I met a man a few days ago who was so warm he was fed up his handkerchief was going like wipers but still the perspiration continued to bubble out through his pores. He gave me the impression he wanted to curse the heat but he showed wonderful self-control. All he said was, "I wish to goodness I was at home 'buttin' turf". He was speaking on behalf of thousands at that moment, and I am certain that in a few weeks time most of you will be near those same turf, and it is our wish that you will have the present day weather with the cool bog breeze. In other words, we hope you have a wonderful sunny holiday.

Over the past month, we had two big events here at the Irish Centre - the Summer Fair and the A.G.M. The Summer Fair was a great success due, of course, to the hard work put in by so many wonderful people. There was something for everyone. We were very pleased to have our own T.V. Star, Dermot Kelly, to open the show. Dermot made us feel he was only too happy to do the job. Being a Permanagh man himself, he gave a special plug to his County's stall. As most of you know, Dermot is a regular Saturday night visitor to the Centre during his off season. Thank you all for helping; thank you for coming; but a special word of thanks is due to our club committee who, as always, worked so hard, and without whom this Centre would be so much the worse off.

Lord Longford presided over our Irish Centre A.G.M. As usual he motored through it at top speed.

The death of John Vaughan, as you all know, left a vacancy on the committee, and this was filled by his fellow country man and friend Mr. Martin Moroney. We wish Martin every success on the committee.

A question that is being asked very often is, "How is the building going on?", and "What will it be used for?". Well, to answer the first question first - the building is going ahead slowly but surely. My advice to you is, next time you are at the Centre, go in and see it.

The second question is "What will it be used for", and that is the question. We hope to start a talent competition at the end of September. We have nothing fixed as yet, but our idea is to run it on a county v county basis. We would hope that each county will provide the talent and then we run it off here at the Centre one night a week, and get one of the Irish companies to sponsor it and allocate a good prize.
One of our priests was asked by the Aer Lingus staff, to attend a meeting of their personnel, earlier this week. It was wonderful to see the zeal of these people. They want to help the Irish Centre in any way they can. They have taken it upon themselves to do something positive! Meanwhile, they took some Banker's Orders and weekly Tote cards and they intend to do their best. This is the kind of spirit one loves to meet and it is the kind of thing that gives one heart.

If you can collect a few friends who would like to do something on these lines, then we will be only too pleased to go along and have a chat with them.

Well folks, that's about it for now. We wish you all good health, good luck, and God's Blessing. We hope too, you will find the folks at home in top form when you see them in a week or two.

God Bless you all.