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## Missing Persons (continued from last month).

Of the twenty-eight reported missing only fourteen were located. The Centre has never taken on the role of an agency for tracing missing people, mainly because of the shortage of personnel and the time consuming nature of this work, nevertheless the happiness and gratitude of all parties when a reunion takes place makes the exercise very worth while.

Bridget left Ireland for New Zealand fifty years ago, after a rather tough upbringing in a childrens' home. Unsuccessfully over the years she has placed adverts in Irish papers in an attempt to trace her two brothers from whom she had never heard. Three months after her initial contact with us, one brother, now senile, was located; his children were glad to correspond with an aunt who had frequently been the topic of family discussion. The other brother had died.

Why do so many Irish people cut themselves off from their roots and remain a lifetime without contacting their families. Many have left their homes because of marital breakdown or a severe drink or gambling problem or a deep rift in family relationships because of property rights, or resentments and anger about some injustice or disagreement which is kept alive by pride. Home is a painful area, never forgotten but better not remembered. Some cut their links and doggedly resist any renewal of contact. Many are ashamed to present themselves at home after years of absence and rough living, though they always hope to return when they get themselves together.

A further difficulty arises when people die in London and relatives cannot be traced. M.R. died in a squat and as police failed to locate relatives, burial in a common grave was imminent. A series of enquiries on the squatting grapevine revealed a few clues. A doctor's name was traced in the telephone directory. There were several families of the name in the area. The Gardai were superb. By a process of elimination the correct family was found, even though they had moved from the area years previously. Within forty eight hours of initiating the enquiry, the body was identified and on the way home for burial.

The Centre has now purchased an 'Irish plot' to provide a Catholic burial place for unidentified people.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Irish Centre, 15th February last was as always well attended it was lovely to see so many of our members and reassuring to know that your interest in the Association has not declined. A big thank you to all who braved the cold and snowy weather to be with us.

No change in the officers and members of the outgoing committee went forward for the coming year. We welcome new members and look forward to working together once again.

The Chairman Mr. Clive Fogarty opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Clive reviewed the past years operations and in doing so thanked his fellow officers and committee and all members for their help and support during the past year, also the many friends who supported all the functions organised by the Association especially the parish reunions for West Clare which were so well attended.

The Chairman wished a speedy recovery to our Chaplin Father Clancy who has been in hospital recently and from all the committee, get well soon Father, we miss you from the meetings.

### Secretary's Report.

The Hon. Secretary Mrs. Mary Dempsey, in her report gave an outline of the events of the past year. Mary thanked the Chairman, officers and committee for their support during the past year and looked forward to working with the new committee for the coming year. Mary also thanked the members and friends who helped with the London Irish Festival which raised money for a very worthy cause.

A special word of thanks to members of the Association who took part in a sponsored walk organised by the Irish Centre, especially our long standing member Martin Doyle. Martin and his wife Teresa both give a lot of their time and hard work to the Irish Centre, well done Martin and Teresa. It is always a pleasure to go to the Irish Centre, Martin, Teresa and Mary Kenney are always waiting with a smile to greet you as you enter and help you in any way they can.

As we go to press, we have a Bacon and Cabbage Supper Dance to be

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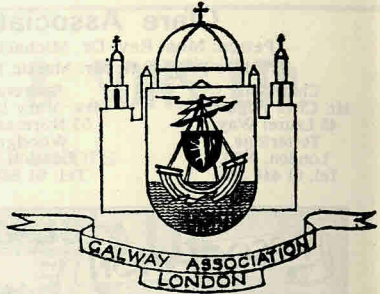
# Galway Association of London

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## **A Report of The Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 30th January, 1983 in respect of activities within The Galway Association of London during 1982 with observations.**

Mr. Chairperson, Officers and Members.

A Cairdi,

Herewith a short report on 1982 as seen by me. These annual reports are usually prepared during the Christmas break when one has time to study the minutes of the past year's monthly meetings and to take from them items of interest, decisions arrived at and activities undertaken on behalf of The Association, together with comparisons and observations as they reflect on the activities of other years or on other Associations. As I was not in possession of the minutes book I make this report from memory and in that light it is liable to correction by any member of the assembled company who may be better versed or have a deeper insight on the workings of the Galwegians in London.

### **Membership.**

We continue to make new members even though our Annual Subscription has increased from 25p to £1.00. Those attending our functions find the company attractive and sociable, and, as a consequence, seek membership. The intake balances the outflow. Some of our members have returned to Ireland whilst others have ended their days in this country. Our membership should stand in the region of 250. We have one Honorary Member in the person of Rev. Fr. J. Casey of Clarenbridge, a former Chaplain of The Association. Membership subscriptions are payable at The Annual General Meeting.

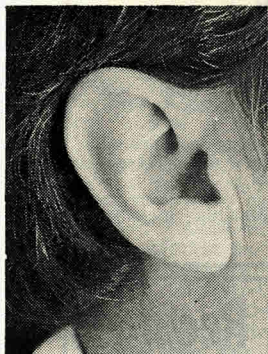
### **Functions.**

All our functions during 1982 went with a swing. They were successful financially and socially with the exception of The Irish Festival at Roundwood Park in July where we lost a substantial sum of cash through theft. At our Stall which sold Tara China from Galway, knitted goods, county colours in badges and caps together with scarves, dolls in various colours both county and national and bric-a-brac we were overwhelmed at times with eager customers making purchases. Claddagh Rings of which we had a few were not in great demand this year. Galway had one of the best stalls and a real busy day into the bargain. Were it not for the theft of our takings we would have had a record day for Welfare. Members of The Association who gave their time and expertise to selling deserved the best thanks of the Association in respect of dedicated work for Welfare. Our stewards are highly commended for the stalwart part played on behalf of the Festival Committee under Raymond Connolly.

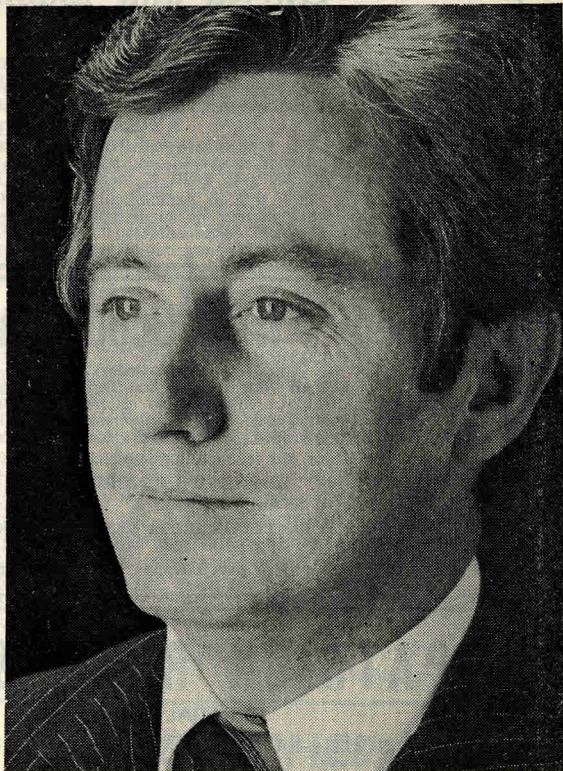
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Back in September Offaly Footballers went to Croke Park to play Kerry in the All Ireland Football Final. Much to the surprise of the footballing world in Ireland Offaly came away from the match with The Sam Maguire Cup. That followed the winning of The McCarthy Cup "picked up in September 1981."

The Offaly Association in London celebrated those achievements in conjunction with their 21st Anniversary on Saturday, 29th January, 1983 in the McNamara Hall, the Irish Centre, Camden Town.

Richie Connor and brother Matt, Liam Currams and Seamus Darby were our footballer guests with John Dowling, Eugene Coughlan and Damian Martin as the deserving representatives of the hurling team. Following a very handsome meal the dancing was enjoyed to the music of Offalyman 'Patsy and the Shades of Green'. I would like to apologise to the many who applied for tickets and had to be refused. Those who came will realise why we had to turn down so many on the night. The record crowd attendance enjoyed it all so much that we hope to make the dance and the winning of one if not both the All Ireland's an annual event!

John Dowling and Richie Connor apologised and explained the absence of The Sam Maguire Cup and thankfully this did not spoil the evening or the atmosphere for any of us.

To all of you our thanks for supporting us and making the occasion such a happy and successful one.

Enquiries or any information on the association's functions during the year can be had by phoning me on the above telephone number.

My personal thanks to the officers and committee and a special thank you to John O'Shea and all the staff at The Irish Centre.

Watch this spot next month for more information on the Annual General Meeting and your officers and committee.

A happy St Patrick's Day to one and all.

May Clarke, Secretary.

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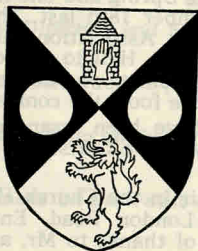
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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Irish Centre on Sunday, 16th January, 1983. The new officers elected are as above. A good number of our members attended and a strong committee was elected from which you may expect great things in 1983! Our new Chairman in his first remarks to the Association expressed his thanks to the 1982 committee and especially to our out-going Chairwoman Miss Kathleen Fitzsimons who did such a wonderful job in her year in the Chair and has now taken on the unenviable task of looking after our finances. Also thanks to Miss Bridie Reilly, whom we are very sorry to lose as our secretary, but who stays as a member of the committee, we hope she will continue to give us the benefit of her experience.

Lastly, may I remind you to keep Saturday, 14th May, 1983 free. Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper Dance is to be held that night. More details next month.

Best wishes to you all for 1983.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade.

St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place on Sunday, 13th March starting point Horseguard's Parade, 1 p.m. for off at 1.30 p.m. and Mass at the Cathedral at 2 p.m.

Una Pursey, P.R.O.

### Irish Society of Harrow

St. Patrick's Night Celebration Dance at the Byron Hall, Harrow Leisure Centre. Dancing 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. to the music of "Good Company." Further information from Michael O'Regan, P.R.O. (Tel. 427 3736).

The Irish Society of Harrow wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

## **Galway Association (continued from page 4.)**

We held three functions in The McNamara Hall at The Irish Centre a Bacon and Cabbage in the Spring and one in October together with a Christmas Dinner on December 18th last. These three functions were for a packed house and this Association can consider itself lucky in that it can fill The McNamara Hall to capacity on any occasion with Galwegians. The Christmas Dinner was the social highlight of a successful year. Patrons enjoyed the food, the company and the entertainment.

A further three dates have been arranged in The McNamara Hall during 1983 culminating with the Christmas Dinner on December 17th, 1983.

We held an Autumn Fair in the Church Hall of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George, London Road, Enfield which was another successful event. A word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Quinn for their efforts at organising this function.

We broke new ground on November, 27th in being permitted to sell Tara China in The St. Boniface Church Hall, Tooting on the occasion of the St. Boniface Christmas Fayre. This venue was arranged through the good offices of Miss Anne Gateley to whom we are most grateful. Once again this occasion proved successful. The Sales Staff consisted of Mr. and Mrs. O'Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Quinn, Mrs. Myra Hannon, Mrs. Chris Daly and I. The Association is indebted for their help at fund raising. In Social Functions and in Fund Raising events we are quite an active Association.

### **Donations.**

We have made many donations in cash to deserving causes during 1982. The treasurer in his report will cover this ground in detail.

### **Singing Competition.**

The Michael and Cissie Molloy Singing competitions for which The Association has provided two excellent Silver Cups is now organised by Gasra-Na-Gael under the stewardship of Mr. Raymond Connolly. The competition is now run on a wider field which attracts greater talent. The Two cups provided by The Association are a boon to Gasra-Na-Gael on a competitive level. At to-day's prices each could be valued in the region of £100.

### **Quiz Competition.**

Galway has not played an active part in this competition for some years. The Competition is organised by The Council of Irish Counties on an individual and team basis. Galway were Inter-County Champions in 1965. It would be an idea to rope in some young people to form a team as the stress seems to be on youth teams in recent times.

### **Clan Connacht.**

Nothing much has come to light concerning Clan Connacht for about 10 years and this is something of a change when one considers that the original founders in 1964 raised a sum of £400.00 at a dance in the Gresham Ballroom. This sum was earmarked for The Council of Irish Counties which had agreed to raise £1,000 towards the building of The J.F.K. Hall at The Irish Centre through the County Associations. In those days £1,000 was considered a fair sum of money to accumulate. In those days Mr. O'Flynn was Chairman of Clan Connacht and I was Secretary. Clan Connacht comprised four of the Connacht Counties i.e. Galway, Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo. Leitrim joined some years later. The Clan organised the Connacht Float on The St. Patricks Parades in London. This Float took first prize on every occasion. The display consisted of a Round Tower, a Celtic Cross, a Thatched Cottage, a Spinning Wheel, a Harp, an Irish Wolfhound with some young ladies in Celtic costumes. On one occasion the current Miss Roscommon of London represented Queen Maeve in a costume specially flown in from Dublin.

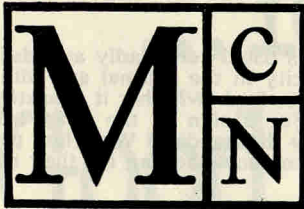
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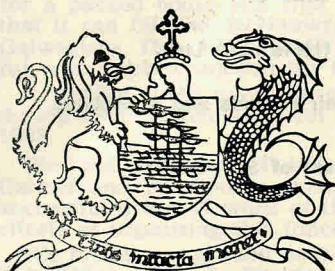
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Our Annual General Meeting was as usual very badly attended for my part I did my best with the publicity in the Journal and with the Irish Post, News of it also went to Waterford. Whether it is apathy on the part of Waterfordians in London or a sign of the times I don't know, I only know that there are many thousands of Waterford people in London who should come forward to show the flag for their native county in the land of their adoption.

### Our Royal Family.

England has a Royal Family, America had the Kennedy's we in the Waterford Association have the Aulsberry's and their spouses and their children.

As you can see by the new heading Mr. Billy Allen is our new chairman, (husband of Mary Allen an Aulsberry). My sincerest congratulations to Billy I am sure he will make a great chairman. Thank you Billy for standing in when the other four proposed and seconded dropped out.

Our vice-chairman is still the same Mr. Kevin Butler who has been a member now for about sixteen years, correct me if I'm wrong Kevin. Kevin and Mrs. Butler are great supporters of our Bacon and Cabbage Dinners and have been for many years I have known them to have sold 50 tickets for the Dinners at the Irish Centre and that no easy task.

Our Secretary is still Mary Allen who was unopposed, I am sure I won't offend anybody when I say she is the best secretary we have had since Jimmy Griffin, and believe me that is praise indeed.

Bill Aulsberry our Assistant Secretary also unopposed is doing a tremendous job with the minutes and without shorthand manages to get all the details correct 99% of the time. I would like to personally thank Bill for writing an extra set of minutes for me for the past few years.

Our Treasurer for the past nine years, Mrs. Cathy Dee had to resign from the parent body as treasurer owing to the work load of the Golfing Society. Cathy said she would do her best to help the new treasurer at all times and would be willing to look after her usual guests from Waterford at the time of the Annual Dinner.

Mrs. Kitty Groves (also an Aulsberry) is our new Treasurer. Kitty as you know was our Membership Secretary which job has now passed to Kitty's daughter, Mrs. Sharon Whitehead. We thank Sharon for joining us on committee, it sure is lovely to see a young face. We also have two other young ladies on committee this year. I do not have their names at the present but I expect to see great things from the youth this year.

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**Clare Association** (continued from page 3.)

held at the MacNamara Hall, Irish Centre, Camden Town, tickets for this function are going fast, we look forward to meeting all the old and new faces once again.

Regular readers of the Journal will know that St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place normally the Sunday nearest to the feast of our patron saint, starting point Horseguards Parade. Please be in your places by 1 p.m. on Sunday, 13th March.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a happy occasion and I hope many of you will be proud to walk behind the Clare Banner.

There are many functions in the pipe line for the coming year but more about dates later. The meeting closed at 5 p.m. with Mass in the Irish Centre Chapel for the repose of the souls of our deceased members and the intentions of the living members.

We offer our condolences to Rose Waters on the death of her husband Jack after a long illness. Jack was a regular reader of the Irish Counties Journal during his illness.

A great big welcome back to Martin Moroney, our Life President, it was lovely to see you out and about, driving your car again, and looking so well. No A.G.M. would be complete without you.

A happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Bridie Neeves, (Mrs.), P.R.O.

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**Waterford Association** (continued from page 12.)

Our Assistant Treasurer is Mrs. Joan Keane, no not an Aulsberry an English lady actually married to Waterfordian Mr. Jim Keane who was for some time our Assistant Secretary and while doing so kept immaculate detailed minutes.

Our President chaired the meeting which wasn't a very easy one and we thank his Lordship for his patience and kindness, and for the time he takes in his busy schedule to see to our affairs, I don't think you would find a more sincere and holy Bishop anywhere. I have heard it said that you will find more nuns than Bishops in heaven I am sure that when the time comes there is no doubt as to where Bishop Henderson will be.

His Lordship announced that he had said his usual yearly Mass for the living and deceased members of our Association in the Waterford Association vestments and promised to do likewise in 1983.

**Dates for Your Diary.**

12th March — Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre, McNamara Hall entrance in 52 Camden Square, London NW1 9XB.

**Golf Outing.**

The big Golf Outing in aid of The Irish Centre, 23rd March at Trent Park.

**Greetings.**

Mr. Michael Brazel our admin. attache at the Embassy sends greetings from his sojourn in Australia.

Talking about Australia I would like to apologise to my son and daughter-in-law for the printers error of their first child's name in the last issue, it should have read Jasmyn Jane and not Jasmine.

**Congratulations.**

Many congratulations to Seamus Lynch (Roscommon) on his election as Vice-Chairman of the C.I.C.A.

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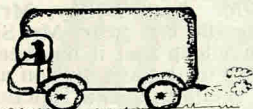
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### A. G. M.

A very successful Annual General Meeting of the London Wexford Association took place in St. Agnes School Hall, Cricklewood Lane, shortly before Christmas and the officers above plus the following committee were elected for the coming year.

Committee Members: Mr. Jim Ryan, Doward; Mr. Dick Butler, Adams-town; Mr. P. J. Fortune, Enniscorthy; Mr. T. Devereux, Barntown; Mr. S. Devereux, Barntown; Mrs. Mary Murphy, Foulksmills; Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick, The Ballagh; Mrs. Aairia Doyle, Taghmon; Mrs. Kitty Byrne, Taghmon; Mrs. Judy Devereux, Galway; Mr. George Browne, Castle-bridge; Mr. Michael Connors, Enniscorthy.

The Chairman Mr. Michael Sills in his opening address welcomed all members present to the meeting and accorded a special welcome to the three long serving members of the association who still continue to support and take an active interest in the affairs of the association namely, Mr. Tom Bailey, Mr. Dick Gaul and Mr. Jim Murphy. In reviewing the last year, Mr. Sills said, everyone can pride themselves in the knowledge that it has been the most active and successful year in the history of the association and this can be measured by our involvement in Welfare, social functions and most aspects of Irish Culture in London, and in particular our involvement with the youth and it is great to be able to say here today that since the formation of a youth club sub-committee last March drawn from members of the association and the Fr. Murphy's GAA Club, that the club has already taken part in under age Gaelic Football games and quiz matches with some success. It is a credit to all concerned that we are in a position to take our under 14 football team for a weekend to Wexford this coming May.

In conclusion Mr. Sills said he would like to thank all his fellow officers and committee for all their hard work during the past year. He also thanked the press for all publicity during the year. Finally he thanked the Rev. F. Haines PP, St. Agnes, Cricklewood for the use of the Hall and Mr. Sean Diviney, The Prince of Wales for the use of his premises.

The Treasurer, Mr. Martin Kirwan in his very elaborate report stated that the association showed a profit from all its functions held during the year and overall we are financially in a sound position in the bank. The Youth Club since last March has deposited over £1,000 in the bank, but he stressed that if they were to go to Wexford we must raise another £1,000 ourselves before then.

The secretary Mrs. Kitty Cullen said in her report a record number of functions were held during last year but we would welcome more participation by members in helping out. She thanked the Ringwood County Development Officer for once again coming over to our stall at the London Irish Festival and all workers who helped on the stall.

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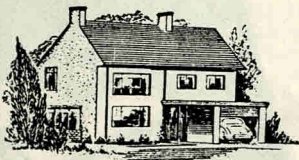
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When are we not going to be able to say that it was a bad year for welfare? When will there be a turn for the better instead of more problems of every kind, as in 1982? The signs don't look good, and so (like all welfare organisations) I can only report sadly a year of ever-greater needs, with the statistics showing an unhealthy growth.

This claim or boast that we at least are more and more busily employed is one that we would wish to do without. However, an ever worsening situation is what we must be prepared to cope with for some time to come. Present Government policies seem to take for granted an increase of voluntary organisations while human beings scurry about in all directions trying to make ends meet. For those already fighting for survival before the present economic crisis the outlook is bleak in the extreme.

The Report outlines in general terms some aspects of the work undertaken at the Bureau. It would be unrealistic to expect such a report to give a fuller account of the Bureau's day-to-day activity, since so much of what is done is a matter of human involvement and personal contacts; the sincere and continued concern that goes side-by-side with any material aid given, and often has more lasting value.

In this, my twelfth report, I am more convinced than ever that the Bureau is a focal point, often the ONLY one, in the lives of a great number of our callers, irrespective of any tangible help given.

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### London Wexford Association (continued from page 16.)

#### Dates for your Diary.

Coach Outing will take place on Saturday, 5th March, 1983 to the Shamrock Club Welwyn Garden City. The Coach leaves the Spotted Dog, Willesden at 8.15 and will also stop at Quex Road, Kilburn and The Crown, Cricklewood. Music for the night is by the Glensiders and tickets for coach which includes admission is £2.50 per head.

St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place this year on Sunday, 13th March starting from Horse Guards Parade at 1.30 p.m. and ending with a celebrated Mass in Westminster Cathedral.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance organised by the Council of Irish Counties will take place in the McNamara Hall, Camden Town on Thursday, 17th March music by Hugo Duncan and his band. Tickets are priced at £12.00. Contact our Chairman.

A Mass for all deceased members and friends of our Association will take place in St. Agnes Church, Cricklewood Lane on Friday, 18th March starting at 7.30 p.m.

Our next function is the Enniscorthy Town and District reunion dance which will take place in the Cavendish Rooms, The Spotted Dog, Willesden NW10 on Easter Saturday night, 2nd April, 1983. Music is by The Farmers. Admission £1.50, bar extension. A large party will be travelling over from Enniscorthy for the function.

The Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, 5th November in the McNamara Hall, The Irish Centre, Camden Town.

#### Membership Fees.

A reminder to all our members and intending members that the membership fee is now due. The fee for the year is still only £1 so please hurry and renew it in order to qualify for the B+I free monthly

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**Galway Association** (continued from page 10).

**The Council of Irish County Associations.**

We wish The Council of Irish Counties Associations every success at the forthcoming A.G.M. Through the Council we extend greetings and good wishes to all County Associations.

**In Appreciation.**

We extend our thanks and deep appreciation to The Irish Centre with which we have been associated for nigh on thirty years. We have had many happy functions at The Centre and we hold many pleasant memories of 52 Camden Square and of friends made over a good number of years within the precincts of The Irish Centre. It has been a great stand-by not alone for the Galway Association but for all County and other bodies. We shall continue to give it our full support in the years ahead.

A sincere "Thank You" to our President, Mr. J. P. Gleeson, K.C.H.S., K.C.S.G., whose outstanding generosity to The Association continues from year to year and which is being specially noted in this report. We couple with that the name of our Vice-President, Mr. Pat Smyth for his generous and magnificent support over the years.

I take this opportunity to show grateful appreciation to our Chaplain, Rev. Fr. P. Gantley whose moral support and interest in the Association has been such a safeguard to our continued life and unity.

We offer our sincere thanks to The Irish Post, The Irish Observer and in my own case a special "Thank You" to Mrs. Jane Smyth and The Irish Counties Journal whose papers and magazines have given our affairs wide publicity.

We are most grateful to Mr. John Brooks and his School of Dancing for the entertainment given at so many Annual Dinners in past years. In the same light we offer our thanks to Mr. Ray Connolly for providing some young dancers at recent B & C Dinners.

Once again, the time has come to extend the Association's thanks to all who have worked so well together to make life within our framework a pleasant and happy pastime, who have given of their best to keep the Galwegians in the forefront as one of the premier Associations and who are always so willing to take on that little bit extra work for perfections sake.

**The Committee of Management and the Executive Committee.**

A super 'Thank You' is extended to all Officers and the Ladies of the Association who have been so helpful and whose efficient management of our affairs can be the envy of others less dedicated to the ultimate solution of problems encountered in any given year.

More than anything else we especially appreciate the splendid support we have had from all our Patrons at functions arranged throughout the year. This is something without which, any Association however well managed must decline and fade out.

**Condolences.**

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to all members who have suffered a bereavement in their family at any time in recent years.

**Apologies.**

If I have upset anyone through word or writing, I take this opportunity to apologise.

Bob Daly, Press Officer.

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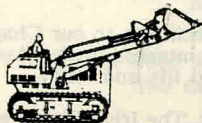
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### Donations.

We would be grateful to any member or friend who would like to contribute a donation to our Youth Club no matter how small, in order to help towards sending our under 14 team to Ireland in May.

### Quiz.

We wish to thank our quiz team who did so well in the Irish Counties Quiz competition before finally bowing out to Wicklow in the quarter finals. We wish our Junior Quiz Team every success. Anyone wishing to enter the team please contact the secretary.

Our darts team is in full swing again and will play on a home and away basis every week.

We say farewell to Mr. Tom and Nuala Ryan who have been life long supporters and benefactors of the association. We wish them the best of luck in their new venture back home in Wexford as proprietors of the County Hotel.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Chairman of the Waterford Association Mr. Pat Reddy on the death of his wife May, known to all in our association as 'Mamie'. Also sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. Cullen on the tragic death of her Mother.

Congratulations to our Life President Mr. Jim Murphy on being elected one of the four Vice-Presidents of the Council of Irish Counties at their A.G.M. held recently.

Michael Sills, Chairman.

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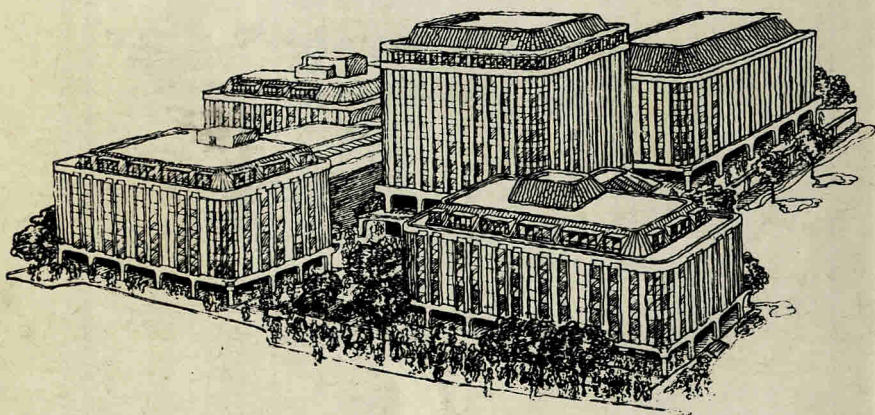
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