

T H E I R I S H C E N T R E

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1st Offaly Dance (Benefit)
13th Dublin Bacon & Cabbage
15th Summer Fair
16th Ballinabhamn Parish Re Union
18th Council of Counties Meeting
20th Leitrim Association Dance
22nd Kildare Association Dance
27th Cork Association Social & Dance
29th Derry, Fermanagh & Armagh Dance

B i n g o

Sunday, Wednesday & Friday

W e e k l y T O T E D r a w

Every Wednesday

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The writer of this News-Letter was over in Ireland at the end of May and beginning of June. The two priests at the Centre presumed I had written the News-Letter, while I was taking it for granted it had been done in my absence. So it's a case of the old proverb all over again - "between two stools you come to the ground". Simply blame Fr. Sheridan for this terrible delay of your News-Letter.

Much has been said and written about the death of the late Robert F. Kennedy. All we can say is it was a shocking disaster and our prayers go up to God for the repose of his soul, as well as for his mother, his wife and family. To quote Cardinal Cushing on R T E, who said, "I have never met anyone - not even a priest or religious - with more Faith than the mother of the late Senator Kennedy". There is one great lesson from it all - bad temper, violence or envy can only breed more violence and can do no good.

May has been an unfortunate month in many ways. The death of John Vaughan took place at Paddington General Hospital. This came as a shock to us all! John was what one could call a straight man. When one is straight with people it is true to say one is straight with God; and for that reason we can say that John Vaughan is happy with his God while at the same time, we miss him.

Mr. Tommy Gorman, Gerry O'Flynn, Clive Fogarty, Martin Moloney and Fr. Sheridan were over in Tulla (Co. Clare) for John's funeral. One was made to feel proud of the Clare Association and the Counties to see such loyalty in such a practical and real charitable manner. To John's wife and daughter and family we all extend our deepest sympathy and prayers.

On the 1st May we had the Mayor's Banquet. It was a very successful event from every point of view.

We are holding our SUMMER FAIR on Saturday, the 15th June. This will prove to be a great success. We hope to meet you and your friends here that day. This year it is being held in the Irish Centre itself.

The new hall is progressing favourably. It should be completed this month. There is a hold-up in the new stairs which will go from old hall to new. When the stairs are completed, we hope to decorate the lower hall but it would be foolish to start this until the stairs are completed. We have great ideas all right, but you know that when we go to the purse we have to put on the brakes.

We do our best to make everything pay but it is not always easy. Much has been said and written about the financial situation of the Centre but as far as I can see, there is no substitute for hard and constant work. I have great belief in a weekly pool. Now you might like to help in this weekly pool and I think we have the answer. I can give you a card on which you can write your two numbers; pay £1 and that will include you for 20 weeks. Lose no time in getting in touch with us and we will be only too pleased to forward a card. Get your friends interested. You can also have a Bankers' Order if that would suit you better. Get your friends interested in this.

The Irish Centre Club hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 2nd July. This is a very important meeting open to all members.

We wish you all good health and a very happy holiday.