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Our outing to Littlehampton on Sunday, June the 18th will be long remembered as that dreadful day by the three coach loads of our people who braved the cloudy skies in the early morning, to be rained out all day at the seaside. We spent the day in the amusement arcade as it was impossible to get outside without getting wet through. All things considered I thought that we would be miserable on the way home but this was not the case, even the children were in high spirits. Our stop (which was pre-arranged on the way home) was a blessing. We had eats, drinks and dancing for two and a half hours. Everyone had forgotten the wind and the rain, and were ready to have another outing as soon as possible.

The final outing of the year that we are all looking forward to is our Summer Charter flight home to Clare on July 29th. By the time you read this I am sure that there will be no more seats left and I can only sympathise with you if you were unlucky in the booking of a seat.

The Darlin Girl from Clare Competition is now well under way and we hope that the remaining heats at the Harp Club, the Irish Centre, and the final at the Gresham Ballroom will be successful.

We shall be taking a little rest during the months July and August (the holiday period) to awake again in September and October with the usual run of functions. I will give you the details later regarding these functions. However, there is our week-end home to Clare in October in which we leave London Airport early on Saturday morning 21st October. A sight seeing tour of the County by bus during the afternoon. Dinner at one of the Castles late Saturday evening and staying overnight for Bed and Breakfast at the West County Hotel, flying home late Sunday evening. All for less than £20.00.

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A Cairdi,

I take this opportunity to inform that I, Bob Daly have been appointed Secretary to The Galway Association of London, and with that in mind, would request that all correspondence for the Association be forwarded to: Flat 3, No. 4 Carminia Road, London, S.W.17 8AW. Phone 01-675 0556.

On behalf of the Association I extend deep sympathy to the relatives of those who perished in the Trident Air Crash on Sunday, June 18th last, with a special thought to our fellow-countrymen who came to an untimely end in this disaster.

I returned on Saturday, June 17th, from a rather pleasant two weeks holiday spent for the most part in the West of Ireland. The weather was glorious right from the start of our holiday on June 3rd. It was a great pleasure to be among a happy and friendly people, I would say that the Irish in their own country must be placed on a pedestal as the friendliest race of people which God in His wisdom has put on this earth. Prosperity is enjoyed by all whilst the extra amenities which it has brought and the purchasing power which it has created have not in any way diminished the warmth of the Irish Welcome from all sides. I spoke to a relative who, as an electrician in Galway City, earns £42 per week wiring houses. There is no scarcity of houses. Galway City boasts of being a city where there are more houses than people to live in them. Yet a modern house costs between seven and eleven thousand pounds sterling in suburban areas.

Getting back to the Galway Association, it gives me pleasure to announce that a young man in our Association, Mr. John Brooks of 7 Williams Close, Crescent Road, Crouch End, London N.8, has been granted a licence to teach Irish Dancing. John, together with his brother, Michael, and sister Julie, recently gained World Honours with the Kavannagh Academy of Dancing. John is about to open a

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### I'LL NEVER FORGET

By Thomas A. Beckett

I will never forget that bright summer day in 1927 or 1928 when we took on the mighty Achilles Club at Croke Park.

Achilles had, as always, a star studded team, but it was particularly strong that year as it included that great 440 man D. G. A. Lowe: which makes me think that it must have been 1929 because Lowe had, if my memory is not getting "wake", won the 400 metres for Britain at the 1928 Olympics.

Well, I bowled across with a couple of lads with whom I worked by the 11 Tram from Ranelagh to Jones Road, where, after a bit of a wait, we picked up three or four other "Jackeens".

However, eventually we got into the grounds, more than a bit late. Mind you the Sports had not started, but in those days the very best place at Croke Park was the standing room just in front of the stands. You could get a position standing against the rails right dead level with the finishing line, but we were late that day and the best places had been bagged by half a dozen auld fellows, 40 or 50 or so, who should have been at home looking after their gardens instead of getting in the way at a sports meeting.

Well, by the time the Sports started, I had been pushed by my pals right up to the rails (you know what Jackeens are: they are nearly as bad as Cork men) about two or three yards from being dead level with the finishing line. Some of the Auld fellows who got shoved out were not at all pleased to say the least of it, but for the most part accepted my explanation that it was the Bowdons behind who had pushed me there, it just was not my fault.

Anyway, the Sports got going and it was terrific. I cannot remember which events we won and which we lost, but when we came to the relay — the last event — we led by one point, which meant that if we won the relay we won the match by three points, but if we lost the relay we lost the match by one point.

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Since then nursing has changed, but not wholly. It is still about walking, soft-footed, through sleeping corridors at the dead of night and finding a tortured face transfixed with pain. It is still about being left alone with a dying man whilst the oxygen mask falls and rises slowly. It is about watching a patient retching emptily and coughing pints of frothy sputum. It is the profession which thousands of Irish girls have taken up in this country. A lot wanted to be something else, some wanted to be nothing more, but all have shown patience and understanding and dedication to suffering humanity, which has long since been inscribed on the scrolls of the profession's history.

Nursing is being on your feet, standing up, running around from 7.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. with half an hour off for breakfast. It is studying hard for three years that can seem to be an eternity and which begins by counting cutlery and cleaning cupboards and taking patients to the theatre and X-Ray. In the third year it is about worrying over the final examination and praying that you will not fail and then it is about the feeling that you are part of something constructive as you enter the operating theatre for the first time and assist in the removing of a diseased organ and making the patient well again.

Nurses are people who often lead a strange boarding school life, which entails going to bed with lights out if it is after 11 p.m., and who, even as young girls, are expected to behave as adults, seasoned and experienced when faced with death and disaster. They are supposed to be able to deal with emotion in a detached confident way. Often life is tedious and even cruel, as when an irate sister screams at you, sneers and makes you feel you are only two years old.

The Irish Club is deeply sensible and highly aware of the trying life nurses, particularly student nurses, can lead and has taken cognisance of the unique role it is expected to play in Irish affairs in Britain — that of being both a bridge and a bridgehead; in providing our people in this country with a convenient meeting place, where all may discover their common identity and now it is pleased to announce that all Irish people engaged in the nursing profession in Britain may become fully fledged members of the Club for half the annual subscription. Therefore it is hoped that many will engage in that essentially homing phenomenon the flight to Eaton Square.

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## OUR QUIZ

## JUNIORS

1. What causes an echo?
2. What schoolmaster "carried the day's disaster in his morning face"?
3. What determines the length of the "lunar month"?
4. In what activity does a person wear "bracers" and use "quivers"?
5. What instrument do we associate with Larry Adler?
6. What South American country takes its name from a line of latitude?
7. What is a "but" and what is a "ben"?
8. In tennis what is a rally?
9. Which of the following items is out of place: Oslo, Rome, Paris, Kingston, New York, Colombo?
10. What scientist regarded fruit with a certain gravity?
11. True or false — a gecko is a tropical bird?
12. Who propounded the following question: (a) Do cats eat bats? (b) What is truth? (c) When shall we three meet again?

## VETERANS

1. In or near what town is "Tom Tower"?
2. For what purpose would you refer to a Kelly?
3. With what qualities would you credit yourself, if you were called: A Nestor?
4. What science deals with Quartering?
5. Who is the only Irish character in Shakespeare?
6. What bird is employed as a colloquial standard of mortification?
7. What is a brandysnap?
8. Who is the oldest member of the British Royal Family?
9. What is the British equivalent of the American word "sneakers"?
10. Who fought the Minotaur in the labyrinths of Crete?
11. What and whose were (a) Al Borak, (b) Bull's Eye"?
12. The adder is the only poisonous snake in Great Britain. Which is the only British bird that will attack and kill this reptile?

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GALWAY ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 5)

School of Dancing in the Tollington Park area of London and he tells me that maroon and white will be the colours worn by future trainees. We would respectfully remind members of County Associations with a young family who may aspire to see their children excel in this form of our ancient culture to give a thought to this young man, who, in his own right is an expert among World Champions and who wishes to pass on this expertise in the making of future World Champions. BOB DALY, Secretary.



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We are sorry to lose two old and generous friends in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conway. Jim and Kathleen are returning to Ireland in the immediate future. Two very popular persons on the London Irish Social and business scenes. Jim has been a great help to our Association since its inception (although he is a Cavan man). It would fill the journal to relate half of his good deeds to our Association alone. We are very pleased to know he has acquired Waterford connections through his son-in-law who hails from our beloved county.

Our esteemed member Seamus Kenneally wishes to remind us that he will be taking evening classes in the Irish language again this year at St. Matthews School, Old Pye Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, starting in September on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. There are classes for absolute beginners and all grades up to fluent Irish speakers. It would be well worth our while to support these classes, for if they are not well supported from the beginning of term the G.L.C. will cancel them. The same goes for all evening classes of course. Seamus deserves great praise for the wonderful work he is doing in this field. For further information telephone 01-595 1097.

Many thanks to our Vice President, Fr. W. Meehan for the trojan work he is doing on our behalf in Waterford in conjunction with Mrs. W. Jones. We've only got to whisper and they are shouting on our behalf. Let us show our gratitude to Fr. Meehan and help him in his work for the poor children of Waterford. He is organising a holiday in Carlow for 500 poor children who have never had a holiday and never will have one unless Fr. Meehan gives it to them.

We in the Waterford Association are going all the way with the Council in supporting the Mayor of Camden's Appeal Fund for the victims of the recent rail crash at Eltham. Our treasurer, Mr. Paddy Stafford would be delighted to receive your donations for the aforementioned funds, address and phone number above.



Our congratulations to Councillor Brian Duggan, Mayor of Camden and the Lady Mayoress on organising the first Albert Street Carnival, London, N.W.1. Unfortunately it will be over by the time you receive this Journal and the news release was too late for inclusion in the June issue. We hope that by the time you read this, it has had the success it deserves.

Congratulations also to West London Irish Society on gaining 1st place for their Float at the Hanwell Carnival on June 17th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the victims of the recent air and train disasters. To the Irish Government on losing twelve top executives who were trade specialists for the E.E.C. Their deaths will leave a void in senior management in the country's major firms.

We wish a speedy recovery to Bernadette Stafford, daughter of our treasurer, who has undergone a serious operation. We sincerely hope that Bernadette will be fully recovered in time to take her place at university for the beginning of term.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Smyth, mother of our past Chairman, who sustained an accident, we wish a quick return to good health.

### **Social Functions**

Our Boat Dance and Buffet on the River Thames was a huge success. Members are looking forward to another romantic night on Old Father Thames. Credit must go to our Assistant Secretary, Harry Davis for organising that memorable event. Our thanks to the ladies for their help with the buffet on the night, especially to Mrs. Kitty Jones who worked tirelessly, though she travelled from Ireland to be our guest on that night.

Our Benefit Dance at the Cricklewood Hotel surpassed our wildest dreams in fund raising for such a small hall. The Johnny McCauley Trio (better known in the musical world as Denver Records) helped to make it the success it was. Our thanks to our loyal supporters, to Kathleen and Steve White for their help in making our evening such a pleasant one.

Preparations are now finalised for our re-union dinner and dance at the Tower Hotel, Waterford, which is organised by our Association here in London on behalf of all the Waterford Associations. The word from the Waterford Association, Dublin, is to expect a coach full; from the Waterford Association, Birmingham, the same story. No news from the Waterford Association, New York, but they usually turn up on the night.

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From the Anglo-Celt we read of the appointment of Mr. Kester Heaslip as the Counsellor in the Department of Foreign Affairs in Brussels. This recalls memories of 1959 when he was a member of the Cavan Quiz Team. The above photograph depicts the Cavan Quiz Team who met Armagh in the finals that year. Mr. Heaslip is third from left in the back row. We offer our congratulations to Mr. Heaslip on his appointment.

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Con A. Smith, one of the victims in the recent London Air Crash.

**Reminder for your Diary:** Cavan Re-union Dance in the Gresham Ballroom on Sunday, 17th September.

**Cootehill Special School Appeal Fund:** Arrangements are being made in the near future to collect the boxes.

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### NEWS FROM THE LONDON TARA (Continued from page 17)

The banqueting and conference rooms remain as previously named, i.e. the Shannon Suite, with sub-divisions of the Ballinderry Room, the Doonbeg Room and the Owenmore Room; and the Liffey Suite, with sub-divisions of the Blackwater Room, the Boyne Room and the Garavogue Room.

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Dear Member,

In writing I wish most sincerely to thank all our members and their friends for their wonderful co-operation and assistance to our organisation with their attendance at the functions held during the last few weeks.

If gratitude is the highest reward that God can give to man, then we are most grateful to the lady members of the Committee for the wonderful success of the Jumble Sale, also to others who contributed. Again, thank you.

Another successful function was our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner and Dance held at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 13th May. Over two hundred attended, and many old friendships were renewed. It was one excellent night of nights.

Our Reception Dinner and Dance for the Cork Football Team after the Wembley Games was held at the Cavendish Rooms. We were very pleased to entertain the officials of the Cork County Board, G.A.A.; London County Board, G.A.A., and the members of the Cork Football Team, and to express our congratulations on their win at Wembley. Our sincere thanks to other Associations who gave their support to the above functions.

By the time you receive this Journal we will have enjoyed a trip to the English seaside resort of Bognor Regis. Let us hope the weather is kinder to us than it has been of late.

Next Bacon and Cabbage Dinner and Dance will be held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town on Saturday, 16th September, 1972. We would like to ask everyone to apply for tickets early and avoid disappointment.

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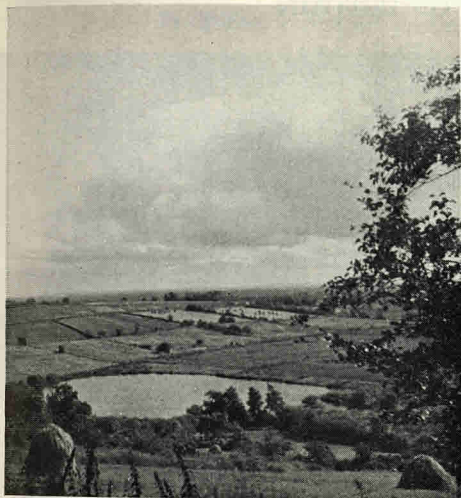
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Our last two functions were very successful, namely our Dance and Party. I would like to thank all our helpers and patrons for making them so enjoyable as well as successful.

The Inter-County Quiz, Fermanagh versus Monaghan

was held at the Irish Centre, Murray Street, N.W.1, on 25th May. It was a good contest and was so close it was not clear who had won until Pat Hegarty (Quiz Master) announced the result. The score, Fermanagh 64 points, Monaghan 66 points. The team were Frank Corrigan (Captain), Dan McManus, P. J. Green, and Hugh McCormack.

Arrangements are being made for a Party Outing perhaps to Fermanagh. Some of our members are keen anglers and Lough Erne is excellent for fishing as well as the many inland lakes dotted all over the county.

It was very encouraging to our Association to win a prize in the Thomas Gorman competition. We are grateful to Mr. Gorman for making this possible.

Our sympathy is extended to Dennis Somwell on the death of his wife and to Mrs. Green, our sympathy on the death of her sister, Mrs. Smith, Enniskillen.

To the Committee I extend my thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my Uncle, James McElgunn.

To all our friends and Fermanagh people we wish them happy holidays, and we all hope and pray that peace will soon be restored to the six Counties again.

We wish every success to John Brooks with the Junior Fleadh Ceoil.

Tickets are now available for our dinner and social which will take place at the Irish Centre on 30th September. The cost £1.50.

Best Wishes, (Mrs.) MARY McCORMACK, Hon. Secretary,  
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## PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND MEDALS FOR B+I LINE CLUB FOOTBALL AND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF BRITAIN



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The sponsorship of the championships were part of a promotional package arranged between the Provincial Council and B+I Line some months ago. Included in the picture are: Frank Bellew, President of the Council; Pat McCabe, Vice President; Michael O'Reilly, Secretary; Pat Garvey, Treasurer and Mr. D. T. Mulvey, Promotions Manager, B+I Line, who presented the trophies to the Council, after their meeting in Birmingham this week.

The final of the Hurling Championship takes place at New Eltham, London, on Sunday next (June 18) between McDermott's, Birmingham and Brian Boru's, London.

The Football final takes place on Sunday, June 25 at Glebe Farm, Birmingham, between Parnell's London and Young Irelands, Leeds.

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The Laois Association held a very successful Benefit Dance in the Rest Hotel, Kenton, on the 16th June. The Chairman and the Committee would like to thank all our Laois friends and also the people from other Counties who rallied round and supported us. A big thank you to all who sold tickets for us especially to the people who are not natives of our county. During the evening our President Fr. Dillon, assisted by Fr. Gricell, blessed our County colours.

Our treasurer, Hughie Milmo, in his speech on behalf of our Chairman, and committee paid a special tribute to Mrs. Philmena Dunne, wife of our secretary, for the wonderful seamstress job she did on our county colours. Our grateful thanks he said also to her for presenting the bottle of champagne for the raffle.

Our thanks to the Cork Examiner and the Leinster Express for their valuable publicity. To the management and staff of the Rest Hotel. A big thank you for their wonderful service.

In the very short space of time that we have been associated with the Council of Associations we have organised three very successful functions. So with a little more hard work and co-operation from the committee, I can foresee a very bright future for our Association.

PETER DUNNE, Secretary.

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CORK ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 20)

The Committee are busy organising the Annual Dinner and Dance to be held at the new Aer Lingus Tara Hotel on Saturday, 11th November, 1972. Full particulars in my next news letter.

Arrangements are in progress to commemorate the death of Michael Collins, 50 years ago.

To any of our members or friends who may be sick or in hospital we wish them a speedy return to good health. Any information on the above please write or telephone 01-278 1516.



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Chairman: Mr. M. O Connor, 121 Woodend Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex. 01-422 2286

Secretary: Mr. M. J. G Connor, 20 Clauson Avenue, Northolt, Middlesex. 01-422 6688

We find ourselves halfway through another year and at this time of year we look forward to our holidays, which for many of us means a return to Kerry and other parts of Ireland. One wonders if its our sense of duty that takes us on the annual trip, but this year more than ever, in view of the state of tourism in Ireland, one is obliged to make the journey.

The many holiday bargains seem to suggest that this year we are getting a good deal but when we examine the offers a little closely one is left with very few alternatives. The service offered on some of the routes and the time limit restrictions placed on the amount of time one can stay to qualify for certain special holiday offers, make the offers less attractive to the people for whom they were supposed to be intended. Perhaps those who will be planning the holiday offers for 1973 will try and be a bit more flexible with the schedules they offer for next year.

### **Annual Re-union Dinner in Kerry**

Our Annual Re-union Dinner in Kerry in conjunction with the other Kerry Associations, will take place at the Earl of Desmond Hotel on Saturday, 19th July. A reception will also be held on the Friday prior to the dinner. We have secured an inclusive figure of under £5.00 for bed and breakfast on the Friday and Saturday nights. This price for two nights at an hotel is really excellent value and we are grateful to the Earl of Desmond for the very keen price quoted.

Any members who are interested in attending the function should contact the Secretary as soon as possible as we want to try and finalise the arrangements as soon as possible.

### **Grand Draw**

By now I hope you all have returned the tickets sent to you for the draw which takes place at St. Brendan's, on Saturday, 29th July, at 9.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to still purchase tickets should contact the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Greaney, at 01-903 2763 and he will be pleased to let you have the last book or two. We are holding a Social Evening at the hostel on the night of the draw.

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A further encouraging season led to an increase to 15 boats in 1971, and the reaching of a crossroads — clearly the firm was either going to remain as a 'dining-room operation' with waterfront functioning through the Cruising Craft organisation, or a major step would need to be taken into large scale operation with Cormacruisers established in their own base.

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The Lakeside Marina has been further developed for the 1972 season and will have a capacity for 150 boats. As for the hireboat side, in addition to the craft taken over with Cruising Craft, the company operates nine boats for Victory Cruisers Ltd. making a total for 1972 of 51 cruisers available, going up in size to 40 footers, a really remarkable development in three years. The Marina at Killaloe, being in perfect shelter at the south end of Lough Derg, offers excellent possibilities both for motor cruisers and sailing craft, and the company with their developing resources anticipate building boats in the future not only for their own needs, but also for other hire operators and for export as well.



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### JUNIORS

1. Sound waves thrown back from a flat surface.
2. Schoolmaster in "The Deserted Village".
3. The time it takes for the moon to orbit the earth.
4. Archery. Bracers are guards on lower part of arm that holds the bow. Quivers are containers for arrows.
5. Harmonica or mouth organ.
6. Ecuador (The equator crosses the country and Ecuador is the Spanish for equator).
7. Front and back parts of a two-roomed cottage.
8. An unbroken succession of returns across the net.
9. All are capital cities except New York.
10. Newton.
11. False — it is a kind of lizard.
12. (a) Alice, (b) Pilate, (c) Witches in "Macbeth".

### VETERANS

1. Oxford.
2. London Directory.
3. A Counsellor.
4. Heraldry.
5. Captain Macmorris (Henry V).
6. The Dodo — dead as the Dodo.
7. A thin gingerbread biscuit flavoured with spirit.
8. Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. She was born in 1883.
9. Gymshoes or Plimsolls.
10. Theseus.
11. (a) Mahomet's Ass, (b) Bill Syke's dog.
12. The Magpie.

MICHAEL WATERS.

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WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 14)

We have still got some places available on our week-end trip. Leaving London Friday evening 4th August and returning Sunday evening, for those who want to come back £28.50, by air to Dublin. Our own coach to Waterford plus bed and breakfast. Those who want to make a week of it an extra £8.00. This is comparable with any continental holiday, without any food or language problems. Please get in touch immediately with our Secretary, 202 6357 or any Committee Member.

### Stop Press

We are very sorry to learn on going to press that our friend Rev. W. Meehan was involved in a serious accident.

Congratulations to Councillor James Quinlan on being elected Mayor of Waterford for the coming year.

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We look upon the beauty there  
And on the passing breeze  
Whisper a silent prayer  
To HIM above  
Who made this golden day  
With his undying love.

MAI O'HIGGINS.

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SLIGO ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 7)

The Auld Fellows around me were very perturbed, not just because I had been pushed to a place about half a yard from being level with the finishing line, but because our runner in the last quarter was MacEachearn, our half miler. "It just was not fair, he would have to have a lead of at least 10 yards to beat the great Lowe". Well, the sound of the starting pistol stopped the discussion and started us cheering on that grand quarter mile — the tow headed Sean Lavan and he did not let us down, he was two or three yards in the lead at the change over; but the Auld fellow on my right was not satisfied, he was not cheering Sean on he was nearly crying "it is not enough, it is not enough". Now, I cannot for the life of me remember who was running the 220 legs for us. I dare say our great hundred yard man the black haired J. B. Eustace and perhaps our Rugby wing three quarter, whose name I just cannot quite remember.

I remember the Sunday he beat Eustace and lowered Ireland's 100 yard record to 9.4/5 seconds, here at Croke Park, but I am still not certain whether it was before or after this National event. However, who ever it was they ran like true champions, and MacEachearn got away with a good 4 yard lead, but the Auld fellow beside me was moaning "it is not enough, it is not enough" and it certainly was not, as, in spite of our roars, Lowe steadily overtook MacEachearn, until about the 220 yard mark they were shoulder to shoulder and they hung together for about ten yards and then a miracle happened MacEachearn's stride lengthened and light appeared between the two runners.

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The monocoque chassis is constructed from light alloy with an integrated steel frame at the front. At the rear a 360° tubular steel roll hoop is bolted to the monocoque and provides an attachment for the Ford V8 3-litre Formula I engine and the lower radius arms of the rear suspension.

The engine serves as a fully stressed member and fabricated tubular steel subframes which are bolted to both engine and gearbox support the rear suspension.

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Said designer Derek Gardner: "The new car is by no means revolutionary, but is a logical development of the many components and ideas which we proved out last season in winning the World Championship for both drivers and constructors."



### **N.U.I. Club**

We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives and family of the victims of the fire at the N.U.I. Club recently. We also regret the loss sustained by the Club due to the fire damage and hope that before long they will again be back at Headquarters.

### **Our Visitors**

We had as our guests recently, at the Irish Club, sixty children from the Andersontown district of Belfast and a good evenings entertainment was provided by members of the committee and their friends. A donation was made to the lady in charge of the party to take the children of the party on a sightseeing trip prior to the return to Dublin. One certainly sees a brighter future for these children in the light of the recent improvements of conditions in the province. Certainly they deserve it, they were, on that occasion, an example to us all.

### **Bereavement**

We regret to learn of the death of Kerryman, the late Joseph O'Connor, who died following an accident. With the co-operation of other Associations we will be running a benefit dance very soon and will appeal for your support. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Our Annual Dinner Dance held at the Penthouse Restaurant was a great success and to all who helped to make the evening a success I offer a sincere thank you. The raffle in aid of the Council of Irish County Associations Welfare Fund realised the sum of £200, which was presented to the Chairman, Mr. P. Hegarty.

The Council Dinner Dance at the Gresham Ballroom was a great night and it had a very happy ring for the Kerry Association when we were awarded the prize for the best County Association. To all who helped the Association to achieve this, goes our grateful thanks. Our thanks to Tom Gorman, who has made this prize available.

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### **SLIGO ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 33)**

The Green jersey was in front; we went wild with delight in spite of the Auld neighbours whineing "he cannot keep it up, he cannot keep it up, he hasn't the speed to beat a quarter miler like Lowe . . .". But MacEachearn had the speed, he literally tore away with the race and won by a good eight to ten yards. How we went wild with delight.

I will certainly never forget it. I feel sure that everyone like myself, went home glowing with the feeling that "our young state proved its ancient nationhood.

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"One evening — in 1880 — a man sat alone with his thoughts in an office of a busy hospital on the outskirts of London. They were not happy thoughts. He felt dispirited, sick at heart." Henry Burdett, the secretary-superintendent, was deeply concerned about the case of a nurse on his hospital staff. "Some two years previously this nurse had contracted typhoid fever in its most virulent form from a patient in the hospital. A Swedish sailor, himself a victim of the disease had attacked her in a delirium whilst she was attending to his comfort. The precautions she took to avoid infection were unsuccessful and a long illness left her a physical wreck, incapable of any further useful work. The plight of this poor nurse disturbed him. A small gratuity from the hospital and the help of friends kept her for two years. But the wells of charity were not inexhaustible, and he had, that day, begged the governing body of his hospital to grant her a pension or other allowance to save her entering the workhouse. All this forcible pleading was of no avail. Every resource was exhausted . . . and to the Infirmary she went, to spend in its bleak interior the few remaining years of her life. By the time he left his office at the hospital that night his mind was made up. Profoundly impressed by the need of helping nurses to protect themselves against the major risks of life, he was determined that if human endeavour could achieve this it should be done. And he would do it."

Such was the origin of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

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The first Board or Council included an impressive list of doctors, bankers and hospital chairmen, calculated to inspire confidence in the Fund's management. Four subscribers to the Memorandum of Association made a magnificent gesture when they each gave £5,000 to provide the Society's deposit at the Court of Chancery. They were Sir Everard Hambro, Lord Rothschild, Henry Huck Gibbs, and "that most English American", Junius S. Morgan. Three members of today's Council are direct descendants of these



Founders, the Fund always having maintained strong family connections with the merchant banks and London business houses. The Council is exceptional in that its members receive no fees for their services but instead pay an annual subscription of two guineas to the Fund.

### **Royal Patronage**

The Princess of Wales (later Queen Alexandra) consented to be the first President. Since then the Fund has been privileged to operate under royal patronage, although the prefix royal was not added until 1891. There is evidence that at first Queen Victoria demurred at the combined title. "The office could be called the Royal Pension Fund or the National Pension Fund but the Royal National — no!" However, representations prevailed and the Fund proudly assumed its present name.

In these days of abbreviated titles, the initials RNPFN are well known throughout the nursing world. In earlier times they were sometimes misunderstood and one appealing letter from an animal-lover arrived at Buckingham Palace addressed to the National Pension Fund for Horses.

Over the years a number of receptions have been held in Marlborough House and St. James' Palace and, in 1904, at Buckingham Palace when 1,000 nurse policy holders enjoyed a day of royal hospitality.

In 1953, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother graciously consented to become Patron following the death of Queen Mary.

At first the response from nurses was disappointing. One case is recorded of a matron of 35 on a salary of £80 a year who hoped for a pension of £50 from her 55th birthday. For this she was willing to contribute ten shillings annually. Others were more realistic and, guided by the advice given in the *British Medical Journal*, resolved to support the Fund. The first 2,000 policies were effected well within the two years limit imposed by the Articles.

It took 19 years for the Fund to reach its first million pound milestone. In 1970 the assets were increasing by that amount every four months. Between 1894 and 1970 annual premium income rose from £34,000 to £4 million and the total funds from £191,000 to £45 million.

### **A Continuing Service**

In the vast spread of present day business activity the Pension Fund has remained true to the ideals of its founder, Sir Henry Burdett, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., who wanted to provide nurses with a regular income when their working days were over by the wise investment of their savings in a mutual insurance society. For many years the RNPFN blazed a pioneer trail in the field of superannuation. More recently it has shared its responsibility with the state (since the

advent of National Insurance in 1918 and the N.H.S. in 1948) and with other pension and insurance schemes, notably the F.S.S.N. (now the Federated Pension Scheme) which started in 1928.

The Pension Fund's wide range of policies include endowment and whole life assurance, children's education and family income benefit, mortgage protection and term assurances, savings and investment policies as well as personal pensions for the self-employed. Its membership embraces all professions in the health services and covers virtually all those engaged in caring for the sick.

The Fund is a mutual society with no shareholders. It does not employ any agents or pay any commission, all business being transacted by post. These features mean low administrative expenses and hence, favourable benefits for members.

Nurses in retirement have been helped tremendously by the Fund's generous rates for immediate annuities and by the declaration of special bonuses. In 1965, 1968 and 1971 the Fund distributed a handsome and unexpected bonus to most annuitants for a 3 year period. It is hoped to continue this in the future.

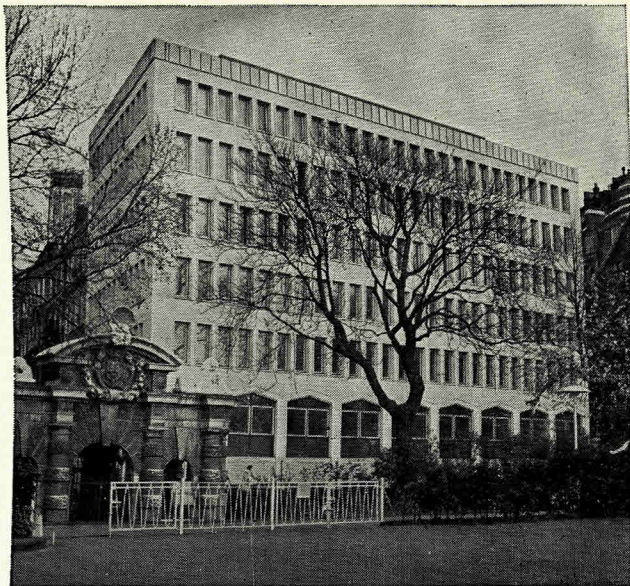
Membership of the Pension Fund is open to nurses throughout the world. However, the Irish Insurance Act of 1936 prevents a permanent resident of Eire from effecting a policy with a Society such as ours, not licensed to transact business in Eire. There is no reason why Irish nurses may not join the Fund when they are resident for a short while in the United Kingdom and once started, policies may be continued abroad anywhere.

The old houses in Buckingham Street where Peter the Great entertained William III and where Charles Dickens may have lived have been replaced by a fine new building. The Pension Fund's policy and administration have been continually re-shaped to accord with modern business techniques and efficiency. But there remains still the strong tradition of service to nurses everywhere, implanted by the Founders when they wrote the Constitution. One example of this service is the Fund's readiness to provide speakers on superannuation, insurance, savings and pension provision at Hospitals and branch meetings of the Royal College's and of the numerous health service organisations throughout the British Isles. Officers of the Fund have motored 100,000 miles to give 400 talks during the last three years.

For special details of the work of the Fund and of its two associated charitable organisations, the Nurse's Memorial to King Edward VII and the Junius S. Morgan Fund for Nurses, readers are invited to write to Burdett House, 15 Buckingham Street, London, W.C.2.



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