

All-Ireland Champion



Tony Ryan (foreground), Dungarvan A.C., winner of the All-Ireland Under 16 cross-country championship B.L.E. at Tullamore recently, photographed with members of the Waterford team who finished third in the inter-county team.

T.V. STARS LEAD CAST IN ABBEYSIDE/BALLINACOURTY G.A.A. CONCERT

Appearing in the Abbesside Ballinacourty Variety Concert at the Friary Hall, Dungarvan, on the 7th and 8th January 1971 are the famous Ballyhassey Ballad Group, Waterford. This group, since winning the Tops of the Town Talent Contest, have been playing to packed halls all over the country and have been acclaimed as the finest act to emerge in Irish amateur variety in the past number of years. Temporary offers to turn professional have been pouring in but the group's leader, Danny Corcoran, is adamant that, despite their meteoric rise to fame, the Ballyhassey will still retain their amateur status.

The group has just returned from a highly successful tour of America, highlight of which was their appearance on WGN Sunday Television Feature "International Cafe", an hour long feature which was seen by millions of viewers in Mid-West America. Along with Danny Corcoran we have the burly "tinker", Fiddy Power, whose play with the diminutive Ann McGrath is undoubtedly the funniest part of the Ballyhassey programme. The fourth member of the group is Martin Flynn, whose rendering of such popular numbers as Danny Boy and Boulevard leavens audiences everywhere clamouring for more.

BALLAD QUEEN SUPREME
Joining the Ballyhassey will be Ann Mulqueen Ballad Queen Supreme, Radio TV and Recording star. Also appearing will be Dungarvan's own Annette, a hit with audiences everywhere. Making their stage debut will be the Coffey family, balladeers and instrumentalists. Terry Dalton is sure to delight patrons with his usual fine rendering of all the popular songs and from Cappagh we are proud to present the 63-year-old "youngster" of the step-dancing world, Jack Power. Jack has appeared recently on RTE and is sure to be a big hit. The ever popular Ring Cabaret Group will be on hand to lead the audience in song and music whilst the merry and light-hearted are in the capable hands of Danny Lemithan and Michael Whelan, who no doubt will be up to all their old tricks.

JACKIE FAHEY, T.D.
announces with regret that he will be unable to visit the usual places in West Waterford in January.
He will, however, attend in February and a further announcement about this will be made.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION
All you have to do to live beyond your means nowadays is to pay your bills.
TOO LATE
Then there is the fellow who joined the Navy before he found out who kept the ships so nice and clean.

CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR

On a recent Sunday we prayed for the hungry. We must surely have thought as we did so, that this very season of Christmas recalls the travellers from Nazareth to Bethlehem, homeless too in the end, refugees almost, as are so many in the world.

But the first Christmas was the feast of the Child and of his parents who were poor. A dream born in a herdsman's hut and the secret scripture of the poor. The substance was divine, supernatural, the opening of a new era. But the externals, which had to be done to make it possible, were lying and touching to all who would see. Among the first to do so were the nomads of the nearby desert, itinerants too of a kind, characteristically they are by tradition depicted bringing the first gifts.

RALLYDUFF NOTES
Bingo Winners—We extend our congratulations to the following who had recent wins in Bingo: Michael Tobin, Mrs. M. Tobin, Miss B. Partridge and Missie Walsh.
New Year—On Tuesday night last, 22nd December, Mr. Bill Cannon showed slides, taken by him whilst in the U.S.A. in St. Michael's Hall, Ballydoole.

N.F.A. WEEKLY BULLETIN

MILK PRICES MUST BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH E.E.C.

It was a matter of great urgency that Irish creamery milk prices were brought into line with the milk prices obtaining in the E.E.C. countries, stated Mr. L. J. Maher, President of the National Farmers' Association when he spoke at the North East Cork Regional Dinner in Malton.

Mr. Maher deplored the fact that the recent announcement of milk prices made no reference to quality milk and he said that unless we produced milk of high quality we could not manufacture the milk products required for the very competitive world market for dairy products both within and outside the E.E.C.

There is now not much time left to make the necessary adjustments and I urge the Government to take particular note of this in the field of milk production," he said.

He said that in addition to the arguments for a proper increase in milk prices based on the E.E.C. case there was also the great urgency to do so from the very rapidly increasing costs of milk producers.

BIG PROBLEM FOR PIG PRODUCERS

Many pig producers were threatening to give up production and others were finding it practically impossible to meet their repayments on the capital they invested during the last couple of years in buildings, stock and equipment.

This was stated at a meeting of the N.F.A. National Pigs and Bacon Committee, where the recent increase in the guaranteed price for top grades was rejected as being unrealistic. An average increase of 10% was granted whereas the N.F.A. had produced a well-documented case for a minimum increase of 30%.

DELEGATES MEET FOR IMMEDIATE CALL FOR TAOISEACH
An immediate and urgent meeting with the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch and with the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Gibbons to discuss the increased costs facing farmers was called for by delegates to the National Council of the National Farmers' Association at a meeting in Dublin.

The delegates reported that strong demands for action were being made by farmers throughout the country.

The delegates stated generally they have had to face increased costs over the past 12 months which were not met in the recent award made by the Minister and they further stated that in the New Year they will have to meet even steeper increases in costs, including wages and feedstuffs.

Catholics when they stand up together and sing: "Faith of our Fathers" may realise almost with amusement that they might as well be singing "Faith of our Children."

Then there was the ten-year-old who was stumped by her exam question: "What is a granary?" After a long time in thought she wrote: "A granary is a place where old ladies are kept."



Photographed at the presentation dinner to mark Miss Marion Lavery's retirement as Secretary of the I.M.P.A. and P.N.A. Left to right: Mr. W. O'Hanlon, President, P.N.A.; Miss Lavery, Miss Una Sheridan, Secretary I.M.P.A., and P.N.A., and Mr. W. D. Britton, President, I.M.P.A.

Mr. Phinkett pointed to the fact that we imported 97,000 tons of sugar in 1966, while this year the figure had been cut to 30,000 tons. "I would hope that in the very near future this country will reach the point where we are not importing sugar at all. We are urged to buy Irish — why not let us grow Irish? Our beet growers are anxious to produce more — why inhibit them?"

Referring to the importance of vegetable production in the economy of medium-sized farms, Mr. Phinkett pointed to the development in vegetable production in North Tipperary/Oxley/Galway regions. The vegetables from this area are processed mainly at the Banagher factory of Messrs. Batchelors Ltd.

He continued: "Prices paid to growers must be on an economic level and during price negotiations last year on peas a Joint Committee was formed consisting of representatives of the Banagher area, Co. Dublin growers (who are also suppliers to Batchelors), and the B.V.A. to further the interests of growers. A new structure for pea prices was agreed on which worked successfully during the current year."

He referred to the milk processing industry and said that considerable room for improvement existed. He paid tribute to the number of very efficient milk processing plants but said that with the implementation of an overall rationalisation plan considerable advantages would accrue to milk suppliers.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO NENAGH N.F.A. DINNER
The recent announcement by the Minister for Agriculture of an increase in the national beet acreage of 6,000 acres was a step towards meeting beet growers' demands to grow the country's total sugar requirements on Irish farms.

This was stated by Mr. Jim Phinkett, Chairman of the Beet and Vegetable Growers' Association and Vice-President of the National Farmers' Association, when he addressed an N.F.A. dinner in Nenagh.

TRIBUTES TO MISS MARION LAVERY

The Irish Master Printers Association and the Provincial Newspapers' Association paid a tribute to Miss Marion Lavery at their presentation Dinner at Jurey's Hotel, Dublin, to mark her departure as secretary of both Associations.

Miss Lavery, in her reply, referred to the importance of provincial printing and publishing in the life of the country and thanked the Associations for the kindness, consideration, friendship and hospitality she had received from the members in the long period during which she had been Secretary.

BALLYSGAGGART NOTES
Company Centre—The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre Committee took place on Tuesday, 15th December. Rev. Fr. Quigley, C.C., President, attended.

G.A.A.—In G.A.A. circles it is rather quiet now, with interest in the championships finished, however, the younger lads were taking the league, organised in Lismore C.B.S., very seriously. There were teams from Lismore, Tallow, Ballyduff and Ballysgaggart.

Old Folks Dance—Don't forget Bennetts on Christmas night for a great night of music, song and dance.

Christmas Greetings—Through the medium of this column we send Seasons Greetings to all our readers, especially those who are away from home, or who are sick, either at home or in hospital.

ATTENTION All Farmers

For Prompt Collection of all Dead and Disabled Animals—Contact: MICK DUGGAN, Town Parks, Cahir, or 'Phone Cahir 454—day or night

DROMCOLLOGHER MART, CO. LIMERICK
Next In-calf Heifer Sale on next Wednesday, 30th December, at 11 a.m. sharp. On offer 300 outstanding in-calf heifers Fr., Sh. and Ayr. Transport available to all parts, or cattle held over. Telephone Dromcollogher 31.

CLOMEL PIG MARKET
(MUNSTER'S LEADING MARKET)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, at 11.30 a.m.
Reason Pigs, Pork Pigs, Stores, Fat Sows and Breeding Sows.
STOKES & QUIRKE, CLOMEL. 'Phone 123.

IT'S CHEAPER AT MOLONEYS

BEECHER'S FOR VALUE
JUST A FEW OF OUR GREAT MONEY SAVING OFFERS:—
Jacobs Jaffa Cakes and Afternoon Tea 2/5, save 6d. now 1/11. K-Y Australian Peas 2s 4/4, save 1/-, now 3/4. Club Orange, Club Lemon etc. 6 for 7/-, save 1/11 now 6 for 5/11. M'stross Fruit Cocktail 1s 2/9, save 6d. now 2/3. K-Y Australian Peas 2s 4/2, save 1/-, now 3/2. Pax. Stuffing 1/2, save 3d. now 1/11. Jacobs Assorted Chocolates and Kimbrey (Gang size) 2/5, save 7d. now 1/11. Gold Reef Pineapple Slices 2/3, save 4d. now 1/11. Quash Oranges 3/9, save 1/3, now 2/6 plus bottle. Toilet Rolls 2/5, save 9d. now 1/9. Jamhossed Fruit Dishes 2/-, save 6d. now 1/6. Ugly Gables 8 oz. 2/6, save 9d. now 1/9. Have you ordered your Christmas Ham, Turkeys Chickens, etc., etc.

WISHING ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.
IT PAYS TO SHOP AT—
BEECHER'S V.G. FOODMARKET
TALLOW, 'PHONE 29.
BEECHERS SUPERMARKET, YOUGHAL.—'PHONE 2226

Won I.R.A Scholarship



Group photographed following the presentation of the West Waterford Brigade Old I.R.A. Memorial Scholarship to this year's winner, Thomas Mac Carthy, Shanbally Terrace, Cappoquin, a pupil of St. Anne's School, Cappoquin (front center). Also included are Mr. Pox Whelan, Chairman, members of the Committee, Rev. Mother Margaret Mary and members of the teaching staff of St. Anne's.

