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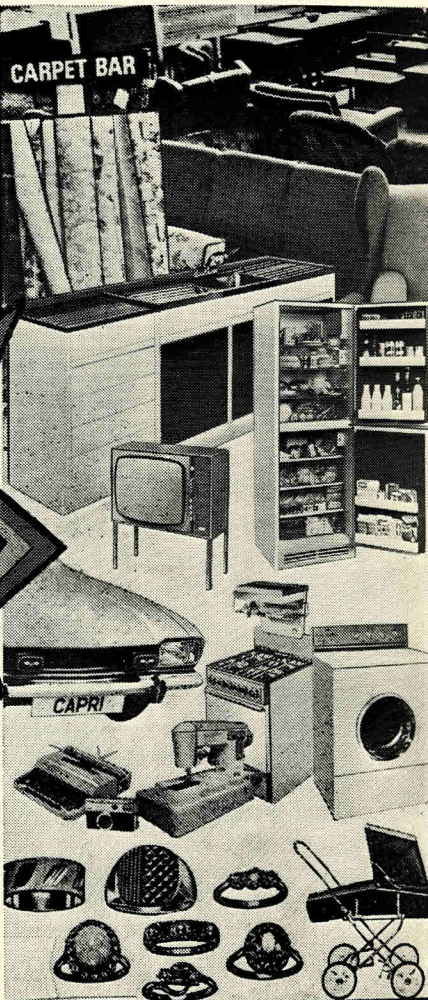
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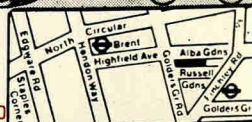
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The Irish Counties Journal talks to Mr. Alan Kostick joint managing director of Direct Wholesale Supplies

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AN IRISHMAN'S HOME NEED NOT BE A CHILLY CASTLE



Central heating is an amenity that is taken for granted in most other countries, but in Britain and Ireland, although our long cold winters make whole house heating a practical necessity it is still regarded as a luxury.

It is no longer necessary, however, for anyone, even with a very modest income, to be without warmth throughout their home. The gas industry's "Guaranteed Warmth" scheme was specifically designed for the average 2/3 bedroom house, and there are personal loan schemes available to the householder to help with the cost of the initial outlay. This is the first national central heating scheme offered at such competitive prices which guarantees room tem-

peratures. The basic system of three radiators, a boiler, hot water cylinder, time clock, air and water temperature thermostats, pipework and insulation to roof space costs £235. Apart from helping with the initial purchase of the system, the North Thames Gas Board offers special domestic tariffs so that customers with gas central heating qualify for cheaper rates for the gas consumed. There is a system for spreading the gas bills over the entire year too, so that there isn't too much strain on the purse strings in wintertime.

The Choice

There are two main methods of central heating by gas — one by a system of hot water circulated through pipes to radiators, the other by a system of warm air fanned through ducts to grille outlets. The choice may well depend on the type of house to be heated, and it is important to consult a central heating representative from North Thames Gas for advice on the most suitable method to choose.

Best of both worlds

There is another development which combines the two methods of central heating. This is by means of a heat exchanger, which works in conjunction with a conventional gas-fired central heating boiler to provide warm air through a system of ducts and outlet grilles. The hot water continues to be supplied in the normal way.

Recent developments

One of the more recent developments is the balanced-flue appliance, which does away with the need for a conventional flue and chimney. The only essential requirement is that it must be fixed to an outside wall so that air for combustion can be drawn in and the waste products of combustion discharged through a terminal on the outside of the wall.

The Gas Industry's awareness of the constant need for research and development and the promise of North Sea Gas have all contributed to the success story of central heating sales figures. Whereas 26,000 central heating systems were installed in 1961 for example, the number rose to 32,000 in 1969. Obviously the old British fairy tale that to be cold is to be healthy is dying a rapid death, and not before time.

F. WYNN

WHY MOST PEOPLE CHOOSE GAS CENTRAL HEATING.*

AND WHY SOME WHO DON'T SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN.

The second part comes first. Most of us have ideas of what we can and can't afford, and those ideas do not necessarily correspond with the hard facts.

Mr. and Mrs. X own a house worth £7,000, and they're getting about £5,000 worth of use out of it.

How much sense does that make when a gas central heating system, on no-deposit personal-loan terms with up to ten years to pay, would not only give them the full value of their house in here-and-now liveability, but would increase its actual pound value?

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*In places where gas is available, 2 out of 3 householders who buy central heating choose a gas system.

A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN . . . WITH ELECTRICITY



Identical twins Pat and Linda with a Centralec unit, the latest electric central heating system which, working on half-price electricity, provides hot water for radiators.

major structural work and the inconvenience this can cause while in progress. Easy installation means cheaper installation and this is often a big benefit when compared with the cost of putting in other systems.

No fuel offers such a wide choice of heating systems as electricity can. Central heating with the popular storage radiators, using half-price electricity supplied at night, is probably the most well-known of all. Other off-peak systems working on half-price electricity includes floor warming, storage fan heaters (storage radiators with a built-in fan to give a rapid temperature boost), and Electricaire central heating using ducted warm air. Or there is ceiling heating, skirting heating and of course the range of every-handly focal electric fires.

Breakthrough.

And now there is yet another electrical central heating system to add to the list. For the first time ever, a hot water radiator system supplied from a central heat storage unit. This is a major breakthrough.

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In addition to cheap-rate electricity, London Electricity Board also make it easy to install electric heating and hot water by offering attractive hire-purchase terms to cover the initial cost, or a no-deposit personal loan with five years to repay and the possibility of tax relief on the interest paid. Even the cost of house wiring can be covered in this way.

The growing emphasis on improving the standards and facilities in existing older-type dwellings — with financial grants as an incentive to do so — provides the opportunity for many more families to have a better home to live in.

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THIS BAND WILL GO TO DUBLIN IN 1972



The Brent Irish Society Boys' and Girls' Pipe and Drum Band will make the trip to Dublin for next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. They will be the first Irish/London Band to do this for the Festival Period. Already the parents and children are saving up hard in preparation for the 1972 trip.

They are under the leadership of Mrs. Eileen Wagstaff, 117 Fleetwood Road, London, N.W.10, and they train every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. under Mr. John Roche, founder and pipe major of the City of London Girls Pipe Band. His daughter Ann teaches the drums and almost 80 young boys and girls of Irish parents or descent assemble at the Cricklewood Hotel.

The Brent Irish Society was formed with the formation of the Borough some seven years ago and they have become a strong Irish image within the new Borough. The band was formed two years ago and though at present they are a bit weak, they are making steady progress to a very fine band and by 1972 they should be in top shape for Dublin and London Parades.

The Society also have a show band in the Southlanders and many County Associations have had the pleasure of engaging them for their functions. They boast of a strong membership and most of the parents will travel with both bands to Dublin.

They also provide much welfare work to Convents and Institutions within the Borough and on July 23rd they will sponsor a dance at the Irish Centre, Camden Square, N.W.1, to help raise money for the Destitute Fund to help the unfortunate drop-outs who benefit by the nightly soup-runs in London.

They appeal to every Irishman and woman to support this function and all details regarding the Society may be had from the Chairman, Mrs. Wagstaff.



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Waterford, Clare, Fermanagh, and Donegal Associations get together for the Waterford Bacon and Cabbage Supper and Dance, at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, on Saturday, 19th June. In this group are, seated left to right: Mrs. J. Long (Clare); Mrs. M. Molloney (Secretary, Clare Association); Mrs. M. Donovan (Waterford); Rev. Fr. Bill Meehan (Tipp); Mrs. R. McCormack (Secretary, Fermanagh Association); Mrs. W. Smyth (Waterford). Standing, left to right: Jim Long (Treasurer, Clare Association); Mossie Donovan (Secretary, Waterford Association); Pat Hegarty (Donegal), Vice-Chairman Council of County Associations; Jim French (Vice-Chairman, Waterford Association); Jim Roche (Waterford); Hugh McCormack (Chairman, Fermanagh Association); and Wally Smyth (Chairman, Waterford Association).—Photo by Gerry Harrington.

Note to Committee Members

The Officers and Committee decided at the last monthly meeting that future meetings will be held on the third Friday of every month

Bacon and Cabbage Supper/Dance

I am delighted to report that our B. and C. Supper/Dance was a huge success despite the fact that only 95 people sat down to dinner — there was a very large attendance after at the dance. We were delighted welcome and entertain our guest, Fr. Meehan. Fr. Meehan is attached to St. Mary's, Blackheath. Result of draw at B. and C.: 1st

prize (bottle of Whiskey) went to Mrs. Wade, Dungarvan; 2nd prize (Fruit set) to Miss Reynolds, Aglish; and 3rd prize (bottle of Wine), Tony Craig, Hendon. The raffle prizes were supplied by the following: 1st prize, W. J. Smyth (Chairman); 2nd prize, M. Donovan (Secretary); 3rd prize by our Persian friend, Mrs. Sateri.

Marathon Walk

At the last meeting Mr. Smyth (Chairman) congratulated Mrs. J. French and Mrs. Donovan (committee members) on completing the Marathon Walk and raising the sum of approximately £75.

Summer Fare

Our chairman again thanked Mrs. M. Donovan and his own good lady for the Trojan work put into the refreshment stall.

We would like to thank United Dairies for supplying the milk. The Coca Cola Co. for the Coca Cola. J. Lyons and T. Wall for the offer of ice cream for which we had no facilities. Mrs. M. Donovan and Mrs. W. J. Smyth for supplying all the other food, a profit of £14.29½ was realised for the Irish Centre welfare fund.



Left Elizabeth Smyth, plus her pet Yorkshire Terrier. Right, Miss Fereshteh Sateri, from Persia, who is studying in London, and in the centre Fereshteh's mother, who is spending three months with her daughter.

On Holidays

Our roving photographer, Mr. Jim Regan, is at present holidaying in Southern Ireland and from what I have seen he is helping to keep the side up even on holiday. Mr. Regan is a native of Cappoquin.

Greeting our friends at the Irish Club

On the 24th June at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, we met our good friend Mai O'Higgins, song writer who hails from Dungarvan.

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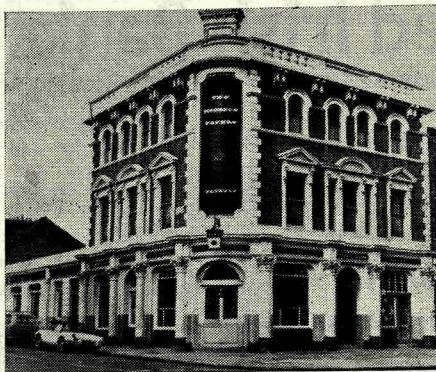
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LONDON WEXFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAVE BUSY TIME AHEAD

The London Wexfordmen's Association have been on the go for the past couple of months. Their recently held Bazaar in aid of the Welfare Fund was swelled as the results of the small attendance which gave it their support.

Last Sunday, July 11th, saw their annual outing to Brighton to take the young orphans (mostly Irish) with the senior citizens and ten of the Community of Nazareth House, East End Road, Finchley, being nursed by the Association members. Along with the trip went some pocket money for spending to the party and on the way home a stop was made at the residence of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. T. Cadogan, to give an afternoon tea on the lawn at "Greensleeves." A social evening followed.

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Paul Byrne, O.M.I., Director of the Catholic Housing Aid Society, for the wonderful meal and great evening's work spent recently at his lovely headquarters in Old Cromwell Road. If plans go as anticipated, the Wexford Association should have their Memorial Hall and Hostel within a space of six months.

We are now preparing to send worthy representatives to the Waterford Association Dinner/Dance to be held at the Ardree Hotel, Waterford City, on Saturday, August 7th, 1971. Rev. Fr. McGrath, C.C., the Vice-President with others will attend.

A savings fund is now opened by the Association to aid members and others interested in the All-Ireland Hurling Trip to Dublin for the hurling final. For three pounds a week, one could have the fare home which is only £27 for three nights bed/breakfast. Anyone interested in the savings fund should contact Tom Murphy, 1 Hermes Point, Elgin Avenue, W.I., who is acting as Secretary/Treasurer of the fund. The return is out Friday night and back on the following Monday evening.

The Association in conjunction with well known New Ross people are sponsoring a benefit dance for to aid Mr. Martin (Watto) Cullen, New Ross. Mr. Jim Conway and his son Christopher are giving their Aranmore Irish Dance Hall to them for Sunday, October 3rd. This is definitely another worthy cause to aid (Watto) who will never walk again. During his term in London Watto was always the first to help fellow Wexford and Irish men and women when in need. Now is your time to reciprocate to him. Believe it or not, but the wheel-chaired Wexfordman now spends his time mastering the Irish language and all he needs now is someone to speak the language that the most of the Irish do not know. Don't forget the date to help—The Aranmore, Balham, Sunday, 3rd October. Licensed Bar/Buffer and dancing from 9 to 1 a.m.

The Autumn traditional Bacon and Cabbage Supper will be held at the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Town, on Saturday, October 30th. Tickets now available from the Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Newport (Phone 01-677 0053) for reservation.

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As we go to press we are glad to report that our van has been received for the St. Mungo's Community in conjunction with the Holy Nuns of the Servants of the Mother of God, Roehampton. Two generous Irish businessmen, Tim Gaughan, of the Duke of Cambridge, Tottenham, and his recent take over of The Eagle, Tottenham, and big hearted portlaoise man Jim Galvin, of The George, Hammersmith, came to our rescue with this big offer. Our fund will remain open for donations and we thank those great people who so handsomely donated to the present fund.

The great news at the moment is that the Dublin Batchelors will head the star-studded list of array of artists for the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, November 22nd. Tickets at £1.50 and £1.25 are now available for advance booking from J. O'Leary, 1a Chippenham Mews, London, W.9, telephone 01-286 0516 for information. Danny was the former Chairman and now holds the honour of Vice-President of the Association.

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Gerry and Una Burns, long serving members of this Association, are to manage the Mulberry Tree in Holloway Road. We wish them every success.

Our jumble sale at the Gresham realised £49. The fare was good even if the attendance was small. Our members turned out in force to support the event. Again our ladies did a great job. Our thanks to them and to the management. The facilities afforded us were first class in keeping with the high standard one has come to expect from the Gresham.

Our proposed September trip to Galway is still being worked on. Quotations received re air travel appear excessive. The authorities inform us that September is in the Peak Season and that it would be cheaper to travel out-of-season.

The Michael Molloy Perpetual Trophy for an Inter-County Singing Contest has been approved by the C.I.C.A. Any aspiring crows, even for a lark (excuse please), should watch out for this contest.

The Children's Essay Competition has been given the green light. The age grouping are under 12 years and 12-16 years. The closing date for the first competition is August 31st, 1971. See Tir Na n-Og below for details.

TIR NA N-OG

Welcome boys and girls to Tir Na n-Og. This is to be your regular corner where you are invited to take part. Please send us your jokes, limericks, hints, photographs, recipes, anything you like.

Competitions are to be held, open to all young readers of this column. The first competition is an essay competition, closing date for entries 31st August, 1971. In all there are four prizes of Record or Book Tokens. Prize winners can decide which they prefer. For the under 12 years of age group there is a first and second prize. The essay is to contain approximately 100 words. The subjects are as follows—

- (a) Summer Holiday
- (b) School Outing
- (c) A Day at the Zoo

The other age group is 12-16 years of age. Again we have two prizes. The essay is to be of approximately 100 words and your subjects are as follows—

- (a) My Irish Holiday
- (b) School Outing
- (c) That Day we Won the Cup

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Photo taken at the Bacon & Cabbage Supper, held at the Irish Centre, on Saturday, 1st May, 1971. Included in the group are: Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, Bishop of Meath (who has got a bit of Cavan in his diocese), and the Rev. Fr. Sheridan.

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION —

Part V by B.F.M.

Our first Newsletter is 1959 announced our Spring programme, which included two dances in Hounslow, but in spite of publicity and personal canvassing the first dance on Friday, 20th February, was so disappointing that we cancelled the second booking and buried our losses, which were made a lot lighter, thanks to Pat McNamee, for waving his fee on the second engagement.

Our former Secretary, Killian O'Connell, was married in this month.

On 23rd February we held a successful social in the Emerald Club and we ran a St. Patrick's Day Dance in St. Osmond's Church Hall, Barnes, S.W.13, which was also a great social success.

On Thursday, 9th April, James Conway gave us the Emerald Club and with the kind help of Mr. Terence Sheehy and Dennis O'Connell of the Irish Tourist Board we showed some interesting films followed by an enjoyable social. At the interval the Chairman, Brian Mullen, presented a cheque to the late Jack Stacey, Chairman of the Irish Centre (a Tipperary man). This represented our first donation to the Irish Centre.

In May, Marie Mullen introduced and launched a raffle for two Aer Lingus return tickets to Dublin. Our Committee worked very hard and with public support we passed our target in the sale of tickets.

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THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE IRISH CLUB, EATON SQUARE

Our friend and liaison man at Aer Lingus, namely Mr. Tommy Dunne, is the new Chairman of the Irish Club for the coming year. Congratulations Tommy.

"The Irish are an honest people", said Dr. Johnson, "they never speak well of each other." And for Mr. Tommy Dunne, London-based Irish Travel Co-Ordinator for Aer Lingus, this can be a good thing.

"This critical interest by Irishmen is a sign of the pride they have in the Irish airline. It is not enough for us to be an airline like that of any other country. If we fail to explain ourselves or, for some reason, fail to come up to scratch, there's no hesitation. Aer Lingus is the first to know."

Being the link-man between Aer Lingus and the Irish community in Britain, Tommy is more exposed than most to complaints and criticisms of the Irish airline.

"At one time we would spend hours trying to explain things like the international air fare agreements — often trying to convince people that we could not subsidise Irish homegoing fares or proving that the cost-per-mile London to Cork was cheaper than comparable European routes.

"Now it is different. I find greater understanding of what we are trying to do; of our vital role in Irish employment and economy; and of the fact-of-life that Aer Lingus must pay-its-way in a tough commercial environment. They see problems at home and know that we are one of the key organisations in the front line which can help overcome the difficulties.

They know that we are glad to have informed, constructive criticism and will act upon it simply because we are proud of the standards and reputation Aer Lingus has earned."

According to Mr. Dunne, one of the still outstanding problems is that only a few have any real idea of the extent to which Aer Lingus co-operates with the Irish in Britain.

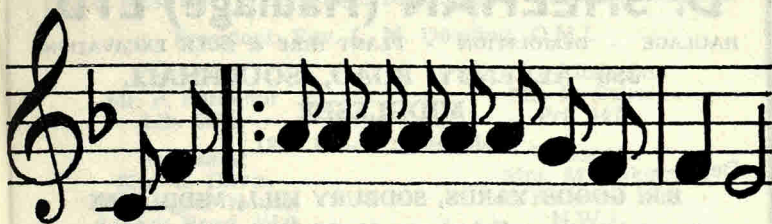
Until recently, an Irish Association in one part of the country hardly knew what its sister organisation in another part was doing. But with the launching of the Irish Counties Journal and his own appointment as Irish Travel Co-Ordinator, more information is flowing between Aer Lingus and the Irish community at large.

Now, he says, the Irish community is learning the extent of Aer Lingus activities throughout the country — from the pipe band festival in Edinburgh or a visit by the airline's directors to the Manchester Irish Association; the Clergy Golf Tournament; the Lourdes Sick Fund; the Rose of Tralee and the Darlin' Girls from Clare to the National Universities of Ireland; the Council of Irish County Associations and the wide range of St. Patrick's Day events.

In addition, Tommy is available to advise and set-up special "package" holidays to take in All-Ireland Finals, Racing, Golf, and any other event which might attract groups or parties at special rates. These usually include return air fare, hotel accommodation and transport.

Tommy Dunne is well-qualified to fill this vital role. He is Chairman of the London Irish Club, a Director of the Marian Staff Agency, a member of the Catenian Association and a committee member of London's Irish Centre.

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Over 300 people attended the Annual Dinner Dance, held on Saturday, 12th June at the Penthouse Suite, John Barkers, W.8.

The guests included His Lordship Most Rev. P. Lennon, D.D., Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin. This was the first visit made by him to the annual reunions, due entirely to pressure of parochial duties. He expressed hope to overcome these difficulties in the future, and to pay more regular visits to these gatherings.

Also present Mr. J. Bates, Director Tintawn, and Mrs. Bates, Mr. M. O'Connor, Chairman C.I.C.A., and Mrs. O'Connor, Rev. L. Dowling, Liverpool, President of the Association; Rev. Fr. Fanning, Irish Centre; Rev. Fr. Cotter, Hotel Welfare Centre. Last but not least a young man who has, without losing his identity, made a name for himself in this country.

We refer to Mr. J. Minihan. Press Photographer, Evening Standard. He was born in Athy, and spent most of his childhood there, until his parents emigrated to England. At the age of 16 he won a photographic contest in a national newspaper with a picture of two men in the whispering gallery of St. Pauls. On the strength of this he talked his way into the Daily Mail as a cup photographer. One of his first assignments was to Paris to photograph Omar Sharif. He has climbed up scaffolding to the top of Nelson's Column, and many other exciting incidents in the course of his duty.

His work has appeared in Photography Yearbook. Dixons of Oxford Street gave him a one man exhibition, and Aer Lingus have offered him the use of their Brompton Road Gallery. He was presented recently with the award for the best photographer of the year. He has now joined the staff of the Evening Standard, and so at the age of 24 he is a success. More details will be given in the next issue of the journal.

During the dinner bouquets were presented to Mrs. Bates, and Mrs. O'Connor by two young girls who had that morning made their First Holy Communion. They were Pauline Harrison, and Clare Kavanagh, daughters of two well known footballers.

We would take this opportunity to thank the various County Associations who supported us, also the Kildare Association, Leicester. and the contingent from Luton.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. K. Walters, a prominent North London Businesswoman, who was a sister-in-law of our Chairman.

(Mrs.) R. DAVIS, Hon. Secretary.

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION — (Continued from page 12)

Mai has been secretary of the Waterford Association, Dublin, since its inauguration. Same time, same place, we met two display specialists from Waterford Glass namely Tim O'Halloran from Lismore Park, Waterford, and Tom Widger, Ballinikill, Waterford. Their specialist job in London was the erection of a six foot Waterford Glass fountain at Harrods, Knightsbridge for their Rich and Rare display of Waterford Crystal and Gunther Grangets Bavarian China. What a splendid display this is in the Central Hall well worth a visit.

Re-Union Dinner/Dance

Our third annual re-union dinner/dance will be held in the Ardree Hotel, Waterford, on Saturday night the 7th August. Music by the Rythme Kings. Tickets £2.25p. Tickets can be had in Eire from Mrs. W. Jones, 117 Hennessys Road, Cork Road Estate, Waterford, 'phone number 5459, or from the secretary in London or any member of social committee.

Vote of Sympathy

At our last committee meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Mai Higgins (Sec. Watd. Dublin Association) on the death of her sister. Also to Mrs. O'Brien on the death of her father. Mrs. O'Brien was a former Secretary of the Waterford Association in Birmingham.

Social Committee

Mrs. Smyth, 01-749 0909 night, 01-960 0202 day; Mr. French, 01-807 2114; Mr. Moloney, 01-459 7027; Mr. Downing, 01-202 6357; Mr. Davis, 01-992 3481; Mr. T. Keaney.

Reminder

All members please note subscriptions are now overdue.

New Members

We would like to welcome our new members — Mr. and Mrs. Aherne (Kilbrian); Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey (Dungarvan); Mr. M. Lenane (Cappoquin); Mr. O'Keefe (Dungarvan).

M. J. DONOVAN,
Secretary.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE IRISH CLUB—Continued from page 20

Born in Dublin, Tommy joined Aer Lingus in 1949. Since then he has been the airline's district manager in London and Bristol and, up to last year, the Aer Lingus personnel manager in Britain.

The Aer Lingus link with Irish people in Britain is strong, often behind the scenes and occasionally carried out by individual staff members in their own time. Uniformed girls especially are constantly called out to attend evening functions throughout the country.

Two distinct advantages have come out of this fast developing co-operation.

The arrangement by which Irish people in Britain can bring over their families to Britain at half the normal air fare on certain dates, has proved very popular.

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THE FERMANAGH ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

Patron: Most Rev. Dr. Mulligan, Lord Bishop of Clogher

Chairman: Mr. H. McCormack

Treasurer: Mr. F. Corrigan

The June meeting in the Irish Centre was well attended. Afterwards there was a social and presentation in the Douglas Hyde Lounge to Pat Grey, Vice-Chairman, and his bride to be, Eileen, on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage.

Pat is a founder member of the Association formed in 1956 and has been a loyal supporter ever since. So also has Frank Corrigan our Treasurer who very fittingly made the presentation of a Queen Ann Bone China tea-set on behalf of the Associations Committee members. This carries with it all best wishes to Pat and Eileen for their future happiness.

Pat in his reply thanked the Committee and said it was nice to still have a few of us (founder members) left. Many changes had taken place over the years. It was a pity, so many earlier members had drifted away for one reason or another. Many were back, some now living in Fermanagh. The Association was at times very small, but still kept going. It will later this year be the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the Fermanagh Association in London.

A welcome is extended to all newly enrolled members and to any Fermanagh people who wish to become members in the future.

A benefit Social and Dance will be held in the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, on July 31st in aid of the wife and children of the late Brenden McCoffrey, Lisnaskea, who was recently killed in a car accident here in England. The Association welcomes all the support given to this cause.

Also a good evening entertainment — music provided by the "Southlanders". See you there.

(Mrs.) M. McCormack, Hon. Secretary,

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CAVAN ASSOCIATITN — Continued from page 19

May 14th we held another successful dance in the Emerald Club. Wedding Bells rang out again when Patsy O'Reilly married May Sheridan, also from Cavan.

In addition to the social side of our activities we organised accommodation for many new arrivals to London and did hospital visitation.

Our A.G.M. for 1960 resulted in the following changes: Thomas O'Reilly (Treasurer), and new committee members: Margaret Kennedy, Brigid O'Reilly, Jack Meehan (R.I.P.), Mel O'Reilly, Michael McGovern and Patricia Preston.

Our Quiz Team was always in the running and with Mary Farrelly as Captain supported by Sheila O'Reilly, Arthur O'Brien, Michael McGovern and James O'Reilly we reached the semi-finals, but our neighbour, Monaghan, emerged the victors (to be continued).

Coming Events

Our Dinner/Dance on Thursday, 14th October, 1971. Tickets from Matt Brunton, Telephone 01-363 5505.

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Refreshments and a break for the Irish Centre Charity Walkers
 —Photo by Owen & Moroney.

Members and their friends who attended the Buffet Supper at the Irish Centre were delighted with the meal also the dancing and entertainment provided afterwards. Our sincere thanks to management and staff and in particular to Larry the Chef, who was responsible for preparing the food.

Many members and friends have requested that we run many more such functions but alas we can only have two Saturday nights at the Irish Centre in any one year, we could, of course, go to another venue, but we feel that it would not be as enjoyable. Another thing worth considering is that it would be far more costly and for the reasons given we have not ventured further afield.

Our walkers in the Irish Centre charity walk came through in great style, they all finished the course looking fit and well even though they were a little footsore. Our youngest walker, Anthony Lahiffe ten year old son of Michael and Nora Lahiffe, did the full course and looked as if he could have gone on for another ten miles. It was a great effort and shows fine spirit. May I take this opportunity to thank all the good people who sponsored us and a very gentle reminder to let us have your payment if you have not already done so.

Other dates to Remember

August 14th— Flight to Shannon from London Airport.
 September 10th— Annual Dance at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road.
 October 2nd—Bacon & Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre.
 November 20th—Annual Dinner Dance at John Barkers, Kensington.

There will be many other functions and happenings of which we shall keep you fully informed, in the meantime, to all of you who are going on holiday, may you have a splendid time with sunshine all the way.

P.S.—Many thanks to our friends who worked so hard at the Garden Fete. It was a good turnout and we did very well.

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At a recent meeting of the Association it was decided that we would arrange a Benefit Dance in aid of the work being carried out by a lay missionary from Kerry in Guatamala, and we had a very successful evening on Friday, 2nd July, when we made a £100 for this project. Our grateful thanks to Monsignor Purney for placing the Parish Hall, at St. Georges' Sudbury, at our disposal. Our thanks to all who attended and who sent on donations. We have decided that we will support this project annually for the next two years and hope that our donation will improve each year.

Our Quiz Team have arranged with Sligo our opponents in the Guinness Cup to play at The Rising Sun, Greenford Road, Harrow, on Tuesday, 27th July, at 9 p.m. The proprietor, Mr. Frank Hannon from Sligo, has been a very generous benefactor to many charitable causes and thanks to his help the proceeds from our dance at Sudbury were so pleasing. All members are welcome to attend the quiz and an enjoyable evening should be had by all.

On Saturday, 31st July, we are holding a Summer Fair and Jumble Sale, at St. Joseph's Hall, St. Mary's Road, Harlesden, N.W.10. Our thanks to Fr. Murphy, P.P., for letting us use the Hall and we will have at least ten stalls with excellent goods. We have over 500 items all new, to be sold at less than cost price. Members who can let us have any Jumble or saleable items should ring either 969 2040 or 422 2286 and collection will be arranged. We look forward to having a big attendance at this Summer Fair. The proceeds of this will be used for the St. Brendans Development Fund. The time of commencing is 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.

With the coming of the Summer holidays the month of August will be a very quiet month for the Association and from early September we hope to arrange our Winter Programme. We have made arrangements to have a Dinner in the Irish Centre in October, the possibility of a Grand Raffle and our Annual Dance at the Galtymore, when we will again have a big attraction for all our patrons. Don't forget the trip to Dublin to coincide with the All Ireland.

Other highlights in the kingdom worthy of mention—The Killarney Races, Festival of Kerry, Puck Fair, Listowel Races and the Fleadh Ceoil in Listowel at the end of August, when members of the Irish Centre Bands will be taking part.

We say a sad farewell to Fr. Luke Roche who has been a curate in Stonebridge for three years and has been a Vice-President of the Association. We wish Fr. Roche every success in his curacy in his native Kerry and look forward to meeting him on our annual returns to the kingdom.—M.O'C

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Portsmouth Visit

Thanks to the organising dedication and "know-how" of one of its members, Shaun Burke, the League choir became mobilised shortly after 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 16th and enjoyed a clear road to Portsmouth. Their search for the sea air was combined with a double singing performance, and a truly informative and entertaining conducted tour of Nelson's battle "platform" at Trafalgar, the "H.M.S. Victory".

On arrival they contributed "Ecce Panis" and "Panis Angelicus" to the singing at the 11 o'clock (Latin) High Mass in St. Swithin's Church, Portsmouth, and that performance in itself was enough to draw many of the congregation to the concert planned for the Irish Club in Fratton Road, at 4.30 that afternoon.

The response of the concert audience assured the choir members that Irish traditional songs (whether in the Gaelic or English language) have a charm and beauty of cadence and sentiment all their own. As usual, the Rosses four ballad group had the audience at their finger-tips when they obliged with a double "spot".

The choir are most grateful to the local troupe of Irish dancers who graced their concert, and they send a very warm "thank you" to the Portsmouth Irish Club council who invited them and subjected them to typical Irish hospitality and friendliness. Already an invitation has been received to go back to Portsmouth on some future date to entertain on a far bigger scale at the Guild Hall. . . . Arrivaderci, Portsmouth.

Successes at Scottish Mod

On June 5th both the Senior and Junior choirs of the League competed very successfully in this Scottish equivalent of an Irish Feis. The Mod was held in the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall in Fetter Lane, London, where the Junior choir, under conductor Peter O'Leary, set the pace by winning the John MacMillan Cup for unison singing. Later in the day the Senior choir (conductor Sheila Devaney) easily defended their title of last year, retaining the Peggy MacDougall Cup in the Mixed Voices competition, and then they went on to add another trophy by winning the shield for the Puirt-a-Beul competition.

Both choirs had good reason to be pleased with the lavish praise, encouragement and helpful suggestions of the adjudicator, Dame Ruth Railton, and both performed again as guests at the London Mod Grand Concert that same evening at Camden Town Hall.

Pakistan Relief Fund

Once again the Senior choir gladly gave their services in the cause of charity when on Sunday, June 20th they gave a concert of Irish Music, Recitation and Dance at the Salvatorian College Hall, Wealdstone. Their efforts brought £65 towards the St. Joseph's Parish contribution to the Pakistan Relief Fund.

The choir sang eight traditional songs to a very appreciative audience, the Rosses Four ballad group got a rousing reception, complete with encores; and Eamon O'Herlihy of the Gaelic League came along to add still more variety and prolong the lively mood of the audience with his stirring performance on the tin whistle. Individual

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Postponed

The annual general meeting of the London St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has again to be postponed. This is most regrettable and the Secretary, Tom Murphy, has had to take this action owing to non-availability of the Chairman, Mr. Jim Conway, Cavan, who is still indisposed.

The new date goes back now to Tuesday, October 5th in view of the many delegates on holidays during July/August but they can rest assured that plans for the 1972 celebrations are well in hand. It is hoped to have more bands in the London Parade next year and rumour has it that the famous Bishop Kearney High School Band who set the headlines in London this year will return to participate. Plans are still bubbling to get the Artane Boys Band from Dublin to come over also, and further bands to grace the London parade from Ireland, are the Waterford Glass Brass Band and the Michael O'Hanrahan F.C.A. pipers from New Ross, Co. Wexford.

An Irish Week that should include a display of Irish Goods, etc., Banquet, Irish Shop Window display, Irish nights at the Irish Club and Irish Centre, Band Recitals at Kilburn and the taking over of the Festival Hall. Concelebration of Mass at Hyde Park following the Parade on Sunday, March 12th, 1972, lectures and other worthy functions are only some of the items that should have a crowded week for the Irish. The officers met this week at the Irish Club and many more meetings involving distinguished Irishmen and women will be held before the A.G.M.

Readers and delegates are requested to make note of the change and all will get official notification of the new date.

LONDON GAELIC LEAGUE CHOIR — Continued from page 31

choir members contributed as follows: Solos, Jerry Rafferty (bass), Bernard Reeves (tenor), Patricia Lowney (soprano); Recitation, Donal Crowley.

The range of entertainment, smoothly and efficiently compered by choir-member, Paul Finnegan, was completed by a performance of Irish Dancing by local children of the Hickey School of Dancing.

Fr. Crilly of St. Joheph's Parish, speaking in both Irish (Belfast accent and Munster Irish!) and English was profuse in his thanks to all concerned in this charitable effort, and he particularly congratulated the choir on their service to Irish traditional music and on the service they did him personally by singing some of the beautiful Gaelic songs he had last heard and sung in his own boyhood days in Ireland.

Finally, the rest of the choir wish to record a heart-felt vote of thanks to their fellow-member, John Fahey, for the trojan work he got through in his "solo" effort to organise this concert in his home parish.

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The County Carlow Association, Quiz Champions for 1970. Left to right: A. Brady, J. Purcell, Patsy Byrne, Westmeath Quizmaster, M. Waters, Rev. Fr. Fanning, O.M.I., and P. Shaw.—Photo by Owen & Moroney.

The final of the 1970 Inter-County Quiz Championship for the "Guinness Cup" was held in the "Irish Centre", Camden Square, on Friday, 4th June. By beating Dublin 80 points to 70 Carlow emerged as the new champions. It was a magnificent achievement on their part as it was their first year to take part in the competition and their total score was the highest ever in a final.

The competition consisted of 6 rounds of 4 mark questions to each team. In the 1st round Carlow took the lead by scoring 12 points to Dublin's 8. It was a short-lived lead as Dublin drew level in round two when they scored 14 points to Carlow's 10. This brought the score to 22 points each. Both teams were again level at the end of round 3 — the half-way stage, the scores being 36 each. In round four Carlow got ahead once more by scoring 12 points to Dublin's 4 which made the scores Carlow 48, Dublin 40. In round five all members of Carlow's team scored 4 points each, thus obtaining the maximum 20 points, while Dublin scored only 10. This left the scores: Carlow 68, Dublin 50, on going into the sixth and last round. Here Dublin made a gallant attempt at overhauling Carlow when they equalled Carlow's performance in round five as they secured the maximum 20 points, but it came too late as Carlow replied with a further 12 which made the final score Carlow 80, Dublin 70.

Mr. Patsy Byrne, Westmeath Association was Quizmaster. Mr. B. Heerey, Westmeath, was Scorekeeper, and Mr. S. O'Carroll, Kilkenny, was Timekeeper.

Mr. Tommy O'Gorman, President of the Council, presented the "Guinness Cup" to the winners and congratulated them.

The teams were— Carlow: M. Waters, Capt., Rev. Fr. Fanning. Irish Centre: P. Shaw, John Purcell and Aidan Brady.

Dublin: J. Dillon, Capt., J. McGregor, J. Lawler, V. Gavin and Dara Robinson.

Aidan Brady with 16 points was top scorer for Carlow, and J. McGregor, with 16 also was tops for Dublin.

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OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. Why are Plane trees so common in London?
2. From which part of the world does the Calypso originate?
3. How much money is so grand?
4. A stalactite and a stalagmite are spiky formations, one hanging down from the roof and the other growing up from the floor of a cavern. Which is which?
5. Explain the origin of "facing the music"?
6. And then there were nine — nine what?

VETERANS

1. Who in Greek mythology was the first mortal woman?
2. After the death of Wild Bill Hickok, what was known as the "Dead Man's Hand"?
3. Who is the Lord High Admiral in England?
4. What is (a) Dutch news? (b) Dutch bargain?
5. Who was the smallest English Queen?
6. What is the largest printing task undertaken annually in the United Kingdom?

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WHERE A GOAT IS KING

(Factual Article)

By Michael Hannon

Few countries in the world today have got a King or Queen. Gradually over the years Empires have crumbled, and monarchs have gone.

One such country which long since has got rid of it's Kings is Ireland. Centuries ago it had four Kings and one high King. Yet, how is it that year after year Ireland still honours its King? Kick Puck they call him. Usually they go out and capture him where he resides high up in the Kerry Mountains, and if you haven't guessed by now I'll tell you — King Puck is a goat, the biggest they can find in Kerry.

Every year in the town of Killorglin in County Kerry, King Puck, as they call him, is crowned King. For three days and nights he reigns supreme, perched high up on a platform in the town centre. He is well protected from the weather, and is also supplied with ample food, fodder fit for a King, I suppose you'd call it. The festivities last three days and nights, during which time the pubs never close. A good excuse, I suppose, why the people of Killorglin are all in favour of retaining the festivities. The fun-fair has attractions of every description. There are fancy dress parades; and displays of pipe bands, and also it is one of the biggest horse fairs in Kerry. For days before the merry-making begins the roads leading to Killorglin are lined with tinkers' multi-coloured caravans. The tinkers are Ireland's travelling people, an itinerant tribe who travel the roads and lanes of Ireland, never staying more than a night or two in one place. They are peculiar

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to Ireland alone, not to be confused with the gipsies. It seems quite certain now that the tinkers are the descendants of those unfortunate people who were turned out of their homes during Cromwell's reign of terror. So much for the tinkers, who add a touch of colour to Killorglin.

The tradition of crowning a goat as King, not for a day, but three, goes back a long way in Ireland's history. Goats have always inhabited the Kerry Mountains and in ancient times, when an invading army approached the town of Killorglin, the goats came down from the mountains, thus warning the inhabitants of forthcoming danger. The people were ready to ward off the attack successfully and save their lives and homes, so that is the reason King Puck is given a place of honour in Killorglin's Square year after year, during three days in the month of August.

The last day of the celebrations is known as "scattering day" which needs no explanation, on that day the cattle fair is held, and both shopkeepers and farmers are all the better off financially when the last one leaves for home.

The fool and his money have parted company too, of course.

Last year an eight year old Killorglin girl was given the honour to place the crown on His Majesty King Puck, who is a respected member of the community.

He has reigned for many years now, and it seems he will do so for many years to come, with no thought of abdication and no fear of assassination.

ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. Plane trees do well in cities because every year they shed their bark which may be clogged by smoke and dirt.
2. West Indies.
3. 50,000 dollars.
4. A Stalactite hangs down from the roof; a Stalagmite grows up from the floor.
5. An actor before the orchestra.
6. Nigger boys.

VETERANS

1. Pandora.
2. Two black aces with two black eights.
3. Queen Elizabeth the Second.
4. (a) Bad writing, (b) one concluded by drinking.
5. Makilad, wife of William the Conquerer. She was 4 feet 2 inches.
6. The production of some 13,000,000 Telephone Directories by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

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