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by Michael Hannon

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If I had lived in Bethlehem,
When Joseph and Mary came,
I would not have said, There is no room,
I'd have hung my head in shame.

Yet there were times, I must admit,
I failed to let them in,
So I am in the same category
As those people of the Inn

I cannot sit in judgment,
The Innkeeper, I cannot blame,
For if I had lived in Bethlehem,
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The Journal's continuing success is a tribute to the Council of Irish County Associations. I take this opportunity to send my best wishes to the Council and to all the readers of the Journal for Christmas and the New Year.

Guidhim gach rath ar an Iris agus oraibh go léir atá páirteach san sár-obair seo.

Donal O'Sullivan,
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Photo of the recently married Dymphna and Dennis Samwell enjoying a night out at our recent dinner at the Irish Centre.

Photo by P. J. Fahey.

December — the last month of the year and, as we look back over the previous eleven months, we thank God for the many blessings we received. We have had a number of very successful social functions and for this we thank our many friends of the other County Associations for their staunch support.

Our membership has increased, therefore, our monthly ceilidhe is now quite large.

By now, you will all no doubt be very busy shopping for your loved ones for Christmas. The joy of being with your family at this festive time is something everyone looks forward to. This is very evident on hearing the usual greeting, "Are you going home for Christmas?". So please spare a thought for the families of the North where this is not possible, because of the many broken homes and the tragedies in that part of our beloved country.

"For it is a Province of the finest Nation

That ever was on a fruitful sod;

Fighting like devils for conciliation

And hatin' each other for the Love of God"

News from Home

This month we report from the three Fermanagh Parishes of the Kilmore Dioceses. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Falahee (*nee* B. Maguire of Kinawley) who have returned to Navan to set up a new permanent residence. Congratulations to the Derrylin Camogie team who are through to the Final. And also to the Kinawley Boxing and Badminton teams who are in the semi-finals.

The girls of Kilesher are keeping in good trim. It is reported that the Monday Keep Fit classes are well attended.

Fr. Brady of Glan was guest of honour at the Kinawley Pioneers' Annual Dinner held at Sean Lynam's Hotel in Derrylin. Mr. and Mrs. Lynam ensured that everyone had a good time.

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by Patrick Riley

I think I was about seven when my parents decided to move from our little house in Trinity Street to a somewhat larger house on the outskirts of the town; of course, houses were easy to find in Drogheda at that time, although the money was a bit scarce. When we settled into our new house my mother found that a little careful re-arrangement left her with a spare room, which she decided to rent on a paying guest basis to augment her somewhat limited housekeeping money.

The first guest was Mrs. Nicholson, always slightly tipsy, her tall black bonnet, like a Spanish mantilla, worn at a jaunty angle, and her black "sateen" cape, and long black skirt rustling like the leaves of Spring. She was sober the day she arrived, and her distinguished appearance made a profound impression on us. When she announced that she was the widow of a gallant soldier who had been killed in the Crimean War, we children were overwhelmed with awe. The Crimean War meant nothing to us, but it made Mrs. Nicholson mighty important in our estimation. Whether her story was true or false, she never lost an opportunity to lament in the local hostelry: a performance which, at the time, made her almost an outcast of her sex. She could be seen any evening floating up the street like a ship in full sail on a slightly choppy sea, then she would retire to her room and chant "Rule Britannia" with the fervour of a hymn.

She arrived home thus one evening when we were playing a new game called Halma, a kind of cross between Ludo and Snakes and Ladders. On seeing the name printed on the box which contained the game, Mrs. Nicholson was overcome with a burst of alcoholic emotion, pouring forth a stirring story of how her poor dear husband had died in the battle of "Halma" in the Crimea, and forthwith acquired our precious game as a memento in his memory.

Whatever we may have thought of Mrs. Nicholson's valiant husband, we took a decidedly poor view of her choice of a memento, and held a hurried conference to devise a means of recovering it. The plan was simple. I, being the youngest, and the most gullible, was detailed to go and search her room as soon as she left for her visit to the hostelry. Not being a master of strategy, I made no attempt to cover up any evidence of my visit to Mrs. Nicholson's room, where I found no trace of our game, and saw little else but pictures of a soldier wearing a high collared tunic and a pill-box type of headgear, which was held in position by a strap under his chin. The picture of the soldier convinced me that Mrs. Nicholson's husband was, in fact, a hero, but in spite of this I did not feel it incumbent on us to pin a medal on him in the form of our game of Halma. So, I failed in my quest, but the cold war with Mrs. Nicholson had begun.

The following night she arrived home in her usual exuberant mood, retired to her room and burst into "Rule Britannia". By a pre-arranged signal we immediately gathered beneath her window and started to sing at the tops of our voices, "God Save Ireland says the Hero". Unaccustomed to any form of competition with her solo efforts, Mrs. Nicholson stopped in the middle of a bar, pulled up the window of her room, and glared down at the circle of choristers below. The sight of Mrs. Nicholson, florid and furious, sent us scurrying in all directions; my eldest sister, Maggie, tarried a little, however, and Mrs. Nicholson bellowed down at her:

"Be off with you . . . you young faggot!"

"What's a faggot but a bundle of sticks?" Maggie promptly retorted, and that was the first salvo in the hitherto unrecorded second Crimean War.

(to be continued next month)

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Let's hope you are not all "in the dark" right now with the power crisis, and not able to read this! The way things are going it will certainly be "shank's mare" for some of us now with the scarcity of petrol — that or London Transport! But enough of the world's troubles, and back to the affairs of our Association.

We have had recent meetings in November and December, both well attended.

Recent functions include a special Benefit Dance held at The Irish Centre, Camden Square, on 17th November, for the wife and children of the late John Fowley who died recently, R.I.P. John was a native of Mohill, although he spent his early life in Dromahaire. Music at the Dance was supplied by Terry and the Trixons Showband, and there was a good attendance. Over £200 has been raised and a cheque presented to Mrs. Fowley in time to help with the expenses of Christmastime.

Another special Benefit Dance was held at St. Joseph's Club, Gardinia Avenue, Luton, in December, for a former member of the Association who is incapacitated as a result of a serious illness suffered last year. It was the Association's first function in Luton, and with so many Leitrims people in the area, had to be a great success. A special coach ran from London for the occasion.

Following our meeting on the 26th November, Leitrims faced Sligo in the quarter-finals of the Inter-County Quiz Competition. Despite a fierce fight, the Leitrims team went down 52 - 72 to a very knowledgeable Sligo side.

Notice is hereby given to all members that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place at The Irish Centre on Monday, 21st January, at 8.0 p.m. Do please come along and give us your support. All are welcome.

The winner of the November Prize Bond Draw was Mr. Philip Donoghue of Kenton in Middlesex.

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously by the meeting on learning of the death of the father of Mr. Peter Heaney, one of our most staunch members. Our sincere sympathies to Peter.

M. MACH AODHGAIN,

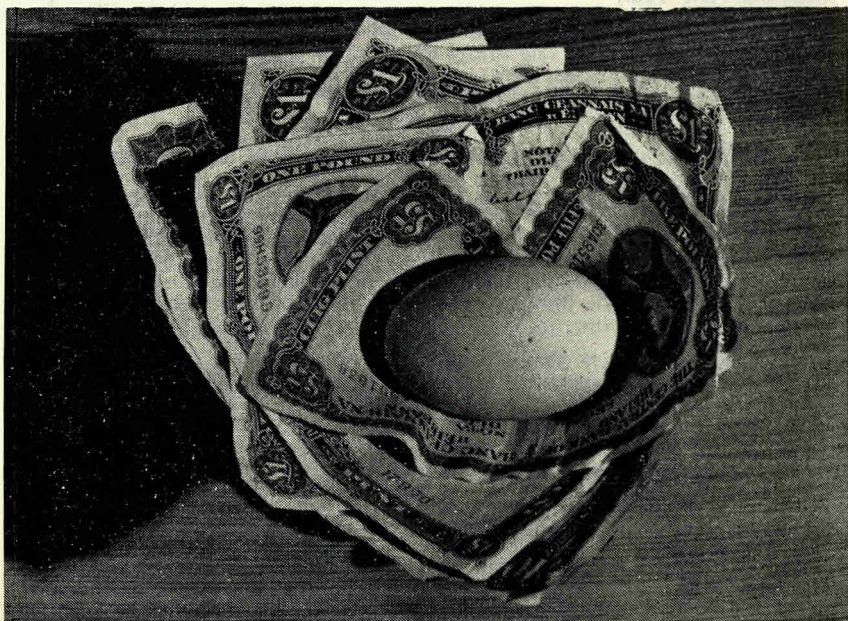
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Inter-County Quiz Championship 1973

The above competition for the 'Guinness Cup' has now reached the quarter-final stage. In fact, one competition in it has been decided. Sligo beat Leitrim and has advanced into the semi-final. The other teams in the quarter-final are Clare v. Armagh; Donegal v. Dublin; and Carlow v. Cavan. Sligo will meet the winner of Clare v. Armagh in the semi-final.

Individual Quiz Championship 1973

The above contest was decided at The Irish Centre on 4th December. The formal presentation of the Cup to the winner will be made during the "Buffer" which is being organised by the Council to be held in the Irish Centre on 20th December.

OUR YULETIDE QUIZ

1. Which Archbishop of Canterbury was murdered at Christmas-time 1170?
2. When did the Christmas card come into being?
3. Who was the author of "Still Nacht (Silent Night)"?
4. Was "Good King Wenceslas" really a king?
5. Where does mistletoe grow?
6. In which century was the English pantomime introduced?
7. Of which Saint's name is Santa Clause a corruption?
8. Which British Government abolished Christmas?
9. How did the first Martyr St. Stephen meet his death?
10. Give another name for "Epiphany"?
11. What does "Alleluia" mean?
12. What place is referred to as "David's City in Judea"?

Answers on Page 21

MICHAEL WATERS

Cavan Association and Quiz
Master

Fermanagh Association (continued from Page 4)

Our President, Mr. Frank McManus, M.P. for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, and his wife Carmel, have recently returned from a very successful tour of the U.S.A., where he lectured on the state of affairs in Ireland. Our sincere thanks to them for their efforts on our behalf.

The Fermanagh Association wish all readers Beannactai na Nodlaig

(The following Report received too late for the November issue — Ed.)

At our recent Annual General Meeting all the officers and committee were returned unopposed. Our Chairman in his address thanked the Committee for their co-operation during the year. There is always plenty of work to do, but everyone is happy to help to the best of their ability and this makes the Association worthwhile. There is the odd party and outing, etc., and the dances and dinners everyone enjoys, especially at The Irish Centre. Our recent Dinner Dance was no exception. A lot of Fermanagh people on holiday here were present and we hope for a larger attendance at our next function in February 1974 with special Star entertainment but we will let you know more about it in the next issue.

NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR LONDON TARA HOTEL

The well known Irish Hotelier, Mr. Eoin Dillon, has been appointed General Manager of the London Tara Hotel. The announcement was made on the 27th November by the Chairman of the Hotel Board, Mr. Neil Gleeson, who is Assistant Chief Executive; Corporate Planning and Economics of Aer Lingus - Irish. The hotel company is an Aer Lingus subsidiary.

Mr. Dillon, who has been in the hotel industry since 1947, will take up duty in the London Tara on 1st January, 1974. He trained at the Savoy in London during 1950/52. Among the Irish hotels with which Mr. Dillon has been prominently associated with are Dublin's Gresham and Shelbourne and the Imperial in Cork. He is a council member of the Irish Hotels Federation and a founder and former President of the Irish Hotel and Catering Institutional Management Association and the Cookery and Food Association.

Welcoming the appointment of Mr. Dillon, the Chairman of the Hotel Board, Mr. Gleeson, said that his wide experience of the industry, his well established reputation for high standards and his enthusiasm for the concept of Irish hospitality would be substantial assets to the London Tara. "The hotel industry in London," he said "has been beset by many problems this year, and the Tara did not escape its share. However, we have made a good start, and business continues to improve. We have identified the problems of the industry and of the hotel, and we look with confidence to the future".

"I have no doubt that the London Tara will quickly consolidate its good start under the personal direction and expert management of Mr. Dillon", he said.

The 850-bedroom London Tara is a subsidiary company of Aer Lingus - Irish. It cost over 8 million pounds. Since February it has accommodated a total of some 198,000 guests and was the venue for 65 major conferences and exhibitions. It has a staff of over 400.

Fermanagh Association (continued from Page 11)

The Irish Centre

I would like to extend the thanks of the Fermanagh Association to The Irish Centre for their co-operation at all times.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samwell (Dennis and Dymrna) on their recent marriage. Dymrna is another new member for the Association, a lot more new members are needed to make the Association even more worthwhile.

Shannon Flight

Our treasurer Frank Corrigan and his wife, Winnie, spent a most enjoyable weekend with the Clare Association Party to Bunratty Castle recently.

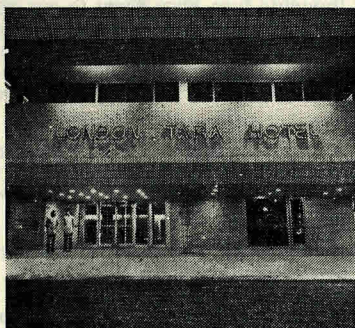
Our Quiz

Our team were defeated by Armagh in a very exciting contest at The Irish Centre recently. We congratulate Armagh and thank them for a most enjoyable evening spent in their company. We will be rooting for them in future contests and wish them the best of Irish Luck.

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As Secretary of The Galwegians in London I take this opportunity to extend the good wishes of your Committee of Management to all our members with the thought in mind that all will have a Holy and Happy Christmas, coupled with continued prosperity in the New Year which approaches.

The Galway Association extends Fraternal Greetings to the Council of Irish Counties and, through the Chairman of that august body, Mr. Pat Hegarty, we offer the usual message of goodwill to all County Associations with which we have been privileged to work for our mutual benefit, under Council guidance, for a couple of decades.

We offer sincere Greetings to Their Excellencies, Dr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, and to their Staff at The Irish Embassy, whilst at the same time offering our deep appreciation for the kindness and courtesy we have received in our business and social relations with our Embassy in London.

To the Clergy and Staff at The Irish Centre — Felicitations. May amicable relations, as experienced by us over the years continue to exist into the distant future.

A special greeting to Mr. Tom Gorman, President C.I.C.A., for his keen interest and his outstanding benevolence to the County Associations in London.

Finally, a Birthday Greeting to *The Irish Counties Journal*, coupled with a word of thanks to the Editor, Mrs. Jane Smyth, who puts such a lot into its productions.

As you read this, Chris and I (D.V.) shall be visiting members of our family in the United States. We shall spend Christmas with them at Cape Coral, Florida, where I am told the temperature is usually in the 70's at that time of year.

Until we meet again, Kindest Regards.

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The Social Committee members are responsible for the sale and return of tickets for all functions. You are therefore respectfully asked to contact them and not the Secretary with your requests for tickets.

Annual Raffle

Our annual raffle took place in The Irish Centre, Camden Square, on Thursday, 22nd November. The results are as follows:

1st Prize: £50. Miss C. S. Stafford, 53 Caithness House, Bemerton Street, N.1. Ticket No. 4383.

2nd Prize: £25. Jerry, "The Plough", 354 Hornsey Lane, London, N.19. Ticket No. 822

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4th Prize: Omelette Pan and Frying Pan (kindly presented by Waterford Iron Founders) Cathy Ann O'Connor, 65 The Fairway, Wembley, Middlesex Ticket No. 8911.

£5 went to P. Stafford for selling the winning ticket.

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who helped to make this raffle a success, and I am very glad to say it was a huge success, despite very little co-operation from most of our members. I am well aware of the difficulty in selling tickets, especially at the present moment, but it's very disheartening when members wouldn't even bother to return the unsold tickets. To the members who did sell tickets our sincere thanks, and even though you were not lucky enough to win a prize, you will be pleased to know that the profit from the raff goes to very worthy charitable organisations for Christmas.

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations to Jimmy and Lesley Payne on the birth of their son.

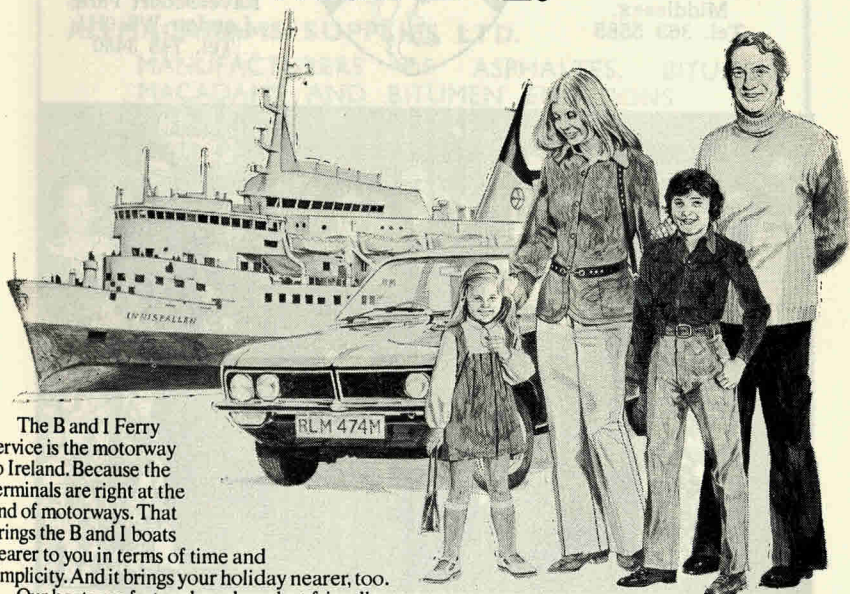
Also to William John Ryan and Pauline Ann Maston, who were married at Rayleigh Catholic Church on 24th November. Billy's parents are natives of Villierstown

Once again our Senior Hurlers put up a great show when they drew with Kilkenny in the fourth round of the League. We have a good young team coming up again and we hope to see them back in Croke Park in the very near future.

We wish Fr William Meehan every success with his choir "The Young Generation" I believe they are shortly to appear on RTE for the second time.

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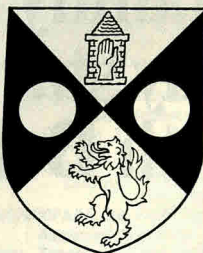
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Our Chairman is seen here holding our 21st birthday cake, with him are some of our committee members and guests.

Photo by Owen & Moroney

It was a wonderful night. These words sum up the feelings of everyone who attended the Dinner/Dance at the Gresham Ballroom on 18th October, at which our Association celebrated its 21st Anniversary. Over five hundred people gave a standing ovation to the officials — past and present — who have done so much to keep the Association active over the years.

The imposing guest list included Most Rev. Dr. F. McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore; Rev. Jim Nelson, Rector of Bailieboro; John Cassidy, Cavan County Manager; James Conway, President of the Association; Con P. Smith, Past Chairman of Cavan/Dublin Association; Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smyth; Mr. Mulvaney, Cavan-born Surgeon at St. John and Elizabeth Hospital; Maurice Jackson, Chairman U.D.C.; Barry McDonnell, Virginia; well-known stage and T.V. actor, T. P. McKenna; Brian O'Grady, Cavan Development Officer; Harry Lynch, Manager, Midland Regional Tourism; Footballers Peter O'Donohue; Fr. Seamus Hetherton, P.P.; Pat Hegarty, Chairman C.I.C.A., and the one and only Fr. Patrick Sheridan.

Telegrams of congratulations were sent by Mrs. Kathleen Conway and Miss Mary Lord, who were unable to be present. Letters of congratulations were also received from Chairman, Cavan Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. P. O. Reilly, Chairman of Cavan County Council.

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1. St Thomas a Beckett
2. In the 1840's
3. Father Josphe Mohr of Austria wrote the words and Franz Guber wrote the music (1818)
4. No, he was Duke of Bohemia, now part of Czechoslovakia
5. It is a parasitic plant that grows on the apple-tree and occasionally on the oak-tree
6. In the 18th century
7. St. Nicholas
8. The Commonwealth Government of Oliver Cromwell
9. He was stoned to death
10. Twelfth Night
11. It is a Hebrew word meaning "Glory to Him Who is"
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Copies of the 21st Anniversary Brochure have been sent to all members who were unable to be present. In it the Chairman outlined our Association's plans for the future. A few copies are still available for anyone who may not have had one. Please apply to the Secretary.

The Most Rev. Dr. F. McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore, paid tribute to the Officers of the Association in fulfilling the ideals of the founder members, in his speech, as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I am honoured to be your guest tonight and I am very grateful to the Committee of the Cavan Association in London for having invited me to attend. It is pleasant for me to come here, and to meet many old friends.

This is a magnificent function here tonight. Its success is a fine tribute to the efforts of the organisers, as well as a clear sign of the healthy state of your Association. I know your Association is flourishing because of the good work it is doing which you, Mr. Chairman, have referred to. Your work for good causes here and at home, for the Irish Centre and its activities here and for the School for Handicapped Children in Cootehill, is very praiseworthy. I congratulate you and thank you. I know you will consider the satisfaction of helping others less well off than yourselves to be sufficient reward.

"I see I am backed up by a strong team from home tonight, though our two all-Ireland Footballers — Father Hetherington and Peter Donohue might not fancy our chances of winning an All-Ireland. Maurice Jackson and myself are past our best and too good home care seems to have added weight problems to others, notably the Development Officer. But it is nice that so many have come, and only right that we return the compliment and come here occasionally when you people come so often to Ireland. We are glad to see you come. The popularity of the Emigrant at Home Weeks and festivals bears out this. It is very important for the economy of the country; but truth to tell, the people in Mullagh and Munterconnaught, Killeshandra or Kildallan, Crosserlough or Corlough, worry very little about the economy of the country, but they are very glad indeed to see their own kith and kin come home year after year. It is good for them and good for you too. I like to think that it is an opportunity for you to restore your energies, both physical and spiritual. May it always remain so.

It is particularly gratifying to see many of our exiles returning home to stay. It is a most welcome turn of the tide. It is good to see farms bought and stocked and reclaimed by the money that was earned here. It is good to see technicians coming back with the skills and expertise acquired here and helping to build up our young Irish industries. It is good, too, to see Irishmen investing the money they have acquired here, in factories and industries in Ireland — a flattering vote of confidence in the stability and prospects of the Irish economy. It all helps. It is a very practical form of Christian patriotism.

"There are opportunities in Ireland for all grades of workers, skilled and unskilled. The Cavan County Manager and County Development Secretary are here tonight, and they will be glad to furnish any information a person needs who wants to return home. But could I just add a word of warning? Make your plans properly before you transplant your roots. In the interests of your wife and family you need complete up-to-date information not only on the job and wages but also on housing, schools and educational opportunities. Many things have changed recently, e.g., you can pass your exams now without Irish, but it may take a considerable time to get a house. All this information can be got from the Development Officer. Your success here in Britain is very

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Photograph taken at our Annual Dinner at Barkers.

We are now looking forward to the Christmas Holidays for a short period of rest before launching into 1974. Looking back over the past year we can be satisfied that we were successful in all the ventures that we have undertaken. The committee are particularly pleased that we are able again to give many of our members an opportunity of going home for Christmas at a reasonable price together with times that seem to be very suitable for them. This flight is fully booked and we think that from the demand we have received for seats that we shall either have to increase the size of the aircraft or have two trips next time.

The annual Dinner Dance was a great success and to date I have not heard one grumble. It is a pity, of course, that we have to turn away so many would-be customers due to lack of space. Certain of our people seem to think that we should move to a larger premises but we have the feeling that it would be very difficult to find a place anything like John Barkers where we have been for fourteen years.

The North Clare reunion at The Irish Centre was also a great success and we had a great gathering of North Clare people to meet Canon Jennings who was over representing the Bishop of Galway. Canon Jennings was most concerned that he could not have a long chat with everyone due to the limited time available during the evening.

We tender to Mrs. Doyle and family our deepest sympathy on the death of her Aunt and to my husband Martin Moroney on the death of his brother.—May they both Rest in Peace. In conclusion may I remind you of the Children's Party on Sunday, 23rd January at The Irish Centre. I must have details of the number of members' children that you are bringing to the party so that we can make arrangements for food, etc. May I, on behalf of the Committee, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

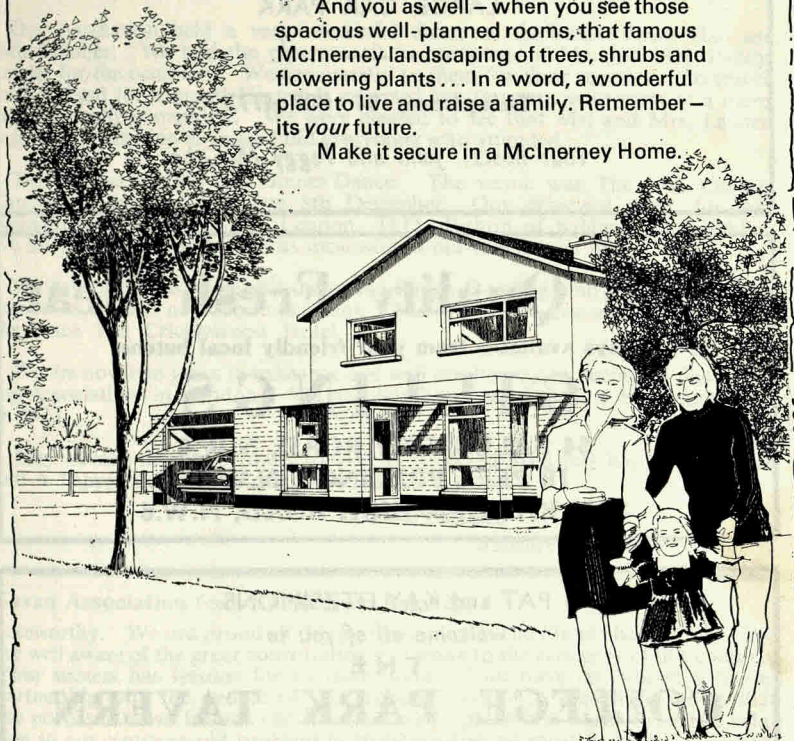
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Our Chairman, Mr. John Dunne, presided at our Annual General Meeting held at the Cricklewood Hotel on 7th November, 1973.

In welcoming everyone present Mr. Dunne said he was indeed gratified to see so many new members. In thanking the Committee for the support given to him during his term of office, he felt sure that with the same efficiency our Association would go from strength to strength in 1974

After the reading of the minutes and the adoption of the treasurer's report, we proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. The end result was as follows: *President*, Mrs. P. Dunne; *Vice-Presidents*: Mr. O. J. Floggon, Mr. P. Law and Mr. Shaw Connor; *Chairman*: Mr. J. Dunne; *Vice-Chairman*: Mr. Tommy Dempsey; *Secretary*: Mr. Peter Dunne; *Assistant Secretary*: Patrick O'Neill; *Treasurer*: Mr. M. Milmo; *Assistant Treasurer*, Mr. Joe Sweeney.

Our Association held a very successful dance at the Brent Town Hall on 26th October. We had the pleasure of the company of Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Lawler for the occasion. We are grateful to them for their support. To travel from Ireland for a grand Dinner is expected but to come in support of a mere dance is really something. We were pleased to see that Mr. and Mrs. Lawler enjoyed the function as indeed did everybody who attended.

This year we held our first Dinner Dance. The venue was The Irish Centre, Camden Town, and the date 8th December. Our principal guest for this occasion was Rev. Dr. P. Lennon, D.D., Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. We are sure this proved to be as successful as our function in Brent.

We have organised a benefit dance for Podge Dowling who sustained serious injuries as a result of a recent accident. The important date is 22nd December, the place The Cricklewood Hotel.

We are now two years in existence and well on the way to becoming one of the top Associations in London. We sincerely hope that 1974 will be as successful as 1973.

May we take this opportunity to wish all Associations a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

P. O'NEILL,

Assistant Secretary

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noteworthy. We are proud of the part you play in the life of the Church. We are well aware of the great contribution you make to the economy of this country. Your success has lessons for us back home. You have established a happy partnership with the people of your adopted country. You have shown that the people of these Islands can live together in peace and harmony. The solution to our centuries-old problem in Northern Ireland must lie in that direction. Every successful partnership requires understanding, tolerance and some compromise. If we are to have understanding and tolerance we can have no violence. I myself saw the grief and suffering that one bomb caused in Belturbet. Bombs and bullets produce evil results; they destroy all trust and harmony. They contain the seeds of hatred and distrust and nothing else. Violence will not, because it cannot, bring peace to Ireland. It is important that we bear this in

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Conversing, too, with learned men,
You found Him, Mother, once again
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mind at a time when there is a glimmer of hope. Some real progress has been made towards setting up the kind of society in which peace and understanding could prevail, namely, a society freed from injustice and discrimination. This fragile hope must not be shattered.

"It has been a great pleasure for me as Bishop of Kilmore to come here tonight. For, even though you may be in London, we still regard you as the children of the diocese. I am glad to bring you the greetings and good wishes of all our people at home. I bring greetings from the staff of St Patrick's College to all the past pupils here tonight. The College will have its centenary next March and we hope to celebrate the event in a worthy manner. We would be happy if any of you can join us for the occasion. You know, of course, that such an occasion would be null and void without a centenary fund! We hope all the friends of the College will help us reach our target — a decent "thank you" for 100 years' service to the people of the diocese.

Again, my thanks for having me here tonight. May the Cavan Association in London continue to prosper."

In conclusion we would like to congratulate our Quiz Team who, in the Second Round met and beat Kerry. We now go forward to meet a team from Carlow.

The Chairman, Officers and Committee send their greetings and good wishes to all members and friends for a Holy and Happy Christmas and New Year.

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Bon Voyage

We wish Billy Smyth a Bon Voyage as he is now on his way back to Australia, after spending a long holiday with his parents in Harrow; also his girl friend Judith Campanella, who came all the way from Australia to meet Bill's parents.

Future Functions

Bacon/Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre

Our next function will be the Bacon and Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre on 15th December. It is already a sell-out. Music will be by Maria O'Brien and the Country Neighbours, so a great night is assured as this is a very popular band.

Children's Christmas Party

Also at The Irish Centre on the following afternoon. All is in readiness for a bumper afternoon's entertainment for the children.

Annual General Meeting

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at The Irish Centre, Camden Square, on SUNDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1974. All members and intending members are invited to attend. We would very much like to see more young people interested in the Association and we are always delighted to hear new ideas. So please come along and give us your views at the A.G.M.

Waterford Association Diaries

The 1974 Waterford Association Diary is now on sale at 30p and copies can be had from any member of the Social Committee. These are excellent value and ideal for Christmas presents, etc.

Dates for your Waterford Diary 1974

- 27th January — Annual General Meeting
- 1st March — Benefit Dance at the Cricklewood Hotel. Music by The Benn Brothers. Tickets are now available.
- 16th March — Bacon and Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre. Music by The Wagon Wheels.
- 23rd March — Dance at the Loyola Hall, South Tottenham. Music by Johnny McCauley.

Note.— Our functions are usually advertised in *The Cork Weekly Examiner* and/or *The Irish Post*. Read Jerry Daly's column weekly in *The Cork Examiner* and keep in touch with Waterford and all Irish social events.

The Chairman, officers and committee join with me in wishing all our members and their friends a very happy and holy Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the wonderful support you have given us throughout the year. I feel a special word of thanks should go to the Social Committee for their outstanding work during 1973. It is due to them that all our functions were such an outstanding success. It is obvious that they spend a lot of time and energy in making each function more successful than the previous one. I would like to thank them publicly for their great efforts. Happy holidays you deserve a rest.

Our grateful thanks to *The Cork Weekly Examiner*, *The Irish Post*, *Munster Express*, *News and Star*, *Dungarvan Observer*, *Dungarvan Leader* and Thomond Publishing Company for all the publicity given to our Association during 1973

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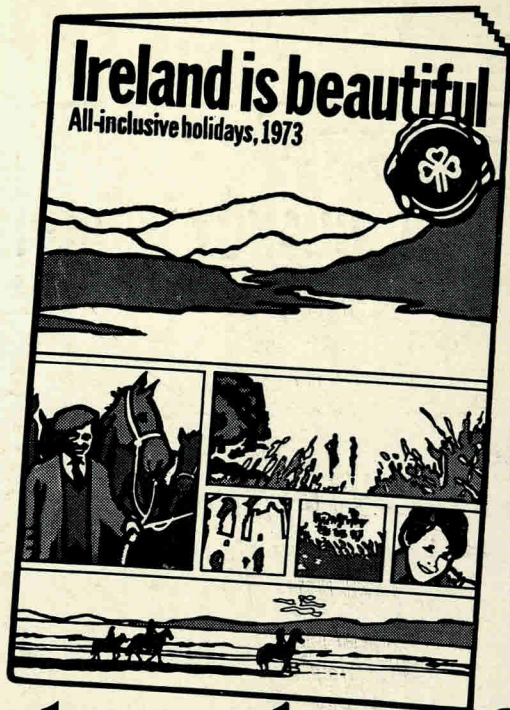
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