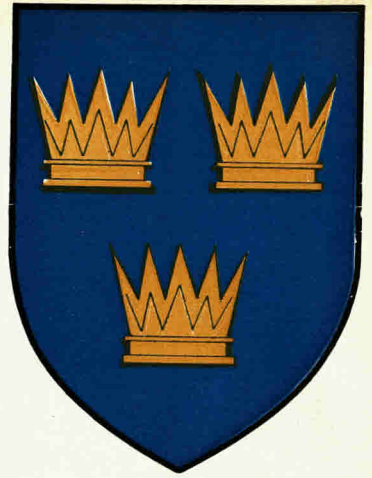


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WORKING DINNER AT THE IRISH CLUB, EATON SQUARE

At the kind invitation of the Chairman of the London St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Mr. James Conway, Cavan, the first inaugural working dinner/talks were held in the Presidential Suite of the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, on Wednesday, 15th September, 1971.

It was convened at the Parade Committee's request and presided over by Mr. Conway who welcomed the guests and fellow officers to the first ever such talks to prepare a complete Irish Week in London in 1972.

Most of the Irish Organisations in London and representatives of the Semi/State Irish bodies based in London were present, and it proved most constructive, after almost three hours deliberation, in which every one present took part.

Of the 20 items on the Agenda items 1 and 2 were the most widely discussed. Item 1: That an Irish Shop Window Display and item 2: A Week's Display of Irish Goods be held during St. Patrick's-tide. Some held the view that it was too late now to prepare in a big way for 1972 and after a long discussion and airing on the matter, it was referred to a small sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Tommy Dunne, Aer Lingus, and Chairman of the Irish Club, to go into the details.

Rev. Fr. Sheridan of the Irish Centre in conjunction with Brendan Uas Mac Lua, Editor of the Irish Post, favoured something like the taking over of the Olympia in London or some suitable premises for the display of Irish goods and the staging of Irish culture.

Other important points under discussion were the linking together of all the activities during St. Patrick's Tide and the merging of support for all the functions.

The Chairman thanked the delegates for coming along and for their fair and rich contribution to the evening. He hoped that it was to be one of many more to follow. Mr. Beresford, Irish Export Board moved the vote of thanks on behalf of the guests to the Parade Committee.

The evening ended with a tribute being paid to the Hon. Secretary, Tom Murphy, Wexford, for his part in the organisation of the Parade by Mr. Conway, Mr. Tadgh Feehan, and Mr. Tom Gorman, President of the Council of Irish County Associations and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Amid great applause, the Chairman presented Tom with a teak room divider. Tom goes back to Ireland on 1st October.

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It is an interesting fact that this Trust emerged from a National Appeal from the Mansion House when Lady Hoare was Lady Mayoress to Sir Frederick Hoare — the Lord Mayor of London.

Strangely enough, the Appeal failed and Lady Hoare took the subject up herself only to find a desperate situation, for there was little or nothing being done about the plight of the children — particularly those who were severely damaged by the drug Thalidomide. Thus was started a revolution, not only in limb fitting — for the Trust introduced gas powered limbs from Germany, but also a whole new look at the handicapped child.

The whole approach by the Trust has been a new one in that it was determined to support the families that could sustain the desperately handicapped child. Lady Hoare took the line — a handicapped child is a handicapped family — and the whole family must be given attention. As a result of this policy out of seven to eight hundred physically disabled children — half of which are Thalidomide — 90% live at home and 75% go to normal schools.

This has been achieved by the employment of 22 professional Medical Social Workers, all of whom are widely experienced married women with their own children. There is no doubt that because they can judge problems professionally, and can advise the Trust on financial support, that success has been achieved.

In the field of research and development of artificial aids the Trust has invested many thousands of pounds, mainly to stimulate the Authorities into the advancement of artificial limbs.

To give the children mobility the Trust has developed mini-cars which have been adapted so that they can be used by severely handicapped children.

But what of the future? There is much to be done, for it is necessary to consider puberty and teenage and all its problems.

Already a study has been made of the pre-training of the young disabled before emerging into life — either work or University — and it is imperative to accept the fact that the young disabled wish to be accepted as first class citizens and that every effort must be made to make them so. That is, to help them to be independent. Thus, a Training Unit is being planned whereby when a severely handicapped boy or girl emerges with 'A' levels and 'O' levels they are fully trained both in environment and personal effort to be able to look after themselves — within reason. It is desired to build an independent Training Unit at a Grammar School where they can learn to look after themselves, make their beds, cook and entertain, and thus be equipped to face life with reasonable confidence, before meeting the full test.

The Trust has opened a new Holiday Home at Pevensy in Sussex, designed to give the parents a rest and the children a seaside holiday.

Every effort is made to "look ahead, with vitality" — in order that the physically disabled can become first class citizens, and not a burden on the State.

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It is an interesting fact that a 28 minute film was made last year called "Only the Beginning" which won an award in the National

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Recently, part of the film was re-edited by Brigadier Chatterton and Lady Hoare who constructed their own B.B.C. Appeal. The result surpassed their wildest dreams.

Curiously enough, "Only the Beginning" is the right title — for there is much to be done and achieved, and only financial support can make it possible. For the Lady Hoare Trust to succeed in the dynamic work that it has to do.

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THE ROCK OF CASHEL

Rising like a sentinel to a height of three hundred feet above the fertile lands and picturesque valleys of County Tipperary, the Rock of Cashel is surely one of the finest sights in Ireland. Today it stands in peace and tranquility and an atmosphere of solitude and restfulness which we exiles are wont to associate with the many ruins of our Golden Age which are to be found so frequently on our native soil.

In 1647, the Rock of Cashel was the scene of a terrible episode, which for cruelty and barbarity has rarely been surpassed during the seven centuries of oppression in Ireland. The event was the attack on Cashel by Lord Inchiquin and his army. The name Inchiquin, or Murrough O'Brien, better known in Munster as Murrough of the Burnings, was held in abhorrence in that Province.

The brutality and downright viciousness of this man was equalled only in the barbarity of Cromwell. In laying waste to Munster, Inchiquin's campaign of terror included massacring the natives, destroying their crops and burning their homes. This scorched earth policy was a grim reminder to the people of Cashel that no mercy could be expected from Inchiquin's army of five thousand now surrounding their town. The Irish garrison of three hundred men under the command of the Catholic Confederate General Taffe, were determined to resist to the last. As the town was badly fortified, Taffe realised that his small garrison could not hope to hold out long in the face of vastly superior forces so he ordered his men to withdraw to the Rock which was more defensible. The townsfolk also collected their belongings and fled to the short lived security of the Rock.

The enemy forces, entering the town without opposition, burnt down part of it before advancing on the Rock of Cashel itself. After a prolonged and bitterly resisted attack Inchiquin called off operations and demanded the surrender of the garrison. The terms of surrender being that the garrison would be allowed to depart unharmed with arms and ammunition on condition that citizens and clergy who had sought sanctuary in the Cathedral must be surrendered to the mercy of the Parliamentary forces. General Taffe spurned these dishonourable terms and informed the enemy commander that his men would resist to the end unless clergy and people were allowed to go free. Immediately the attack was resumed with even greater ferocity until eventually sheer weight of numbers overwhelmed the gallant defenders.

Then in the words of a contemporary writer "When all resistance ceased the Rock of Cashel became not only a prey to the enemy, but a veritable slaughterhouse. The cruelty of the enemy was displayed against the priests and religious. Many old men and aged ladies, besides innumerable other citizens as well as innocent children were

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Photo taken at our Reunion Dinner at the Ardree Hotel, Waterford, an account of which appeared in last months issue. From left, sitting: Mrs. M. Donovan, Mrs. T. Brennan, Rev. Dean Day, Mrs. W. J. Smyth, Councillor Tom Brennan (Deputy Mayor), Mr. W. J. Smyth (Chairman), Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, D.D., Bishop of Waterford, Mrs. W. Jones. Standing from left: Mr. M. Donovan (Hon. Sec.), Mr. N. Walsh (Munster Express), Mrs. J. French, Mrs. J. J. Walsh, Right Rev. Mons. C. J. Henderson (President), Mrs. P. Maloney, Mrs. T. O'Regan, Mr. P. Maloney (Assistant Treasurer), Mr. J. French (Vice Chairman), Mr. James Power (Chairman, Vocational Education Committee), Mr. J. Roche (M.C.). — Photograph by courtesy of "Munster Express".

Annual Dinner/Dance at Hammersmith

As stated in the September issue our Annual Dinner/Dance will take place at Hammersmith Town Hall on Saturday, 6th November. If you require tickets please hurry with your cheques as we've had enquiries for 500 and we are limited to 360.

The fabulous Nights Showband (see outside back cover of this Journal) will be playing throughout the entire evening.

Our patron, The Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lismore will be with us once again as will their Worship the Mayors of Waterford and Hammersmith. All in all it promises to be its usual resounding success.

Annual Raffle

Our Annual Raffle will take place at the Irish Centre in December, date to be announced later. A beautiful Waterford Glass vase has been donated by Waterford Glass Ltd. The usual colour cast by Waterford Ironfounders Ltd., and lots of other surprises.

News from Mount Melleray Abbey

Simplicity was a feature of the ceremony in the Cistercian Abbey of Mount Melleray, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, recently, when Right
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slain on the altar steps. Twenty ecclesiastics who sought refuge in the castle vault were suffocated by fire. A number of women who had gathered around the statue of St. Patrick and whose only weapon was their prayers, were mercilessly slain by the Inchiquin soldiers."

The Altars, Chapels, sacristy and seats were covered with the bodies of over eight hundred dead who perished on that day. Irish people, although filled with horror at this episode, felt a little proud that the Irish garrison chose to die with the townspeople on the sacred soil of St. Patrick rather than submit to dishonourable terms of the enemy.

BOB DALY, Secretary,
The Council of Irish County Associations.

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 9)

Rev. Dom Paul Hennessy, a native of Ballinbassig, Co. Cork, the newly elected Abbot of the Monastery was solemnly blessed and installed by the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Most Rev. Dr. Russell.

The new Abbot broke with tradition by dispensing with the custom of being invested with ring and mitre in accordance with the recently reformed rite.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore Right Rev. Dr. John Ward Armstrong, was among those present.

The new Abbot, at 42 years of age, is the youngest Cistercian Abbot in Ireland. He studied at St. Finbarr's Farranferries, and entered the Order of Mount Melleray in 1949. After his ordination he spent some years in Rome.

The simple ceremony consisted of Con-Celebrated Mass at which Most Rev. Dr. Russell presided and the celebrants included other Abbots and members of Mount Melleray Community. Dr. Armstrong read the Gospel.

Explaining the changes in the ceremony the Abbot said he had decided to forgo the cost of a reception and donate what it would entail for the relief of poverty and distress in Ireland and in other under-developed parts of the world.

Future Functions

Negotiations are going ahead for a Christmas Function to be held on Saturday, 11th December, at St. Paul's Church Hall, Station Road, Woodgreen. Please keep that date free, and we will give you more details in the November issue.

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The second of these articles on Cavan is written by Mr. T. S. Smyth, who is well known for his historical works on Cavan County. We are grateful to Mr. Smyth for writing this article specially for the Irish Counties Journal.



The Castle Lake at Bailieborough, Co. Cavan, is one of several excellent Coarse Fishing lakes in that area.

CAVAN COUNTY — HISTORICAL RETROSPECT

by T. S. Smyth

The records of ancient times contain references to Breifne, a territory in the north-western part of Ireland.

In the tenth century Breifne was divided into two principalities — East Breifne, or Breifne O'Reilly, and West Breifne, or Breifne O'Rourke — corresponding to counties Cavan and Leitrim respectively. Until the latter years the sixteenth century East Breifne was included in the Province of Connaught. In 1584 it was formed into the present county of Cavan and added to the Province of Ulster.

The O'Reilly Clan had many castles throughout Breifne. Among these were Clogh Oughter Castle, on an island in Lough Dughter, and Tullymongan Castle, at the town of Cavan. It has been considered likely that, formerly, the principal seat of the O'Reillys was at Lough Oughter, and that, probably sometime in the fourteenth century, it was changed to the castle at Cavan.

The town of Cavan, it may be assumed, had its origin about the time that the castle of the O'Reillys was erected on Tullymongan Hill.

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The Wexfordmen's Association presents a cheque to Tommy Murphy to mark his return to Ireland.—Photograph by Owen and Moroney.

ANNUAL KENNEDY BROTHERS MEMORIAL MARCH AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY IN LONDON ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

The London Wexfordmen's Association will commemorate the death of the late President Kennedy and his brother Bobbie in London, on Sunday, November, 21st.

It will start with Con-Celebrated Mass by Wexford Priests at 11 a.m., at Pimlico and attended by the Mayor of Wexford, Alderman Kevin Morris, P.C., who is travelling over especially for the occasion.

In the afternoon, 2.30 for 3 p.m., at Speakers' Corner, Marble Arch, the annual March and Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place. All the London based Irish Bands have been invited with the many Irish Organisations and Associations of London.

The March will go via Oxford Street, W.I. to Park Crescent near Great Portland Street Station where the wreath laying ceremony will take place.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. Pat McCabe, will lay the first wreath to be followed by one from the Chairman of the permanent Kennedy Brothers Memorial Committee, Mr. Danny J. O'Leary, of Paddington, the Mayor of Wexford as Chief Citizen of the town of Wexford. All other Irish Organisations including the Bands are cordially invited to lay their own wreaths.

THE BACHELORS



The Bachelors — Conleth Cluskey, Declan Cluskey and John Stokes — were all born in Dublin, Eire. Joseph Cluskey, who worked for a transport organisation, lived with his wife Mary in the Inchicore district of Dublin and it was there that Con was born on November 18th, 1941, and Dec a year later on December 23rd, 1942. They have one sister, Brenda, who married Frederick Duggan, ex-chief engineer to the Malay Government, who has since returned to this country to work on the M1 and other projects.

In addition to transport, Mr. Cluskey—coming from a musical family—did quite of bit of entertaining in his spare time, numbering

among his friends such famous Irish actors as Jimmy O'Dea, Noel Purcell and Eddie Byrne. A family choir was formed and it is not surprising that Con and Dec, growing up in this musical and theatrical environment, both learnt to sing and play the piano at an early age, joining the Catholic Church Choir and the family one for concerts and carol singing.

Con went first to St. Michael's School and then, with Dec, to O'Connell School in Dublin and it was during their schooldays that, in addition to their other musical activities, they learnt to play the harmonica. From O'Connell's Con went to technical college to study heating engineering, whilst Dec, having won a scholarship at the age of ten, which provided for all his future education, went to college to study design engineering, preparing plans for three major bridge designs before becoming famous in an entirely different medium.

During their schooldays the boys spent a great deal of time at a club where harmonica playing formed one of the principal occupations, and it was there that they met a fellow enthusiast, John Stokes.

John, whose parents lived in the South Circular Road, was born on August 13th, 1940, and has three brothers: Bob, Brian and Jimmy (who is still at school), and one sister, Betty. In this family it was Mrs. Stokes who was musical, and in addition to John inheriting her talent, Betty also went on to become a professional singer in Ireland. After attending St. Teresa's School, John, as his father had done, studied carpentry at technical college and, on completing his training, got his first job as a carpenter's apprentice. He also sang in school concerts and soon found himself at the boys' club where, joining Con and Dec and calling themselves The Harmonichords they began, whilst still at school, to get invitations to appear at evening engagements, including some at Dublin's Theatre Royal. This led to an appearance in the radio version of Hughie Green's "Opportunity Knocks", but their first professional breakthrough came when they were signed to play on radio for twenty-six weeks in an Eamonn Andrews' programme, and also to fly to the U.S.A. to appear on T.V. in "The Ed Sullivan Show".

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CAVAN ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 13)

A map of the State Paper Office, relating to the district around Lough Erne, Ulster, 1591, shows "The Tounne of the Cavan" as situate in "The Breannie", that is, East Breifne, or Breifne O'Reilly. Of the features of the town at that period, the map indicates the location of O'Reillys Castle, the Market Cross, the Bull Ring and the church and tower of the Franciscan Abbey.

About the time that East Breifne was formed into the County of Cavan, it was decided to divide the County into a number of Baronies. Originally, there were seven baronies in the county, namely, Castle-raghan, Clonmahon, Clonkee, Loughtee, Tullygarvey, Tullyhunco and Tullyhaw. Later the barony of Loughtee was divided into two baronies — Upper Loughtee and Lower Loughtee — making a total of eight baronies in all.

Cavan, the chief town of the county, was made a corporate town in the year 1610, when King James I granted a Charter of Incorporation to the inhabitants. Since then the town has had a municipal body to administer its civic affairs.

In two other towns of County Cavan — Beltubet and Cootehill — municipal bodies have also been established.

For a period before 1899 County Grand Juries had fiscal as well as judicial functions. These bodies then controlled the administration of the county services assigned to them by statute.

The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, transferred the fiscal functions of the County Grand Juries to County Councils and District Councils established under the Act. Pursuant to the terms of this enactment, Cavan County Council came into existence in April, 1899.

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Many of you already know that the first full-scale promotion of Irish beef across-the-counter in Britain has been launched since September 27th. For the first time in the history of the Irish meat trade with Britain — going back 1,000 years — Irish beef is identified by a distinctive label for the British housewife.

The promotion, mounted by the Irish Livestock and Meat Commission, was announced in Dublin by the Board Chairman, Mr. William L. Cassidy.

Mr. Cassidy said that the promotion will cover the Greater London and Home Counties area with a population of 15 million. This corresponds to the Thames television coverage area.

There are some 8,400 retail meat outlets in the London TV area and at this period of the year this region accounts for 59% of all beef exports to the UK from the Republic of Ireland.

Mr. Peter J. Needham, General Manager Irish Livestock and Meat Commission attended a council meeting on 21st September, 1971, in order to explain the above mentioned promotion, and to seek our help for its success.

Mr. Peter J. Needham said: "Our promotion has been carefully planned and researched over the past 15 months because this is going to be a major breakthrough in our principal market for the biggest single export item in Ireland's whole foreign trade.

"We are not simply seeking to increase our exports of beef. Our defined objective is to create a consumer quality demand for Irish beef, and thereby obtain a premium return for our cattle producers and the industry.

"We are making marketing history with this promotion because, unlike the position of other Irish products, Irish beef already dominates the British market. We are now Britain's biggest supplier of carcass beef, and taken with our store cattle shipments, this means that one in every five steaks and roasts consumed in Britain is Irish in origin. But our beef has in the past had no identity so far as the British housewife was concerned.

"The present promotion marks the beginning of a campaign to create consumer awareness of quality Irish beef throughout the British market."

Mr. Needham said that this situation of strong market penetration without any consumer awareness posed a problem in devising the strategy to be used in the campaign. He said: "We looked at the market and at the various promotional themes used by other producer countries which are suppliers of Britain. All of them in the promotions promote beef as such. We decided, since we already dominate the market, to sell Ireland as a quality beef-producing country.

"We first asked a cross-section of British housewives what they thought about Ireland as a beef-producing country. The representative answer was encouraging: they thought of Ireland as 'country' country, great grass country with wide open ranges where beef was produced naturally.

"We then undertook actual test promotions in different areas at retail level using this theme that Ireland is a country where great grass makes great beef. The point-of-sale material stressed this theme;

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the temperate climate and the influence of the Gulf Stream the green grass which is our greatest natural resource, the care taken in breeding, the disease-free status of our cattle, and, as a result the high quality of beef produced under natural conditions."

Mr. Needham gave the results of research findings conducted after these test promotions among British housewives:

	Before %	After %
Naming Ireland as a beef-producing country	17	37
Remembering the retail displays of Irish beef	Nil	72
Giving Irish beef any rating for quality	32	92

Sales

Immediate increase of 50% in Irish beef sales. Continuing increase of 30/40% in Irish beef sales.

The theme running through the four television films which has been made by Gallagher Smail, London advertising agents for the Irish Livestock and Meat Commission, stresses the quality of Irish beef produced naturally on "the best grass in the world".

The Symbol

The Irish Livestock and Meat Commission has designed and registered a special Irish identity symbol which carries the grass motif in green. This will in future be used in all promotions for Irish beef and lamb in export markets.

Mr. Needham, general manager, Irish Livestock and Meat Commission, said: "We wanted to get away from the shamrock idea and find a symbol which would be associated in the consumer's mind with Ireland as a food-producing country. We came back, after researching it, to the green grass theme which is the characteristic that comes first to mind for the outsider about Ireland.

"The symbol will be carried on all display material and it will appear on every pack of Irish beef sold during the campaign.

"We hope to see it accepted as the symbol that will be recognised by consumers in export markets as the overall trade mark of quality Irish beef and lamb, serving as the international symbol for quality Irish produce.

The Value of a Premium

Test marketing already conducted at retail level in Britain by Irish Livestock and Meat Commission has shown that the British housewife is prepared to pay more for Irish beef when it is identified as Ireland and of top quality in her retail shop.

The result has been a premium increase in the price obtained by the Irish exporters participating in the test marketing operation.

Mr. Peter J. Needham, general manager, Irish Livestock and Meat Commission, said: "Taking the British market as a whole, a premium increase of one new penny at present export levels would mean a further £2 million for our cattle industry — or expressed in terms of cattle prices, an additional 25p to 30p per cwt. per animal. As well as that we have the prospect of steadily increasing beef exports to the British market".

Mr. Robert J. Tyler, President, British National Federation of Meat Traders, who was in Dublin for the announcement of the campaign said: "As President of the N.F.M.T.A., members of which are responsible for 75% of the retail meat outlet in England and Wales,

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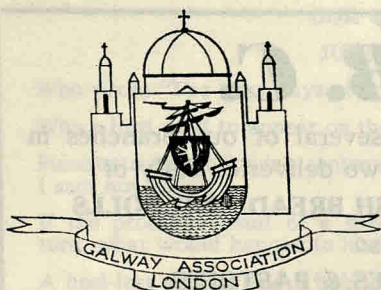
TAKE COURAGE

TOMMY MURPHY'S FAREWELL



Photograph shows Mr. M. O'Connor presenting gifts to Tommy and Moira on behalf of the Council.—Photo by Owen and Moroney.

Tributes were paid to Tommy Murphy, former Secretary of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee and former Chairman of the London Wexfordmen's Association, at a Farewell Buffet and Dance, held at the Irish Centre, on 30th September. On behalf of the Council of Irish County Associations the Chairman Mr. Maurice O'Connor presented him with a Tea Trolley, and 21 Piece Tea Service and other gifts. Presentations were also made by the London Wexfordmen's Association by Mr. Craddock, representing the Irish Ambassador and by the Brent Irish Society by Mrs. Wagstaff, Chairman. Tommy takes with him to his native New Ross the best wishes of all connected with Irish activities in London. We know he has promised to come back from time to time and has assured all of us of a Caed Mile Failte when we visit Ireland. Tommy, in his farewell, thanked all present for their good wishes to him and his wife and also for the very nice gifts he had received.



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Now that the holidays are over we look forward to our Annual banquet and dance. Robbie Molloy, T.D., Minister for Local Government, has informed us that due to a reshuffle of his official duties, precipitating from events in Northern Ireland, he cannot attend. Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Gaeltacht and his wife Bridie have accepted our late invitation and we are grateful to them. We are naturally, disappointed that Mr. Molloy cannot be with us. He, bless him, is disappointed also.

On Saturday, 18th September, we were hosts to his grace Dr. J. Cunnane, D.D., Archbishop of Tuam. An informal reception was held at the Inverness Court Hotel, Bayswater, to welcome him. His grace made the trip from Birmingham just to see us, and returned to Wolverhampton on Sunday, 19th to continue his tour of the Midlands. Such is the humility of the man, he confessed it was the first time he travelled first-class on a train. Gerry O'Flynn, chairman on our behalf welcomed our distinguished guest. Replying, Dr. Cunnane reassured us that the Irish in Britain were forever in the hearts of the clergy and people of Ireland. Going on to comment on the tragic situation in Northern Ireland he exhorted us to keep cool. Ireland he said had still to recover from the first civil war. We couldn't afford it; we are still paying for it. We cannot afford another. Soon, he said, there was to be a week of prayer for a peaceful and just solution to the crisis. We should all participate — and so we should.

We would like to thank Mr. Padraig Killilea, General Manager of the Inverness Court Hotel, for the wonderful service we received. Padraig comes from Galway.

The All Ireland Final and Galways participation in it has given our officers many headaches. Telephones were busy ringing with enquiries re "cheap flights" to the match. Most of the enquiries were for a day return flight. As Galway were not through to the final until they disposed of a fancied Down side, and being in the holiday period we were not geared to run such a flight at short notice. As there is an All-Ireland Final every year possibly the "Council" might make the flight an annual event and indeed one to look forward to. It has possibilities.

Finally, the Michael Molloy Perpetual Trophy is to be won. All singers please take note — yes, you needn't be from Galway to win. So please forward your completed entry forms.

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1. Who wrote "The Last Days of Pompeii?"
2. Which bird used to appear on the British farthing?
3. Punctuate the following sentence so that it makes sense: "It is as I said not which".
4. If the protective suit of a spaceman landing on the Moon were torn, what would happen to him?
5. A heel-less slipper and a hybrid horse share a name, what is it?
6. Is a turnpike a fresh water fish or a weapon used in the 16th century?

VETERANS

1. Which sea-creature will turn itself inside out if it finds itself in stagnant water?
2. What is a gavia?
3. What name is given to a substance which absorbs moisture from the air?
4. In Greek legend Paris had to give an apple to the fairest of three goddesses. To whom did he give it?
5. What is an Acrostic?
6. Who was the first man in medicine to be granted a peerage?

IRISH LIVESTOCK AND MEAT COMMISSION (Cont. from page 22)

I am gravely concerned at the meat supply situation in the foreseeable future particularly as far as beef is concerned.

"Without in any way criticising the home producer, there is a big gap between his production and our requirements and, as I see it, Irish supplies are going to be more and more vital both to the housewife and to the trade in plugging this gap. As other sources of beef supplies decline, I note with some relief that Irish supplies are on the "up and up" and I repeat what I said in my presidential speech at Harrogate. "I appeal to the Irish Government to safeguard their existing right of entry and so give the British consumer the meat she needs. How many times in recent years have we been grateful for Irish meat."

"One other point of which the Irish Livestock and Meat Commission are aware, but which I would like to address directly to the Irish beef producer, I would ask him to do his utmost to phase his production to ensure a steady supply and endeavour to eliminate the situation, which has arisen sometimes in the past of an autumn glut followed by an acute shortage in the early months of the year. The benefits would surely be mutual. For our part, we should be able to count on continuity of supply and surely the Irish producer would benefit in his overall return from the market."

Our members asked Mr. Needham many questions to which they got satisfactory answers.

Our chairman, Mr. Maurice O'Connor thanked Mr. Needham, and assured him of the co-operation of all our Associations in London.

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Since the return from the summer holidays the activities have been rather quiet, but we commence our activities for the winter months with a dance at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 16th October, when the proceeds will be donated to a benefit fund.

We are at present negotiating with a series of wholesalers to establish discount facilities for members and we hope to be able to let you know of these concessions at a later date. If we can get favourable terms we can make the benefits of membership more advantageous to all members.

The last Sunday of September saw Offaly take the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time and as custodians of the cup for many years we wish them every success. Our congratulations also to a young Galway team who will certainly cause the Kerry mentors some headaches during the 1970's.

On the home front the Festival of Kerry and Listowel Races again were an outstanding success.

With four day meetings in Tralee and Killarney and Listowel proving the most popular in Ireland one is puzzled that there isn't a racing stable in Kerry.

At the present time we are negotiating the purchase of a second hostel, also in Harlesden, and we hope to have further details on this within the next month. Should we be successful in acquiring this property we will be making calls on your support once again to help with the purchase.

Members who would be willing to work on the "Soup Run" in conjunction with the St. Mungos Community or the Sisters of Charity will be very welcome. This work entails going out nightly to deliver soup and food to the less fortunate in the London community. Offers of help to the Secretary.

Anybody who can offer accommodation to a family of four would be doing the Association a very useful service. This family can meet reasonable rent. Offers in the North London area would be of interest. If you can help a call to the Chairman would be appreciated.

On Thursday, 30th September, at the Irish Centre, members attended a Buffet to say farewell to Tommy and Moira Murphy, who are returning to Wexford. Our thanks and good wishes to them both for the assistance given to the Association through the Press and otherwise.

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Once again we are almost on the doorstep of the Christmas Season and we in the Clare Association have a very full programme to complete before we can relax with the traditional Christmas Pudding. To recap slightly on the past month I am delighted to report that through a most successful dance at the Gresham Ballroom we were able to hand over to the good people looking after the Scanlon Children £100, as we had set out to do. Together with Mrs. Lahiffe we went to see the children and the people looking after them and I now, through the medium of this Journal, wish to thank everyone most sincerely for their donations and for their efforts which enabled us to meet our target so quickly. I wish to place on record that the people looking after the children are a delightful couple, a credit to our country and an example to all of us.

A I write our Bacon and Cabbage dinner looms up and according to the sale of tickets at our last meeting we were on the point of being overbooked so that there were no further tickets available, the number we decided was to be 180, which would be ideal for space in serving and for the comfort of our patrons.

Our Quiz team who put up a great show against Donegal but alas went down by a few points in the last round, this was mainly due to the fact that we did not have our full team but we are not offering this as an excuse for losing to a very good Donegal side, we wish them success and they deserve it for being a very sporting team. Looking forward to our Annual Dinner/Dance, I may say that we will have to again limit our numbers and as the tickets are now on sale, if you wish to join us please get in touch before it is too late. The date is November 20th, at John Barkers of Kensington. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Harty will be with us again and he will arrange to co-incide with the main function.

November 19th—The Ennis Parish Re-union at the Cricklewood Hotel.

November 20th—Annual Dinner Dance John Barkers.

November 22nd—The Parishes of Clarecastle, Newmarket, Quinn and Sixmilebridge at the Irish Centre.

November 23rd—The North Clare Parishes. The nine parishes of North Clare will be included in this re-union and for further details please note that it will be fully reported in the Clare Champion.

Looking further ahead to the Christmas Holidays, we have a Charter flight to Shannon. Leaving London Airport on the late evening, December 23rd, and returning January 2nd. Fare £20.00 return. Again you are advised to make your bookings immediately as you must realize that there can only be a limited number catered for.

Reporting again on our Old Age Pensioner which we sent to Knock. Poor man, he is still in hospital, but we hope he will be able to return soon. His good neighbours at home are visiting him in hospital and he seems to be very happy.

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Photo, taken at the Irish Centre, Camden Square, shows a group of members and friends on the occasion of the benefit dance in aid of the wife and children of the late Brenden McCoffey, Lisnasken, who was recently killed in a car accident here in England.

Our Committee would like to thank all you good people for your support. Without you our work amounts to nothing.

Our next social event is our Annual Dinner/Dance. The date is October 28th. The place again the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square. Tickets available from any member of the Committee or from me at the address below. Looking forward to seeing you all again then.

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

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CLARE ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 31)

Our congratulations to Mr. James Hogan, a past member of the Clare Committee, who has received promotion in the banking world where he is employed. We are getting a great number of Clare people into very responsible positions in this country and I feel sure that we are all entitled to be proud of them. It is delightful to see our people taking their rightful place and in the future this can be of great benefit to our people here and at home.

I regret to have to report that one of our Committee Members, Mr. M. Foudy, has not been too well for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will be back with us very soon.

(Mrs.) M. MORONEY.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE (Continued from page 2)

Tom, speaking in Irish and English, expressed his sincerest thanks to the speakers for their very nice remarks and beautiful presentation, which he would cherish for the rest of his life.

Those represented were Aer Lingus, Irish Tourist Board, Irish Export Board, Irish Distillers Ltd., Irish Post, Irish Centre, Irish Club, N.U.I., Council of Irish County Associations and Thomond Publishing Company, Gaelic League, Ceoltoiri Eireann, Bank of Ireland Group, and Allied Irish Banks, Provincial Council of Britain G.A.A., Bishop Kearney High School Band, Rochester, New York, Lady Pritchard-Jones, Michael O'Halloran, M.P., and the Officers of the Parade Committee.

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Friday, 1st Oct., 1971

TOMMY MURPHY'S RESIGNATION

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As permanent Secretary of Coiste Mor-Shiubhal Feite Padraid, in view of my return to my native New Ross on October 2nd, 1971, I very much regret to tender my resignation and humbly apologise for my inability to attend tonight's belated a.g.m.

Please allow me at the outset to wish you and your meeting every success in your arrangements for this year and your London parade in 1972.

In view of my early departure, I shall not present my annual report but instead I'm pleased to give you my observations and short summary of the arrangements tentatively made for 1972.

As you are aware Mr. Chairman, much progress was made from 1970 and with the parade growing from strength to strength, more floats and less bands took part. Bands like the Veteran Tower Hill Pipers, the Borough Pipers and the Deptford Pipers Band failed to appear but the new ones like the Brent Irish Society Boys and Girls Pipe and Drum Band and the magnificent Bishop Kearney High School Band, Rochester, New York, graced the parade for the first time. Every one who participated in the parade knew of results and achievements reached on Sunday, 14th March, 1971, when the Good Lord provided beautiful weather for the parade. The Con-Celebrated Mass celebrated by 15 Irish priests on the Mass Rock of the Penal Days for the first time ever in the historic Royal Hyde Park, attracted over 30,000 people and went out live on Radio London to millions of listeners will surely go down in history as the greatest achievement in the annals of the parade committee. The Royal ban was broken at Hyde Park and for some two hours we exemplified ourselves in faith and fidelity that was truly characteristic of the Irish in London. Father Patrick Hackett, O.M.I., spoke in the Gaelic tongue of the coming of St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity and all went away delighted that much had been achieved in the heart of London and not far from the scene were blessed Oliver Plunkett and the forty English Martyrs were hanged, drawn and quartered in the dark and evil days in England.

Your thanks and mine are due to Mr. Michael O'Halloran, M.P., for his arranging with the Department of the Environment; the Metropolitan Police and our Hyde Park Chief Steward, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Hon. Treasurer, for all their wonderful arrangements.

The first Festival Concert with DANA and the Bishop Kearney High School Band, New York, with other Irish artists, packed the Gaumont State, Kilburn, on the Sunday of the parade. This was a venture which lots of delegates did not favour, but it proved a financial

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JUNIORS

1. Lord Lytton.
2. The Wren.
3. It is "as" I said, not "which".
4. He would be dead within three minutes as his blood boiled.
5. Mule.
6. Neither, it is a toll gate.

VETERANS

1. Sea-cucumber.
2. A reptile.
3. Hygroscopic.
4. Aphrodite (Hera and Athena were the "also rans").
5. A word puzzle.
6. Joseph Lister.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE (Continued from page 34)
success as may be seen from the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

Before I depart on the 1972 arrangements I want Mr. Chairman, to thank you for your ever-ready advice, guidance and assistance shown to me over 1970/71, when most of the business was discussed from your sick-bed. It was always nice to know that I had your approval and authority for everything rendered. Likewise too, our Vice-Chairman suffered illness during the planning period, but like the true Irishman that he is, Pronseas Mac. Caba came along to breach the gap and I am grateful to him for it. We have no President like our generous present one in Mr. Tom Gorman. He gave willing advance cash payments and he canvassed Irish businessmen to sponsor the Parade. He was successful to the tune of over £600 and without this capital, we would not have been able to make the progress that was made. Likewise too, our thanks are due to Irish Tourist Board, Aer Lingus, Messrs Guinness, Waterford Glass, The Hibernian Printing Company, The Irish Centre and the United Distillers Ltd. for their promotion and donations and I hope that similar help will be available to your new Committee in 1972.

We had a wonderful press for the 1971 arrangements and here I must pay particular tribute to the Irish Post, Sunday Press and Irish Press, Sunday Independent and Irish Independent, Cork Weekly Examiner and Daily Examiner, Kilburn Times and Willesden and Brent Group of Papers, Willesden Mercury Group and the London National Press for their wonderful contribution that made our festivities so successful.

Now to come back to the tentative arrangements for 1972, applications for permission to the Ministry, the Police, Westminster Cathedral and the Bishops Kearney High School Band have been made as may be seen from the file of "Current Correspondence" handed over to the Hon. Treasurer, on Wednesday, 15th September, 1971. The item of the booking of the Gaumont State, Kilburn for Saturday, March 11th, 1972, will have to get priority as it now happens that it clashes with the Festival Concert of the Irish Centre. When this booking was made earlier, Fr. Sheridan told me that he was hopeful of booking his concert for the Royal Albert Hall for Friday, 17th March — St. Patrick's Night, 1972. It now happens that it is to be held on the 11th March and my view is that it must go on a night or back in order that the Concert should have the benefit of the New York Band.

On the matter of the New York Band, verbal arrangements have been agreed, with your approval Mr. Chairman, for the booking of this Band for the sum of £1,000. The Committee to arrange with Mrs. Henderson for any booking to be paid to your Committee in T.V., Record rights or any other fee for engagements received during their stay in London. The fees from their appearances could easily reach hundreds of pounds which would help towards the costs of them to London. I suggest therefore that you associate with Mrs. Henderson immediately after tonight's meeting regarding the itinerary of the coming of the Band.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman, my humble and sincere thanks to you and your Committee for the wonderful presentation made to me on my departure to "Inishfree" — the land of my love. Your treasure to my wife and myself will always be cherished and if you or your friends should pass my native New Ross, please do call on us. My work was good work in London and I welcome my successor, who will have my assistance always in keeping alive the London St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee activities and Rath De ar an obair go deo.

TOMAS O MURCU.

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THE BACHELORS (Continued from page 16)

On returning home they made their first visit to this country to go straight to Scotland for two weeks at the Metropole, Glasgow, followed by two weeks at the Hulme Hippodrome: and it was through singing together during car trips to fulfil these engagements that the boys decided, for the first time, to introduce songs into their act, accompanying themselves on guitars which, by this time, they had learnt to play. The impact of the new act on audiences was tremendous; engagements began to flow in, and during 1961 came the one that was to change their lives: it was a tour with Nina and Frederick during which, in Arbroath, they were seen by Decca executive Dick Rowe, who signed the boys to a recording contract, and by Dorothy Solomon, who became their personal manager. As Decca proposed to record the new act as singers, it was obvious that they could no longer be called The Harmonichords, and that a new name had to be found.

So it was that Con: 6ft. 1½ ins., with brown hair, blue eyes and a baritone voice, Dec: 5 ft. 10½ ins., brown hair, green eyes and singing bass, and John: a 6 ft. silver tenor with black hair and blue eyes, became THE BACHELORS; and on December 14th, 1962, came the release of their recording of "Charmaine" which sold a quarter of a million copies and remained in the Top Ten for an unprecedented nineteen weeks. The Bachelors were famous; and the following year they starred in a summer show at the Central Pier, Blackpool — their first resident season in a big production.

Since then their rise to the top of their profession has been rapid and complete: their other Top Ten records have included "Far Away Places", "I Believe" which topped the charts and sold one million copies, "Ramona" (quarter million), "Diane" also No. 1 with a million sales, "No Arms Can Ever Hold You" (quarter million), "I Wouldn't Trade You For The World", "Marie" and "Marta". Their LPs include "The Bachelors", "Bachelors' Sixteen Great Songs" — one of the very few LPs in this country to sell a quarter million copies, "More Great Song Hits", "Hits Of The Sixties". "Bachelors' Girls", "Golden All Time Hits" and "The World of The Bachelors" Volumes 1 - 5 — all of which have gone straight into the Top Ten LP charts.

Their first West End appearance was at the London Palladium in 1964 on a bill headed by Lena Horne and they were a sensational hit with London audiences. Since then they have topped the bill in major theatres all over the country: their record breaking seasons include the ABC Theatre, Great Yarmouth (1965), the ABC Theatre, Blackpool (1966), The Opera House, Manchester (1966/67) and the Futurist Theatre, Scarborough (1967) when, in a twelve weeks' season, they were seen by over 270,000 people and took over £112,000 at the box office — thus not only breaking all records for the theatre but even that of the previous year set up by the hitherto unbeatable "Black and White Minstrel Show".

The Bachelors made their pantomime debut as the Brokers' Men in "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, during the 1964/65 Christmas season, and followed this with "Puss In Boots" at the Bristol Hippodrome (1965/66). They have starred in nearly all the top rating TV shows, topping the bill on "Sunday Night At The London Palladium" eight times, made three more visits to the U.S.A. for "The Ed Sullivan Show" and cabaret engagements, and been chosen to appear in two Royal Variety Shows in 1964 and 1966.

(To be continued next month)

FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCIETIES HOLD DINNER AND CEILIDHE MHOR, 1971

BRENT IRISH SOCIETY PLAYS HOST AT SUCCESSFUL IRISH NIGHT

The Federation of Irish Societies (Southern Region) held their annual Dinner and Ceilidhe Mhor, 1971, at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, N.W.1, Saturday night, 25th September. The Brent Irish Society acted as host. Representatives of the affiliated bodies to the Federation were present. Also there were the Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations, Mr. Maurice O'Connor and his wife Noreen, Pat Hegarty, Kilburn Lane and Donegal, their vice-chairman and Tom Murphy, Secretary of the London St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and his wife Moira.

The function was chaired by the President of the Federation, Mr. M. Browne, who is also President of the Brent Irish Society. He toasted "The Queen" and "The President of Ireland".

The guests were piped in by the young girl pipers of the Brent Irish Society Band and leading them were Councillor A. E. Skinner, Mayor of Camden and his sister the Mayoress of Camden, Mr. C. V. Whelan, Minister, Councillor at the Irish Embassy, London and Mrs. Whelan, and heads and officers of the Federation. Rev. Fr. Patrick Fanning, O.M.I. and chaplain of the Irish Centre said grace.

The toast of "Our Guests" was ably proposed by Alderman N. Keeley, who spoke of the wonderful representation they had that evening. He was proud of the fact that His Worship the Mayor of Camden had found time off from his busy office to attend and he bid him and his fellow guests a hearty caed mile failte.

The Mayor of Camden in responding to the toast said that he was honoured to be among such a noble and active Irish community that night and commented on the symbol and quotation on the menu card "To the honour of God and the glory of Ireland". He praised them for the growth from 7 groups in 1966 to the present 29 and he was glad to see that their objects were the encouraging of friendship and co-ordination with the fostering of Irish culture. "I am conscious", continued the Mayor, "of the valuable work contributed by the Irish in the Borough of Camden, where some 74 nationalities reside and of the magnificent role that Irish men and women play within our community."

Continuing, the Mayor said, "This year I went to County Wicklow in Ireland for my holidays and I saw for myself the work of the great people of that County, its traditions and its culture executed as true Irish Societies (Southern Region). He extended a greeting to them progress and wished its officers and groups continued success in the future. Applause.

Mr. C. V. Whelan, Minister Councillor, toasted "the Federation of Irish Societies (Southern Region)". He extended a greeting to them from the Irish Ambassador, who was too busy to be with them in view of the great talks with Mr. Heath and Mr. Faulkner this week. He praised the great work of the Societies who had become a strong band with one common interest. They had given inspiration to the Irish in Britain and he was delighted to hear of the establishing of permanent bases for their groups all over the Southern Region.

Speaking of the tri-party talks in London this week, Mr. Whelan prayed that the just cause would be found for the people of that part

of Ireland which suffered much today. He then asked the large attendance to be upstanding and drink with him the toast of the Federations.

The response was given by Cork schoolteacher, Mr. William Halley, Hon Secretary of the Federation of Irish Societies. He thanked the Minister for his nice remarks and joined with him in asking that the prayers of all be offered that night in order that their Taoiseach Mr. Jack Lynch would have fruitful results from the coming talks.

TRIBUTE

The president, Mr. Michael Browne, rose to pay tribute to Tom Murphy, Life Member of the Brent Irish Society, Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and correspondent of the Willesden and Brent Chronicle and the Kilburn Times. Tom, said Mr. Browne, was the inspiration behind their movement and he wished him the success and good wishes of every group here for every joy and happiness with his wife Moira on their permanent return to Ireland shortly. I could go on all night, said Mr. Browne, to tell of all the valuable work rendered by him over the past 19½ years among the Irish in London, but he would not put too much embarrassment on him tonight.

Speaking in Irish and English, Mr. Murphy said that it was a labour of love for him to work so closely with the Brent Irish Society and the many other groups he had the honour to be associated with. He was glad that he was able to organise the Irish for at least one day in the year in the St. Patrick's Day Parade of London and he thanked Mr. Browne for his lovely remarks.

During the evening, the young boys and girls band of the Brent Irish Society gave a delightful rendering of Irish Airs and troupes of dancers performed. The Southlanders Showband provided the music.

LONDON WEXFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 15)

A small tribute to the late Kennedy Brothers will be paid by the Mayor of Wexford.

Organisations are requested to contact the Hon. Secretary of the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Committee, Mr. Pat McCabe, 50 Colin Gardens, London, N.W.9 (Phone 01-205-5309). The Royal Albert Hall is the mecca for the eighth Kennedy Memorial Concert on the following Monday night, November 22nd. Many distinguished guests will attend with the Mayor of Wexford and "The Bachelors" will be the star performers on a bill that promises to be one of the best concerts produced at the Royal Albert Hall.

The other joint hon. secretary, Tom Murphy, will return from Ireland to produce the concert on the invitation of the Wexfordmen's Association. Tickets for the concert are available from 01-286 0516.

Next Social Function

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