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This Festival is an important means of financing the work they do. I hope that all of you present tonight will not only enjoy the evening, but also continue to support this vital work.

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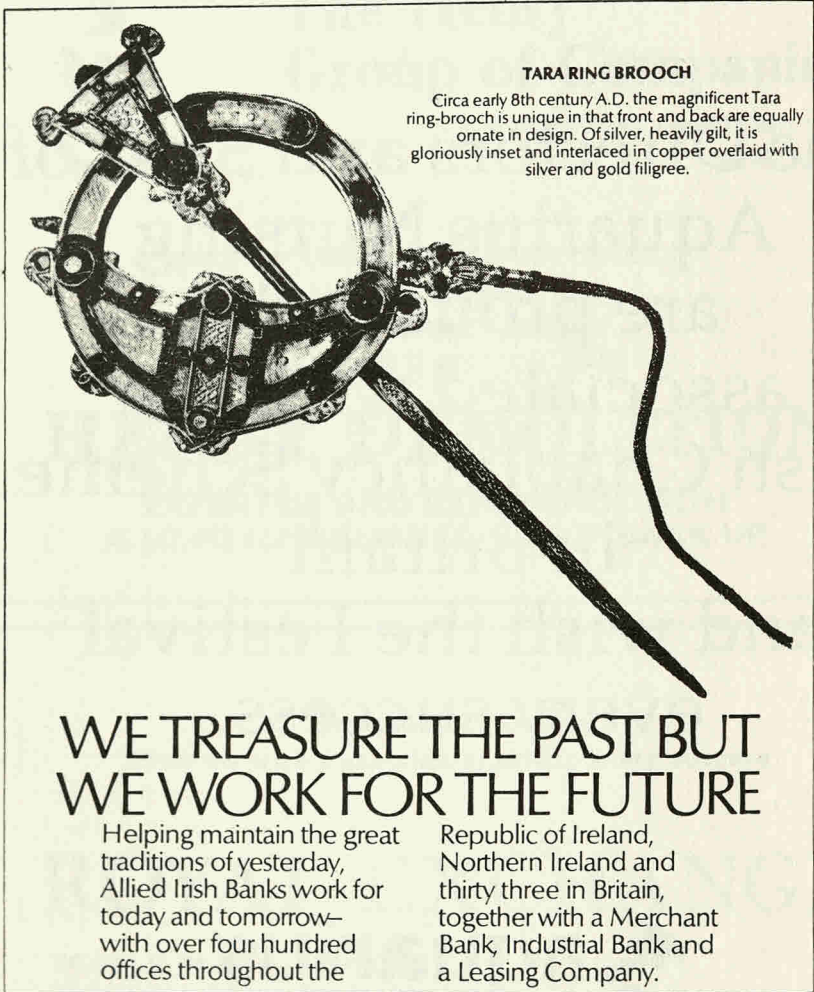
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The Irish Chaplaincy was organised in 1957 at the request of the Bishops in England and Wales when Irish people were concentrated in the many construction projects scattered throughout the country. Later as the work in the big projects were completed, the workers began to move into the cities and settle there. Irish chaplains followed them and worked with them from parish centres. The different dioceses and the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants began to identify areas of need in the ministry for Irish Chaplains. Each year the work of the Chaplaincy is reviewed during its Annual Conference. It endeavours to identify new needs among the Irish people and co-operates with the local Church in meeting those needs.

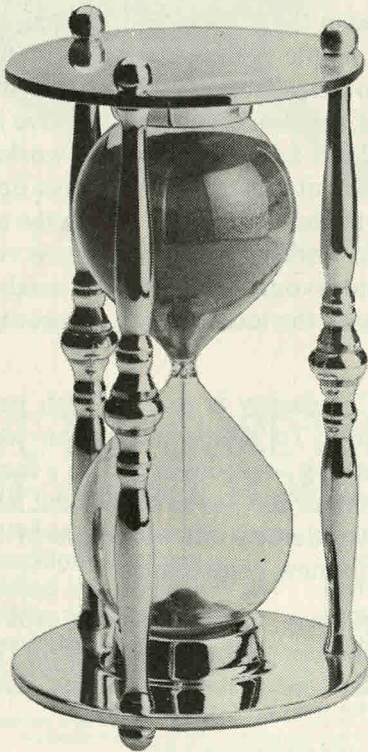
The overall objective of the Chaplaincy is to help Irish people to integrate into the new community. To define integration would be simple—people taking and sharing responsibility in their own community. It does not happen of itself but has to be fostered. It takes a person who is happy with his own identity and conscious of his own culture and roots to contribute to a new community.

To enable integration, the Chaplaincy, as time went on, took on new apostolates. These included chaplaincies to Hostels, Hotels, in Housing, Nurses and Hospitals, Youth, Battered Wives, Travellers, Prisoners, Homeless and lost people.

Over the years Religious, Sisters and Brothers, have come into the Chaplaincy to help in the various caring agencies such as hostels, welfare agencies, and in later years to work as parish sisters.

The needs of the Irish community have changed over the years and will continue to do so in the future. It has been an enriching experience for those who have worked in the Chaplaincy, being with the Irish community in the realisation of its needs and aspirations.

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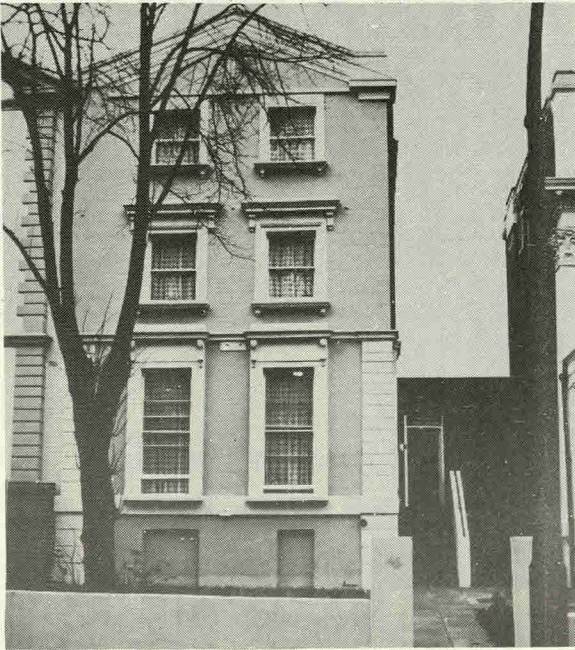
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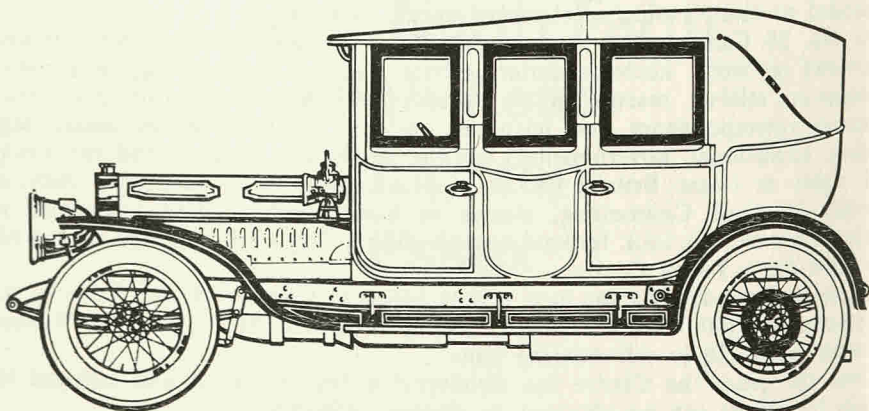
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On behalf of the Irish Chaplains I would like to thank very sincerely all those who contributed so generously towards our Souvenir Programme. To all of you who have come here tonight; to those who sold tickets; arranged coaches and who helped in any way in making this occasion such a happy and successful one, thank you. A special word of thanks to the Festival Committee. Mr. T. Dunne; Mr. S. Troy and Mr. J. O'Connell without whose help this festival could not be possible.

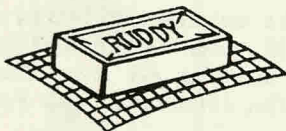
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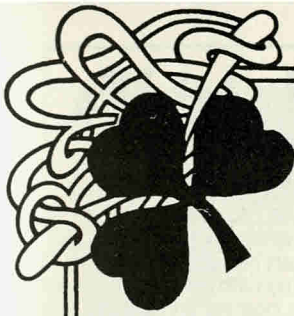
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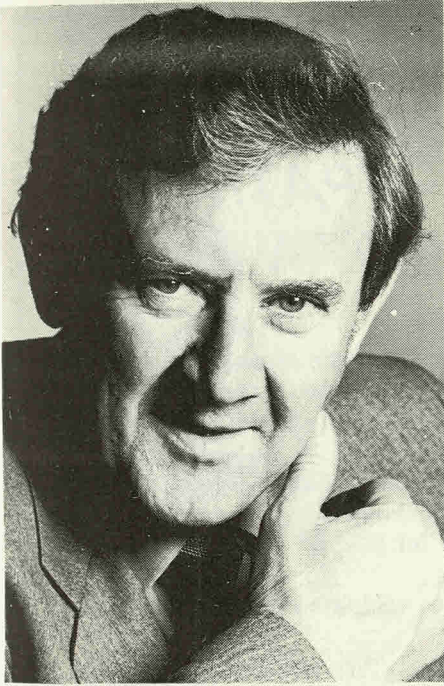


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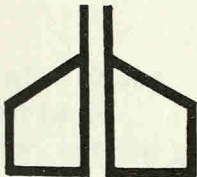
Niall Toibin's thirty years as an actor have included spells with the Abbey and Gate Theatres and tours, especially with his six one-man shows to every playhouse in Ireland. His foreign work has brought him for three seasons to the National Theatre in London, to a Tony Award on Broadway for "Borstal Boy" and work in Germany, Canada and many other countries.

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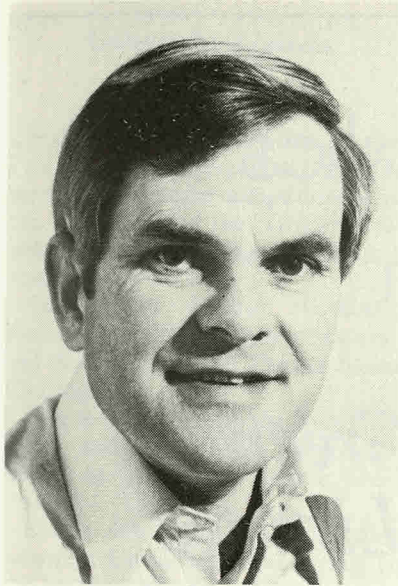
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This record was arranged and produced by Seán O Riada with whose group Ceoltiri Cualann Seán O Sé made numerous radio and TV programmes.

Since O Riada's death in 1971 Seán O Sé has carved out a career for himself as one of Ireland's most successful and popular singers. Amongst other achievements have been 7 LP's—his most recent 'The Strands of Ballylickey' has just come on the market and was sold out over the Christmas period. Other hit singles have included 'The Manchester Rambler', 'Carrigfergus' and his most frequently requested number 'The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee'. He has appeared on all the major Irish TV programmes including Gay Byrne's Late Late Show and has hosted his own programme 'The West Wind'. On radio he has just concluded a highly successful series entitled 'Musical Memories' which he presented and scripted himself.

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Coletts McGahon

Colette was born in Dundalk in the County Louth and studied singing in Dublin where she won all the major competitions open to her. These included the "Golden Voice of Ireland" and the College of Music Gold Medal.

She was a finalist at both the Hertogenbosch Vocal Competition in 1978 and the 1982 Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Competition.

Colette has sung with the Irish National Opera and the Dublin Grand Opera Society as well as the famous Wexford Festival.

She is now with the internationally renowned Glyndebourne Touring Opera and has come back to London especially to delight us with her remarkable talent.



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Shaskeen's 4 albums to date and about 6 singles are available on the Pickwick Evergreen label. The four albums are Shaskeen, Green Groves of Erin, The Dawn and The Ash Plant. Their fifth album will be available on the English Tour starting on 12th March 1983. Called *Jays of Life*, it is available in cassette form only from: Tom Cussen, Slieveaun, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway (091) 86156.

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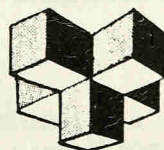
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