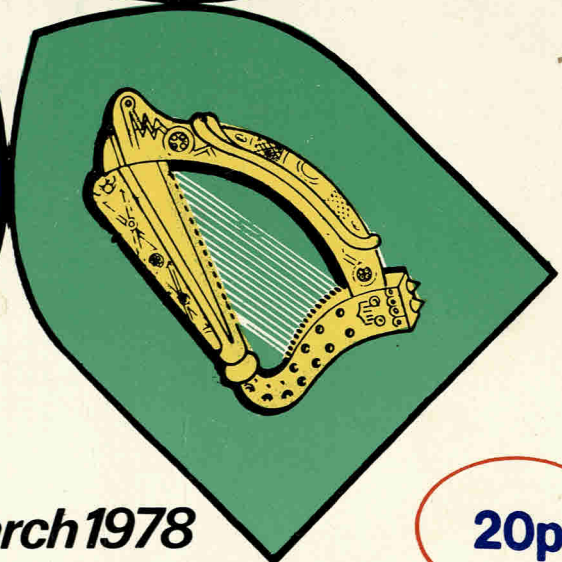
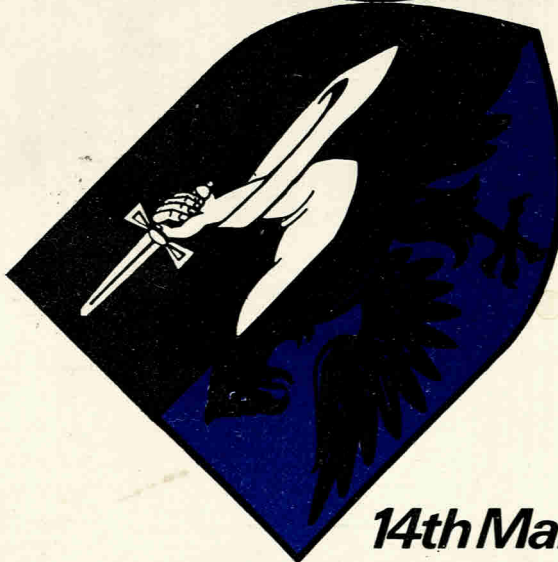
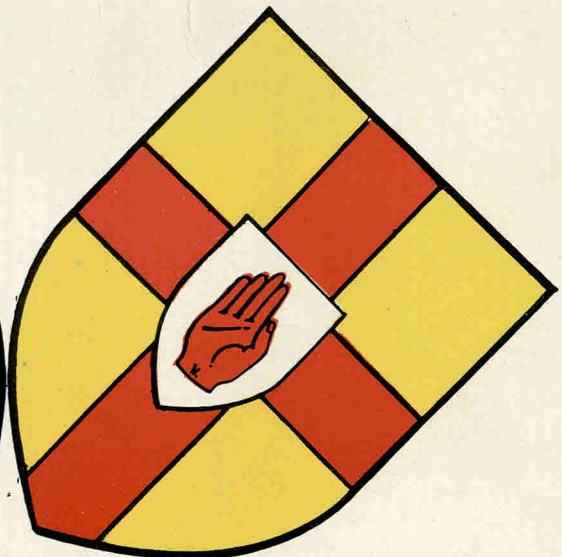


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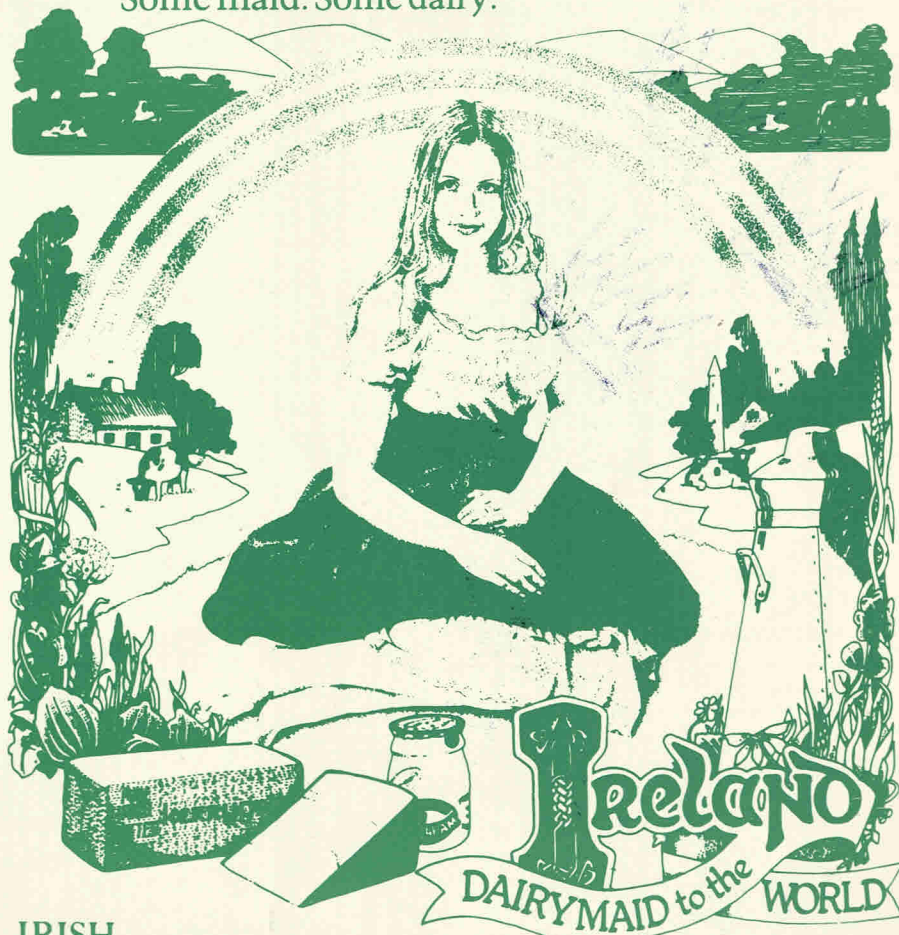
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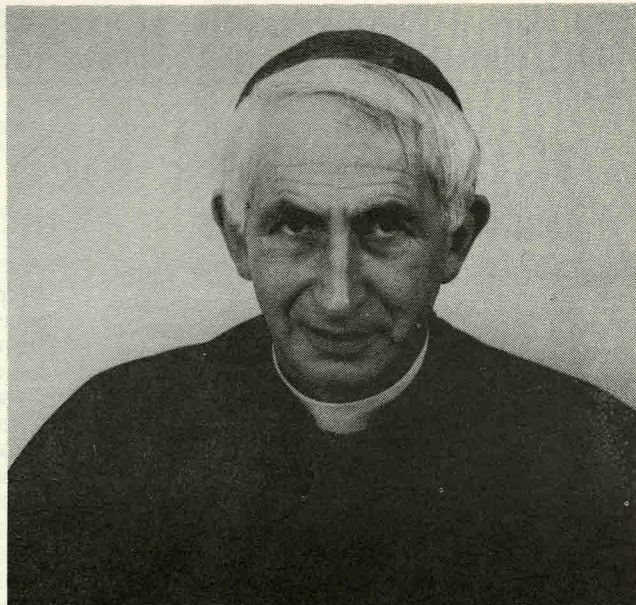


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The Irish Chaplains play a crucial role in the work of the Church in this country. The dioceses in which they serve are much the richer for their presence, and our debt of gratitude is one I happily acknowledge.

Thank you for supporting their work by your attendance at this Festival. I wish you an enjoyable evening. In three days time we will celebrate the feast of Patrick, patron saint of Ireland and spiritual inspiration to countless Irishmen and women down the ages in their love for the faith and in their missionary zeal.

May God bless you all. Please pray for me.

GEORGE BASIL HUME
Archbishop of Westminster

THE IRISH CHAPLAINCY SCHEME IN BRITAIN

A brief outline of the history, objectives, methods used and advantages of The Scheme.

HISTORY OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME

The first Chaplains were sent in 1957. Later with the changes in the Building Trade, and as the Irish moved into digs, and began to settle down, the need for Area Chaplains arose. Then in 1964 the Archdiocese of Westminster, in consultation with the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants identified three areas of need for the Irish Chaplains' ministry.

1. Lodging House areas spread throughout several parishes and needing an Area Chaplain to serve.
2. Specialised work e.g. Welfare, Housing, Employment, Hospitals needing specialist Chaplains, Youth at Risk, 'Down and Outs' etc.
3. Parishes with large Irish populations needing curate chaplains to serve.

At this stage the number of Irish Chaplains was increased to 50 and has been maintained between 40 and 50 since — at the moment we have 42 Priests, 5 Brothers and 8 Sisters.

THE OBJECT OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME

The object of the Scheme is to help those single boys and girls to integrate into their new environment, their new community. To help them to achieve integration, one has to use techniques which may appear to be ghettoish to some people but are not in effect. One has to gather them to integrate them. To define integration would be simple — people taking responsibility in their own community. It does not happen of itself, it has to be fostered. It is only the contented and secure person who has confidence in his own identity and who realises he has something to contribute, who can really give. So then to make people aware of their own potentiality an Irish chaplain may have to set up Irish clubs **not to divide but to give leadership** and to counteract the appeal of self-appointed cliques with no mandate to express the will and feelings of a community.

METHODS USED

The first 6 to 8 weeks of the newly arrived are crucial and **personal contact** is vital to help them to cushion the cultural shock which they experience. Prejudices and barriers need to be removed. This can only be done by personal contact with them to "see them through this critical period". The Chaplain may contact them in boarding houses, hostels, dance halls, pubs, Irish social events and G.A.A. games. In general, going to places where they congregate and making himself known to them, organising special events for them, gathering them in order to integrate them. Through this personal approach with them, he may be able to secure

- a) Suitable accommodation
- b) Employment.
- c) To convince people to invest their money in Building Societies so that their long term objective may be to buy their own home or their short term objective to have money to go back to Ireland and purchase some property.
- d) The organising of parish re-unions which may appear to be fostering ghettoism but experience has proved that through these:
 - i) people lost to society have been found;
 - ii) many have come back to the Church;
 - iii) marriages are sorted out;
 - iv) the individual is brought back to the community.

THE RESULT OF THE CHAPLAINCY SCHEME HAS BEEN:

1. An increase in the number of chaplains.
2. Rationalisation in the number of priests. A service of at least four years is asked for together with due notice of withdrawal.
3. A guaranteed supply is achieved. A diocese or a congregation is asked to guarantee continuity even if it has to borrow elsewhere.

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On behalf of the Irish Chaplains I would like to thank very sincerely all those who contributed so generously towards our Souvenir Programme. To all of you who have come here tonight; to those who sold tickets; arranged coaches and who helped in any way in making this occasion such a happy and successful one, thank you. A special word of thanks to the Management of the Royal Albert Hall who have been so kind to me in all my dealings with them.

Hoping you will all enjoy this evening and have a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

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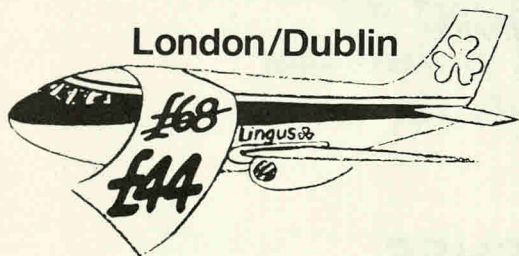
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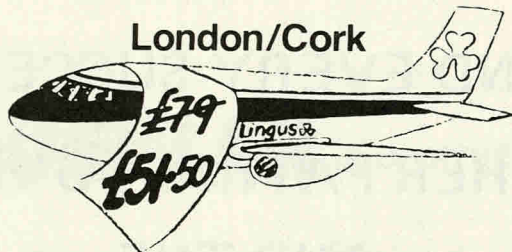
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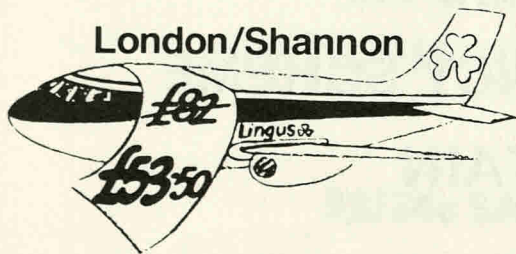
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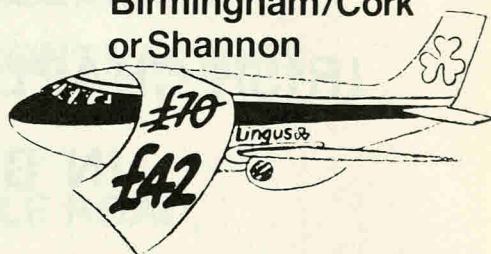
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DERMOT CREHAN started to play the violin at the age of 6. His family is well known in Ireland for their performances of Irish traditional and folk music; and from an early age, Dermot Crehan played with them, and as a soloist, winning many competitions and awards. At the age of 14, he became the All Ireland Champion Fiddle Player; and held this coveted award for three successive years. With his brother, Kieran, and his sister, Claire, both fiddle players, Dermot Crehan became an international winner of television's Opportunity Knocks contests, and subsequently EMI issued two LPs of their work.

As a member of the Crehan Family, Dermot Crehan represented Ireland at many music festivals throughout Europe, has toured the United States and given many performances on radio and television. But he has acquired a reputation as a soloist with the Irish Heritage Group in London, and as an orchestral player, touring with Ballet International and regularly performing with the BBC Northern Ireland orchestra. He has gained his Performer's Diploma (ARCM) at the Royal College of Music in London, where he still studies.



SIONED WILLIAMS

SIONED WILLIAMS studies at the Royal Academy of Music, under Renata Scheffel-Stein. She has played for many of the principal orchestras, both as player and soloist. Last year she attended the International Harp week in Holland, where her own composition 'Cyfres i'r Delyh' won a special award, and was subsequently broadcast. She has won numerous prizes for her harp playing. Sioned plays a harp made by Victor Salvi, of Genoa, Italy. Since you last heard her, Sioned has been playing with all the major orchestras, and given several recitals at the Purcell and Wigmore Halls in the Young Musician's series. She has played many times in the Albert Hall with the London Symphony Orchestra, playing an all Wagner programme.



TOM & PASCHAL

Tom O'Donnell and Paschal O'Grady are two of Ireland's most popular comedians. Near neighbours in their native Limerick city, their stage partnership began in their Boy Scout days. Their clean, zany, and unpredictable comedy is refreshing to young and old alike. Though professional since 1961, they are best known since their "Jamboree" TV series. They have just concluded a ten-week series on R.T.E. titled "Hullabaloo". The boys' greatest achievement to date has been their two tours of the United States, topped off by two appearances at the world renowned Carnegie Hall. They have had several English tours.

GENERAL HUMBERT FOLK GROUP

The group General Humbert was formed 18 months ago when they recorded an LP for Dolphin Records. Since that time they have established themselves highly on the Irish Folk Circuit, having appeared several times on TV and Radio. They also have toured extensively in Europe. A second LP from the group is to be released in the near future.

Mary Black— Vocals, Bodhran Whistle, Spoons. John Donegan— Mandolin. Shay Kavanagh— Guitar. Ruairé Somers— Uilleann Pipes, Bagpipes, Whistles.



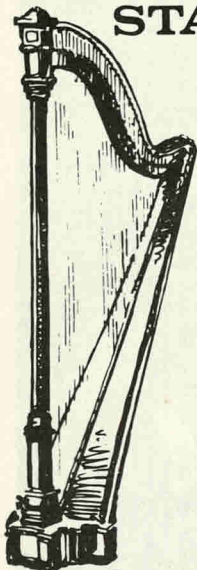
**THE TED KAVANAGH
IRISH DANCERS.**

This team of Irish dancers repeated its feat in winning both the World figure-dance championship and the Great Britain figure-dance championship again in 1977. Ted Kavanagh's senior team has in the past also won the All-Ireland figure and Ceili dance championships as well as the World Ceili dance championship.

The team, made up of six boys and six girls, will perform two dances, the Ring of Kerry and the Sword of Brian Boru, both choreographed by Ted Kavanagh. All members of the team are London born. As individuals they have won several step dance championships. Ted Kavanagh himself, who was born in Derry and learnt his dancing there, was the winner of many All-Ireland and Ulster individual championships.

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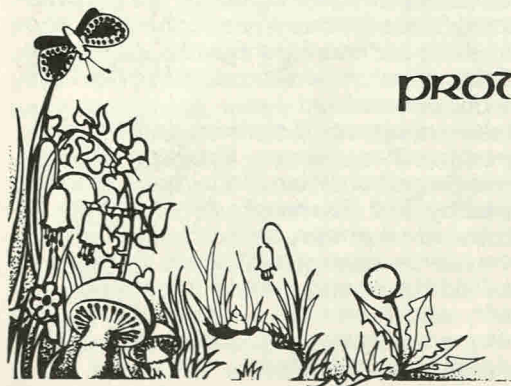
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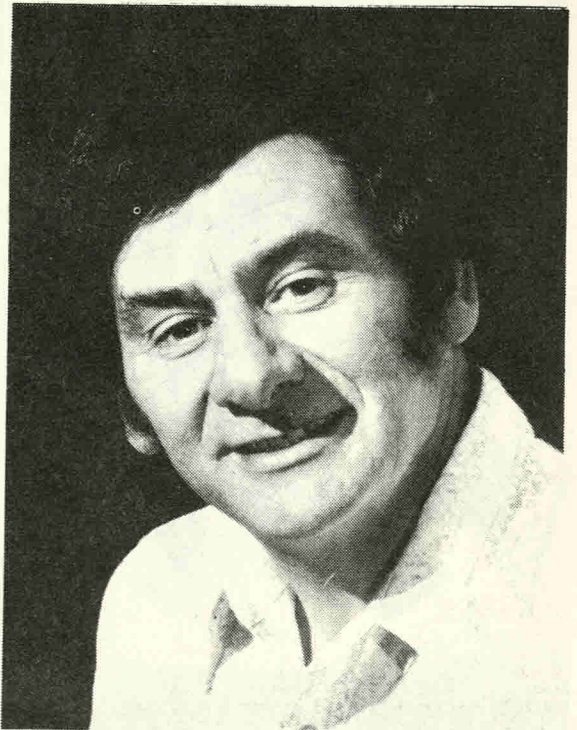
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VAL. FITZPATRICK

As well as acting as Compere he is also a fine ballad singer and plays the guitar. His services are much sought after both at home and abroad. He has made three Concert tours of America and has headed his own Irish Cabaret group in hotels throughout Ireland and for five seasons in Bermuda. His stories are always acceptable to any audience and they are told in a way which does not offend. So far this year he has appeared in Pantomime at the Olympia Theatre, Dublin. As soon as Pantomime finishes he is off to U.S.A. for a series of five concerts and then to England for more concert engagements.



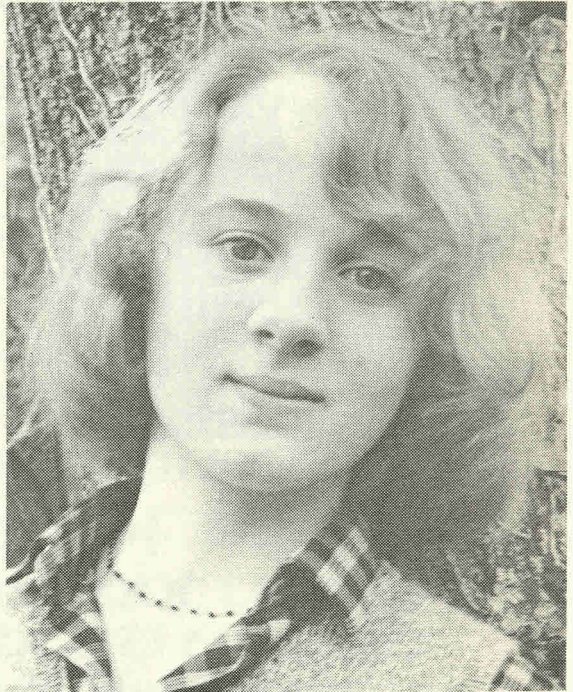
EDMUND BROWNE

One of Ireland's most popular tenors. He has made six coast to coast tours of U.S.A. and has twice appeared in Zambia. In Ireland he is in constant demand in Concert and Cabaret and always leaves his audience shouting for more. His is a very lively performance and he includes in his programme all the old Irish favourites. He hails from Newport Co. Tipperary but now lives with his wife and family in Lucan Co. Dublin.



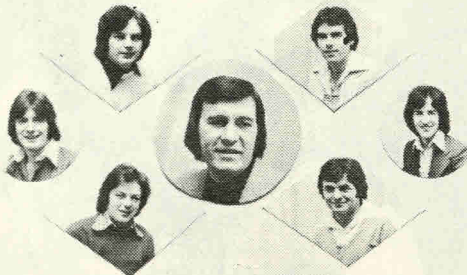
NIALL MURRAY

NIALL MURRAY was born in Dublin and has lived with music all his life. He was a child star and as a young man starred in light opera and musicals. In 1976 he appeared in 'Opportunity Knocks' and was at once offered a contract by Lord Harewood to sing with the English National Opera at the London Coliseum. He has performed in 'La Boheme' and in the new production of Mozart's 'Magic Flute'. He is in constant demand on BBC for both sound and vision.



NIAMH CUSACK

Gene started professionally in show business with the Mighty Avons in 1970. When Larry Cunningham and The Avons parted company Gene took over as lead singer and he was an instant success. Gene and The Avons remained a very big attraction for 5 years until the band members decided they wanted to quit business. Gene then decided to start his own band which he called The Homesteaders. Things have gone very well since with several hit singles and 4 successful LPs in the past 3 years. The latest LP being 'Precious Memories' and the single 'Just for what I am'. There are 7 members in the band which include 4 singers apart from Gene providing a very varied programme — Irish, Country & Western and Pop.



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NOEL HEALY

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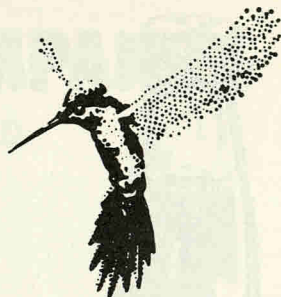
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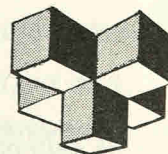
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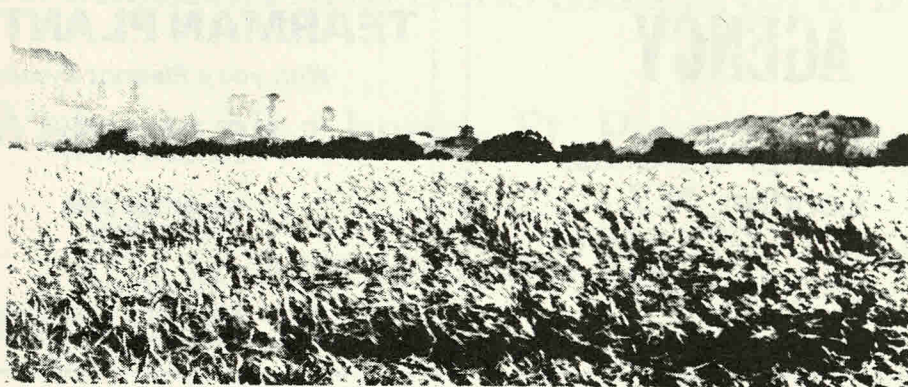
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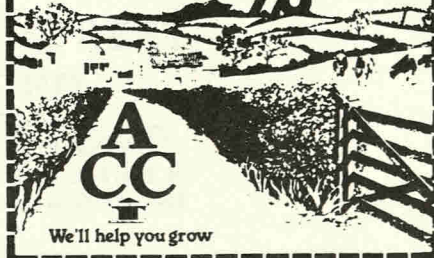
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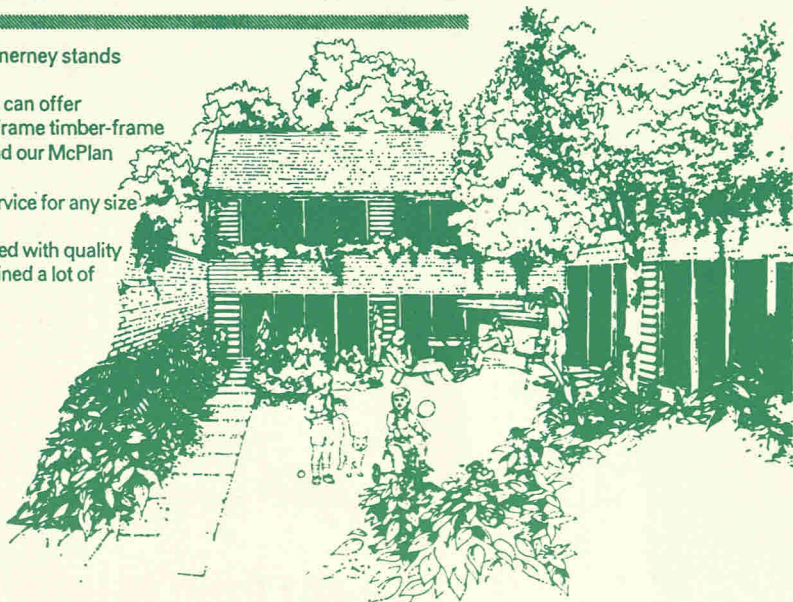
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