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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IN DUBLIN 1971

A Cairdi,

Twenty five members of the Irish County Associations in London represented their particular Associations and The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of London at the big parade in Dublin on March 17th last.

Arriving in Dublin on flight 167 Aer Lingus from London at 8 p.m. on March 16th, we were somewhat disappointed in that our coach failed to turn up as arranged and we had a delay of 1½ hours until such time as Aer Lingus very kindly put matters right through C.I.E. The coach in question should have been supplied by a firm in Bray. We arrived at Mount Herbert Hotel, Herbert Street, Ballsbridge, which is convenient to Lansdowne Road R.F.C. grounds. Sandwiches had been arranged through Aer Lingus and Shamrock was supplied by Bord Failte.

As the party was feeling somewhat peckish it was decided to pay a visit to the Inter-continental Hotel which we were told was only around the corner. After a fifteen minutes walk we arrived and it was at this point that Martin Whitty of Wexford used his personality plus approach on two young waitresses who soon provided each of us with a huge T bone steak and the trimmings. This was a most enjoyable outing as the Inter-continental was in a real festive mood for the occasion. We retired just after midnight and awoke on March 17th to a day of glorious sunshine. Breakfast at the Mount Herbert can be had from 7.30 till 9 a.m. At 9 a.m. we attended Mass celebrated by Father McGrath of Wexford and a member of our party in the Chapel of The Marist Brothers College, situated about 50 yards from our hotel.

We lined up at St. Stephens Green as No. 29 on the parade rota and Bord Failte supplied us with an identity banner as hailing from London. We carried our National Colours together with the American Flag and the County Banners of Clare, Galway, Mayo, Waterford and Wexford. The St. Patrick's Banner having priority. We were led by the Newry Pipe Band and we received a great welcome from the onlookers throughout the three mile route.

As we approached the Saluting Base at the G.P.O., the commentator drew attention to the Irish Associations from London making a special mention of the colourful headdress of the two ladies carrying the Clare Banner (Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Lahiffe). The Parade this year had a terrific American flavour, with fifteen bands from U.S.A. and a party of 2,500 visitors, whom it is said have spent £150,000 in Dublin. It is doubtful if Dubliners ever had a finer free show and they responded all along the three mile route with thunderous applause. With its 50 bands and splendid industrial and cultural exhibits, it was a far cry from other years. A festive atmosphere prevailed from the start with a flyover by the huge Aer Lingus "Jumbo" jet, the St. Columcille. The Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Colley, reviewed the parade from a stand outside the G.P.O. surrounded by hundreds of enthusiastic Americans who had paid £1.25p per ticket. Whooping Red Indians doing a war dance in Dublin's O'Connell Street, marching Connecticut Rebels sporting American War of Independence Uniforms, stepping it out briskly behind a posse of formidable looking Davy Crockett, Wild West Frontiersmen; high stepping drum majorettes in bright costumes dancing to the music of 50 bands with hundreds of American-Irish contingents demonstrating how to celebrate Texas style!

After the parade we were guests of Mr. Tom Gorman for dinner at Jury's Hotel. Many thanks Mr. Gorman for your kindness.

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For this years St. Patrick's Day Parade the show piece of Connacht was the Provincial float.

The preparation and co-operation in which the five counties gave made it possible to win 1st award, The Guinness Perpetual Trophy.

The float, supplied by J. P. Gleeson, K.C.S.G., K.C.H.S., was in the usual immaculate condition, to whom we convey our grateful thanks.

By all reports our float had the extra elegance and Irish culture to win. The display of Round Tower, Celtic Cross, Harp, Irish Cottage and not forgetting the five young models who stole the show. Each held a banner representing a county. The children, dressed in their dancing costumes, are pupils from the Kavanagh School.

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It is with great delight that we report the fantastic success of our bacon and cabbage dinner on Saturday, 12th March, despite the postal strike and many other outstanding Irish events in London last week. We had sold all the tickets a week before the event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the new sub-committee for their outstanding efforts to make this dance a success. Music was supplied by the Westsiders who are Waterfordians.

I think I can speak for everyone when I say the St. Patrick's Day Parade was most enjoyable, naturally we were disappointed Munster was not among the prize-winners but then everyone can't win. Better luck the next time please God. The float was supplied by T. A. Read (Greenford) Ltd., to whom we are most grateful.

Our Vice-Chairman, Jim French, and our Treasurer, Paddy Stafford, represented us in Dublin for the parade on the 17th, report of which is elsewhere in the Journal by Bob Daly.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Downes is once again in Hospital in Waterford, we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to two well-known members, Joe and Pat Kelly, on the birth of their daughter, Fiona Ann, Joe and Pat both hail from Knockanore and are soon to make Youghal their permanent home.

At a specially convened committee meeting a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr. Tom Duffy, Yellow Road, Waterford, on the death of his beloved wife. Mr. Duffy was a founder member and a former Vice-Chairman of this Association.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE are as follows: Mrs. JANE SMYTH, 749 0909 Night; 960 0201 Day. Mr. JIM FRENCH, 807 2114. Mr. PADDY MOLONEY, 459 7027. Mr. WILLIAM DOWNING, 202 6357. Mr. J. M. DAVIES, 579 0384 Night; 992 3481, Ext. 125 Day, and Mr. T. KEANY.



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Gort Parish re-union was a great success. The postal strike did hamper arrangements to a degree, but if the end product of the night is a foretaste of things to come, then we look forward in anticipation. It was a happy occasion with a sprinkling of olagon and caoineadh. Wally O'Connor said he met people he hadn't seen for thirty years. Surely that's something.

Led again by our illustrious Chairman, Gerry, we had a terrific night at the Galway Men's Association of the Midlands of England annual banquet and dance at Leamington. We breezed up the M1 and replenished ourselves as follows— Ballinasloe Consomme, Corrib Front Meuniere, Entrecote Bordelaise from Dunmore, Pommes Croquettes from Ballygar, Sprouts from Cortoon, Pommes Panventier from Clonberne, Cappataggle Creme Opera, Salthill Gaelic Coffee.

Our kind thanks to our hosts who made a "woeful" fuss of us. We were feasted at the top table amid such company as John Donnellan, T.D.; Clr. Pat Donnellan and his wife Mary; Noel Cantwell, Manager Coventry F.C. and his good lady; Fr. Lyons (Ballinasloe), President; Michael Greally, Allied Irish Banks; John Allen (Salthill) and his wife May (nee Burke, Corrib Terrace); Fr. Boyle, from Renmore; the Keanes; the Thorntons (Clonbur); the Flemings; the half of Tuam and its environs. We were invited to a party at Michael Keanes after the festivities. Having to drive to London and the St. Patrick's Day Parade ghosting over us, the cigars and champers did not prevail. We made discreet goodbyes and stole swiftly out along the concrete ribbon that was to see us in Barnet at 5.30 a.m.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was eventful for us all. Connacht won first prize for their display. Thanks to Luke, Gerry and the gang. Pat Faherty carried our banner in Dublin and then went on to Galway to see the folks. He assures us that they are all well — "any tips for the races."

Mass was offered at the Irish Centre prior to the March meeting for the repose of the soul of the late Michael Molloy. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. J. Casey, S.C.M., our chaplain, and there was a large attendance.

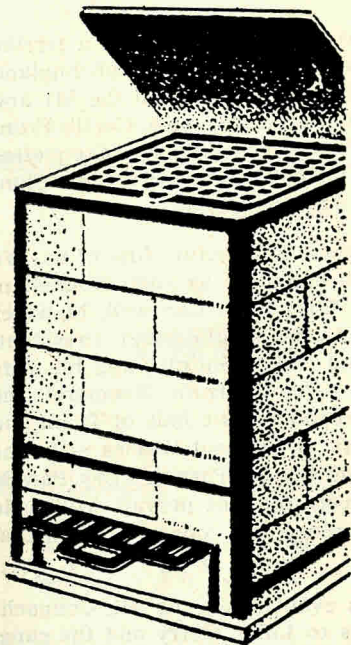
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Mr. Robert King (Captain of Cavan Association Quiz Team) with his bride, Miss Eileen Corkery of Kerry, taken at the reception following their wedding on Saturday, 20th February, 1971.

HISTORY OF CAVAN ASSOCIATION — Part II

by B. F. Mullen

In earlier years we were known as the Cavan Men's Association. It was following upon a lot of hard work in 1951 by Mr. P. J. McGovern from West Cavan and Mrs. Hunt from East Cavan, that a start was made on forming an Association. Invitations were sent to potential members and a meeting was held in the London Spa, Exmouth Market, E.C.1, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gallen. With

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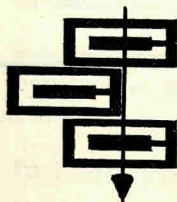
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CAVAN (continued from page 11)

the support of Jack Brady, Pat Hetheron and Harry Mulvany the Association was launched early in 1952. A membership fee of 25p was set.

Socials and meetings were held in the Rising Sun, Euston Road, where Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brady were mine hosts.

Membership increased and among new members were Rev. Jack Moore, who later became Chairman, James Clarke, Solicitor, later Secretary of the Association for a few years, and Harry Mulvany, who became treasurer. At a later A.G.M. Kilian O'Connell became secretary in succession to James Clarke.

Application for Bacon and Cabbage Supper/Dance tickets for Saturday, 1st May, 1971, in the Irish Centre, Camden Square, N.W.1. at 7.45 p.m., should be made on the form below.

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As the song says "Its a great day for the Irish" and Sunday, 14th March, proved it. In Spring-like weather, Leitrim Association took part in St. Patrick's Day Parade. Behind our banner of Green and Gold we were glad to see more Leitrim people walking than other years.

We wish to congratulate the committee of Clan Connacht on winning 1st prize, the Guinness Trophy, for the best and most attractive float in the parade. Leitrim were glad to be of assistance and were thrilled to see our work came to some good.

On 15th April a founder member, Mr. Patrick McMorro, retires and leaves London to settle in his native Kilty Clougher near Manorhamilton. We wish him a happy and peaceful retirement.

Our usual monthly draw to members for a Premium Bond is held at our monthly meeting.

A date to remember: 15th May, booked for a dance in the Irish Centre.

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A social get-together meeting on 18th March concluded a very busy week for all association members and their friends. Everyone enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our own Irish Centre Boys' Band looked magnificent in their new uniforms as they preceded the Ulster Counties in the parade.

Mr. Noel Maguire of Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh, who is a member of the Clogher Historical Society, has returned from the Antarctica. The first Irish citizen to reach the inner circle of the Antarctica and set foot on McMurdo Sound and by virtue of this fact forever a member of the McMurdo Society. Noel is a nephew of Mr. John Carron, Nationalist M.P. at Stormont.

And now from the "Bottom of the World" to an event that is of interest to every County. The Council of Irish Counties Annual Dinner and the Thomas Gorman Competition results. Hope we are lucky.

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Less than a month to go to our Annual Dinner and Dance which will be held at the Penthouse Restaurant, John Barkers, Kensington, on Saturday, 8th May. Reception 7.45 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. Dancing till 1 a.m. Any members who have not as yet booked their tickets are requested to do so immediately. We regret to announce that His Lordship Dr. Eamonn Casey will not be in attendance at our Annual Dinner as he will be in South America at that time.

We are pleased to learn that the Kerry team will be travelling to Wembley for the Gaelic Games at Whit and we have been granted permission by the London County Board to entertain the team on Whit Saturday night. We hope to put on a function for the team and we may have the Bishop of Kerry as our guest on that occasion as he shall be blessing the Hostel at Craven Park on Whit Sunday. We will be able to give all members the final details in the May issue of this Journal.

At the moment we are viewing some properties in N.W. London and if a suitable property is offered we will make arrangements to purchase a second property to be used as another hostel.

The support for the St. Patricks Day Parade and Banquet by members was as expected very successful and we were very pleased to have such a large following on the day of the parade and also at the banquet. The concert also was very well attended by members of the association. It is always very encouraging when committees show enterprise like the Parade Committee did and everything goes without a hitch. Five members of the Association travelled to Dublin to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade and from reports a most enjoyable trip was had by all.

On the subject of concerts the Irish Centre concert at the Albert Hall was very enjoyable. Whilst people may agree with presentations of the nature being made on the occasion, one also feels that the occasion should not be marred by the personal feelings of certain individuals being imposed upon us. Let us hope that public occasions will not in future be used for such a purpose.

We regret to inform you of the death in London of a great Kerry and London Gael, the late Chris Murphy, of the Queen Adelaide, Uxbridge Road, W.12. The remains were removed to Ireland on March 29th. We extend our sympathy to all his relatives on their loss. Our sincere sympathy also to Fr. Liam Fanning, Chaplain of the Irish Centre on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to one of our committee members on his election as treasurer of the London Co. Board, Mr. Martin Diggins. This position was held by a founder member of the Association, Mr. Johnny Moriarty, for 13 years.



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The Association had a very successful A.G.M. with a large attendance of old members and I am happy to report that several new members also attended. It is gratifying that the membership is increasing and we hope that this will continue.

Our past secretary, Mr. Clive Fogerty, has retired from the secretaryship after eight years unbroken service, this surely must be a record. There were many glowing tributes paid to Clive for his work, energy and organisation within the association. Although he deserves a well earned rest I am happy to tell you that he is still with us and is now the Vice Chairman. He accepted this on the condition that it would give him time to deal with the forthcoming Charter Flights. No. 1 to Shannon in August and No. 2 to the U.S.A. in October.

For my sins I am the new secretary and I hope that I can meet the challenge. Of one thing I am confident that there will always be help and advice from Clive. I take this opportunity to thank all our members and their friends for the wonderful turn-out on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Congratulations to the Parade Committee on a wonderful job well done without fuss or bother. In co-operation with the Council of Counties and with several members of the other counties both Mrs. Lahiffe and myself travelled over to Dublin to represent Clare in the Dublin Parade. Nora and I carried the Clare Banner from the start to the finish and although it was getting heavy towards the end we enjoyed every minute of it. Truly it was a great show and it was a great idea having the London Counties show their Banners in THE St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We still require books of Green Shield Stamps to send a hand-capped child to Lourdes, we also require Milk Bottle Tops and Silver paper to complete the purchase of a dog for the blind.

Our deepest sympathy to the Frawley family on the recent death of Martin Frawley. R.I.P. Martin was a founder member of the association, he was a great Clare man and loved by all who came in contact with him.

The Quiz with Dublin will be over before you read this but we are confident of victory. Members will get a notice of forthcoming events within the next ten days, the reason for the delay is the first meeting of the new committee does not take place until early next week.

Our very best wishes to Mrs. Mary Lysath, who is in the Royal Northern Hospital with a leg injury, we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her out and about soon.

Will members please note the date of the Charter to Shannon, August 14th for two weeks.

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The officers and Committee of the Monaghan Association wish to congratulate the Council of Irish County Associations and Thomond Publishing Company, on their excellent Journal and to thank them for giving us the opportunity of communicating with all natives of Monaghan resident in London.

Our monthly meetings are held in the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W.1, on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at about 9 p.m. Anyone wishing to come along will be very welcome as we always look forward to meeting new members, our next meeting takes place on 1st April. It will start at 8.30 p.m. with a Requiem Mass for several members', recently deceased, relatives.

Our annual Dinner and Dance took place at the Gresham Ballroom, on 18th February. His Worship, the Bishop, Mr. John F. Conlon, T.D., and Mr. Michael Duffy, Chairman of the Monaghan County Board, were amongst many guests who travelled from Ireland for the function which was a tremendous success, enjoyed by all.

Our next dance will take place at St. Augustine's Hall, 55 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, on 24th April. Dancing to the West-Tones 8—12, licensed bar. All are welcome. A future note — our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner in the Irish Centre, 26th June. Tickets will be on sale early in April.

Anyone wishing to join the Association please contact the Secretary or come along to the meeting to enrol.

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Tickets for Wembley are as follows: £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 50p, children are half price if the tickets are bought from the Box Office at Wembley Stadium prior to the date of the game.

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MEATH ASSOCIATION

We held our A.G.M. on the 14th February. The meeting was largely attended. It was a quite pleasant meeting with the election of officers going smoothly. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Fr. Jim Lynch; Chairman, Mr. W. F. Farman; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Goodman; Secretary, Mrs. M. Swann; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. B. Donoghue; Treasurer, Miss D. O'Shea. Committee: Mr. J. Sheils, Mrs. M. Malone, Mr. J. Swann, Mr. J. Rothwell, Mr. J. Boyle, Mr. J. Coyle, Mr. D. Farman, Mr. K. Coyle, Mrs. J. Rothwell. Mr. P. Cassidy (Press Officer).

Our monthly socials are being held on the first Saturday of each month in "The Princess of Wales", junction of Abbey Road and Belsize Road. The next social is on Saturday the 3rd of April. Music by "Benn Bros". Dancing from 9 to 12. Admission 25p.

We have entered a team in the inter-county quiz competition. The team is Mr. J. Coyle, Miss K. Lynch, Mr. Liam Farman, Mr. Peter Goodman, Mr. P. Cassidy.

The biggest crowd ever marched behind the Meath banner in this year's St. Patricks Day Parade. Everyone is looking forward to the annual outing to Margate. Plans this year are much the same as former years. It takes place on Whit Sunday.

Congratulations to the sponsors of the journal, The Meath Association wishes it success in the future.

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OUR QUIZ

JUNIORS

1. If a Spaniard told you he is going to "Rich Port", where is he going?
2. Which popular song advocates dual control on wheels?
3. What is meant by "a wow"?
4. What is the difference between a hyperbola and a hyperbole?
5. Why is a drawing room so called?
6. In Scotland the Duke of Rothesay follows the Queen immediately in precedence. Who is the Duke of Rothesay?

VETERANS

1. Questions on opera characters:
 - (a) Whose tiny hand was frozen?
 - (b) Whose heart awakes softly?
2. What have Phobos and Demos in Common?
3. What is a jaw-box?
4. Why do dogs eat faster than cats?
5. Where can you dine on 30th February?
6. Where must you not be called by your name?

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1. Puerto Rico. This means "Rich Port".
2. Daisy
3. A huge success.
4. A hyperbola is a geometrical curve; a hyperbole is an exaggeration.
5. A drawing room is an abbreviation of the word "withdrawing" room into which Victorian ladies withdrew from the dining room.
6. The Duke of Rothesay is Prince Charles, the eldest son of the Sovereign.

VETERANS

1. (a) Mimi in "La Boheme"; (b) Delilah in "Samson and Delilah".
2. They are both moons of Mars.
3. A kitchen sink.
4. Pack instinct.
5. On a ship going East in Leap Year.
6. In the House of Commons.

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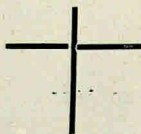
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THE COLUMBAN FATHERS IN LONDON

In the Ireland of 1916 a "terrible beauty was born" in the final awakening of the nation from the shackles of centuries of domination. What is often forgotten is that side by side, with the well documented cultural and political stirrings of the time, another terrible beauty was born, in a national re-awakening of the Irish Missionary Spirit. This had been dormant for centuries. Now a rash of missionary endeavour was about to break on the Irish scene. First in the field was the "Maynooth Mission to China" — the visionary brain child of Frs. Edward Galvin (Cork), and John Blowick (Mayo). The Chinese Mission was soon to be a household word across the country — due mainly to the popular and widely read magazine "The Far East."

The Maynooth Mission was really its popular title in Ireland. With the spread of the Society to America and Australia — its official title "The Missionary Society of St. Columban" soon took root, and with the passage of years this has been rounded down to "The Columban Fathers." Their appearance on the English scene is something of a latter day happening. It is as if the sweep of its initial westward globe encirclement has come full circle through the States, the Pacific, the Far East and now back to its own door step in Britain.

The Columban Fathers have been active in London circles over the past 15 years. Their House at 30 Ovington Square, S.W.3., has been associated with Irish Emigrant work, in the persons of Frs. Ted McElroy, Cyril Murphy and now Fr. John Casey, since its foundation. The Columban Fathers have also been actively engaged in the Promotion of the Lay Apostolate (and particularly the Legion of Mary). Here the name of Fr. Aidan McGrath immediately springs to mind.

But the primary work of the Columban Fathers has always been, and is, the promotion of their missionary needs, among the Catholics in Britain. This involves a quest for vocations and funds. Fr. Tony O'Dwyer (Galway), is currently involved with the promotion of vocations. On the fund-raising side, Frs. Des Quinn (Mayo), and Joe O'Grady (Sligo), are well-known for their industry and participation in the various social fronts of London. I asked Fr. Quinn what exactly was the nature of his work: "Making the Catholics on the home front mission-minded, aware of their commitment to the 3rd World in the persons of the poor and under privileged people's of the Far East, in

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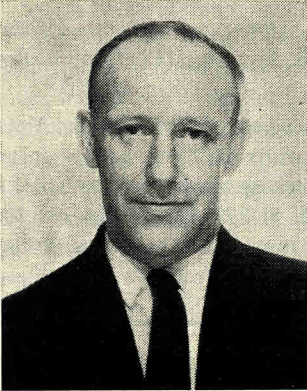
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COLUMBAN FATHERS (continued)

terms of sharing with them something of their affluence of their very selves. The missionary is their representative. Apart from the regular Sunday Appeals in Churches around England, we also organise concerts, dances and film shows among Catholic communities around London."

The recently formed "Columban Fathers Missionary Guild" is an association of friends and helpers around Britain who are actively involved in helping the Missions through various events — coffee mornings, raffles, walks, etc. Frs. Quinn and O'Grady are always looking for new members. Among the benefits of membership is a special Charter Flight to the States annually. They have had flights of this kind with Aer Lingus for the past five years. This year they depart London/New York on September 11th and return on October 3rd, Fare £65.

The Columban Fathers are moving house in London on March 31st, from Ovington Square to 28 Redington Road, N.W.3. Their new telephone number is 01-794 8131/2. We wish them well in their new home and success in all their undertakings:

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LONDON WEXFORDMENS ASSOCIATION

The London Wexfordmens Association have a happy knack of doing things and their recently held Irish Bacon and Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre, on Saturday, March 27th, was no exception. Their chairman, Pat McCabe, who presided took the opportunity of passing over a piece of Waterford Glass to their Honorary Auditor, Mr. Michael Ryan, a former General Secretary of the Council and the Tipperarymens Association. Michael has audited the books for their Association over the past years and tribute was paid to him and his Wexford born wife Eiblis by the Chairman. Almost 200 sat down for the traditional meal served well by the Staff of the Irish Centre.

Functions for the future in April are the combined Social to greet the Boys from the Barrow Town of New Ross — the Geraldines and O'Hanrahans who arrive in London on Good Friday Morning. They play the All Wexford Fr. Murphys in hurling and football and cups, donated by the London Wexfordmens Association and Tommy Murphy, will go to the winners. The get-together will be held at the Cricklewood Hotel on Saturday, April 10th and Easter Sunday for a reception and dinner at the Cricklewood Hotel after the Gaelic Games.

The Association hold their welfare benefit dance at the Cricklewood Hotel, on Saturday, April 17th and, as this is worthy of support, your donation of 30 pence will be more than welcomed.

Meanwhile the Association goes on planning for the Summer. A Bazaar will be held in June, an Outing to Brighton in July and sponsors are required to back the Cadogan children for the Irish Centre's Marathon Walk in May. All information may be had from the Secretary, Mrs. Newport, 88 Valley Road, London, S.W. 16. Phone 01-677 0053.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the vice-chairman paid tribute to the St. Patrick's Parade Committee for the wonderful organisation of this year's Parade. Committee member Tommy Murphy suitably replied on behalf of the Parade Committee and thanked the Association for the wonderful turnout by the Wexfordmen. He praised them for coming second in the Float Competition.

trophy to the New York Band. Mr. Michael O'Halloran thanked the Parade Committee, the artists and the audience for the wonderful day and night.

The Float winners were: 1st Connacht, 2nd Wexford, 3rd Ulster. Band winners: 1st City of London, 2nd Agnes O'Connell, 3rd St. Joseph's Junior Pipers. G.A.A. competition: 1st Fr. Murphy Club, 2nd Cu-Chullian Club.

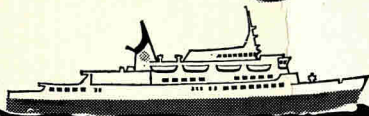
His Excellency the Irish Ambassador graced their function at the fifth annual Festival Dinner and held in the Gresham Ballroom, the Archway, the spacious mecca for all Irish functions. Dr. O'Sullivan spoke of the unrest and suffering in the North East part of Ireland at the present time.

The proceedings were in charge of Frank McCabe in the absence of Jim Conway who could not be present due to illness. May we in conclusion wish Jim a full recovery to his usual good health and just say Go Raibh Mile maith agat for all you have rendered for the Irish and Irish Organisations in London.

TOMOS O'MURCU.

P.S.—Don't forget next general meeting at the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, S.W.1, on Tuesday, 20th April, 1971. Another note for your diary is the A.G.M. at the same venue on Tuesday, 4th May, 1971.

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