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- ★ July 27 Sligo Show
- ★ July 27-28 North-West Sea Angling Festival
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The Association held its 16th A.G.M. at The Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, on Sunday, 5th May, 1974. It was very encouraging for the incoming committee and officers to see such a large attendance, the biggest to date, and a sign of better support in the future. Outgoing officers thanked all for their support and co-operation in the past. Mr. T. A. Beckett, President for over ten years, felt it was time there was a new president and Mrs. Harte, widow of the late Mr. P. Harte, a past Chairman of the Association, was the unanimous selection. Mrs. Harte thanked everybody present for their confidence in selecting her and also for their support and allegiance in the recent sad loss of her husband. Vice-President Mr. J. Conlon, outgoing, was re-elected unopposed. The post of Chairman was ably filled by Mr. John Stenson, a founder member and secretary for ten years. He was elected unopposed and will make a great contribution to the success of the Association as he did when secretary. Mr. W. McGovern was elected Vice-Chairman, unopposed. He also was a founder member and past Chairman of the Association. Though outgoing Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Bennett wished to relinquish her post. The meeting would not accept her resignation and she was duly appointed for the coming year, unopposed also, and thanked specially for her efficiency and hard work in the past despite her many commitments. Mrs. M. Shortt was elected Assistant Secretary, also unopposed; the Secretary and Assistant Secretary to also manage the finances of the Association, hence the post of Treasurer was not voted upon.

Activities of the past year were reviewed and thanks extended to everybody who contributed in any way to the success of functions run by the Association. Particular mention was given to a benefit dance which raised almost £400 and a sign that Sligo people are united when somebody needs help. The trip to Sligo for the St. Patrick's Day Festival with the Dinner Dance at Jury's Hotel, Sligo, also got a special mention. Our sincere thanks to Management and Staff at Jury's for the excellent service and courtesy extended to all our members who were fortunate enough to make the trip. It was a pleasure to be associated with the trip and all the people who availed of the opportunity to travel to Sligo and the Chairman and Secretary take this opportunity of saying thank you to the party for your thoughtfulness in presenting each with a present on the journey as a token of appreciation for organising the Trip.

A special "thank you" to Mr. P. Gillespie, a member of the party for his contribution to the enjoyment of all by his renderings of the accordion and the spoons and his general good humour. A special word of thanks to the Irish Tourist Board who entertained the party in Sligo. Their warm welcome was appreciated by all.

It came to the notice of the A.G.M., through a member, that a Sligo woman had recently lost her husband at an early age leaving her with three young children. It was agreed to donate £50 from funds and run a dance at a later date to help this young woman in her hour of need. We thank Mr. James Dunne for his proposal at this stage that every man present make a contribution and, in all, this young widow got over £100 to alleviate immediate pressure and it is to be hoped that the benefit dance for this cause will be as well supported as the one previously mentioned. On the brighter side, the Sligo Quiz team were congratulated on their recent victory over Dublin in the final of the Inter-

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COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS DINNER DANCE

By our Roving Reporter

This is always a very enjoyable function, bringing together as it does officers and members of all the Irish County Associations and, with the exception of the Officers of the Council, everyone else can sit back and feel all we have to do tonight is enjoy ourselves; last-minute panics and problems are not our worry.

All concerned with the organisation of this function on 16th May last are to be congratulated but a special tribute should be paid to the Treasurer, Enid Mairon and Secretary Jim Keating, both of whom remained "on duty" throughout the evening and managed to say a few words to all parties.

Heading the list of guests was His Excellency Dr. Donal O'Sullivan, Irish Ambassador. Mr. Tommy Dunne representing Aer Lingus, B. & I. and the Irish Tourist Board both sent worthy representatives. A special welcome was given to guests Michael Waters and his wife. Michael was Treasurer of the Council for many years but he is perhaps better known as the Father of All Quizmasters.

The Ambassador spoke of the part played by the County Associations in London today and proposed the toast of the Council, to which the Chairman replied. The Chairman accepted a cheque for £1,000 from our President, Mr. Tom Gorman.

Then followed the presentations — Waterford glass to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hegarty on the occasion of their recent marriage. Pat is a past Chairman of the Council. A Waterford glass bowl was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Daly to mark their fortieth wedding anniversary. Bob is a past secretary of the Council and at present is its P.R.O.

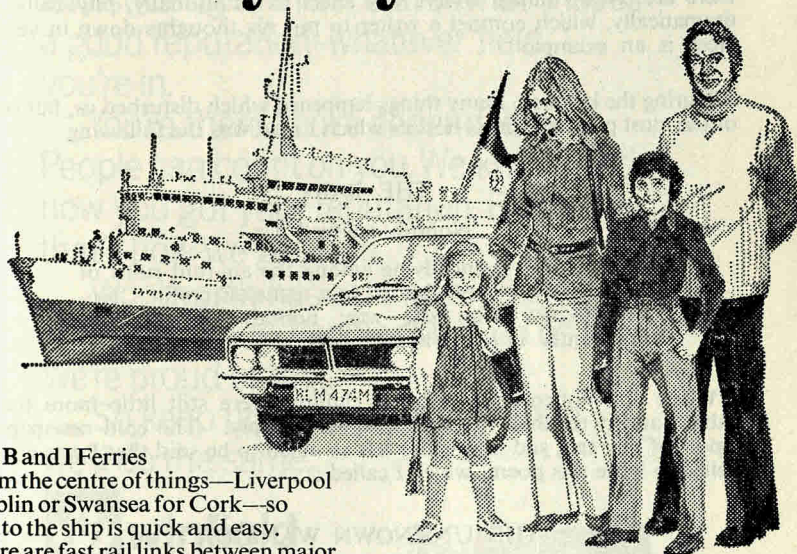
The individual Quiz Cup was presented to Pat Hegarty. Fr. Patrick Mee, on behalf of The Irish Centre, presented the John Vaughan Cup to the Roscommon Association.

During the dancing raffle tickets were sold, and the prize of a free passage for a car and four people to Ireland was donated by B. & I. Car Ferry. The prize was won by Mr. McGillicutt from Co. Cork who very generously handed it back and asked that its value be used to help travel expenses to Ireland for four or five Senior Citizens. He also handed over a cheque for £100 to help them with their holiday expenses. This spontaneous action was loudly cheered.

Second prize voucher to be spent at the Irish Boutique, donated by Bank of Ireland, for an Arran Island sweater. This was won by Mrs. McGillicutt, sister-in-law of the first prize winner.

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POETRY

by Patrick Mulloy

Editor of "The Irish Club Bulletin"

I lay no serious claim to being a poet. In fact, sometimes I find poetry extremely difficult to understand, especially modern poetry. I know little or nothing about the technical construction of poetry such as beats and bars, meters, couplets and iambic pentameters. All I know is that there are certain things which may affect us emotionally, physically or dramatically, which compel a writer to put his thoughts down in verse. Here is an example :

During the last war, many things happened which disturbed us, but one of the most poignant press notices which I read was the following

THE BABY

Nobody claimed her

A baby girl, found dying among the air raid ruins of
Bath, has now been buried in a nameless coffin. No-
body knew who she was; nobody claimed her,
apparently nobody missed her.

When that notice appeared, my children were still little more than babies, and it touched my emotions very deeply. The cold newspaper report of that sad, sad little story left so much to be said that I was compelled to write this poem, which I called :

THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

An infant voice is silenced,
Crushed from a fragile frame;
Torn from the breast,
Then laid to rest
In a grave without a name.

The pride of an unknown mother
Whose love was linked with pain;
She tucked her mite
In its cot that night
Never to meet again.

No trumpets blare — no volleys ring,
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Irish Member of Parliament, Hon. Michael O'Halloran representing the Islington, London, area, recently was entertained by the Wexford Gaels in London. Our picture for "The Journal" shows Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Leary (Enniscorthy), Mr. Martin Whitty (Wexford) living at Wembley, and Pat McCabe, Hon. Secretary Kennedy Brothers Memorial Fund Committee.

(Photo by Michael Doyle)

The London Wexford Association has taken shape and, with the new Executive, it is aiming to get the Movement off the ground. The first function was held on 1st June, namely a Bacon and Cabbage Meal at The Irish Centre, Camden Town. Over two hundred people attended this function. With the dawn of the Summer season we thought it a most appropriate time and place to plant the seeds for the year ahead on the Irish social scene.

Some of the great helpers of Irish life in the Capital were being invited. The Bacon and Cabbage meal will be followed with a Grand Dance at The Cricklewood Hotel on the 28th June and a top dance band has been booked to provide the mixed musical programme.

The Chairman, Mr. D. O'Leary, and his Lady are working hard round the clock to build up the popular name of Wexford.

Wexford is not behind with its Concert programmes and, next November, it is hoped to stage a super concert in London by the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Enterprise. This movement has worked hard for many years to bring the mass Irish Groups from Greater London and provincial centres with home-based Gaels in the London area to the leading amusement attractions. The Hon. Secretary of the Kennedy Movement, Mr. P. McCabe (Wexford) with a G.A.A. background, is a great asset to the forwarding of this attraction. People can rest assured

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THE WANDERING PIPER

by Mick Kydd



Photograph shows on the left Mick Kydd, right Joe Farrell Waiting for the line-up of The Lord Mayor's Show, London, 1973.

It is just a year ago, on my birthday anniversary, that I submitted a few words on piping and the London Irish Pipe Band in particular, with which I have the pleasure of playing. Since then I have had another birthday and these notes are prompted by recent events.

Sleadh Cheoil Na Breataine

On Sunday, 12th May, a Feis took place in Birmingham organised by the above musicians gathering of England.

The London Irish Pipe Band were playing at Richmond Highland Games on Saturday, 11th, and on Sunday morning a few of the lads got up bright and early and made the trip to Birmingham.

Four entered in the piping competition with the following result.

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- 3rd: George Nicholson, London Irish Pipe Band.

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Joe Farrell and Sean Doyle become the All-England Champions and this placing makes them eligible to compete in the All-Ireland Championship to be held at Listowel, Kerry, on 28th August. Congratulations, all of you.

Joe Farrell is probably better known to a wider selection of readers as the Vice-Chairman of the North London Branch of "Comhaltas Ceoltoira Eireann", which has a session on Wednesday evenings at The Irish Centre, Murray Street, NW1.

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Photograph shows the newly elected Officers and Committee of the Co. Carlow Association of London for 1974. Seated from left: Mrs. Bridie Shaw, Paddy Shaw (Chairman), Miss Ann Nolan (Hon. Secretary), John Scully (Treasurer), Aidan Brady (Vice-Chairman), Joe Kavanagh (Assistant Secretary). Also included is Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. Owen O'Neill. Absent were Fr. Byrne (President), Fr. Duggon (Vice-President).

The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place on 3rd March in The Irish Centre.

There was a good attendance and it proved to be a lively and constructive meeting.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1974: *President:* Rev. Fr. P. J. Byrne, Holy Rood Church, Watford; *Vice-President:* Rev. Fr. Oliver Duggon, Canning Town; *Chairman:* Mr. P. G. Shaw; *Vice-Chairman:* Aidan Brady; *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Ann Nolan; *Assistant Secretary:* Mr. J. Kavanagh; *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. John Scully.

The Chairman in his opening speech welcomed everyone and thanked the outgoing committee for their work in the past and hoped 1974 would be a more successful year than 1973.

Following the election of officers and committee the new Chairman took the chair. In his address he first asked for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for one of our very young members, Francis Murphy, R.I.P., who died recently and offered our deepest sympathy to his parents and family. The Chairman told the committee that it had been arranged for 6.0 p.m. Mass to be offered for the repose of his soul by Rev. Fr. Sheridan at The Centre. Mr. Shaw went on to thank the people for showing such confidence in him and promised to do his utmost to keep the Carlow Flag flying in the future. The Chairman then appealed to the new committee to encourage their friends and relations to rally round to keep the flag flying for Carlow and make a strong membership from Town and Country.

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The Ninth Annual Dinner Dance of the Westmeath Association took place on Thursday, 9th May, 1974, at The Gresham Ballroom.

Five hundred people sat down to a delicious meal of turkey and ham with all the trimmings and sauces, sherry trifle and cream, cheese and biscuits, washed down with a very good German hock and concluded with coffee and liqueurs.

The toast to Ireland was well timed (during the sweet course) in order to give people permission to smoke in good time before coffee was served. The said toast was proposed by Vice-Chairman and Public Relations Officer Mr. P. J. Caffrey who did his duty in one second flat.

The toast to our guests was proposed by Chairman Mr. Seamus Troy, who made one of the most eloquent after dinner speeches I've ever heard for a long time, with his little anecdotes on each guest. I feel he must have researched each one of them well in advance.

The response to the toast to our guests was proposed by Right Rev. Monsignor Dennis Clarke, P.P., Vicar General, Diocese of Meath. On behalf of the guests he thanked the Chairman and Committee for the lavish way in which the guests were entertained; for the fine efforts made by the Committee in bringing together five hundred people to sit and eat together and enjoy themselves in a homely and friendly atmosphere. Monsignor Clarke implored us to live up to our Christian principles in our everyday life and so bring back Our Lady's Dowry to the Country of our adoption.

The speeches concluded, beautiful bouquets were presented to The President, Lady Prichard Jones; the Chairman, Lady Mrs. S. Troy; Mrs. Jane Smyth, of *The Irish Counties Journal*; and Mrs. W. Stenson, wife of the Assistant Secretary who had welcomed each guest on arrival.

Copies of the very colourful *Irish Counties Journal* were made available for the occasion. Something else which was very special was the beautiful lilac and white menu with the photograph of the scenic view of Lough Owel, Co. Westmeath, on the front cover and the crest of Westmeath in lilac on the back.

The bars were full to capacity as was the dance floor. Old friends were greeted and new ones were made. The song and dance and chatter and merriment went on until the early hours of the morning.

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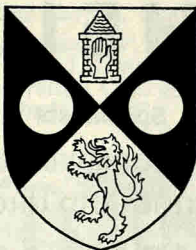
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Adjusting the flies before commencing to fish

(Photo Midland Regional Tourism Association)

Ulstermen on Sheelin

An article under this heading caught my eye as I was reading through *The Irish Times* a few weeks ago. As many of you will be thinking of long days fishing while on holiday at home I thought it most appropriate for this summer issue.

From the article I learned that when the Ulster provincial championship was fished on Sheelin in spite of adverse conditions, 58 competitors brought in 84 good looking trout, weighing 110lb. 4½oz. — not to mention the score of small ones returned.

Father Pat Gargan got the heaviest, 3lb. There was a time when a 3lb. trout was regarded in Sheelin as being in need of social welfare help! But the big ones of long ago appear to have been pensioned off. What is much appreciated is the re-stocking of the water over the past few years by Inland Fisheries Trust which has brought a new generation of 2lb. trout that give the best of sport, with plenty of them offering in the right conditions.

I am not a fisherman, more's the pity, but to those of you who are, I hope the above information will get you raring to go. Happy days!

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Photograph taken from our files. The late Miss Callinan is seated second from left.
(Photo by Owen & Moroney)

I regret to have to inform you of the death of one of our most respected members Miss Callinan, from Northampton, R.I.P. She was recently in a London hospital for an eye operation and very shortly afterwards died suddenly in Northampton where she was employed as priest's housekeeper for many years. As a measure of esteem in which she was held at the funeral mass in Northampton twenty-three priests and two Bishops concelebrated. The Association was represented at the concelebrated Mass. The remains were flown home to be buried in her native parish of Quilty.

Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

We also offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Gerry Flynn and Mrs. Flynn on the death of his mother-in-law and also on the death of Mr. Gerry Flynn's brother. May they rest in peace.

Now to a lighter note

At this time of the year we are all looking forward to summer holidays, the long-awaited rest or what should be a rest often turns out to be far more hectic than the normal working time. However, it makes the break from the usual and this is what one enjoys. Our summer flight this year takes place from Heathrow on the morning of the 27th July at 8.45 a.m. to Shannon, returning on 11th August. The price return £35. I have several bookings for this already and I advise all would-be travellers to look sharp if they want a seat. Send in your deposit right away (deposit £15).

Our recent dance at Hammersmith was a great success and, although it is not finalised, we anticipate that there will be a profit of something like £100 which will be divided between the Hammersmith Welfare Centre and The Irish Centre. The Buffet Dance which is being held at The Irish Centre on 8th June, of which I have already notified you, will be over by the time you read this. We are already sold out and if it is anything like the previous functions we shall be happy.

Following this function will be the Dance at The White Hart, Acton High Street, on 22nd June. We are hoping that all the Clare people in the Acton-Ealing area will join us for what we hope will be another enjoyable evening.

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Our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner in The Irish Centre on 30th March was a great success in every sense of the word. We were sorry we had to disappoint so many people who could not obtain tickets for the Dinner. We were delighted to have a coach load from the Meath Association in Birmingham with us on this occasion. With the party was Mr. Paddy Maxwell, Chairman of the Birmingham Irish Community Centre. Paddy is from Oldcastle, Co. Meath. We hope this visit means we can look forward to closer co-operation between the London and Birmingham Associations.

The Meath Association was represented at the C.I.C.A. Annual Dinner on 16th May.

Our next event is the Annual Outing to the seaside, date 23rd June. Brighton is the venue chosen this year. We make this a family outing and the fare is adults, 60p, and children, 30p. Pick-up points are as follows:

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Congratulations to Eddy Collins, T.D., a member of the Waterford Corporation, on being elected Vice-President of the Council of Europe.

Mr. Collins is the youngest Waterford T.D. and was first elected in 1969. Now only 33 years old, he has had a brilliant career so far. Educated at Mount Sion and Waterpark. He obtained his M.Econ.Sc. at University College, Dublin, and lectured on economic science there for some time before returning to Waterford in 1970 to carry on the well-known Collins Livestock business. He takes a keen interest in the Waterford Association as do all members of the Waterford Corporation for which we are most grateful.

Congratulations to Gemma Aspel, 40 Michael Street, Waterford, on winning the Under 9 Waterford Irish Dancing Championship at Mount Sion Feis recently. Gemma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aspel. The Aspel family were well-known in the business life of Waterford for many years. Gemma is the pupil of the McGrath School who won fourteen medals at the same Feis. The principal of the McGrath School, Nancy, learned her skills from the famous Waterford School of Toms and Collins, with other members of our Association. The saying in Waterford today is that Nancy has the Waterford children Irish Dance mad. By the way, Nancy was over at a London Feis last year adjudicating.

V.I.P.s visiting Waterford recently, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dinoff. Mrs. Dinoff is the celebrated operatic soprano Mary Ryan, whose father was a one-time manager of Waterford Iron Foundry. They are both well-known in the operatic world in Ireland and England. Wally is a tenor. Their work keeps them mostly in England.

Val Doonican, home for a few days to see his mother, called on The Young Generation. Who knows, they might become as famous over here as they are in Ireland? The Young Generation, most of you know, are headed by our Vice-President Fr. W. Meehan. Those of you visiting Waterford this year will see them at the Atlantic in Tramore every Wednesday night. If you have time to turn on the television you might see them doing a folk mass.

Dates for your Diary

Brent Town Hall, 25th June, in aid of the Suirside Industries. This project will, with everybody's help, build a small factory in an industrial setting in order to gainfully employ handicapped people over the age of 16 years. Nothing has been done for this age group in Waterford so far. Grants will in time come from the Government but voluntary contributions are first of all vital in order to get the scheme off the ground. Patrons are The Most Rev. Dr. M. Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and the Right Rev. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, Bishop of Waterford, Cashel and Emly.

Donations have already been received from the Waterford-born Mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daly; from Most Rev. Charles J. Henderson, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, our President. £20,000 is needed to finance the venture. Let's show our charity to these forgotten people and help to give them the dignity of earning their own living.

Reunion Dinner in Waterford

Tickets are now on sale in Waterford and London for our At Home Reunion Dinner. The date is 27th July, 1974.

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At this time of year it is customary to give you the dates of social events for the coming year and with that thought in mind herewith dates for your diary :

3rd October, 1974. Annual Reunion Dinner/Dance at Gresham Ballroom. A special attraction at this function will be The John Brooks School of Dancing in Maroon and White Uniforms. Reception 7.45 for 8.15 p.m. Tickets £3.50 each.

23rd November, 1974. Christmas Dinner at The Irish Centre, Camden Square, NW1.

18th January, 1975. Bacon and Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre.

26th January, 1975. Annual General Meeting of the Galway Association at 2.30 p.m. at The Irish Centre. At this meeting a new committee of management and an Executive committee will be chosen to steer the Galway Barque for the ensuing year.

The Galway Association congratulates the Council of Irish Counties on setting up a Social Committee. We, the Galwegians, as requested by the new Social Committee have every hope to raise a ladies and gents Darts team. Other Associations are offering a challenge which must be taken up to create new activities in which more members can join in. I would like those of you who can throw a dart to get in touch. We are also seeking new members for our Quiz Team, so ladies and gents, do please come forward.

By the time you read this we will have entertained the Galway Senior Football Team at a Dance at The Gresham Ballroom after the Wembley Games.

Michael Molloy Singing Competition

Due to lack of entries in the Senior section, it has been decided to postpone this competition until the Autumn whilst in the meantime endeavours will be made to seek entrants in other fields. This competition in its entirety was intended as an Inter-County attraction. Interest seems to have waned this year.

Condolences to Members

The Committee of Management offers deepest sympathy to all members who suffered a bereavement during the past year with a special thought for members of the C.O.M., namely Mrs. D. O'Neill on the death of her father; Mrs. P. Faherty on the death of her father; and Mr. Gerry O'Flynn on the death of his brother, Rev. John A. O'Flynn; to Mrs. Nellie O'Flynn on the recent death of her mother. *May they Rest in Peace.*

We are delighted to see Mr. Matthew Moore has recovered from his illness.

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We are glad for them that they are getting their wish to bring their children up in Ireland. We wish them both every success for the future. We hope they will visit us often here. A Cead Mile Failte awaits them at any time.

Our St. Patrick's Feast Social on the 16th March at The Archway Tavern was a most enjoyable affair, as was our Dance at The Carousel on 19th April.

Our monthly socials on the first Tuesday of the month are proving to be very successful. They are held at The Warwick, New Barnett. Do come along and join us you will be most welcome.

Reminder

All members are expected to attend the A.G.M. on Sunday, 16th June at 4.0 p.m. at St. Albans Parish Hall, Nether Street, Finchley, London, N3. Our Annual Draw for five bottles of whiskey will take place on that day also.

Anyone wishing to join our Association should contact Liam Ormsby, telephone 01-368 2733. We are a new progressive organisation serving people in the North London area. Membership fee is £1 per year.



THE WANDERING PIPER (continued from page 10)

Historical Note

"Comhaltas Ceoltoira Eireann" was formed in Mullingar in 1952 to preserve and promote traditional Irish culture.

Sean Doyle is a very good Piper, better than many adults with years of experience that I have heard play. Credit must be given to Archie McMasters who has been coaching him, also Pat O'Brien, Pipe Major, London Irish.

Sean's father is from Athlone, so Westmeath take a note.

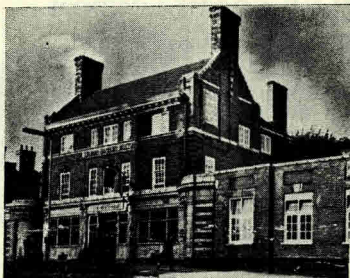
Saturday, 16th March, the London Irish Pipe Band were performing at the "Royal Garden Hotel", Kensington, on the occasion of the London Irish Rugby Club Ball. A great night was had by all, and after getting to bed in the early hours, we were out on parade at 10.0 a.m. next morning "St. Patrick's Day" for presentation of Shamrock.

Sunday, 14th April, saw the London Irish Pipes and Drums at Battersea Park, taking part in the Easter Parade.

Saturday, 20th April, the Band took part in the Massed Band performance at Twickenham Rugby Ground on the occasion of the match between England and France in aid of the Paris Air Disaster Fund.

Saturday, 18th May, the London Irish Pipe Band were at Bromley Show giving two performances.

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Our two dances in June, in aid of the new Irish Centre Hostel were well supported and, I am glad to say, a great financial success which is so very important because of the cause they were held to raise money for.

Our next function is a benefit dance at Acton Town Hall on 20th June for Mrs. Kathleen Walsh and family of six children, whose husband, R.I.P., met with a fatal accident at work. Waterford and Tipperary Associations are being asked to support this function. Music will be by Johnny McCauley Trio.

Don't Forget

Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre on Saturday, 6th July. Usual coach will run from Ealing. Tickets now on sale at £2 each. You may still be able to purchase a few if you reach for the 'phone and ring me.

August Holiday Reunion in Ballybay

If you are likely to be around that area during the first fortnight in August, give me a ring now and I will let you have details of planned events.

Calling all Footballers

We are looking for footballers — male and female — to form two teams to meet teams from Cavan Association later this month. Full details of venue date and time are now available from me. It is all in a good cause — funds for the new Irish Centre Hostel.

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On Thursday, 6th June, we presented a social and dance at The Irish Centre. Music by The Sky Pilots helped to make it a very good night. This is one of several functions we hope to hold this year to help The Irish Centre's new hostel fund. We wish to thank everyone for their support and hope you all had an enjoyable evening.

June has always been a month for outings and, all being well, we will have one to Shropshire later this month. Full account will appear in the July issue.

Congratulations to our daughter and her husband on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Claire Soibhan — that makes us grandparents!

Holiday season is with us, and we wish all an enjoyable one.

MARY McCORMACK

Hon. Secretary

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JOHN MORAN

John Moran, mine host at the Tim Bobbin and The Easthill Hotel, hails from Ballintother, Sligo, married to the former Miss Eileen Duffey from Clones, Co. Monaghan. Mr. and Mrs. Moran have four children, three boys and 1 girl, ages ranging from 5 to 10 years.

John is the nephew of the late Dr. Moran, the well-known Sligo Coroner. Dr. Moran's widow, Kathleen, is a staunch social worker and is at present secretary of the Aid Society in Sligo. It seems that the medical profession runs in the family as John's brother is about to set up practice in Sligo. We wish John and family continued success in London.

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This year the Cork Association of London (present title) is celebrating twenty years of its proud history and the ideals, which inspired the founders are still being carefully nurtured by the officers and committee who are guiding the destiny of the Association in 1974.

Cork people in London and elsewhere, who wish to celebrate this achievement in reaching another important milestone, will have an excellent opportunity to do so at the 21st Annual Dinner in Barkers Penthouse, Kensington, in November. Perhaps some more lines of the "Cork Anthem" will be given a good airing on that occasion . . .

"Oh, would I were there with the friends I love best,
And my bosom's fond partner with me.
I would roam the 'Dyke over and when weary would rest
On the Banks of my Own Lovely Lee".

TOM WYSE, *Press Secretary*



CLARE ASSOCIATION (continued from page 19)

The following week, 30th June, we are all geared up for the outing to Bognor Regis: adults £1 . 25p and children half-price. We are hoping for three coaches as at the moment the two ordered are full. Don't forget your bathing togs: There will be no streaking allowed!

During the past month some of our members have been busy decorating some of the rooms at The Irish Centre which are to be used as committee meeting rooms. We are grateful to the members who give their time and skills whenever requested. It is pleasing to know that we only have to ask for help and the faithfuls will always step forward.

We had a great gathering of Clare people at the recent Council of Counties' Dinner Dance at The Gresham Ballroom. This was a great success and very much enjoyed by all. We, the Clare people, were delighted that Roscommon won the John Vaughan Trophy for the first time and we feel that they were very worthy winners. This trophy is presented to the County that does the most work for The Irish Centre, either by raising cash or by work within the Centre. Well done, Roscommon; keep up the good work!

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SLIGO ASSOCIATION *(continued from page 3)*

County Guinness Cup Quiz, thus getting Sligo's name on this coveted cup for the third time — a feat equalled only by Armagh. Sligo also has two runners-up medal for this competition. Prior to the Final, Sligo team was very much the also rans, but Lady Luck smiled. Mr. P. Hegarty of Donegal was the very impartial Quizmaster, assisted by Mr. J. Keating of Tipperary and Mr. Waters of Carlow as scorekeepers. Mr. G. Kennedy of Borde Failte presented the cup. It was proposed at the A.G.M. that an Annual Dinner be held in London in the Autumn. Date and venue to be fixed and also the possibility of another trip to Sligo. Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal have now formed a federation under the auspices of I.T.B. with a view to getting cheaper travel facilities for our people, and it may be possible to incorporate the St. Patrick's Day Trip to Sligo through this channel. Since the A.G.M. a Bacon and Cabbage Supper and Dance has been held at The Irish Centre. This was attended by some 220 people and we apologise to those who were disappointed at the last moment. A party travelled from Welwyn Garden City to the dance, it not having been possible to accommodate them at the meal. Our thanks to them for their patronage. It must be encouraging for the new officers to have such a gathering, the largest to date for such a function.

We congratulate them on their appointment and offer our support in the coming year, plus invite a larger membership. Everybody with a Sligo connection is welcome to our meetings at The Goldhawk, Goldhawk Road, W.12., on the first Tuesday of each month. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. McGowan, the proprietors, for placing their premises at our disposal and to Mr. J. Dalton, The White Hart, Acton, for our dance dates. To the press for all the publicity given in the past and to anybody who helped in any way to make the work of the Sligo Association in London a success.

L. KENNEDY, *P.R.O.*



WEXFORD ASSOCIATION *(continued from page 9)*

with his experience and practical build-up from the Chairman Dan O'Leary, that the Irish in London, with the many friends from English homes and friends from overseas will greatly benefit from the top artists being introduced.

At the recent General Meeting of Wexford Association, kind remarks and appreciation were extended to Mr. Martin Whitty for his wonderful work with the Lourdes National Fund. Mr. Whitty is Chairman of the St. Joseph's Festival Committee, a branch of the National organisation. He has helped the fund with no less than a £2,000 contribution this year. This sum was handed over to Very Rev. Canon Williams, P.P., Brook Green, Hammersmith, at a function held at The Inverness Hotel, London. Martin has now gained the title "Irishman of the Year" for his outstanding organising abilities and for the great help to the many pilgrims who will travel this season to Lourdes, France, the world-famous Grotto. It is of interest to chronicle that he is joining the Pilgrimage himself and will generally help to assist people who will leave London, etc., on that journey.

The Wexford London Association at their meeting paid tribute to two great Gaels, Mr. John and Mrs. Mary Soden of "The Earl of Derby" Hotel. A suitable presentation was made to the happy couple on their retirement from public life. We wish them every health and happiness in their private world which will very likely end up in County Cork.

The Wexford Association looks forward to its old slogan: "Friendly People, from the Sea Washed County, we are on the march".

MICHAEL DOYLE, *Hon. Secretary*
DANNY O'LEARY, *Chairman*

THE WANDERING PIPER (continued from page 27)

Thomas Davies Pipe Band — Mallow

1974 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Thomas Davies Pipe Band, a successor to the defunct Thomas Davies Drum and Fife Band.

The celebrations take place in Mallow on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June when many past members of the band are expected to be welcomed home. Although I am not an ex-band member, I have been invited over by Pipe Major Kevin Bolster and my old pal Pat Goulding. Pat, who is now 75 years of age, and slim, fit and active, is a native of Cullen now living in Mallow. The band gets the benefit of his vast experience.

Pat was associated with the forming of the first branch of "Comhaltas" in England at Victoria, London, in 1957. He is a dedicated performer on the Uilleann Pipes and the War Pipes. I was with him in April and we had a blow together but he says he now prefers the Uilleann Pipes: it's not such hard work and, at 68, I know what he means.

I hope to make the trip to Mallow. If not, well I expect it will all be in *The Cork Weekly*.



CARLOW ASSOCIATION (continued from page 13)

At the first meeting of the new committee, arrangements were finalised for our first Benefit Dance at the end of April. It was also decided to hold some functions on the outskirts of London for the Irish Centre Hope House Fund.

In conclusion we thank the Press, especially J. Daly of *The Cork Examiner*, and Peter Kennedy of *The Irish Post* and, of course, *The Irish Counties Journal* for their support in publishing our news.

B. SHAW, P.R.O.



CAVAN ASSOCIATION (continued from page 17)

Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper at The Irish Centre on 27th April was a real sell-out and we would remind all that we have another Bacon and Cabbage Supper lined up for October next. Full details will be sent to you in good time.

A party of 39 attended the Council Dinner/Dance at The Gresham Ballroom on 16th May. Everyone had a great night. The idea of a Darts Contest has really caught on and many County Associations have announced that their teams are ready to do battle. That goes for Cavan also. Just as soon as possible details for the Tom O'Reilly Cup for the winner of the Cavan Individual Darts Contest will be available.

A Challenge

Monaghan Association have asked us if we will take them on at Football — but wait for it — they want us to take on two teams — a men's team and a women's team. I know at the word football we immediately think of such members as Fr. Hetherton and Peter Donohue. I hope we have some hidden female talent. We have accepted the challenge

and the exact date (probably Sunday, 23rd June), venue and time will be advised. Meanwhile, jimmer up, girls! Proceeds will go to The Irish Centre Hostel, Hope House.

Congratulations to Ignatius and Margaret Gorry on the opening of Tullyvin Tavern, Cootehill. We wish them many years of success and happiness.

B. F. MULLEN,
Hon. Secretary.

EMPLOYMENT IN IRELAND

In the May issue of the *Journal* I wrote a few paragraphs under the above heading and this has led to several 'phone enquiries from different county people. I got into touch with Brian O'Grady, County Development Officer for Cavan, asking for his help and he has sent me the following article on Industry in Cavan but he tells me that basically the information contained in it can apply to County Development Teams in any part of Ireland.

B. F. MULLEN

INDUSTRY IN CAVAN

by Brian O'Grady, County Development Officer

What is Cavan County Development Team ?

It is a small "action group" of top officials, set up by the Government in 1965 :

- (a) to foster the development of the county in every sphere of economic activity — agriculture, industry, tourism, fishing, forestry, etc.
- (b) to co-ordinate the work of the various State and Semi-State Bodies within the county and to get officials and voluntary organisations and all the people of the county working together for the good of County Cavan.

Its members are: The County Manager, who is Chairman; The Chairman of the County Council; the Chief Agricultural Officer; the Chief Executive Officers of the Vocational Education Committee; the County Engineer; and the Regional Manager of the Industry Development Authority.

The Government have seconded an official from the Department of Finance who acts as Secretary to the Team and who also operates as County Development Officer. The Department of Finance also pay the salary of the Assistant County Development Officer.

The Team will gladly advise on any aspect of development and is specifically charged with the initial examination and processing of appli-

cations for grants under the Small Industries programme. If you or any of your contacts are thinking of coming to County Cavan with a development project or if you want further information regarding grants or other incentives available here, it is suggested that you write to :

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One may wonder what has happened in County Cavan since the Development Team was set up and, at this stage, it is thought well to advert briefly to the developments in the industrial sector which have taken place as a result of the efforts of the Individual Promoters, The Industrial Development Authority, The County Development Team, Cavan County Council, and the various other State and Semi-State Bodies. A number of new factories have commenced operations in areas like Arva, Ballinagh, Bailieborough, Ballyconnell, Ballyjamesduff, Belturbet, Cavan, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Killeshandra, Kilnaleck, Mullagh, Shercock and Virginia, and industrial and manufacturing employment has increased from 1,564 males and 279 females on the 1st July, 1965, to 3,028 males and 813 females at the 1st July, 1973. This represents an increase in industrial employment of over 100 per cent. in that short time. With the increase in industrial employment, service employment has also increased considerably and it is pleasing to note that quite a number of persons have returned from the U.K. to avail of the job opportunities arising in both the industrial and service fields.

The Cavan County Development Team would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Cavan Association in London and Father Sheridan of The Irish Centre for the wonderful help they have given them in recent times towards letting Cavan people in London, and indeed in other parts of the U.K., know what opportunities are available in Cavan. The Team would welcome further enquiries from Cavan people in the U.K. or from people from neighbouring counties.

It is the Team's aim to encourage and assist further development in County Cavan in the coming years. It is, therefore, important that all Irish people abroad know what this encouragement and assistance means in real terms. If you contact the County Development Officer you will be kept informed of development and job opportunities in County Cavan, and also of the grant structures, etc. Please, therefore, do not hesitate to make yourself aware of what is on offer at present, even if you are only thinking of returning there.

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BUNRATTY CASTLE

(continued from February edition)

Moving around the hall in a clockwise direction, one sees a 17th century oak chest with a carved band of Renaissance ornament and an elaborate iron lock plate. The portrait painted on a wooden panel, representing Henry VI is of the English school. The remaining portraits of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Earls of Thomond. The 4th Earl, called the Great Earl, adopted the castle as the family seat in 1578. The seventh Earl Barnaby was the last of the O'Briens to occupy the castle.

In the window embrasure is an oak chest, the front decorated with inlaid chequer work and designs representing buildings of so-called "Nonsuch" type. Directly opposite is a Spanish chest of walnut with five elaborate handles to the front, similar handles to the sides, and a pierced Gothic lock plate. Both chests are early 16th century. Over the walnut chest is a Chinese bell with inscriptions.

The 16th century limestone chimney piece is one of the Great Earl's improvements and replaced the original 15th century fireplace of which part of the hood can still be seen on the right above the present lintel. Over the fireplace are three early 16th century Nuremburg brass rose-water dishes.

The small gate under the south-west tower leads to the dungeon, a pit about ten feet deep from which the unfortunate prisoner had to be drawn up by a rope. The entrance was secured by three doors. Overhead is an inspection slit so that the guards could observe the prisoners.

Near the window is an elaborately carved mid-16th century Flemish robing cupboard, the doors ornamented with roundel heads. In the window embrasure is a large oak table c. 1600, supported by four heavy bulbous legs joined by plain stretchers and carved freizes. The helmets and armour in the window embrasure are mainly 17th century. The 16th century gun is German with an elaborately carved and inlaid stock and heavy barrel. On the right of the window is a massive 15th century oak cupboard, the door of the upper part is decorated with linenfold and the lower door plainly panelled; the strap hinges carry Gothic decoration. The fragment of the late 16th century Brussels tapestry depicts martial figures on the right hand side and servants offering food on the left.

Flanking the door on the left is a length of 16th century linenfold panelling. The lower panels are carved with linenfold decorations and the upper with roundel heads and Renaissance motifs. The magnificent oak refectory table c. 1620 in front of the Earl's chair, is 22 feet long and has ten legs. The other handsome table, which has a top in one piece, 21 feet long, is late 16th century and came from Heslington Hall, York. The elaborate Chair of Estate is French, dated 1537.

The spiral staircase on the left as you leave the Main Guard leads to the Great Hall and upper chambers. Halfway up the stair on the left is the drawbridge chamber, with the mechanism for raising the drawbridge, also a door giving access to the minstrels gallery in the vaulted hall. On the other side of the staircase is a door and passage which leads to a room in the north-west tower known as the Captain's Quarters. This room has a finely decorated ceiling and its own garderobe or lavatory.

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