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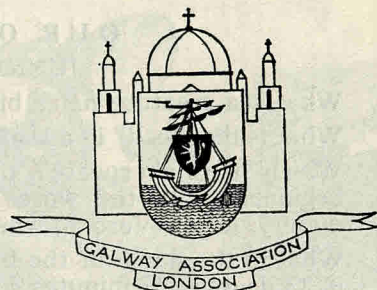
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THE GALWAY ASSOCIATION OF LONDON

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The Mayor of Galway



Forty-five members of the Galway Association attended the Annual Re-union Dinner of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, N.19, on Thursday, 5th May last. We were indeed happy to find ourselves, once again, among our many friends in the various Counties, who, like us, gave their support to this function. This occasion, for many years has been a highlight of the social scene and the 1972 function was indeed no exception to the trend of former years.

Personally I have never seen so much goodwill, cheerfulness, gaiety, friendship and laughter as I saw portrayed by our Associations on this evening. The Guests of Honour for the event were Their Excellencies Dr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, our hard working Ambassador and his good lady. Other guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Islington, Mr. and Mrs. G. O'Mahoney of Allied Irish Banks, Mr. Tommy Dunne of Aer Lingus, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beatty of the Irish Post and Mr. and Mrs. J. Conway to name but a few. Most conspicuous by his absence was our President, Mr. Tom Gorman, who, through illness, was for the first time ever, unable to take his rightful place among the aforementioned distinguished company. We wish Tom Gorman well and trust he will be back in circulation soon again among his many friends and wellwishers. Tom, in his generosity, has for years put up a sum of £1,000 for which County Associations annually compete. The results of this competition are announced, by one of the Adjudicators at the Annual Dinner, where prizes are awarded in order of merit. On behalf of the C.O.M. of the Council of Irish Counties which I also have the honour of representing, I take this opportunity to publicly offer to Mr. Gorman our grateful, sincere and most appreciative thanks in respect of his unending generosity to the Irish County Associations in London. Words alone are hardly adequate to express our depth of feeling in respect of what we owe to Mr. Gorman. Perhaps, in the near future, we may show our appreciation

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OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. What sea creature not a bird has a beak like a parrot?
2. What is the "lead" in a lead pencil?
3. Which of Shakespeare's plays has a sonnet prologue beginning with the words "Two households, alike in dignity, in fair Verona, where we lay our scene?"
4. What is the name of the imaginary line on a map that is 23 degrees 27 minutes south of the Equator?
5. What, usually, is the highest number on a two foot rule?
6. Which direction does the glass fly when you break an electric bulb?
7. How long can a seal stay under water?
8. How many plays did Shakespeare write?
9. Who was the boy "that stood on the burning deck"?
10. What is the name of the poison exhaust gas from a motor car?
11. How many degrees are there on a compass?
12. Why does water quench fire?

VETERANS

1. From which country do Noh dancers come?
2. Which British Railway Station is highest above sea-level?
3. What is a whitebeam?
4. What are the two acids that are mixed to make aqua Regia, the royal water that dissolves gold?
5. What English decoration is kept exclusively for Irish Nobles?
6. John Hanison (1693-1776) invented a mechanical device, what was it?
7. Which is the smallest known bird?
8. How many active volcanoes are there in the world today, and are they all visible?
9. What is a red-brick University?
10. In which colour are Britain's racing cars painted?
11. Where is the centre of England alleged to be?
12. What was the name of the American submarine that first sailed under the North Pole?

(Answers on page 15)



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The Laois Association held a re-union on Easter Sunday night at the Manor House, Finsbury Park. The event was a huge success and was attended by Fr. O'Shea from Mountmellick and Fr. Moore from Portlaoise.

About 350 emigrants from all parts of Laois attended the dance, and a large number, who were not already members of the Association signed on the dotted line before the night was over.

A big thank you to Mr. Vincent Daly who gave us the use of the Manor House in Finsbury Park for our re-union. I would like to hear from more Laois people who have business interests around London. So far they have been a bit backward in coming forward to help us. But this certainly did not apply to Mr. Bill Holland who hails from Raheen or Mr. M. Higgins, a native of Comross, both of whom gave a big hand, also Mr. Barrie Henriques of Aer Lingus, who presented the Association with a bottle of Irish Whiskey and some week-end cases.

We are holding a benefit dance on the 16th June at the Rest Hotel in Kenton. As it is our first venture in this field, I hope we will have a big turn out. Also it will be a big night for our Association, we will be unveiling and blessing our County Colours.

Our congratulations to the Laois Hurling team who beat Wicklow in a tough Leinster C.H.C. match at Carlow on Sunday, May 14th.

PETER DUNNE, Secretary.

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The concept of the Irish Club was the result of a patriotic urge on the part of a few persons who, in the immediate post-war years, saw the Irish as a community in London smashed into smithereens, with their social and cultural life lying scattered amongst the rubble of bomb-battered London. It was to lift Irish life out of this chaos into the forefront that an organising committee was established and, since then, successive Councils have worked selflessly to ensure that the position of importance achieved by the Club is maintained.

The establishment and success of the Irish Club brought a new confidence to the Irish community and made them aware of the important role they had to play in London life. The life blood of a Club, however, is its members — without them the Club simply dies. There is room for at least another 1,000 new members in the Irish Club and I would urge our present members, and old members who have lapsed for one reason or another, to renew their membership and introduce two new members. To past and potential members I would remind them of the words of the late President Kennedy: "Let it not be what can the Club do for me, but what can I do for the Club", because every effort for the Club brings added lustre to Ireland and the Irish.

Interdenominational Service of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland

The Irish community, including the County Associations, were well represented at this most impressive Service, which was held at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on 24th May, 1972. The organisation of the Service was perfect in every detail, and on the platform with the distinguished representatives of the various denominations, and the choir of the Methodist Central Hall, was the choir of the London Gaelic League.

Amongst those who attended were His Excellency Dr. Donal O'Sullivan, Irish Ambassador, with Mrs. O'Sullivan,

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John and Sylvia at their first public engagement

Two of our committee members were privileged to be guests of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hammersmith at a civic reception on Thursday, 27th April last where the guests of honour were Pacific rowers, Sylvia Cook and John Fairfax. It was the rowers first public engagement since arriving from Australia just the day before.

The world celebrated couple were quickly surrounded by hundreds of autograph hunters. Even though they were in great demand the entire evening they stopped to pose for the photo above especially for the Irish Counties Journal.

It was an awe inspiring occasion with pomp and ceremony and glitter everywhere to be seen. The occasion was a very special one for the Mayors of the London boroughs (who were all present) as it was the last time they collectively met the City party prior to their unchaining.

Councillor Morris passed his chain of office to Councillor Eric Hill on 17th May, as did the Mayor of Camden to our friend and countryman Councillor Brian Duggan.

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and members of the Diplomatic and Administrative staff of the Embassy. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Maurice Barnett, M.A., B.D., and on the platform were Church dignitaries representing every denomination of Christian belief, including the Patriarch of Moscow in Western Europe.

It was a moving experience to watch, and to listen, as each representative approached the microphone and, in a voice which had the unmistakable ring of sincerity, appealed by plea or prayer for peace and reconciliation in Ireland. It was a memorable occasion to see such a concourse of learned men, of varying denominations, assembled in spiritual accord, and bound in a common cause by the intangible Christian bond. In the body of the hall a congregation of mixed persuasions prayed that this phase of bitterness and hate in our land may soon pass into the mist of history, already saturated with savage stories of human conflicts long since forgotten.

PATRICK MULLOY.

GALWAY ASSOC. — continued from page 3

in a more tangible form bearing in mind that we are big enough to choose our own Irishman of the decade.

We, in the Galway Association congratulate the following Associations on their well deserved wins: 1st Kerry (£400), 2nd Wexford (£200), 3rd Monaghan (£100), 4th Clare (£100), 5th Leitrim (£75), 6th Cavan (£75), and 7th Fermanagh (£50). The Chairman, Mr. Pat Hegarty, accompanied by his sister, Peggy proved popular and entertaining hosts to all concerned. Each Patron received a copy of the Irish Counties Journal, which was much appreciated. This little magazine is produced for the County Associations by the Thomond Publishing Co. of which Mrs. Jane Smyth (Waterford Association) is Managing Director. Mrs. Smyth is to be congratulated on the excellence of this production.

Galwegians now look forward to the Wembley Games during the coming Spring Holiday, as it is now known. Like ourselves, other Associations will be laying on entertainment for their respective teams during this week-end. By the time you read this letter the excitement of the Games and the functions arranged will be but a pleasant memory. Still, we expect to see a great hosting of the Gaels at Wembley on Saturday, May 27th, where a bigger and better programme than ever has been arranged for the benefit and entertainment of patrons.

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2. Graphite, so called because graphite was originally known as blacklead.
3. Romeo and Juliet.
4. Tropic of Capricorn.
5. 23. The 24 is seldom stamped on.
6. Inward because of the vacuum.
7. Ten minutes.
8. 37.
9. Casabianca, 10-year-old son of Louis de Casabianca, Commander of the French Ship, *L'Orient*, at the Battle of the Nile (1789).
10. Carbon monoxide.
11. 360.
12. Because the water prevents oxygen getting at the flames, and also absorbs so much of the heat that it lowers the temperature thus checking the actual burning.

VETERANS

1. Japan.
2. Snowdon Mountain Railway Summit Station. It is 3,540 feet above sea-level.
3. A tree.
4. (I) Nitric acid (II) Hydrochloric acid. Aqua Regia means royal water because it dissolves the royal metal, gold.
5. The most illustrious Order of Saint Patrick.
6. The Chronometer.
7. The male bee humming bird.
8. 535, of which 80 are under water.
9. Term used to describe a modern University.
10. Green.
11. Meriden, Warwickshire.
12. Nautilus.



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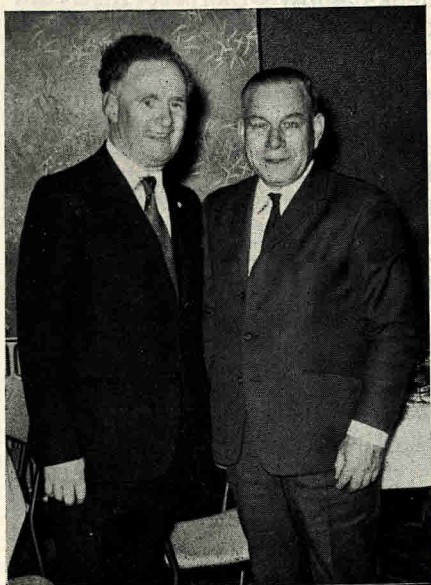
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Our Patron, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, officially blessed and opened the new St. Pauls Parish Church, Lisduggan, Waterford, on Wednesday, 10th May. St. Pauls is the first church to be built in the newly created Parish of St. Pauls. The cost of this beautifully designed church was £101,000. Once again the Ballybricken old church parishioners were in the fore in raising the finance, under the leadership of the late Very Rev. M. Cammon Leahy, P.P.V.G., as they did for the Church of the Apostles many years ago under the leadership of Fr. Phelan or Whelan and later Fr. Farrell. Many of you will remember the grand carnivals we had at the courthouse grounds and the old Barracks in Barrick Street, in order to raise the finance for the new church Building Fund which is now the Church of Apostles in Luke Wadding Street.

The 1973 G.A.A. Congress will be held in Waterford for the first time in its 86 year history. A fine tribute to fellow countryman Pat Fanning whose term ends at Easter.

A Waterford man to make us all feel small, or proud to be Waterfordians, Br. Mathias Barrett, founder



Two old school friends meet at Wembley, left Pat Fanning, President of the G.A.A., right Jim Griffin, Vice-President, W.A.

of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd. Born in Waterford, Br. Mathias joined the Brothers of St. John of God at the age of 15. He went to Canada in 1927. While in Montreal he came across 200 destitute men spending their nights in a wharf hut. At this sight he determined to spend his life helping people such as these. Between 1927 and 1941 he opened in Montreal a hospital, a convalescent home, a hostel and a day shelter. Rome gave him permission to establish his own congregation in 1951, namely the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd.

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COUNTRY THINGS

It was my mother taught me
The things I know of Flowers
How dandelions in downy caps
Can tell the sunny hours.
And daisies with their petals gay
Can play a lovers game.
If clover shows its leaves of four
Good fortune claims your name.

It was my mother taught me
The things I know of trees.
The willow weeping by the wall
The aspens trembling leaves
The tall pines reaching for the sky
An acorn in the glade.
Can grow to be a mighty tree
To shelter and to shade.

It was my mother taught me
The things I know of rain
Its song of pitter patter
Upon my window pane.
Its gentle kiss upon my face
To set my cheeks aglow
The blessings of its quiet fall
The thirsty earth will know.

The trees the birds the pretty flowers
The melody of rain.
In all such happy country things
My mother lives again.

MAI O'HIGGINS,

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Br. Mathias, a man who devoted all his life to the men from "Skidrow", has just returned to the United States after a visit to his congregation's hostel in Birmingham — the first outside North America.

The story goes that he once slipped a note into President Kennedy's pocket telling him how desperate he was for food and shelter for his charges. The President became a firm friend and helper from then until his death.

Belated congratulations to our esteemed member Pat O'Brien on his recent success in the Michael Molloy singing competition, organised by the Galway Association, a report of which appeared in last month's issue.

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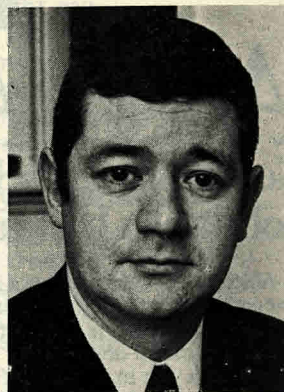


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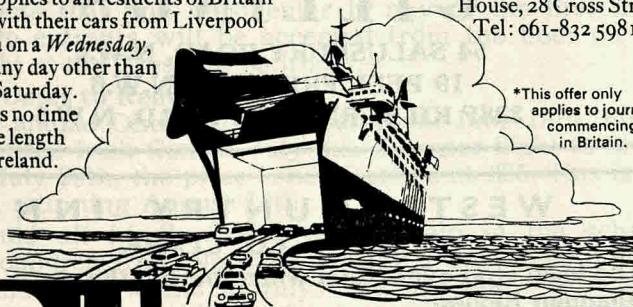
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I am pleased to report the success of our Association in winning the John Vaughan Trophy for the second year running. This reflects great credit on our members for the work they have done for the Irish Centre during the past year. We are also very pleased with our success in the Presidents £1,000 competition we were awarded the £100 prize and for this we are most grateful. Our congratulations to Kerry who were awarded the major prize and to Wexford who were second. On behalf of our Association I thank Mr. Tommy Gorman for the presentation of the £1,000 prize money.

We are looking forward to a very busy time during the next three months. The Darlin Girl from Clare competition, for which we are responsible in the London Area, will take place. 1st. Heat at St. George's Church Hall, Sudbury, June 17th. 2nd Heat at New Cross, June 30th. 3rd Heat at the Irish Centre, July 8th. The final will take place at the Gresham Ballroom on Friday, July 14th. All single girls with Clare connections either on the parents or grandparents side are eligible for entry and we expect to have a great number of lovelies to judge in the first three heats. This competition is really worth winning. A holiday in Clare for one week and a further chance of the major prize when a selection will be made at the Spanish Point Festival of the Clare Darlin. Please note that you must enter in any of the first three heats. No entrants will be accepted from the floor on the final night at the Gresham Ballroom.

Further Dates to Remember

The annual Outing to Littlehampton, June 18th. Buffet supper at the Irish Centre, July 8th. Summer flight to Shannon on July 29th, the price is now settled at £25. This is for 14 days, returning August 12th.

Would all kindly ladies please help in the scheme to give children from Northern Ireland a two week holiday in the first two weeks in July. You are asked to accommodate one or two children for two weeks and look after them during that period. This of course will be your contribution and no payment will be made for their keep etc. Please make the effort to give a little help and comfort to children who are caught up in this dreadful and frightening situation. There will be Catholic and Protestant children in

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"THOUGHTS — IN QUIETER HOURS"

The Road was never long
when we were young
and the wayside stream
crystal clear
always sparkled in the Summer sun.
No sweeter sound
From flute or fiddle
ever fell on dancer's ear
Than in those days
of gay abandon
when faithful friends
were ever near.
Gay was the children's laughter then
Gay as the song
of the meadow lark
And thrilling were the tales —
told by the turf-fire
In a neighbour's house
after dark.
When we were young
The far-off hills were green
And we were restless then
Like the wild geese
on the wing.
We, too, would fly
Like the migrant flocks away
To other shores
Clad in eternal Spring
Though Youth's aspiring dreams
Diminish with the years
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Our thoughts in quieter hours
will often turn —
To days when we were young
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this group. If you can help please let me know as soon as possible and you will be given further details of times of arrival etc.

You are again reminded of membership fees, some members have overlooked this and in order for you to

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The inaugural meeting of a full committee of the Cork Association and the Cork Society, was held at the Irish Centre, London, N.1.

The Chairman, Mr. R. Allen, Cork Association, said, in his address, "Let me heartily congratulate you this evening on this 'auspicious event', that this new organisation will grow strong in numbers of membership and be a blessing and a help for the benefit of our fellow men."

I wish to thank all the past Officers and Committee who were instrumental in former years in building the Cork Association and the Cork Society from small beginnings to its present position over the years.

The organisation shall be known henceforth as the Cork Association and Society (London) we look forward with increased confidence to all future endeavours undertaken and know they will be successful.

Mr. Paudie Lynch, Chairman of the Cork Society, said on behalf of the members of the Society, he wished to express his sincere congratulations to the happy event that has taken place tonight, and a hearty welcome to the Cork Association members on this occasion. Now the activities should be on a wider scale in both social and welfare spheres.

Mr. Lynch is the new Chairman of the Social and Welfare Committee. He is a man of outstanding organising ability and we look forward to his success.

Mrs. O'Leary of 18 Kingles Road, London, N.W.6 of the Cork Society was unanimously voted Assistant Secretary.

The Committee of both organisations will remain in office up to the next A.G.M.

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WATERFORD — continued from page 18

To Clare for bringing off a double namely the John Vaughan Trophy and £100 in the presidents competition. To Wexford, Monaghan, Fermanagh, Leitrim, and Mayo. We join with all the Associations in saying a big thank you to our president for his generous gesture, and to wish him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Social Functions

Our Boat Dance and Buffet on the River Thames is now fully booked. We apologise to the numerous people we had to disappoint. We must cast off at 8 p.m. sharp so don't be late or you will have to swim for it.

We cannot say the same for our week-end trip to Ireland by air, leaving London Friday evening, 4th August and returning Sunday 6th August. The cost including bed and breakfast and our own coach to Waterford £28.50 per person. If you want to stay an extra five days its only another £8.

Don't forget our Dance at Brent Town Hall on July 7th. Music by Johnny McCauley.

Social Committee

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receive all the details regarding the Associations activities, it is necessary to be a fully paid up member.

With kindest regards to all
(Mrs.) N. T. MORONEY.

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Summer is with us now and that means holiday time. During the Winter and Spring we have had very successful and very enjoyable social occasions — also very profitable ones, this is especially so of the Cootehill Special School Fund. Our target as you know is £1,000; the Committee are delighted to be able to announce that we are now over the half-way mark, and we are very grateful to everyone who has helped us to raise this money. In the Autumn we will start another series of fund raising schemes and we would ask for your continued support. Meanwhile have a very happy holiday, wherever you spend it.

The Cavan Association in London will be twenty years in being this year, and to celebrate this occasion we are holding a Re-Union Dance in the Gresham Ballroom on Sunday, 17th September. The Secretary is busy gathering old files to help him write a complete history. If you know of any Cavan people who were in the Association prior to 1956 he would be delighted to hear from you, or from them.

The last social function prior to holidays was the Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 20th

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It may seem to regular readers that Sligo Association is no longer active in London but quite the contrary, they continue to play their part to the best of their ability and for lack of communication and regular reports I can only apologise to the Editor of this fine Journal and to my fellow members.

Monthly meetings are held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at The Goldhawk, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, W.12 and to add a touch of gaiety to what otherwise might seem to some of the members at the conclusion of business to create a good social atmosphere. There is quite a good attendance at meetings, and many new faces, which is an encouraging sign for any association.

A very successful dance was held recently at the Cricklewood Hotel and we are grateful to our members and those of other associations who supported this function. Our thanks also to the Management and staff of the Cricklewood Hotel.

It has been our pleasure recently to be in a position to contribute financially to the funeral expenses of a fellow county man R.I.P. Also to an appeal for a holiday fund for 40 children from Northern Ireland to holiday in Essex, 20 of whom are Catholic and 20 Protestant. Perhaps this holiday can teach the Denominations how to live peacefully in a good community spirit. Incidentally our President is also Vice-President of the Interdenominational Society of Prayer for Peace and Conciliation in Northern Ireland.

Future plans of the Association are a social evening for members and friends at The Goldhawk in July; Annual Dinner Dance at the Gresham Ballroom in October and a competition for the solo Violin possibly in November, to avoid clashing with any Comolthas competitions. Sligo being the home of such great exponents of the Traditional Violin

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as Coleman, Killoran, Cawley Gillespie and in later years Gorman, it was thought that a competition for a perpetual challenge Cup sponsored by the Association for the Solo Violin would help revive further the interest in this instrument. County Associations will be invited to sponsor players for the competition also Comolthas groups, and individuals will also be welcome to complete. Full details will be released as soon as possible.

We all offer our congratulations to the Donegal Association on winning the Guinness Cup Quiz. They might have been the victors on previous occasions if lady luck was on their side but I cannot think of a more sporting team in victory or defeat. But for an oversight the Sligo team would have met Donegal in the semi-finals and would have enjoyed the competition as we have always done knowing full well that Donegal would still be the finalists. We have heard that Mr. T. E. Gorman is indisposed and if so wish him a speedy recovery.

Any Sligo people requiring further information about the Association please contact our Hon. Sec. or come along to our monthly meetings and be one of the gang. All are welcome.

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NEW FORD RECLAMATION PROCESS CONQUERS PLASTIC FOAM POLLUTION PROBLEM

An important environmental breakthrough in the disposal of plastic (polyurethane) foam being used in increasing amounts in car interiors has been announced by a Ford research team in America.

The amount of polyurethane foam used in new cars has increased dramatically since the mid-1960s — principally to meet safety requirements and to provide additional comfort. But as cars begin to be retired within the next few years, the need to dispose of the foam without creating health or nuisance hazards could present a severe environmental problem.

A year ago, Ford scientists initiated studies into the disposal of the material in scrapped vehicles, especially in areas where air pollution regulations prohibit open burning of waste materials.

The Recovery Process

Now they have come up with the solution which, they say, will also recover the materials from which the original foam is made — and at a profit to the processors.

The new Ford process involves placing collected foam in a sealed container with a small amount of water and heating it to 400°F.

Within 15 minutes the polyurethane foam is converted to a liquid slightly more dense than water. The liquid is then distilled. What remains is the material from which the original foam was made. This could then be re-used to make new foam.

The team estimates that, although the process would cost only 7p per car, reclaiming companies could make a profit of 15p on all the foam recovered from each car they handled.

In contrast, it may cost processors as much as £1.25 per car to dispose of the foam in, for example, such ways as in-filling worked out gravel pits.

Ford's scientists believe the new process represents a viable solution to what could have been a major environmental problem, while simultaneously providing an additional economic incentive to the scrap processing firms and shredder operators.

Official Interest

Ford has notified the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Mines about the new development and has proposed that the Department undertakes a pilot programme, utilising the new disposal process — called polymer hyd-

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In the March issue of this magazine, we mentioned having to cancel our booking for a dance at Ealing Town Hall. This was due to the National Power Crises, fortunately we were able to renew this event, and held a benefit dance on May 5th, which the Committee are very happy to announce as well as being a most enjoyable evening, was indeed a financial success. The proceeds will be used to give a holiday to 20 Protestant and 20 Catholic children from the troubled city of Derry. The Fund is organised by Fr. O'Brien of Southwark. The same evening, the W.L.I.S. Carnival Queen was chosen. This was, as you can imagine, a most enjoyable interval for the band and patrons. The judges favoured 18 year old student, Maureen Bennett, from Hendon as the 1972 Queen. Maureen's mother comes from Sligo and her father from Tipperary. Second place was given to Anna Maria Ashe from Kerry, living in Osterley and third to Gemma Garvey also from Kerry, living in Osterley. Congratulations to Maureen on her success. Her first appearance as W.L.I.S. Queen will be at the Hanwell Carnival on June 17th, for which we wish her the best of luck.

Last year the Society got 1st prize for its float, so who knows what will happen this year. Why not come along to Hanwell on that Saturday afternoon and see for yourselves.

The Society's next function will be a barbeque at the White Hart, Acton, W.3, on Friday, 7th July, 1972. Tickets available £1.50 each. Just 12 months since last years. Hoping we will have the same weather and enjoyable time. Looking forward to seeing as many of our friends there as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Joe Lynch for his guest appearance on the 5th; to the many pretty girls for taking part in the Carnival Queen Contest; and most of all to our loyal patrons without whom we could do nothing.

All details of our various events will be given in future issues of this magazine.

Happy holiday greetings from the Society.

GERALDINE BRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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Mr. J. F. O'Donovan, Membership Secretary, 114 Osbaldeston Road, London, N.16, will be pleased to forward any information to prospective members.

Functions

Jumble Sale held on 6th May was 100 per cent successful and I wish to express our sincere thanks to the lady members of our organisation for their hard work, and to thank also Father Superior, O.M.I., Quex Road, for his kind permission for the use of the hall.

Bacon and Cabbage Dinner and Dance held at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 13th May, 1972, was a wonderful success. Each and everyone enjoyed it. We wish to thank all those who supported it. A special word of thanks to the party from Dagenham who were present on this night of nights.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. Garvey on their wedding anniversary, and Mrs. C. Flynn on her birthday May the 13th.

We are now taking bookings for our Annual Dinner in November next. Please write or phone the Hon. Sec. Miss E. Honohan for information on this at 11a Myddleton Square, London, EC1R 1YE. Tel. 01-278 1516.

I wish to express our best wishes to Miss Nellie Sullivan on her return to good health, we were all pleased to see her present at the bacon and cabbage dinner, also Anne Berry. Both are old members of the Cork Association.

Vote of Condolence

The Association passed a vote of condolence to Mrs. J. Ryan and Mrs. Finnbarr Lehane to express our deepest sympathy to them on the death of Mr. J. Ryan. R.I.P.

To all our members and friends who are sick and those in hospital, we wish them a speedy recovery to good health.

C. BURKE, P.R.O.

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rolosis — and supported by Ford technical assistance. The Department, says Ford, has shown 'real interest'.

The size of the foam problem which lies ahead can be gauged by the fact that new cars in 1966 contained collectively about 10,000 tons of polyurethane foam, used in such areas as seats, door side panels, and padded facias. By 1975 the figure is expected to have reached 300,000 tons.

Disposing of such a quantity will pose immense problems for the scrap processors and shredder operators, because air pollution regulations in many parts of the world increasingly prohibit open burning of waste.

“WHAT’S IN A NAME?”

On one day in March, at least, by his “wearing of the green”, it is usually easy to identify the Gael from among other men. At other times and in other circumstances most people would say that his surname would give some indication of a man’s Irish heritage. Although this is generally a good guide — no-one with the name of “Murphy” would claim to be anything but Irish or of Irish descent — the history of the country has been such that the development of names has not been entirely straightforward.

The Irish people were among the first in Europe to adopt a system of taking surnames for members of the same family. One tradition says that they were introduced by Brian Boru. Whether this is so or not many Irish names have a long history. The commonest method of establishing an identity was for a man to take his father’s Christian name, or sometimes his father’s occupation, and place before it “Mac” (son), or to use his grandfather’s or earlier ancestors’ name and prefix it with “O” (grandson). In this way were established ancient Gaelic names like O’Loughlin, O’Connor, MacCormack, and many more. Names of this kind were so widespread that an old saying goes: “And if he lack both “O” and “Mac” no Irishman is he”. This was never entirely true, even in early times, but it shows how predominant was the custom.

With the Norman invasion of the 12th century, new names came into use. It is from this time that come such names as Walsh, Burke, Fitzgerald, Dillon, etc. These are taken to be typically Irish now but they are really French in origin. But not only did the Normans add to the list in this direct way. Some becoming more Irish than the Irish themselves, gave themselves Gaelic equivalents of their own names. In a strange way the compliment was returned with the migration of some Irish to the continent during the various times of oppression. Thus you have in France today families called “Aubrin” and “Donnavent” whose ancestors were O’Brien and O’Donovan.

No doubt to these people 14th July is an important date in the calendar, while 17th March passes without comment.

Another factor in the development of surnames came about during the penal times. Many people disguised their Gaelic origins. One way was to drop the “O” and Mac. It is perhaps a sign of the times, though, that this tendency seems now to be in reverse. There are today, for example, many more O’Connells than Connells in Ireland, whereas a century ago the opposite was the case. Another method of disguise was to change the original name for an English one that was roughly equivalent. This has led in some cases to unfortunate-sounding results — thus the Gaelic O’Dathlaich

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became Dolly, while McGiolla Iosa became MacLice! Not all changes naturally compare with these. There are Smiths in Ireland, today many of these are undoubtedly descended from English settlers, but there are some who bear the name of Smith whose families started as MacGowans.

In this way, then, under such influences as these, have come about the three-and-a-half thousand or so different surnames in use in Ireland at the present time.

"What's in a name?" Provided it is borne with pride, whether it be an ancient one or a relative newcomer to the scene, perhaps the answer to the question is — Nothing!

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May. An excellent meal was provided, the band was one of the best we have had at recent functions, and everyone declared the evening an outstanding success.

By the time this report is read we all hope that one of our members, Albert Daly from Mountnugent, will be convalescing after a serious illness. The sincere good wishes of the Association go to Albert, his wife Lil and their three children.

This photograph of Ballyjamesduff is just to remind you that Ireland is ready to greet you.

The Officers and Committee wish all members, supporters and friends a happy holiday, and look forward to meeting them again in September.

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