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Dear Member/Friend,

With the Annual General Meeting now over and a new Committee elected for 1972, we are busy organising forthcoming functions. At the A.G.M. a motion was adopted "that The Meath Association obtain their own premises". The Chairman spoke on this matter and said it was a big undertaking financially but with the whole-hearted support of the committee and members, the task would be made easier. We are sending out letters to all Irish businessmen and women in London and County Meath known to us. If you know of any person who might be willing to help financially we would be grateful if you let us have their name and address.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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Sunday, 28th May, 1972:

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Information on this outing will be circulated at a later date.

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NEWS FROM TOM BEAMONT

The interdenominational service of prayer for peace and reconciliation in Ireland will take place in the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, on the 24th May, at 7.30 p.m. Notable clergy from seven denominations will take part. All men of good will are invited to attend. Further details will be announced at a later date.

T. BEAMONT, *Secretary, Interdenominational Committee of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland*

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CLARE ASSOCIATION IN LONDON



Our trip to Bunratty Castle — Photo. by Owen & Moroney

Dear Members,

I promised in the last issue that I would give you a run-down on our one-day trip to Shannon. This, I am sure, will be of interest to all members and, indeed, to many of the other counties. We left London airport at 12 noon and arrived in Shannon before 2.0 p.m. It was a beautiful sunny day and we were in great spirits as we had our photographs taken by a local pressman.

Officials of the Shannon Free Airport met us as we were leaving the plane and they gave us a royal welcome. Some of us who were fortunate to be so near home that we could make it left by car, mostly laid on by Mr. T. Mannion of the Mannion Travel Ennis at a minimum cost to all concerned. For this we are grateful and we have already conveyed our thanks to him. All others of our party were taken on a short tour of the Folk Village and were entertained to high tea in the Barn in the grounds of Bunratty Castle. The Mediaeval Dinner which we had arranged took place at 6.0 p.m. and the ladies in our party had facilities for changing at the Shannon-Shamrock Hotel and so to the Castle. As we entered the Castle, a piper in national costume provided suitable music for such an occasion. We were conducted to what once was the Mediaeval Reception Room. On entering, one was required to partake of a little bread and salt which was to protect us against all evils whilst within the castle walls. Hot mead, a drink made from honey and cider, was served to all. During the reception we were entertained by the Bunratty Girl Singers and at the same time we were given a very accurate account of the Mediaeval Banquets held in the Castle in the 16th Century, and this was the style in which we were to dine.

We were requested to elevate ourselves to the rank or title of Lord and Lady, and from that moment we felt part of that particular era, and it was followed faithfully by everyone concerned. Following in the same vein, our chairman Sean Igoe and his lady Miss Una Walsh were elevated to the rank of Host and Hostess. Sean and Una were crowned as The Earl of Thomond and Lady

DUBLINERS ON TOUR

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- April 21 — Sports Centre, Bracknell**
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As can be seen from the list of Officers above, "The Association" has had its A.G.M., resulting in many changes. Mr. T. Ford and Mrs. B. Conlon, outgoing Chairman and Hon. Secretary, did not seek re-election. The meeting paid a tribute to them for their great efforts to keep the Association alive during their term of office and they, no doubt, will remain staunch supporters in the future.

Looking back on the past year, Mr. Ford said he was pleased to see the functions of the Association so well supported, even though our membership was well below what it might be, and urged all Sligo people in London to join their friends and so make it possible to do a more worthwhile job.

Mr. Beckett thanked all who helped in any way during the year. He was most appreciative of the space available in the Irish Counties Journal for our benefit, of which we do not avail enough for publicity. He thanked the press generally, and made special mention of the success of our social activities, including quiz contests with Kerry, Dublin and Waterford, the latter being held at our headquarters, "The Goldhawk Hotel", Goldhawk Road, W.12. when Sligo was the home team and were pleased to entertain a very sporting and sociable Waterford side.

Our congratulations to Mr. P. Hegarty on his election as Chairman C.I.C.A., and all other Officers of same.

Sligo delegates were all impressed with the address of outgoing Chairman Mr. M. O'Connor, which, reading between the lines left nothing unsaid. We sincerely hope he will enjoy his well-earned rest.

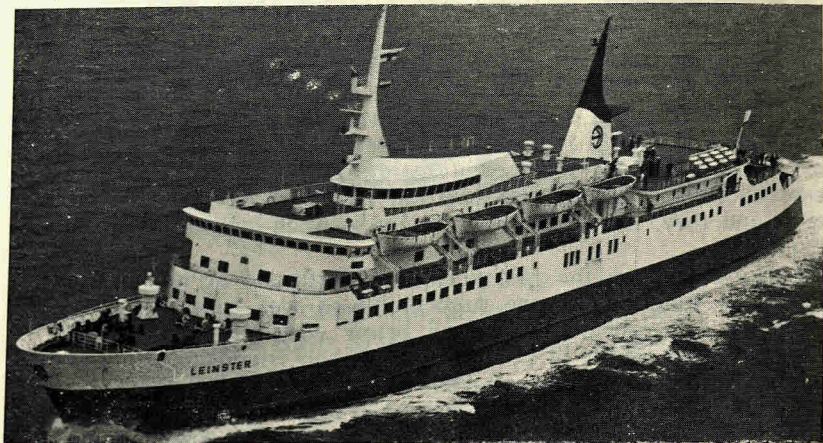
Congratulations to Mr. T. Dack, Kilkenny, on winning the individual C.I.C.A. Quiz Cup with maximum points scored in strong competition.

The Association's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at "The Goldhawk", Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.12., at 8.30 p.m. New members are always welcome and any information regarding same may be had from any of the listed Officers of the Association. It is hoped that each meeting in future will be followed by a social as it is appreciated that for many younger members meetings can be boring.

A dance has been arranged for the Cricklewood Hotel on Friday, 28th April. Music by "The Vigilantes". Tickets will be available from the Secretary Mrs. A. T. Bennett, or at the door on the night of the function. Price 40p. The Association's Annual Dinner Dance is planned for 5th October, 1972, at The Gresham Ballroom. Full details in later issues. Our sincere thanks to all other County Associations who faithfully support our functions. We wish them every success.

L. KENNEDY, *Press Officer*

THE LATEST NEWS FROM B. & I.



The B. & I. Line car ferry, m.v. "Leinster", one of three new ferries on the Irish Sea. The "Leinster" is on the Liverpool - Dublin route.

One of the significant features emerging from the present problems in the Irish tourist industry is the dependence of the industry on the Irish living in Britain. While the major transport companies on the Irish Sea, like B. & I. Line, have always been aware of the high percentage of Irish or Irish descent amongst their passengers, it is becoming increasingly obvious that all Irish tourist interests are now looking to their countrymen in this country to save the industry from total disaster, at least as far as their British market is concerned.

The hope of these interests is that Irishmen living here will not only make an effort this year in particular to spend the whole of their major holiday in Ireland but that they will also spend their "winter week", Bank Holiday weekends and other outings in the country.

Substantial reductions are offered by B. & I. Line, in many instances in association with leading hotel groups, on cheap auto-package holidays, and in particular for group travel. In addition to percentage reductions on the return fare (and in special cases these reductions are negotiable, particularly where groups take their own coach on the ferry or are prepared to charter rail coaches for the first legs of the journey), B. & I. Line also offer free passes to members of groups, depending on size.

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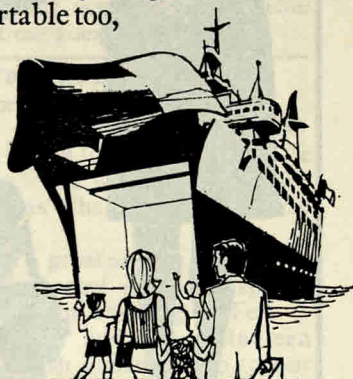
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THE FERMANAGH ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

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

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Treasurer: Mr. F. Corrigan

May I begin by offering our sincere condolences to the wife and family of the late Dominic Donnelly. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Mr. Donnelly was Chairman of the Irish Centre for several years.

Our Benefit Dance on 29th January was a great success. Everyone enjoyed it — our thanks to all who supported it, and a special thanks to the party who came along from the Paddington Feis — Mrs. Martin (the Adjudicator), daughters, and Miss Maureen O'Driscoll who gave a lovely display of Irish dancing, also to our London Irish Piper, Larry O'Dowd.

Our next event will be a Benefit Dance in aid of the distressed families of Ulster in the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, on Sunday, 9th April. Music by visiting and resident Showbands — a good evening out is promised. Please make a note and come along. While on the subject, I mention our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner in the Irish Centre on Saturday, 30th September. More about it later on.

Miss Mary Cadden, our Assistant Secretary, travelled to Ireland with the C.I.C.A. party for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and then en route to her native Fermanagh. By all accounts everybody had a swinging time.

We congratulate the winner of the C.I.C.A. Individual Quiz Contest. Mr. Tom Dack (Chairman of the Kilkenny Association in London). "Well done, Tom". Sorry I missed the champagne.

Applications for membership to the Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. M. McCORMACK *Hon. Secretary*

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In these balmy Spring days as nature once again revives growth all around us, our thoughts turn to holidaying in some pleasant

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Many attractive package deals are being offered by high-pressure and semi-State bodies, to the Ethnic Potentail, as we are known, so that we may make a special effort this year to holiday in the Emerald Isle.

The Galway Association urges all its members to do just that as many of us have been doing during our lifetime as exiles.

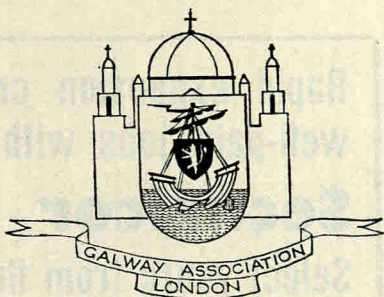
In 1972, Galway people living in Britain are being offered the opportunity of visiting their home county at really bargain prices.

A special programme of inexpensive holidays has been arranged by the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., in association with Emerald Isle Holidays. The Western Regional Tourism Organisation promotes tourism in counties Galway and Mayo, and it has gathered together a selection of the finest accommodation in these two counties. Ninety-four premises are participating and a series of hotel, guest house, town/country homes and farmhouse holidays are offered. For those wishing to stay with relatives in Ireland special self-drive car holidays are available.

Prices range from £18.70 for a week in a farmhouse; this price includes car fare (based on four people travelling), passenger fare and a week's dinner, bed and breakfast.

Many people may not have been home in recent years and so they will be surprised to see the changes that have taken place in their home county in accommodation development and facilities, and the number of festivals and events that now take place. No matter what time of the year you go you will find there is some special attraction. Many of the long established events, e.g. The Galway Races, The Connemara Pony Show, the Ballinasloe October Fair, the Galway Oyster Festival, will bring back happy memories.

An innovation in 1971, which will be continued, is the Claddagh Festival, organised by the people of the Claddagh in Galway. New festivals were also introduced in Eyrecourt and Loughrea, the new race meetings in September, October and January in Galway are also special attractions. The Co. Galway Fleadh Cheoil takes place in Mountbellew in May, and Ireland's Irish theatre, An Taidhbhearc, provides a show which includes Irish dancing, music,



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Mr. Pat McCabe was re-elected Chairman at the Annual General Meeting held at "The Earl of Derby", Amberley Road, London, W.9. Mr. Patsy Newport one of the vice-chairmen and Mr. Dermot Cadogan, Treasurer, were elected unopposed. The outgoing Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Newport, and the outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jack McCarthy, did not seek re-election. New-comers to these positions are Mrs. Bridget Mernagh and Mr. Danny O'Leary.

At the meeting it was decided to present a wheelchair to the Lourdes Sick Fund and a few days after the meeting, Mr. Pat McCabe and Mr. Danny O'Leary called to the Archbishop's House, Westminster, to make the presentation to Cardinal Heenan.

It was also unanimously decided to donate £50 to Fr. Kenneth McCabe to help towards an Easter Holiday for both Catholic and Protestant families from the troubled Ardoyne district of Belfast.

Functions

On Saturday, 8th April, the Wexford Mummerys are holding a Social at The Cricklewood Hotel, Cricklewood Broadway, London N.W.2. It promises to be a very enjoyable function and there will be an exhibition of mumming given during the social.

On 6th May the St. Fintans, Mayglass, are travelling to London to play Father Murphy's in Hurling and Football matches. There will be a reunion at the Cricklewood Hotel on Saturday night, 6th May from 8.0 p.m. to Midnight, and on Sunday, 7th May. There will be a dinner and social following the games also at the Cricklewood Hotel.

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NEWS FROM B. & I. (continued from page 6) —

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The Parish of Gort in County Galway recently held a Reunion of former members of that parish, now living in London, at The Irish Centre, Camden Town, London, N.W.1. Seven hundred turned up for this Reunion and many old friendships were renewed with people who had not met for many years. Representatives of more than two hundred separate "Clans" danced, toasted and talked the evening away-till the walls seemed to dissolve into the mountains they had left so far away. Very Rev. Fr. George Quinn, Parish Priest of Gort, who was mainly responsible for this gathering encouraged all present to return home in the following words: "You have a heritage to dream about. A dream of beauty and friendship can be lost, but tonight we are starting to make your dreams come true. There is no-one in this world who doesn't need a friend. Come back home and you'll have friends all around you, more than you can count. Be proud of your own country."

Come and take another look, with fresh eyes this year. Take your holiday with us and then see if you don't long to be back for good. We'll help you to do both." Father Quinn explained about the housing schemes, schools, Social Centres, waiting for them by the Lough, with Galway City twenty miles to the West, Shannon twenty-five to the East and the Burren Mountains beckoning outside the town.

One man who has inherited a Farm and who returns soon to the Parish of Gort sums up the thoughts of most country folk, who earn their living in a big city, in the following few words: "We've found kindness in England, but nothing can take the place of our sort of community where your neighbours are like members of one big family."

If the type of community life expressed by Father Quinn in respect of the Parish of Gort is a sample of the kind of existence one may find throughout rural Ireland, there is every reason to expect that many exiles, after a brief holiday, may want to take up residence permanently in the land of their birth. We in the Galway Association take this opportunity to wish them God Speed.

MISE LE MEAS, BOB DALY, Press Officer

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CLARE ASSOCIATION (continued from page 2) —
of the Manor. We then proceeded to the main Banqueting Hall, taking our places at the table on long wooden seats. The only cutlery on the table was a dagger for each person, a wooden bowl and wooden plate, with a very large napkin to protect one's clothes, and also to dry one's fingers when it was necessary to use the finger bowl provided for this purpose. The first course was soup and this was served in the wooden bowl. I can say that it was really good and all the bowls were tipped on heads until they were empty. We were then served with spare ribs which were delicious and

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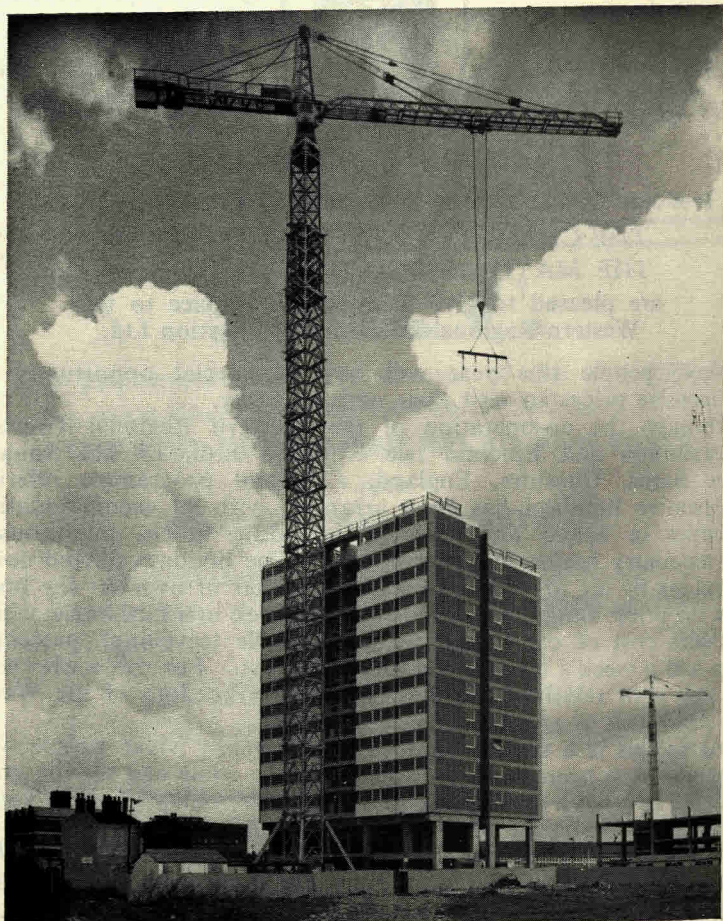
Through the co-operation of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation and Emerald Isle Holidays Ltd., 17 The Square, Hale Barns, Cheshire, England, a special programme offering inexpensive holidays has been arranged with 94 accommodation premises in Mayo and Galway, including hotels, guesthouses, town/country homes and farmhouses. The holidays offered cover travelling by air or boat, using self drive car or own car (by boat) and the prices range from £18 . 70 for a week in a farmhouse which includes cost of car (based on four people travelling), passenger fare and a week's dinner, bed and breakfast. For those who wish to stay with relatives, there is a special "Freedom of the West" holiday.

Again this is a unique opportunity for many Mayo people who may not have been home for some years to come and see the great changes that have taken place in their native county in recent years. No matter what time of the year you come, you will find that in Mayo there is a festival or special event taking place, e.g. The Castlebar Four Day Walks in June, the Louisburgh Festival and the Westport International Sea Angling Festival also in June. In July the Ballina Salmon Festival, Ballinrobe and Balla Festivals offer special attractions. August sees the famous Coillte Come Home Week in Kiltimagh, the Grainne Uaille Festival in Newport, and the Carlemorris Ham Festival. In September the Belmullet and Killala Sea Angling Festivals are held, and the season closes with the famous Castlebar International Song Contest in October.

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Now that the festivities attached to Irish Week and St. Patrick's Festival are behind us, we can look forward to the-months ahead until we make our holiday trek once more. This year, more than ever, the message is: "For heaven's sake, come to Ireland". Aer Lingus, the Tourist Board, and B. & I., are making very good concessions to people to travel to Ireland.

I must apologise to the members and their friends who supported the Benefit Dance which we had booked for The Cavendish Rooms for 10th March. Due to a duplication on the booking many patrons found on arrival that our dance was not on at that venue but at The Assembly Rooms, White Horse, High Street, Willesden. Nevertheless, due to the co-operation of the Limerick Association who were at The Cavendish, many patrons were advised of our new venue and they did in turn come to the Assembly Rooms. The support given to this Dance was excellent and we are happy to inform you that almost £200 was raised by the efforts of all and sundry. Final figures are not yet available as members have telephoned to say that they have some money to pass on. I should like to thank each and every one of you for a very worthy effort, and a special word of thanks to the Limerick Association for their donation of £20 from the proceeds of their function at The Cavendish.

We are pleased to congratulate three members of our Committee on their selection as Probationary Associates for the Middlesex and Aftercare Service. The members are Mrs. Mangan, Mrs. Anstey and Mrs. O'Connor. In doing this work the members are enlarging even further the scope of activities of the Association. Our congratulations to another member of the committee, Cllr. Eileen Brosnan, who is a Labour Councillor on the Islington Council on her appointment to the Board of Governors of The National Hospital, Queen's Square. This is surely a great achievement for Eileen in view of the fact that the appointment had to be approved by the Conservative Party. We wish Eileen every success on her appointment and feel very proud of her achievements to date. More good things can be expected.

Our sincere sympathy to Pat Galvin and the Galvin family on their recent bereavement.

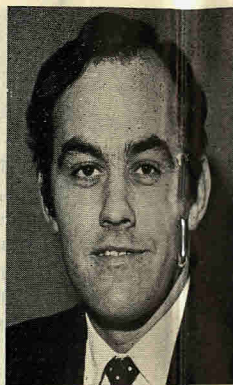
Our Future Events

We find ourselves within a short distance of our Annual Dinner, and this year it is again being held at The Penthouse Restaurant, John Barkers, Kensington, W.8., on Saturday, 13th May. We have learned that due to the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, His Lordship Dr. Eamon Casey, Bishop of Kerry, will be unable to be present at our Dinner. This is a big disappointment to the committee and to

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BANK OF IRELAND at SHEPHERDS BUSH

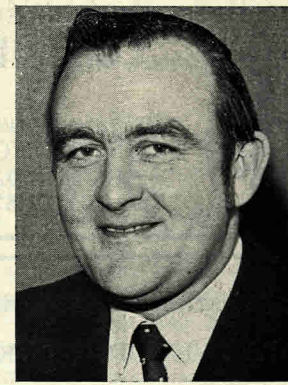
The Bank of Ireland's new branch at Shepherd's Bush Green has just completed its first three months of operation. Occupying a prime corner site in the new shopping centre, the bank is offering the large Irish community in the Shepherd's Bush - Hammersmith area the full range of banking services, current accounts, deposit accounts and loans and, of course, it also will facilitate banking transactions between Irish people resident in London and their relatives at home in Ireland. This is the second branch of the Bank of Ireland to be opened in London within the past few months. In the City's financial centre, the bank's Coleman Street branch, in addition to providing the usual services, also engages in the full range of money market and Eurocurrency activities.



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A native of Cork, he was educated at Presentation College and joined the bank in 1954. He previously served in Drogheda and Limerick where he took an active interest in sport, winning a Munster Cup medal with Bohemians in 1958. His wife, Eva, is sister of the well-known Cobbe brothers who were prominent Limerick hurlers. Mr. Walsh is a former council member of Drogheda Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of Lions International.

Mr. Gerry Jordan, Assistant Manager of the Bank of Ireland branch in Shepherd's Bush, London.

A native of Scariff, Co. Clare, he was educated at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and was a member of the victorious Harty Cup team in 1958. He also played minor and senior hurling for Clare.

Mr. Jordan joined the bank in 1960 and has served in Mitchelstown, Dunmore and Listowel. He is married with one child.

In addition, Pat Hegarty, who three years ago came to London as Bank of Ireland representative and has now been appointed Development Manager for Britain, will also operate from the branch but will travel extensively throughout the country on development work.

CORK ASSOCIATION

Nineteenth Annual General Meeting Cork Association (London) held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, London, N.1., on Sunday, 23rd January, 1972.

President's Address

Mr. T. Feehan, B.A., Cultural Attache at the Irish Embassy, in his address expressed his pleasure at being present at the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Cork Association. He complimented the Officers and Committee on their efforts during the year and on the high standard of all the Association's activities. He was very pleased



to see present today so many "old" members past officers and pioneers of the Association: the Very Rev. T. McNamara, Mr. Noel O'Connor, Mr. B. B. Hyde, Mr. John O'Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Murphy and Mr. Paddie Lynch.

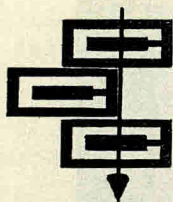
Mr. Feehan said it was refreshing to see that younger members were taking an active part in the committee work and he would hope that others would join them. He said it was his wish that all associations of Cork City and County, with Parochial Associations, would all work in harmony with the Cork Association as the parent body holding a reunion Dinner and Dance at the end of the year in conjunction with the Cork Association.

Mr. R. Allen, in his address to the meeting, welcomed all the

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members present. He paid high tribute to all who had given their assistance to the Association during the year 1971 and particular mention to the work of the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Honohan, and Mrs. N. Prior, Hon. Treasurer, and he wished to express on behalf of the Committee their gratitude to all the members for their co-operation during 1971.

Secretary's Report

Miss E. Honohan in her report thanked everyone who had given their help and co-operation to her during 1971 and said she was particularly indebted to the Very Rev. Father T. McNamara, Vice-President, for his assistance in the publication of the newsletter and other correspondence.

She wished to express her appreciation on behalf of the Association to their Excellencies Dr. Donal O'Sullivan, the Irish Ambassador, and his wife Mrs. Donal O'Sullivan, for their attendance at the Association's Annual Dinner & Dance, also Mr. O. Hallaharn, Labour M.P. We enjoy and value their good company.

To Mr. T. Feehan, B.A., President of our Association, I wish to thank him for his help given on numerous occasions and his assistance to the Association.

To the Cork County Board G.A.A., London County Board G.A.A., and the Cork Hurling Team, during its 1971 visit to Wembley, and for their attendance at the Reception Dinner and Dance at the Cavendish Ballroom, London, N.W.10, I wish to thank them for their permission for the Cork Hurling Team to attend on that occasion.

Others who had contributed to the success of the Association's activities were Mr. John Kelly, manager of the Cavendish Ballroom, for his excellent catering and service arrangements for the reception for the Cork Hurling Team Dinner and Dance.

Mr. Tom Gorman of the Gresham Ballroom for his excellent catering and service arrangements for the Annual Dinner and Dance 1971.

Miss Honohan had a special word of praise for the staff of the Irish Centre: Rev. Father P. Mee, Rev. Father P. Sheridan, Rev. Fr. T. McCabe, and all the staff of the Irish Centre for facilities provided and are much appreciated by the Cork Association.

The Association's grateful appreciation to *The Cork Examiner*, *The Irish Post*, *The Irish Counties Journal*, for the publicity given to the Association's affairs.

I wish to thank my fellow officers and members of the committee, also all the members who have helped with the activities of the Association in any way.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. N. Prior was absent due to the death of her father-in-law. The report was presented on her behalf by Miss K. Fitzgerald and was adopted.

Vote of Condolence

The Association passed a vote of condolence to Mr. John Prior, of 3 Orchard Road, London, N.6. We deeply and sincerely wish

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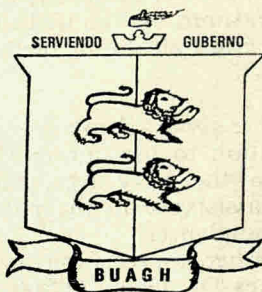
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Meetings are usually held on the last Monday of each month, starting at 9.0 p.m. either in the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W.1 (nearest Tube: Camden Town, Northern Line), or else in the Community Centre, in Quex Road, Kilburn, N.W.6. If you wish to confirm our meeting time or place, please write or telephone our Secretary who will be pleased to give you details.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Unfortunately, the Parade this year was cancelled, and so Clann Connacht did not have a chance to pull off the "double" by winning the Guinness trophy again this year but, please God, we will be able to have our parade next year as usual. In a very generous gesture Clann Connacht have decided to give the £25 float allocation (£5 from each County) to the Northern Distress Fund.

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to express our deepest sympathy to him on the death of his father. R.I.P.

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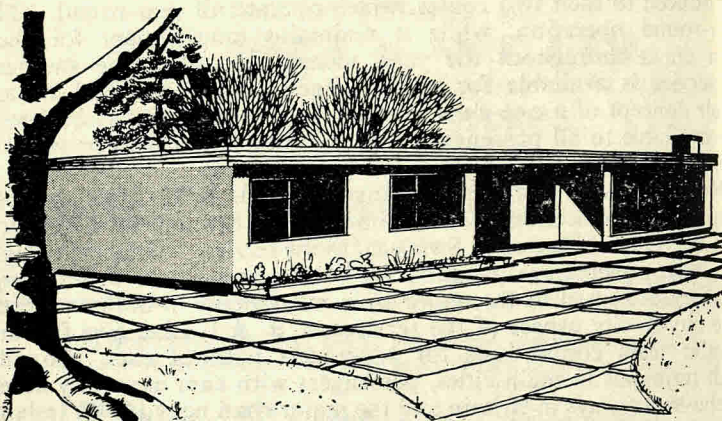
Coach outing to the Catholic Hall, Botwell Lane, Middlesex, for Social Dance. Coach from Irish Centre leaving 7.30 p.m. and travelling via Cock Public House, 7.45 p.m.; Little Plough, Kilburn Lane, 8.0 p.m.; Odeon Cinema, Shepherd's Bush, 8.15 p.m. via Hayes Catholic Hall.

Dinner and Dance at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 13th May, 1972.

Reception Dinner and Dance for the Cork Football Team (after the Wembley Games) at the Cavendish Rooms, Willesden, London, N.W.10, on the 27th May, 1972.

The Committee would be pleased to see these functions well supported as the primary object of the Association is in the raising of funds for charitable and welfare work.

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plenty for everyone. At this point one of our party was supposed to have insulted the Earl of Thomond and the Earl ordered that he be taken to the dungeons. This was done and he was dragged away shouting for mercy. At a later state he was brought back and was ordered to entertain the company as a punishment. This he did and we all enjoyed the singing by Des McMahon who played his part in taking us back to the 16th Century.

Continuing with the meal we had roast chicken, carrots, and other vegetables that I could not really decide what they were, but I can say they tasted good, and I think everyone enjoyed them. Someone was heard to say, "All this way and no spuds!". We had no spuds, of course, as they were not known then as they are today. Sweet and coffee followed and in all it was a great success. Mead and claret was served in plentiful supply during the evening and we were in great spirits when we got to the Airport for the return journey. We were surprised when we found that the Tax Free Shop was kept open for our benefit. This again reminded us of the efforts made to please everyone concerned. It was a great day and we shall not forget it. Our thanks to all for making it such a memorable occasion.

We have plans for a long weekend, that is the Whit weekend, from the Friday night to Monday night to Shannon, with bed and breakfast at an hotel in Clare. All in price £26.55p. Please contact any of the Association Committee members if you wish to be included.

Our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre was a great success. We had 205 people sitting down to dinner. I would like to congratulate the Centre in catering for this large crowd and all present said that it was the best so far.

We are now taking the bookings for our outing to Little Hampton which takes place on Sunday, 18th June. Again, please contact any of the committee to make your booking.

A Buffet Supper has been arranged for 8th July, at the Irish Centre, and we are expecting a sell-out. We would like to cater for the people who were disappointed over the Bacon and Cabbage Dinner. I would ask them to apply early for their tickets and they will have first choice.

When the St. Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled, we made plans to go to Birmingham to join the Parade. This we did by hiring a mini-bus and we joined up with the Irish Centre Boys' Band. We did not see any of our Clare friends in Birmingham on the parade.

Mrs. Lahiffe and myself went to Dublin to join the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We only just made it due to the plane being held up by fog at Dublin Airport. We enjoyed our time in Dublin and we also managed to get down to Clare for one night.

I'm sure that everyone was shocked at the sudden death of Dominic Donnelly, R.I.P. He was a great Irish man and he is a great loss to the Irish Centre and, of course, to the Irish Club.

Our sincere sympathy to his widow and children and to all his family. With kindest regards to all, (Mrs.) N. T. MORONEY

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Rev. P. Mee accepting a cheque for £100 on behalf of the Irish Centre, from Matt Brunton, treasurer, Cavan Association in London. Also in the picture: Albert Daly and Dessie Maguire, committee members of the Association.

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Cavan Association was well represented at the St. Patrick's Festival Banquet. Our President, Mr. James Conway, is also Chairman of the Banquet Committee and over seventy members attended the Banquet & all had a good night

Congratulations

to our Chairman and his wife, James and Ann Sankey, on taking over "The Dewdrop", 58 Stewarts Road, Battersea, S.W.8 on 30th March. We wish them every success in this venture.

To committee member, Mrs. Rose Gough, who opens an Off-Licence at 27 Elmer Road, West Green, Tottenham, on 27th March.

To Robert and Eileen King on the birth of a son on 15th March.

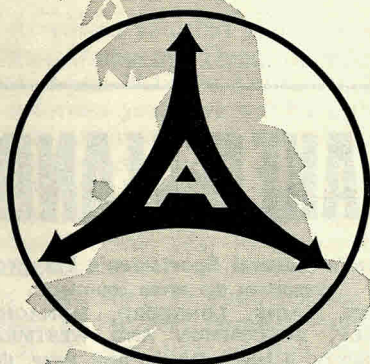
To Matt Brunton and Dessie Maguire on their election to the Executive Committee of the Council of Irish County Associations at the A.G.M. last month.

Our sympathy to John Carolan and his family on the sudden death of their mother.

The Dance in aid of our £1,000 Fund for the Mentally Handicapped Children's School at Cootehill, Co. Cavan, will, we hope, have been a very successful one. Several more donations have been received. We want stuff for the Jumble Sale. Please contact the Treasurer or Secretary. Please keep this fund in mind, and help to raise the £1,000.

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Mr. P. Fulham, 9 Minet Avenue, London, N.W.10

Dear Member,

This circular is to remind you that plans are now well advanced for our seventh Annual Dinner and Dance to be held at The Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, N.19, on Thursday, 27th April, 1972.

I hope that, as in former years, we will have the pleasure of your company at this year's function, and trust that you will purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance has come to be regarded as one of the outstanding social events of the year and no effort is being spared by the committee this year to ensure that previous high standards are maintained.

The reception is timed for 7.45 p.m., Dinner at 8.15 p.m., with dancing to the music of the very popular Pavilion Clubmen until 2.0 a.m. Tickets at £2.40p. each are now available from myself at the above address or from our secretary, Mrs. J. Roper, 74 Crowndale Road, London, N.W.1. ('phone 01-387 2068) or our Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Reilly, 37 Hill Street, London, W.1. ('phone 499 3063), or from the treasurer, Mr. A. Kydd, 2 Teignmouth Court, 35 Mapesbury Road, London, N.W.2 ('phone 01-452 0284).

All postal applications for tickets should be accompanied by the correct remittance. All cheques and postal orders to be made payable to The Westmeath Association. Early application for tickets is advisable, certainly by 20th April at the latest.

Amongst the invited guests are our Patron, Most Rev. J. McCormack, D.D., D.C.L.; Lord Bishop of Meath; Mr. J. Sheridan, T.D.; Mr. Paddy Flanagan; Mr. P. O'Shaughnessy (Delvin); Mr. J. Bennett, Chairman of Mullingar Town Commissioners, and Mr. Sean Fallon, representing Athlone Urban Council to name but a few.

All in all, it should be a marvellous night and I look forward to seeing and meeting you there.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. CAFFREY, *Chairman*

THE BRENT IRISH SOCIETY

Our Garden Fete will be held on 22nd April at the Dominican Convent, Portobello Road. Julie Sullivan of Radio Eireann fame will perform the opening ceremony, accompanied by The Brent Pipe Band. There will be a display of Irish dancing, and lots of goodies. I know all the associations and societies will come along on that day to help us raise some money to provide a little joy for all the senior citizens of Brent regardless of creed, colour or nationality. Further details 969 4160.

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KERRY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 19) —

the members, but we hope to have His Lordship with us a little later in the year. Tickets can only be purchased by members as the demand always exceeds the supply.

Friday, 28th April — A Grand Dance at The Cavendish Rooms, 38 High Road, Willesden, when the proceeds will be for The Kingdom Hurling and Football Team expenses who are travelling to Ireland to compete in the Seven-a-Side All Ireland Championship, on Saturday, 29th April. To take a worthy team to Dublin involves the Club in a large amount of money and we feel that your support for this dance is important so that the team may have a chance of bringing the honours back to London. Having met some players and the officers at The Kingdom Annual Dinner Dance last week, everything looks good for the Club in 1972. We wish the players, officers and club every success and hope that they will end the season as London Senior Football Champions.

Grand Draw

For our Grand Draw we are relying on all members to make this Draw a success. The prizes are excellent and, in view of this, it should be easy to sell the tickets, even if you do not feel like selling them, you may decide to buy them for yourself and be in with a good chance. We shall be reminding you again about these tickets and, on the night of the draw, we shall be having a Social Evening at St. Brendans when all sellers will be invited.

Two other dates for your diary are as follows:

Thursday, 20th April — The London County Board Annual Dinner Dance at The Gresham Ballroom. Tickets for this function can be had from our Secretary at 422 6688.

Thursday, 4th May — Council of Irish County Associations Annual Dinner and Dance at The Gresham Ballroom, also when the President's £1,000 Prizes will be awarded to the Counties judged to have done best during 1971. Each year, your Association has been among the prizewinners and we hope that this will be repeated in 1972 Presentations.

Our proposed Dinner in Kerry is scheduled to take place either the 12th or 19th August, and we will have final details of price venue, time, etc., for you by the time our next newsletter goes out. The Kerry Association in Dublin are at present working on some details regarding the Dinner and when they come to hand we will advise you.

All who attended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at The Gresham were high in their praise of the evening. Our thanks to all the officers and a special word of thanks to John O'Connor and Michael O'Sullivan, both officers in our own Association. The trip to Dublin was most enjoyable and the Association were represented by Eric Guerin and John O'Connor. From the varied reports coming back as people "sober up", it seems the party will be even bigger next year. D.V.

Feis Brefni 1972

At the present moment the Association are busy organising the second Festival of Irish Dancing to be held under Irish Commission rules. We are the only County Association in London to undertake such an ambitious project. Our Secretary, a native of Carrick-on-Shannon, is no stranger to Feis life. She was the guiding and organising genius behind last year's highly successful event and she is now once again spending long hours of hard work to achieve, what we have no doubt, will be an even greater success this year. For 1972 the Feis has attracted thousands of entries from many schools. The one hundred competitions range from Primary under 6 to Senior over 16. The Feis will extend over a longer period this year to accommodate the extra entries. It will be held from the 16th to the 21st May inclusive. The venue, as last year, will be the Anson Hall in N.W.2., convenient to Willesden Green Underground (Bakerloo) Line) and Buses 226, 260 and 266 pass the door, and it is about two minutes walk from Cricklewood Broadway. Teas will be served throughout the Feis.

Cups for the Championships have been presented by Aer Lingus (Juvenile, under 9); Allied Irish Banks (Junior Trophy); Mr. Tom Gorman, Gresham Ballroom, who has presented the most valuable trophy, the Silver Cup (Intermediate, under 18); The Council of Irish County Associations (Senior Solo); and Chairman Mr. James Fox (Minor, under 12).

Figure Dancing Championship Trophies are presented by the Irish Centre, Mr. Jim Conway, and Clann Connacht.

This year three extra trophies will be included in the Championships, including what is to be expected to be the highlight of the events, the Teachers' Trophy, to be awarded on a points basis. As in last year's competitions, we expect a display of dancing of a very high standard, set by the competing schools. To judge the winners will be the difficult task of Adjudicator, Mr. Tomas Cullen, of Cork. The accompanist will be Sheila Goulding. Don't forget to watch out for a special big feature on the Feis which will appear in the *Cork Weekly Examiner* at the end of April!

Clann Connacht

In addition to the generous donation mentioned before, we are proud to announce that a further £100 was raised at a dance in the Gresham Ballroom on 5th March, for the Northern Ireland Distress Fund.

We were all distressed to learn of the illness of one of our most popular members, Mr. John Lynch, who is in the Brompton Hospital, Fulham. The good wishes and prayers of every member are offered for his speedy recovery.

The L.A.A. are holding their next dance in the Quex Road Hall, Kilburn, on Monday, 17th April, and dancing is from 8.30 to 11.30 p.m. to the music of the Dublin Castle Trio. Tickets are 30p each. All are welcome! Slan libh,

MICHAEL MachAODHAGAIN, *Assistant Secretary*



The Waterford Association London



Taken at a Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre

On Sunday, 24th February, Mr. Maurice O'Donovan, our Hon. Secretary, was elected to the same position on the Council of Irish County Associations. This achievement can be regarded as a great honour both to Mossy personally and to the Waterford Association as a whole. Mossy is well-known in London Irish Circles and his enthusiasm for the "Irish Way of Life" will be a great asset to the Council. On behalf of all Waterford people, both here and at home in Ireland, we wish to congratulate him and wish him all the best in his new role.

Likewise we wish to congratulate Mr. W. Smyth on his election to the executive committee of the Council. This again is another great honour to Wally and to the Association. Never before has our Association been so strongly represented on the Council and one would have to look hard before one could find two better representatives from our county.

At the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin this year our Banner was carried by Mr. B. Downing and yours truly. We found ourselves leading the London section of the parade. Delighted to report that our Association banner was very prominent on Telifis Eireann.

Our Annual Dinner will be held at Barkers in Kensington this year and our Annual Reunion in Waterford is at the Tower Hotel on 5th August.

THE LIMERICK ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

On the 21st March, the monthly meeting of the Committee was held in The Marlborough, N.W.8. There was a good attendance, and our Chairman, Con Mackey, expressed his thanks and satisfaction at the enormous success of our recent Social held in The Cavendish Ballroom, The Spotted Dog, 38 Willesden High Road, N.W.10. It proved to be a most enjoyable evening and a very large crowd attended. Among the prizes was a return flight to Ireland.

Our next Social will also be held at The Spotted Dog, Cavendish Ballroom, on Friday, 21st April. As the proceeds will be donated to relieve struggling families in Ulster, we would like to see, once again, a very large attendance. Music will be supplied by the new Bernie Egan Band, formerly the Bernie Hayes Combo, who are very popular. Tickets at 40p. each are available from Tom O'Connor and John Mullins.

We are also delighted to announce that we are holding a Dinner-Dance in Acton Town Hall on Whit Saturday, 27th May, to entertain our V.I.P.s — The Limerick Hurling Team — who are playing that day in Wembley. Music for this venue will be supplied by the ever-popular Benn Bros. compered by Maurice Ryan, our own Assistant Secretary. Tickets at £2.25p. each are available from Tom O'Connor and John Mullins. This promises to be a very enjoyable function and we sincerely hope that all our friends will come.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9.0 p.m. at The Marlborough, Abbey Road, N.W.8, and we would like to see a lot more new faces.

SHEILA T. O'SULLIVAN, *Hon. Secretary*

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (continued from page 39) —

We hope to hold a Boat Dance on the Thames sometime in June. Details will be announced later.

Bereavements

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. T. O'Keefe on the recent death of her father. This is a tragic blow to Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe as John's mother only recently passed away as well. R.I.P.

As Spring is with us once again and it being the time of growth it should be the time for our Association to grow as well. There are many ways in which the ordinary member can help the Association grow. There must be many people who have ideas which would help us expand. Why not let the committee know about them. There may be Waterford people you know over here. Why not get them to join. The more members we have the more we can achieve, so why not make an effort to provide the committee with as much help as possible this Spring.

J. W. DAVIS, *Assistant Secretary*



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