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Table 3 — Educational Background

	Male	Female
First Level	238	145
Second Level	540	439
Third Level	75	1667

In the current depression, the amount of education or qualifications attained is for the most part of little relevance in the job hunt. Surveyors are doing bar-work, accountants doing shop-work, skilled tradesmen are glad to get labouring and labourers are fortunate if they are working at all; apprenticeships are non-existent. Qualified people tend to revert to the work and areas where they found employment in their student days. Those who are prepared to take any job become occupationally mobile; other prefer to join the ever lengthening dole queue than demean themselves by accepting less than that to which they feel justifiably entitled.

The gradual erosion of the work ethic among our young people, without education in constructive and productive leisure pursuits, can only augur disaster for the economic and social stability of future generations.

John, aged eighteen and a half years, on his arrival in London, went to friends all of whom were unemployed. Despite their defeatist attitude he was enthusiastic and prepared to settle for any kind of work. After weeks and months trekking from labour offices to job centres, to employment agencies, to building sites and pick up points, he failed to get employment. He survived on supplementary benefit until the week his cheque did not arrive—landlords are not in the charity business, so he had to leave. He came to us with his few possessions in a plastic bag and two pence in his pocket. He was found accommodation and in a few days, work—but turned up late so often that after one week he was asked to leave. After 12 months of idleness he felt unable to “organise” himself for work. So many launch their counter-attack on society by working the system to their own advantage.

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Firstly may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy St. Patrick's Day and hope that you will all come to Horseguard's Parade on Sunday, 11th March this year. The Mass will be held at 12 noon, so be in your places at Horseguard's Parade at 11 a.m. to march to Westminster Cathedral via Whitehall and Victoria Street.

Before that (the night before) our St. Patrick's Dinner at the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, London, NW1 9XB and it promises to be a good evening so for those of us who are living in the sticks it's two trips to town within a few hours. We will have to take the match sticks to keep the eyes open.

As promised in the last issue hereunder are the winners of our Annual Raffle: 1st prize—Mr. John O'Keeffe, Southfield, Northampton who chose 2 air tickets to Ireland; 2nd prize—Mrs. B. O'Leary, 659 Wenton Way, Romford who chose a B+I Line Voucher for travel to Ireland; 3rd prize—Mr. F. Glavin, 46 Marston Road, Clayhill, Ilford who chose the £25 cash; 4th prize—Helen Sinnott, c/o Chris and Moss who chose the Waterford Crystal; 5th prize—P. Pardine, 623 Holloway Road who chose a bottle of brandy; the 6th and last prize went to Mr. M. Aulsberry, 33 King Crescent, Bailey's Irish Cream which was an extra prize to those advertised.

Congratulations.

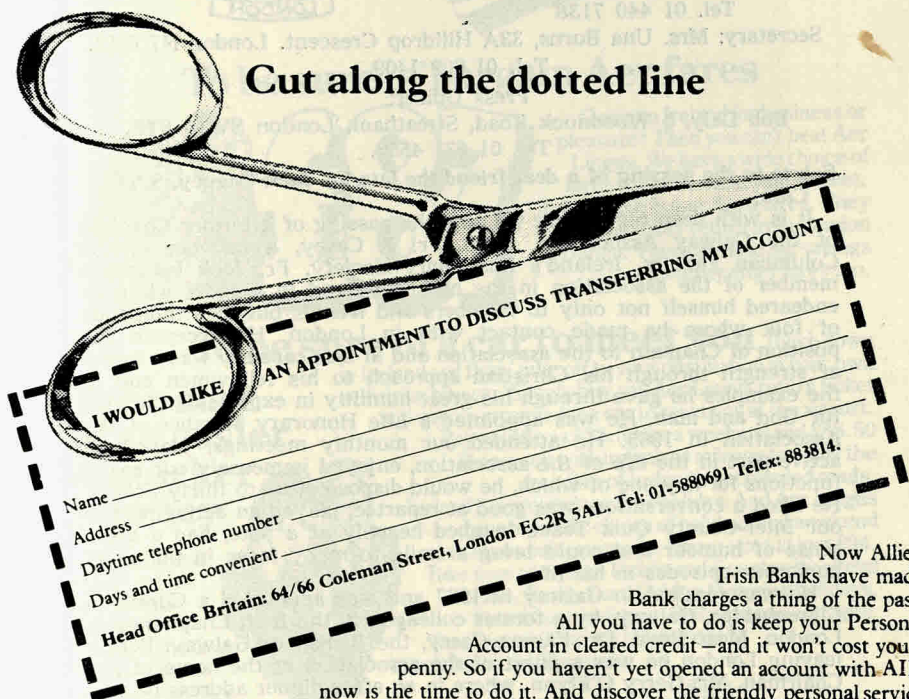
Our many congratulations to Waterfordian John Tracey on being 3rd in the Gasparilla 15,000 metres in Florida in February, his time was 42.57. John himself says that he is on his best form for 4 years and is hoping to be in with a chance to win the World Cross-Country title in New Jersey on 25th March we will all be rooting for you John and also for the Olympics in Los Angeles come October next.

Our congratulations must also go to Vincent Dowling brother of Mrs. Maria O'Hanlon, Tramore who will be performing at The White House in the presence of President Reagan on St. Patrick's Day. Vincent one of the great actors from the Abbey now runs the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival Company in Ohio.

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**Salute to the passing of a dear friend the late Fr. Jack Cagney, S.S.C.
A Cara,**

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of a former Chaplain of the Galway Association, Revd. Fr. J. Casey, a member of the Columban Fathers, Ireland's Missionary Society. Fr. Jack became a member of the association in the mid-fifties and in a short while he endeared himself not only to members and friends but to a multitude of folk whom he made contact with in London. He accepted the position of Chaplain to the association and in that capacity was a tower of strength through his Christian approach to his fellowmen and in the examples he gave through his great humility in expressing his love for God and man. He was appointed a Life Honorary Member of the Association in 1965. He attended our monthly meetings, played an active part in the life of the association, enjoyed immensely our social functions for any one of which, he would dispose of up to thirty tickets. He liked a conversation, was good at repartee, played an active part in our Inter-County Quiz Team, laughed heartily at a joke, had a great sense of humour and could bring a smile to many faces in telling of humorous episodes in his life.

He was recalled to Galway in 1967 and was appointed a Curate in Clarenbridge, Galway, by a former colleague in the Irish Chaplaincy in London, Most Revd. Dr. Eamon Casey, the Bishop of Galway. Before leaving London he was a guest of the association at the home of our Chairman, Mr. Gerry O'Flynn, where in an after dinner address he was presented with a substantial cheque to help out with the purchase of household effects in Clarenbridge. On that occasion he was accompanied by another elderly priest, Fr. Tom Devlin, who was also going to Clarenbridge. Father Casey died peacefully in his house at Clarenbridge on Christmas Eve, 1983. Father Tom Devlin was at his bedside. May he rest in peace.

On Sunday, February 26th, 1984, at 5.30 p.m., after our Annual General Meeting, a Requiem Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain, Bobby Gilmore, S.S.C., for the eternal repose of Fr. Casey's Soul. The Irish Centre, London, being the venue.

Footnote: Many members of the Association when holidaying in Galway in the intervening years since 1967 made a point of visiting Fr. Casey at Clarenbridge. He was keen to learn all about the association's activities and when reminiscing on former times in London, one could detect an occasional tear being wiped away. We would like to think



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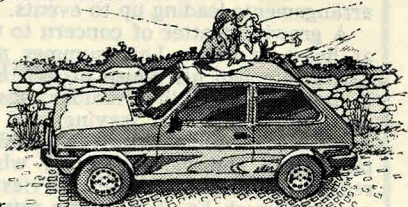
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Vice-Chairman, Assistant Secretary, P.R.O. and committee to be elected at A.G.M. which is being held as The Irish Counties Journal goes to press.

I have been given the job of a public address to our members and readers in this the March issue and so I have pleasure in wishing everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day, and we look forward to your support for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, plus all the other functions we put on for the rest of the year.

Our outgoing Chairman Clive Fogarty after 24 years continuous service to the Association as committee member and officer and 24 years in both team and individual quiz has proved to be of continuous guidance and advisor to the new officers and committee and will always be available to take part in any event.

Our special thanks to Ed Dempsey and Franchetta Fogarty for their patience in telephone answering service and nights sitting indoors while Clive and Mary were otherwise engaged at meetings, visiting and pre-arrangements leading up to events.

A growing matter of concern to the rising rate of crime taking place at home in Clare. Last summer my own Parish Priest Fr. Keane in Cooraclare had his house broken into. He was tied-up and locked into a cupboard while the intruder ransacked his house and then stole and drove away his car, leaving him in a very depressed state. On the same night the Parish priest in Miltown Malbay had a similar incident take place and more recently while attending the interment of the remains of his retired Parish Priest Canon Michael Quealy his successor in Kilrush Fr. Peter Ryan returned home to find his property had been broken into. From reading the Clare Champion it is very obvious that the punishment does not fit the crime. Still we hope to see them again next November for the West Clare Re-Unions.

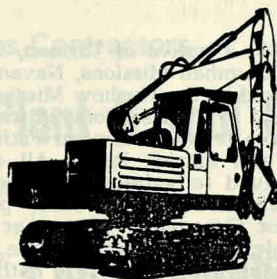
Our Quiz team of Joe Collins, Clive Fogarty, Bill Boswell, Michael McMahon and Mrs. Doyle were narrowly beaten by 4 points by the

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Cavan Team who went to the final by Kilkenny who won the contest by 6 points. So we were only 10 points from winning the final.

Our individual quiz team in which three of the Commane Brothers took part in was also won by Kilkenny. Congratulations to the Kilkenny Association on their worthy winnings and many thanks to the Commane family for their many activities in the Clare Association.

We will have a lot more to inform you of including the election of a committee after our A.G.M. and our Bacon and Cabbage Supper on the 3rd March and any events during the coming year.

Comhaltas.

Amongst the 20 musicians touring Britain as the Journal went to press were two people worthy of note in this column, fiddle player Fergus McTaggart from Teenmore, Co. Fermanagh who now teaches over 200 students a week in Shannon. Fergus spent many years working in London and was involved in the organisation of music sessions and classes while in London. Carol Falty a 20 year old clerk in Ennis. A champion singer and piano player and is quite good at the Clare Half Set.

God Bless, Paddy Brew, (Acting P.R.O.)

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Galway Association (continued from page 4).

that perhaps after all he endured under Communist persecution in China, his stay in London may have been one of the happier episodes in his life.

Obituary

Father Jack Casey (63) a native of Tarmon, Gort, was ordained to the priesthood at the Columban Missions, Navan, in 1944. He went to China in 1946 and worked in the Huchow Mission until 1952. Description of his terrible ordeal in Chinese Communist jails is best read in a book he wrote with three fellow Columban Fathers — Fathers Patrick Ronan, Owen O'Kane and Patrick Reilly. All of them were cruelly tortured and they survived to write their accounts in a book called "Four Felons, Life in Chinese Communist Jails," published by Browne & Nolan, Dublin. "But Not Conquered" is another title which intimates Father Jack's indomitable faith. At his release he weighed 6½ stones, an indication of his horrifying distress. In 1970 Father Jack Casey had an interview on I.T.V. Television with Geoffrey Moorhouse and in that recounting of his experiences gave an insight into the manner in which he had survived the torture.

Father Jack was in charge of the parish of Sinkadhay, one hundred miles west of Shanghai, when on June 19, 1952, he was arrested and charged for having "co-operated with the criminal Riberi, (Archbishop Riberi, Papal Internuncia in China) in spreading the reactionary and subversive Legion of Mary in Sinkadhay." Father Jack was then subjected to systematic interrogation and torture for the purpose of extorting a confession. For a year and a half this continued and physical ailments set in never to go away.

An instance of that savagery was seen on the day he was examined lying on the floor by a prisoner-doctor for heart trouble and all the while prison guards were pointing loaded machine-guns at Father Jack. His life in solitary confinement, though terrible to relate, never drove him to despair or lose his confidence in God.

A year after his release Father Jack went to London where he worked with The Columban Missions among the Irish emigrants. For many years he went daily to Euston Station to meet the train from Holyhead in order to give some direction to Irish emigrants. His work among the Irish Community was a monument in itself.

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The long awaited Annual Christmas Supper and Cabaret was held in the beautiful McNamara Hall, Irish Centre, Camden Town, before Christmas.

The 1983 supper was even better than anticipated. Added to the prompt warm service was the friendly obliging atmosphere of the staff who put themselves out to make sure that extra portions were served when and where required. I did not have a single complaint from the large crowd present.

When the meal was over the fun began with wonderful music by the band "Shandy"—we had spots, raffles, balloons, and hats, which more than satisfied all present. In the end all the hard work put in was well rewarded.

People came and thanked us and said they were looking forward to the next year's events. Appreciation was also shown by the many supporters outside Westmeath. Like the lovely English lady, Maureen Jeffries and her party of four who motored all the way from Kent and enjoyed every minute of the evening. Sean Murtagh (Street) and his wife Kitty (Kenagh) drove from Bookham, Surrey. Cecilia Fennell (Dingle) came by transport from Croydon. Liam Rooney's uncle Pat Lynn (Ballynacarrey) came, as promised, from Southampton by coach. "I wouldn't miss it for the world," he told me. With a warm handshake and a comely smile he asked me to remember his mother, Mary, he told me she lives in Ballynacarrow, Ballynacarrey, and is 95 years young. We understand that Mrs. Lynn is in hospital, at the moment and we wish her a speedy recovery. I also had a very warm handshake from John and Kathleen McCormack very dear and loyal friends of the Association who are still working hard for us. Glad to see you so well John after your recent illness.

As I looked around it was plain that Ballynacarrey was well represented, Bill and Mrs. Cashin, Seamus and Mrs. Troy, Pat Lynn, Joe Garry and his good lady. I also had a brief word with Mrs. Finnegan from Empor. The Rooneys from Ballycomoye and Tom Reagan together with his wife represented that lovely part of the county. Glad to see Bill and Peggy Stenson (Mullingar), I might add that Bill is getting younger every day, it must be carrying that golf bag, Bill! Chris Curran and his wife Theresa (Delvin), Mrs. Dolly Kennedy (Street) not forgetting Frank L'Estrane (Tyrrellspass)—all did an excellent job to make the night a wonderful success. Sorry Billy Attwell could not be with us. Hope you will be with us for the A.G.M., Billy. Finally the association wishes to thank the management and staff for an excellent evening.

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I must first thank Mrs. Jane Smyth for allowing me space in the Journal to pay a small tribute to the Chairman we have lost so suddenly and tragically.

On Saturday, January 28th we held our Annual Dinner Dance at the Irish Centre. Helping to make it such a success was Barney Byrne, our Chairman, a lot of our members will be very pleased they came. Barney met most of our guests and made one and all feel welcome and happy as only he could do it.

I was present with Barney and Davie Egan at Heathrow on Sunday evening when we said 'Farewell' to John Dowling, Ritchie Connor and Padiag Horan on their return to Offaly, having been our guests on Saturday evening. They felt they could not express in words the wonderful reception they received from Barney and Roseleen in whose home they had stayed overnight. On Monday evening January 30th, we had the shock of Barney's death. Overnight, Offaly Association had lost their most precious Chairman. Great Association people had come and gone but Barney was different somehow! Barney was a personality different from any other. No doubt, we will have a new Chairman and our Association will carry on. Chairmen are replaceable but rare people like Barney are irreplaceable. We carry on without them but the void remains, despite the richness they bring into our lives through meeting and working with them.

We can only offer our sympathy and support to Roseleen, Lorraine and Eilish at this time and thank them for letting us share so much of Barney's time and attention. May he Rest in Peace.

May Clarke.

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Galway Association (continued from page 8)

While in London he also worked closely with another Father Casey later to become Bishop Casey of Galway. Father Jack wrote a book called the "Emigrants Brochure" in 1975. In March 1977 Father Jack returned to his native County Galway and took up appointment as C.C. at Clarenbridge. But, after some few years, the illnesses engendered by his imprisonment and torture began to manifest themselves and his movement became confined to a wheelchair. But undaunted by this incapacity he kept his heart and chin up and his saintly disposition continued to endear him to many people. He was in popular demand as a confessor.

His death during the Christmas season was unexpected. The Bishop of Galway, Bishop Eamon Casey, presided at Requiem Mass in Clarenbridge and preached the homily. Afterwards the remains were removed to the Columban Missions in Navan where 56 priests concelebrated Requiem Mass. The Chief Celebrant was Father Paddy Smith, S.S.C.

Two of Father Jack's fellow prisoners in China, Father Paddy Reilly and Father Owen O'Kane were among the concelebrants, who also included Very Rev. Father Higgins, P.P. Clarenbridge, Rev. T. Kelly Clarenbridge and Rev. M. Brennan, C.C. (Furbo).

The Galway Association of London extends deep sympathy on the passing of this saintly man to his relatives, to his brother, Paddy (Tarmen, Gort); to his sisters, Mrs. Jack Burke, (Gort) and Mrs. Paddy Fogarty (Shanaglish). We offer our special condolences to Father Tom Devlin who was his close associate in The Columbans and in Clarenbridge. We must not forget his faithful and dedicated housekeeper, Hannah who did everything in her power to comfort and take care of him and who will probably miss him more than anyone else.

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Carlow	4	3	1
Cavan	4	11	3
Clare	16	15	11
Cork	79	61	76
Derry	16	14	14
Donegal	25	24	27
Down	4	18	12
Dublin	76	86	89
Fermanagh	3	8	2
Galway	29	33	37
Kerry	28	28	25
Kildare	15	10	12
Kilkenny	5	7	7
Leitrim	3	2	8
Limerick	27	40	33
Longford	5	8	8
Louth	5	4	5
Mayo	19	31	24
Meath	6	6	8
Monaghan	7	5	4
Offaly	4	5	3
Roscommon	10	9	12
Sligo	9	16	8
Tipperary	30	46	24
Tyrone	15	9	17
Waterford	17	26	19
Westmeath	6	18	12
Wexford	13	16	6
Wicklow	5	5	5
County not known	19	6	5
Other Nationalities			
England	121	109	130
Scotland	42	38	70
Wales	14	12	10
Other Countries of Origin	20	22	23

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Westmeath Association (continued from page 10)

Our Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Westmeath Association takes place as the Irish Counties Journal goes to press. More about this in the April issue.

Get Well Soon

The association send best wishes for a speedy recovery to our President, Rev. P. Fitzsimons (Clonmellon) whom we are glad to hear is making a rapid recovery after a recent operation.

On Holiday

We wish Pearce and Mrs. McCormack (Delvin) a very enjoyable holiday in London. Pearce is staying with us for a while and is very interested in the activities of the association.

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The following report is by Rev. Fr. Paddy Sheridan, O.M.I., President of the Cavan Association.

At our Annual General Meeting this year the Association picked their team for the coming year. It is hoped that we will represent the Cavan people of the London area in the best possible position. You can be certain of one thing; we will not fail for lack of effort.

For years it has always been the policy of the Cavan Association in London to commit its efforts to one charity or another. This year we hope to raise £4,000 to be divided between Multiple Sclerosis, a Kidney Machine and The Irish Centre. We are setting ourselves this target and we can do it. We will be contacting all the Cavan people and their friends that we know in and around London.

I firmly believe, that if you give Cavan a worth while project they are out on their own once they are convinced of its value. That is why, the committee have every confidence that the projects will succeed.

Down the years, the Cavan Association always gave great support to The Irish Centre. From 1967 up to 1977 there were Cavan priests in The Irish Centre. From its foundation Cavan helped. The Association has always given its support to the Centre. Let's be honest, the situation at the Centre (as far as clearing the debt was concerned) for the past few years was impossible but now that Tony Beatty has succeeded in reducing the debt by half that has all changed. What was an impossible task has now become quite the opposite. If the Irish people in London do not clear the debt on the Centre, then they should be ashamed of themselves. We must all support The Irish Centre, clear this debt once and for all and by the time that is done, our generation will have done a superb job for the ones to follow. It has to be done.

We need your support this year. We promise to give of our best and at our Annual Dinner we hope you will be there to share our achievements for 1984.

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Thanks

Westmeath Association (continued from page 14).

A personal thanks to the Officers, Committee and members of the Westmeath Association in London and to all the newspapers at home and in London for their kind co-operation and assistance to me throughout 1983. To Brendan Houlihan and Mrs. Houlihan of the Bull's Head, Clapham Common, without whose co-operation we could not survive.

The Westmeath Association in London has once again suffered a severe blow and the whole of the parish of St. Boniface, Tooting, SW17, is in a state of deep shock with the passing after a short illness of our President and Parish Priest for many years—Fr. Pat. Fitzsimons.

Westmeath appreciation to Father Pat Fitzsimons continued in next issue.

Galway Association (continued from page 12).

Father Casey was also Chaplain to The Gort and South Galway District Association, which attended a Requiem Mass on his behalf at The Irish Centre, London during week ending January 14th, 1984.

Although the late Father J. Casey ministered in London and Clarenbridge after his return from China many people in these areas knew only slightly about his horrifying experiences in Chinese Communist jails, thirty years ago. Never one to complain or intimate that in the latter years of his life he experienced great pain from his infirmities brought on through the rigours of his incarceration, Father Jack never looked back in anger or with spite. In fact a scrapbook he kept of the big moments in his life showed him in a very happy mood having officiated at Weddings and Christenings.

Glancing through the book in which he collaborated with his three fellow Columban Fathers, one finds examples of extraordinary endurance. Father Jack subtitled his contribution 'Four Felons' simply 'But Not Conquered.' Here are a few paragraphs:—

"In our block, there were ten cells, five on either side of the corridor. A barred window opened from each cell onto the corridor, but it had been sealed with newspapers and closed except for the upper portion, through which a light shone all night into the cell. Another barred window looked out into the jail yard. To close and seal this window was a favourite punishment in hot weather."

"The prison rules were strict. One had to sit on the floor; one was not allowed to stand or walk about, or look out, or walk about, or lean ones back against the wall. One could only lie down at night. There was strict silence; one could not report to the guards, and they were not allowed to hold conversation with the prisoners. The guards were changed every two hours and kept strict watch, constantly looking into each cell through the grill from the corridor."

"One was not allowed to assume a posture of prayer, and whenever I was caught I argued that if religion was free, it was surely legitimate to pray inside as well as outside a jail. The guards used to retort that religion was indeed free but that I, a criminal, had not the right to pray that 'proper thinking' Christians had.

"The argument would go on and on and was a common form of recreation for me. I had no reading matter, except for the Chinese newspaper that sealed my window. I can remember every bit of that newspaper. It dealt, among other things, with the crimes of the Superioress of the French Sisters of Charity in Kashing—she had, it seems been guilty of 1640 infanticides; and there was much, too, about the Red Dean of Canterbury, condemning the Americans for germ warfare in Korea and Manchuria."

The interrogation methods used during his 18 months solitary confinement had little result. "The judge spoke a good deal about my mother. Would I like to see her again? Was she fond of me? Why was it that I would not fix up my case and go home to see her? He kept on at that theme for a long time, until finally I told him that if I got home at the expense of calumniating the Legion of Mary, my mother would not care to see me. He changed his tactics immediately . . ."

Father Casey was a man above the ordinary, it was characteristic of him that, nesting among snaps of happier times on his mantlepiece, was a tiny picture of Padre Pio.

Ar Dies De go raibh a anam !

Bob Daly, Press Officer, The Galway Association, London.

N.B.—See Florida elsewhere in this Journal.

P.S. A Retrospect by Professor Thomas P. O'Neill on Galway will be serialised in this journal for the Quincentennial year starting in next months issue.

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Florida

A Cairdi,

This is the final write-up on Florida. In this episode I deal with the South East Coast which includes the city of Miami. To most people Miami is Florida but those of you who have followed my description of the State will realise that there is more to Florida than just Miami which lies at the end of the Tamiami Trail. This Trail was followed by the Seminole Indians when travelling south east from the area of Tallahassee the Capital City of Florida which lies in the North West Region.

Miami Beach.

Miami Beach. Once the words brought to mind only swaying palm trees, rushing waves and sandy beaches. Today, Miami is a glittering, gleaming, cosmopolitan city whose palms and waves and beaches delight millions of people a year from all over the world. Its commercial affairs have given Miami international importance, making the city an important conference and convention centre, in addition to its long standing role as a major tourism centre.

Strangely enough, the area lay dormant until discovered by railroad baron Henry Flangler in the late 1800's. One by one, the towns that make up what is now Florida's Gold Coast began to appear. Many are the same small, quiet towns they were fifty years ago; others, like Miami and the surrounding coastal cities, have grown into some of the most exciting places in the nation.

The first noticeable difference between the Gold Coast and the rest of Florida is the climate. There is a tropical feel in the air that is more than just sunshine and blue skies. Gone are the oaks, the sycamores and the pines. Instead you find picture postcard coconut palms, brilliant poincianas, and fruit laden avocado and mango trees.

Miami is itself the ultimate Florida vacation experience. Within a few miles of one another, you can find and enjoy an Indian reservation, a gallery of modern art, a sawgrass filled canal, high-fashion shopping village, and renaissance palace. Day and night, there are more places to go and more things to do than anyone could ever hope to try. And thanks to the almost constant sunshine, seldom are your activities restricted by bad weather. In Miami, even when it's raining the sun often shines.

Major sports events here include the Orange Bowl football game, with its accompanying parade and festivities, plus a continuous occurrence of professional golf and tennis tournaments. A bevy of pageants, Broadway shows, sophisticated night spots, and other elegant happenings assure the non-athletic types are given an adequate dose of famous names and free-wheeling action.

The tourist attractions of the Miami area are pleasant and diverse, ranging from the avant-garde trappings of Coconut Grove to Flipper's incredible water antics at the Seaquarium. In between, you'll find beautiful Fairchild Gardens, Parrot Jungle, the Orchid Jungle, the Japanese Gardens, Monkey Jungle, The Serpenterium, Crandon Park Zoo, and the magnificent Viscaya, an Italian Renaissance-style palace and formal gardens.

Further helping to create the Gold Coast's massive attractions are the Everglades, the Palm Beaches, and Fort Lauderdale. The Everglades, of course, is one of south Florida's biggest attractions. One of the world's natural wonders, this 5,000 mile wilderness area has been called the wildest, shallowest, strangest river in the world. It produces much of the nation's crop-growing soil, and provides a home for hundreds of wildlife creatures. Take a ride in one of the air boats available, and you may even get a close-up look at an alligator or two.

Palm Beach.

Palm Beach is a polished, attractive, almost exclusive resort, full of sleek villas and rambling mansions. Shopping here is wonderful, as is a stroll down Worth Avenue, where many of America's prominent families spend their winters.

Fort Lauderdale.

While Fort Lauderdale offers plenty of elegance, too, it is more the laissez-faire beach town, comfortably encompassing everyone's lifestyle, from the most formal dignitary to the most carefree sailor. The Swimming Hall of Fame is here, an unusual, quite interesting collection of swimming artifacts and information.

The Keys—Upper Keys.

Peacefully floating off the southern tip of Florida is the 100 mile chain of Carribean islands known as the Keys. The Upper Keys—Key Largo, Islamorada, and Tavernier—are an enchanting collection of sea spectaculars. The John D. Pennekamp State Park in Key Largo is North America's only living coral reef. Glass bottom boats, or better, snorkelling let you view this intriguing coral formation and the brilliant schools of tropical fish that inhabit it. Islamorada's "bottomless" boat rides at the Theatre of the Sea, and their Indian Key Festival held every year, provide interesting looks at island life as it is and was.

Middle Keys.

The Middle Keys are formed of Long Key, Grassy Key, and Marathon. This is the fishing Mecca of Florida, at least, with tournaments held throughout the year for everything from sailfish to sharks. Flipper's Sea School, on Grassy Key, explains the procedures for training Dolphins. On Long Key, the Sea World Shark Institute gives you a close-up look into the world of that mysterious creature. Tide pools guided tours, and dozens of fascinating displays and exhibits make this a real adventure.

Lower Keys.

Once a favourite pirate haven, the Lower Keys are now given to less rowdy sorts, preferred for fishing, swimming, and picnicking instead of swashbuckling. Big Pine Key features the rather lovely Summer Orchid Gardens, with over 40,000 species of orchids, and the National Key Deer Refuge protects hundreds of the tiny Key Deer. Bahia Honda is the site of Florida's southernmost state park and Garden Key's Fort Jefferson, accessible only by sea or plane is the state's most remote national monument.

Key West.

Colourful Key West has long been a favourite home and hideaway for writers, artists, presidents, and other famous folk who enjoy the island's unencumbered, unpretentious lifestyle. There are multitudes of things to see and do, among them Captain Tony's Saloon—the oldest bar in the nation, and Hemmingway's favoured hangout, the Audubon House, and the Duval Street Restoration area. The easiest way to see it all is via the Conch Trail tour, a 90 minute excursion that shows you a little of everything. You'll also want to take in a few brilliant seaside sunsets, hit some of the exciting night spots, navigate the island by foot or bicycle in less than an hour, and sample the local specialities—Cuban Black Beans and rice, creamy Conch chowder, huge Florida lobsters or rich Key Lime Pie.

Bob Daly.

Waterford Association (continued from page 2).

Last for congratulations but by no means least is John Burke an Ardmore County Waterford man who recently received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Wales for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of cancer research and medicine. Mr. Burke raised £10 million for the aforementioned. The fund John is responsible for is called Tenovus Cancer Research Fund which has established research institutes in Cardiff, Southampton, Glasgow, in most Research Universities in Britain and in India. Mr. Burke is a founder member of the Women's National Cancer Control and is active on the various Committees of the International Union Against Cancer. A Waterford man we can be very proud of.

Vandals.

Again the vandals are at it in our home County, they did hundreds of pounds worth of damage to the Little Church of the Exhortation of the Holy Cross in Stradbally with donation boxes torn from the walls and microphones damaged all for the sake of a bottle of altar wine. The sentences by the courts are too lenient for those louts.

Houghy's Son for New York Parade.

23 year old Ciaran Houghy has told friends that he intends to walk in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York. He certainly won't be thirsty on his way as cousin Terry O'Neill owns or is in partnership in several plush bars in New York City. A new "in" pub just opened is called "Sean Flemings," it is partly owned by Terry O'Neill and his wife Barbara. The O'Neill's are closely connected with the Irish Centre in New York City.

Chieftains.

Just back from Hollywood the Chieftains in the midst of celebrating their 21st anniversary are also busy preparing the music for many film themes.

Condolences.

Our sincere sympathy to the Westmeath Association on the sad loss of Father Pat Fitzsimmons also to Father Pat's relations and his host of friends a wonderful go ahead man who will be sadly missed by his many parishioners and especially by the Westmeath Association.

To Offaly Association on the sad and sudden death of their Chairman Mr. Barney Byrne. Please see tribute by one of our regular contributors May Clarke elsewhere in this Journal.

To Sligo Association on the death before Christmas of Thomas Beckett, who loved to be called Thomas-a-Beckett. Only the old ones of us will remember Tom a great man for the Inter County Quiz. He wouldn't go anywhere without his pet dog, who was a regular customer for a pint at The Irish Centre. Another old member gone never to be replaced.

To the Dubliners on their sad loss recently. May they all rest in peace.

Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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The Irish Society Youth A.G.M. was held at the Railway Hotel on Sunday, 12th February. The following officers were elected: Youth Leader: Steven Heslin, Minute's Secretary: Brendan Griffith, Financial Controller: Tracey Noonan.

For details on Youth activities contact Steve on 01 428 8841.

The Society's Annual St. Patrick's Dance will take place on Saturday, 17th March at the Harrow Leisure Centre (Byron Hall). Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of the Rossmore Band. There will also be a display of Irish Dancing and Set Dancing. Tickets £3 each (children and senior citizen's 50p).

Easter Sunday night we hold a dance at the Rayners Hotel starting at 9 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m. Music for this occasion will be supplied by Vince and the Western Wildcats. Tickets £1.50 each. Miss Harrow Irish will be chosen on this night so we would like to hear from young ladies between the ages of 18 years and 26 years living in the Borough of Harrow and at least one parent or even grandparent must be Irish.

Brendan Shine and his Band also Shean Malone and the Westsiders will be entertaining us with their fine music for our dance at the Harrow Leisure Centre again at the Byron Hall for Saturday, 19th May. Tickets £4 each (children and senior citizens £2).

Other dates arranged for your diary are as follows:—

May 27th—Dance at the Rayners Hotel, music by The Riverside Five.

June 17th—Annual Festival of Sport and Music at Headstone Manor Recreation Grounds, Harrow.

July 10th—Seaside Outing.

September 15th—Larry Cunningham and his Band at the Harrow Leisure Centre.

October 27th—Dance at the Rayners Hotel, music by Vince and the Western Wildcats.

Our Annual trip to Jersey will take place from 20th October to 27th. The cost will be £142 to include air fare, plus bed and breakfast and evening meal.

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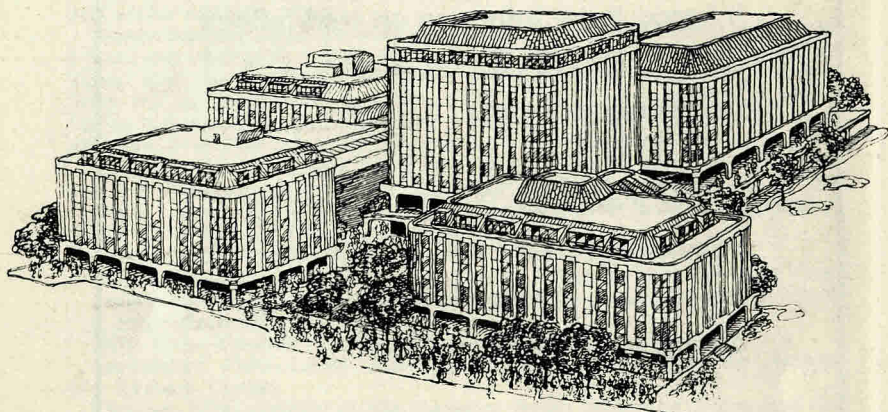
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