the homeland."

The book costs Five Irish Punts and with its 162 pages is good value for money. For people wanting to buy the book contact Michael Sills on 452 3443 or write to him at 153 Ellesmere Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10.

We wish our committee member Mrs. Mary Murphy a speedy recovery to health after her spell in Hospital. We offer our deepest sympathy to the Vice-Chairman Mr. Pat Clegg on the death of his father, Robert. Also to Mrs. Johnny Cullen and children on the death of her husband and Mrs. Eddie Lynch and children on the death of her husband. R.I.P.

Michael Sills, Chairman.

Of Dublin Interest

The Property Market in Ireland

With the property market as it is in Eire at the moment with plenty to choose from and your £1 Sterling worth at least 25% more in Ireland it is a great opportunity to buy for people living in England whether for an investment for the future retirement or holiday home, prices are very keen and the new homes sprouting up now that spring is here are something to see and according to location about half the cost of a similar house here.

Improvements are taking place as each year goes by and the woman's pride of place the kitchen which in itself sells houses if properly laid out has made great strides in the past few years.

Most of you going back to live in your native country seem to like the idea of living in Dublin or its suburbs in order to have easy access to the friends you made in England and especially those of us in London with Aer Lingus to carry us across in less than an hour to visit the long standing friends we made during our many years stay in this country.

You need look no further than the Phoenix Park that long standing landmark of Dublin, close by you will find Langan Builders Ltd. are showing some fine homes at a very low cost. Mr. Nial Langan told me he chose this spot in order that his clients could have easy access to the centre of Dublin—10 minutes drive away—its theatres, universities, museums, shops, etc., especially in these days of high cost petrol and rail fares. Then of course the sea is so much nearer when you live in Dublin as opposed to London with the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains practically at your feet. A day's outing to the sea or the mountains is as easy as a day's shopping in Dublin as most of your day can be spent at your destination instead of trying to get there which makes life a lot easier and less costly.

This year being the Joyce Centenary puts Dublin more in focus with celebrations during the month of June and the unveiling of the bust of Joyce as an old man which has been described as "The inner man looking back at his beginnings." The lucky sculptor from the models submitted was American born Majorie Fitzbibbon and it is appropriate that American Express have sponsored same; Joyce himself would have approved as we all know people of worth are not fully appreciated in their own lifetime and Joyce had to live on credit for most of his life. The quotation on the plinth will be taken from "Portrait of an Artist," "Crossing Stephens, that is, my green." As Joyce during his lifetime referred to St. Stephen's Green as his green. The bust will face across the lawns of St. Stephen's Green towards the tall Georgian front of University College, Dublin's Newman House where Joyce was a student from 1899 to 1902.

Irish Food Festival

From 5th April, 1982, the West Centre Hotel, based at Lillie Road, Fulham, S.W.6, are holding a six-day Irish Food Festival beginning with a cocktail party on the evening of 5th with Aer Lingus and the Dairy Board lending their support. A raffle prize by B + I Line will be presented by the reigning Rose of Tralee.

Guests will be greeted by General Manager, Mr. Michael Bowen and Sales Manager, Linda Brown, with a green cocktail made up of gin and creme de menthe blended with pineapple juice and served in sugar rimmed glasses with a slice of orange and a green cherry; the cocktail is named "The Shillelagh." Another cocktail called "The Shamrock" is concocted with the help of Irish Whiskey, and sweet Martini poured over crushed ice.

The green and white menu will be on the tables in the Baron Carver Restaurant with dishes to wet the appetite such as Dublin Bay Prawns, County Galway Meat Loaf, Yeat's Beef Casserole, Limerick Ham, O'Connors Fresh Haddock, Honey Mousse, Spiced Apple Cake and Marshmallows.

Summer Schools (continued from page 11)

—Tour through Connemara to South Mayo via Cong, ancient Monastic site (and famous as location for "The Quiet Man") returning via Annaghdown, deathplace of St. Brendan.

—Druid Theatre, a professional company, with an international repertoire; particularly well known for its excellent performances of plays by Irish authors.

—Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, Galway's Gaelic Theatre which provides entertainment all year around through the medium of the Irish language.

Course Lecturers are as follows:

Professor Thomas Kilroy, Department of Modern English; Professor Breandán O Madagáin, Department of Modern Irish; Professor Gearóid MacEoin, Department of Old and Middle Irish; Professor Nicholas Canny, Department of Modern History; Professor Etienne Rynne, Department of Celtic Archaeology; Professor Brian John, McMaster University, Ontario; Dr. Hubert McDermott, Department of Modern English; Dr. Riana O'Dwyer, Department of Modern English; Dr. Brian O'Rourke, Department of Modern English; Dr. Michael MacCraith, Department of Modern Irish; Dr. Seamus MacMathuna, School of Celtic Studies, University of Ulster; Dr. J. Stewart, Department of English, Copenhagen University; Dr. Nollaig MacCongáil, Department of Modern Irish; Dr. Pádraig O hEalái, Department of Modern Irish; Mr. Thomas P. O'Neill, Department of History; Mr. Gerald Dawe, Department of Modern English.

It is interesting to note that the President of the College is due to give a lecture at the Challoner Club, Pont Street, Chelsea, S.W.1, on 25th April next arranged by the National University of Ireland Club.

Irish Cultural Activities, London

Brendan Mulkere, Chairman of the Irish Cultural Activities, London, asked me to point out to readers that the Polytechnic of North London, is currently planning a short course on Irish Studies to begin '82/83 with a view to developing a certificate course for '83/84. This certificate course is being planned in conjunction with the Extra Mural Studies Department of the University College, Galway. Anybody wishing any information on the course should contact Brendan preferably by letter enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to 7 King Henry's Road, London, N.W.3. Editor.

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Waterford Association (continued from page 10)

somebody, so her friends must not think that she has become elusive since Paddy has become our chairman.. It was very courageous of Mrs. Reddy to accompany Paddy for his first public function. Mamy told me she had to go back to hospital again so here's hoping that by the time she reads this she will be sitting up in hospital with a galaxy of flowers and cards she can read.

It was also good to see Mrs. Bridie Neeves after her long illness and even hobbling around selling our raffle tickets. Bridie is well known among our readers, she is P.R.O. and Press Officer for so many organisations her name appears quite often in this Journal and now I believe she has taken on the task of Press Officer for the Council of Irish County Associations, yes she does get time to cook a meal for her English husband and he in fact helps her with her charity work. Len handles all the ticket money and makes sure it gets in, in time to the various organisations.

Johnny Franklin had a party of people there who had never been to a Bacon and Cabbage Dinner before and found it to be most enjoyable.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The number of people walking in the St. Patrick's Day Parade behind the Waterford banner was absolutely pathetic not even the full complement of committee members. It made me feel very sad as I personally have only missed walking in two parades since I joined the association 25 years ago. At one stage before the troubles in our dear country we had 300 people behind the Waterford banner. Old stalwarts Wally Smyth and Paddy Stafford were there as usual, our new Chairman Paddy Reddy (without his chain of office, he said it was too heavy). A lady who walks every year and comes to our annual meeting, don't remember her name. The Auldsberry's were there in force and contrary to what the men of other groups thought our males are gentlemen, and in fact Ruth and Kitty did really want the honour of carrying the Waterford banner and carried it very proudly and ably all the way.

Mary Allen was doing her part at the cathedral by being there to see that everything was going well as Secretary of the Council, she was audible and precise in her rendering of the bidding prayers in conjunction with Gerry O'Flynn, Chairman of the Galway Association and Secretary of the Irish Centre. Chairman of the Council and member of Westmeath Association, Seamus Troy gave the reading from the Prophet Jeremiah. With Most Rev. Joseph Duffy, D.D., Bishop of Clogher, especially over from Ireland as Chief Celebrant for the Concelebrated Mass at Westminster Cathedral, the Ambassador in attendance the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Federation of Irish Societies and our Member of Parliament, Clareman Mr. Michael O'Halleran, leading the procession it was a wonderful orderly parade and the rafters of the cathedral echoed to the finishing touches of Hail Glorious St. Patrick.

Golf for the Irish Centre Building Fund

The golf outing at Trent Park was a great success and the £10,000 target was met. Great credit must go to Tony Beatty, Captain of our Golf Section, for the wonderful achievement. Will tell you more about the day next month. We stopped the press to give you the results which are as follows: Morning Major Tournament: 1st, Mr. O. Foye and Mr. J. Ruane; 2nd, Mr. P. Gallagher and Mr. B. Reynolds; 3rd, Mr. M. Lennon and Mr. S. Lillie; 4th, Mr. T. Beatty and Mr. Garry Hill; 5th, Mr. B. O'Neill and Mr. B. Sheridan

Afternoon Tournament: 1st, Mr. J. Power and Mr. J. Lumy; 2nd, Mr. J. Carter and Mr. K. Curtis; 3rd, Mr. V. James and Mr. P. Graham; 4th, Mr. L. Graystoce and Mr. P. Wallace; 5th, Mr. M. Goggins and Mr. A. McGuinness.

Watch this space next month. Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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11th Annual Report

Introduction

This is the Bureau's eleventh annual report and we are happy to share with you the comings and goings of the past year. In keeping with the depressing picture that we are all so familiar with, it will be no surprise to you to know that the Report is but another story in the long saga of the less fortunate now falling further and further behind in the poverty, accommodation and bread-line stakes. At the outset that is our overall feeling about the past year. It is based on the types of problems that faced us and the sharp rise in the numbers of people of all kinds and ages calling on us for help of every conceivable kind.

To meet these increasing needs, to feel capable of supplying the various wants, a tremendous back-up operation is necessary, and so this year I would like to say something to those people who by their caring attitude have become part of the operation that enabled us to cater for last year's 4,436 callers.

The importance of your role cannot be emphasised enough. When we at the Bureau consider the tons of men's or women's clothing, the furniture, bedding and household goods that are distributed by the Bureau in a year, we begin to ask ourselves questions. We wonder where so much goodwill came from, and only then do we realise the importance of a caring community's involvement in the Bureau's operation. I know from experience that some people would be anxious to help at this level if they were approached. It is only a matter of spreading the gospel of our needs for goods and especially clothes as well as for finance.

In responding to the various appeals that I make for clothing, etc., you are acknowledging the dignity of the human person. You are helping someone to achieve respectability, you are telling him he is wanted and needed, and for someone who for most of his life has been put down and kept down this is indeed a step forward, a real breath of fresh air and a shot in the arm. So often when they call they are at rock bottom. Did you ever realise when you were handing in a suit, shoes or underwear or having us call for bedding, furniture, etc., that you were enabling us to build up and create a presence, a new appearance and status, that signified hope, a new assurance and faith in themselves — more hope in looking for a job too, or lodgings, with the new self-respect of wearing clean and decent clothes.

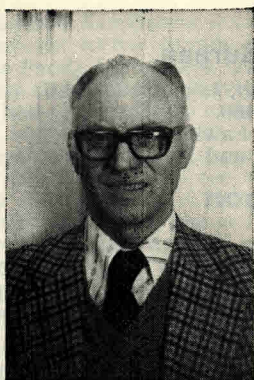


Photo on left shows our poet,
Michael Hannon

Back in our Bare-foot Days

Do you remember as children
When we were going to school ?
We would leave our shoes off in the summer time
It was the golden rule.
We'd scamper down the Boreens
And the friendly by-ways,
With not a worry in the world—
Back in our Bare-foot Days.

We didn't have much money then
But we had lots of fun ;
And many were the games we played
When out from school we'd come—
And many were the pranks we played
In the hush of an Autumn's haze,
Like raiding Biddy's Orchard—
Back in our Bare-foot Days.

Sometimes, on a Summer's evening
We would climb a hill-top high
And watch the golden sun go down
In a cloudless August sky—
And ere the dusk of night came down
We would go our diverse ways,
To the shelter of the homes we loved—
Back in our Bare-foot Days.

Many were the tales the old folks told
To kids like you and me—
Of the haunted mill at the foot of the hill
And the cry of the lone Banshee.
Still, somehow yet, we cannot forget
Those legends and those days
That were told and sung when we were young—
Back in our Bare-foot Days.

Now, some have gone to lands afar ;
Still, distance does not make us forget
Those happy days in Ireland—
The memory haunts us yet.
For always in our thoughts will be—
Our kin who sleep 'neath the Shamrock Sprays,
Who gave us love—and whom we loved—
Back in our Bare-foot Days.

Michael Hannon.

Aer Lingus News

From Tommy Dunne

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Of Kerry Interest

A Tribute to Eugene Ring

as supplied by his son, Ted (London)

Eugene Ring, a Valentia man, died four years short of the century, he was father of Mr. Ted Ring, who resides in London and is a member of St. Joseph's Club, Wembley.

He had hoped to be alive for the centenary of the G.A.A. in 1984. There was every reason to believe that his strong heart and tenacious will would see him through. But a fall a short time ago dashed the hope shared by many others that he'd be around to raise a glass in toast to the organisation which he loved so well. Eugene Ring died on 4th February and he was laid to rest in Caherciveen in a graveyard that overlooks the island where he was born in 1886.

He had a send off he would have been proud of himself. The Irish flag and the red and gold jersey of Valentia Young Islanders draped his coffin as he was borne to his final resting place, flanked by footballers of different generations from South Kerry. Eugene was local correspondent of *The Kerryman* for many years. He was succeeded by his son, John, who wielded a mighty pen until his death twelve years ago. John, in turn was succeeded as Iveragh correspondent by his widow, Mary Theresa.

Mr. Ring was a telegraphist, a shopkeeper and a county council road worker. Eugene was a kind and generous man so much so that he lost his bakery business owing to his generosity to those less fortunate than himself. After the closure of his business he took a job as a road worker for the county council and finished up as supervisor of road works. Mr. Ring spent 35 years with the council.

Mr. John Moriarty tells the following tale of Eugene's kindness and generosity. They were both on a road job on a very wet day, Eugene knew that John had a nine mile walk home in the rain after his day's work and he had no top coat on when they were about to go home Eugene took off his coat and insisted on John wearing it to keep him dry on his long walk home.

Mr. Ring loved Beagles and birds, but Gaelic football was his greatest love, he was a founder-member and first secretary of Valentia Young Islanders. Eugene was a selector for the first Kerry team to win the coveted four-in-a-row, and subsequently acted as selector during the time when every senior club with a team in the County Championship could nominate its own selector.

He often cycled the 40 miles to county championship matches in Tralee during the war years when trains were scarce and cars non-existent. He attended county board conventions every year until a few years ago and planned to be in Killarney for the Munster Final last July, but never made the journey. Mr. Ring was president of the South Kerry Board for many years. He supported St. Mary's Club in Caherciveen, but his real allegiance was to the club he helped to found in Valentia.

Mick O'Connell spoke for that club in a short graveside oration "No man loved his native place like Eugene," said the former football star from Valentia. "His first loyalty was to the Island. Now a link has been broken with his death."

Tom Keane, chairman of the South Kerry Board, described Eugene Ring as "a great Irishman, a humanitarian and a man of God." "As long as the red and gold of his beloved Valentia and the blue and white of St. Mary's will be remembered—and that will be forever—his name will live on.

Rev. P. O'Sullivan, C.C., celebrated the Requiem Mass in the O'Connell Memorial Church and officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were: daughters: Mrs. Mary Sheehan, Bray; Mrs. Noreen Holland, Dublin; and Agnes O'Donoghue, Dublin; sons: Owen, Caherciveen; Austin, Dublin; Kevin, Birmingham; Jerry, Yorkshire; and Ted, London, also two sisters: Sally and Jean living in America.

Mr. Ring's G.A.A. colleagues who bade him farewell were: Frank King, Chairman of the County Board; Mort Galvin and James Coffey, Joint Treasurers; Pat O'Shea, Selector; Mort Kelly, former Selector. Former players present were: John Dowling, Dan Kavanagh, Ned Fitzgerald, Mick O'Connell and Mick O'Dwyer.

Dan Donoghue a lone piper from Valentia led the cortege through the town and played the final tribute at the graveside "The Dark Island," but there was no sadness as Eugene had led a long, happy, full life and gave great happiness to so many people. Son, Owen had put a bottle in his father's pocket before the lid was closed and smiled: Dad wanted to have a drop of brandy for St. Peter when he arrived at the pearly gates. R.I.P.

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Down in the Valley

By Our Welsh Friend

Down in the Valley, the grass is very green,
There are mountains and high hilltops a beauty to be seen,
Th people here are very proud, so thoughtful and so kind,
Where in all the world would I find such peace of mind,
The miners are a happy lot as to their work they go
Digging coal for all the world, their courage we all know,
I'm proud that I am Welsh and sing with all my might,
The song I choose to sing is All Through the Night,
Singing gives me pleasure as on life's way I go
Counting all my blessings when I'm feeling low
The Lord is my Shepherd, in him I will trust
As I go on life's journey doing what I must.

General News from Home

Women's Lib.

18 women cadets received their commission from Mr. Power, Minister for Defence at the Curragh recently. The minister congratulated all of them on their fine achievements, they made history by being the first women to complete the full syllabus alongside their male colleagues of the 57th Cadet Class.

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Personality of the Month

The B + I Line - G.A.A. Personality of the Month of March was Mayo goalkeeper Mr. Dave Synott. Dave is in fact a native of Co. Wexford, where he played Minor and Under 21 Hurling for his county before going to Mayo. Mr. Synott is the fourth Wexford man to be honoured by B + I, the others were: Willie Murphy and Tony Doran, 1976, and Mick Jacob in 1981.

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Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to that well known jockey Pat Eddery on the death of his grandmother in Doneraile, Co. Cork recently. Mrs. Molly Eddery was 91 years old. R.I.P.

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The O'Neill Clan

If your name is O'Neill as my mother's was then you should be as proud as she was though as a child I didn't realise how important the name was as it was drummed into me that I came from the best stock in the whole of Europe. It is indeed the oldest traceable family left in Europe. The name goes back to King Hermon who became the first King of Ireland. The name in Irish Niall means champion (Niall of the Nine Hostages). The first international gathering of the O'Neill Clan takes place this year from 20th June to 4th July. There will be lectures tracing of ancestors, folklore, customs, etc., starting in Belfast on the 20th June, and with tours of Co. Down, Co. Antrim, Donegal, Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Armagh, and Meath with formal banquets and pageants, etc.

All the above is being arranged by the Irish Genealogical Association which was formed on 2nd January, 1981, by Mrs. Kathleen Neill to encourage and assist members who wish to visit Ireland to trace their family history and to provide a personalised genealogical research service. Mrs. Neill can be contacted at 162a Kingsway, Dunmurry, Belfast BT 17 9AD, Northern Ireland.

Colaiste na hollscoile Gaillimh

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1982

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This four-week intensive course provides a basic knowledge of spoken Irish and general introduction to Irish Linguistic Culture. It is designed for those who have no previous knowledge of Irish.

Intermediate Course

The College is also offering, simultaneously, a course for those who have some knowledge of the spoken language. Its aim is to help participants become fluent in the spoken dialect of Connemara Irish.

Courses will also include excursions and visits to areas of historical and cultural interest in the West of Ireland. A limited number of scholarships will be available for courses. Closing date: May 21st, 1982.

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