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Christmas '88 Was Quiet And Orderly For Us

The most notable feature of Christmas 1988 throughout Co. Waterford was its unseasonably warm weather. Over the entire period, day temperatures averaged 12°C (54°F) which put us on a par with such Mediterranean sunspots as Majorca. According to the Met Office the country as a whole enjoyed the mildest December for over 14 years with records being broken during the Christmas holiday break when temperatures ranged from 11 to 14 degrees — four degrees higher than normal. For the most part it was also mainly dry, the outstanding exception being St. Stephen's Day which saw a steady rainfall for most of the day although it still remained very mild. The long spell of abnormally fine weather is expected to end this week when conditions are likely to become more changeable with a greater risk of rain.

MANY LIVES LOST

While no outward incidents to mar the festive season in Dungarvan or throughout the western end of the county have been reported by the gardai, in other areas it has proved to be one of the worst Christmas periods for accidents in

recent years with a total of 21 people losing their lives. Ten people were killed in road accidents, seven children died in house fires — four in Bray and three in Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny — the bodies of three people were recovered after drownings and a young man was crushed to death in a freak accident outside a Dublin Supermarket.

Added to this, the dreadful pre-Christmas disasters of the Armenian earthquake, the London rail crash and the blowing up of a Pan-am Jumbo Jet over Scotland while on a flight to New York, claimed countless lives and cast a gloom internationally over the entire Yuletide celebrations.

DRIVERS WERE CAUTIOUS

The drunk driving campaign mounted by the Gardai, the National Road Safety Association and the Department of the Environment for the Christmas period proved to be a wonderful success as drivers responded favourably to the warnings issued to keep out of the driving seat.

On inquiry at Dungarvan Garda Station on Monday morning last, the "Leader" was informed that only one

driver failed the breath test in the area over the Christmas and a Garda spokesman reported that everything had generally been quiet and orderly.

PETROL "BOMB"

The only untoward incident the Garda reported was what was described as a petrol "bomb" attack on the exterior of Minnie's Lounge in Abbeyside which occurred around 3 a.m. on Friday morning, December 30. The "bomb," a bottle of petrol, was thrown at the premises and ignited but fortunately the only damage was the minor scorching of an entrance door. "Had the "bomb" gone through the window it could have resulted in a serious fire at the premises," said the Garda spokesman.

The incident was immediately reported to the Gardai when it occurred and following a swift investigation a young man was approached and he will appear on a charge in court in due course.

IN THE CHURCHES

The fine weather on Christmas Eve saw bigger than usual crowds out and about and the now early "midnight" Masses saw huge congregations pack the churches in all areas. Masses on Christmas morning also saw the Churches crowded and it was on these occasions that the real spirit of Christmas became manifest and was truly observed as wishes for happiness, peace and joy were freely exchanged.

CHARITY SWIM

The annual Christmas Day Charity Swim at Clonea Strand organised by the Dungarvan Lions Club attracted a large number of swimmers and spectators, all of whom could not have wished for more favourable weather for the event.

DRASTIC WEATHER CHANGE

There was a drastic change in the weather on Tuesday last when strong winds and rain replaced the mild conditions that had prevailed for the previous few weeks. Changeable conditions over the next few days are forecast.



Darrell Moloney, DARRELLS SHOP, O'Connell Street, Dungarvan, presenting an AIWA Midi System to Mrs Ann Nolan, Cappagh, who was the winner of the Place The Ball Competition run in the *Leader* prior to Christmas. Included is Michael Power, Dungarvan Leader.

COUNTY ROAD REPAIRS WILL COST ALMOST £0.5 MILLION

Following in the wake of the flooding which resulted from the disastrous rainstorms last November, many roads throughout County Waterford and particularly in the West of the County suffered serious damage and the cost of carrying out anything in the nature of adequate repairs to restore the road surfaces is providing the County Council with a major headache.

The kernel of the problem is, of course as in so many other instances, finding the money so that the much needed repair works can be carried out. The County Council has submitted a schedule of the work required to restore the roads to the Department of the Environment with a request for a special allocation of funds to enable the work to be done.

When the matter was raised in the Dail last month, the Minister, Mr. Pdraig Flynn informed Deputy Austin Deasy that following the severe weather in November he asked local authorities in the affected areas to prepare reports on the extent of flood damage which had occurred. He also sought their views on immediate remedial measures which they considered necessary and on the question of works which might usefully be undertaken to prevent a recurrence of flooding.

Among the reports he had received in reply to this request was one from Waterford County Council and he was considering what further action should be taken in the matter.

COULD NOT INDICATE

It was then pointed out to the Minister by Deputy Deasy that the cost of the repair work in Waterford, specifically for roads, was in the region of £440,000 and he asked if the Minister could give some indication as to when he would be able to give money to the Co. Council and to say how much.

Mr. Flynn agreed that the figure mentioned was roughly correct but he said that he could not say what the final outcome would be until he had considered the reports from all the other local authorities so affected.

Deputy Deasy proceeded to press the case for Waterford by pointing out that the Waterford County Engineer (Mr. John O'Flynn) had submitted a very comprehensive report of the damage to the roads in the County and which, because of the Council's extremely restricted financial position, they were unable to repair. "Some of the roads in the County have been made totally impassable because of flood damage," he said.

Minister Flynn replied that he was aware of some of the

difficulties referred to by the Deputy but until he had considered all the reports from the other counties he was not in a position to say what money could be made available to relieve the situation in Waterford.

EC FUND NOT APPROPRIATE

Referring to a suggestion that EC funds be sought for such repairs and damage, the Minister said that approximately £2.3 million had been set aside by the EC in 1988 to assist people in the Community who were victims of natural catastrophes. "But," the Minister added, "application for assistance from such a fund is not appropriate in this case".

EC FEOGA GRANT FOR WATERFORD CO-OP

Ireland has been allocated £5.9 million from the EC's Feoga Guidance Fund for 11 projects in processing sectors and included is a grant of £580,876 for Waterford Co-op for a project involving the rationalisation of milk assembly facilities at their plant at Kilmea, ^{street, Dublin 2.} This latest Feoga grant brings the total to £1.2 million.

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RECENT DEATHS

MR. JOHN NEYLIN



John Neylin of Shandon, Dungarvan whose death took place on Wednesday, December 14, was a well known and respected member of the community. He was a native of Cork City, born in the shadow of the famous Shandon Bells. Most of his youth was spent in the picturesque area of Kinsale. Like many people of that era he took the emigrant boat to Cardiff. It was in that famous Welsh city that he met and married his wife Mary Treasa (nee Whelan). On their return to Dungarvan thirty eight years ago they set up a small grocery shop in the town where they enjoyed the support of the local community.

John was a carpenter, by trade, who took a great pride in his work, his efforts were always spoken of with the highest acclaim. His attention to detail and diligence were a model for all to follow. For many years he was employed in the local hospital. In the sixties he worked at Quigley Magnesite and later moved to Waterford Glass.

He was one of nature's gentlemen who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. A devoted husband and loving father he will be missed by his sorrowing wife and family, to whom we extend deep sympathy.

On Thursday evening his remains were brought from the Kiely Funeral Home to St. Mary's Parish Church where they were blessed and received by Rev. T. Rogers C.C., assisted by Rev. J. Griffin C.C., Rev. W. Carey C.C., Rev. J. Hooper O.S.A. and Very Rev. P. McCarthy O.S.A. (Prior) Galway.

Following Requiem Mass on Friday for the happy repose of his soul John was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Fr. T. Rogers C.C. who was celebrant of the Requiem Mass also officiated at the graveside assisted by Rev. J. Griffin C.C., Rev. W. Carey C.C. and Rev. J. Hooper O.S.A.

Chief mourners — Mary Treasa (wife); Elaine, Colette, Sinead (daughters); Derek (son); Michael Flynn, Tomas McGrath (sons-in-law); Paddy (brother); Bridget (sister); Margaret (sister); and Mrs. J. Hooper (sister-in-law) all of Dungarvan and Requiem Mass on Thurs-

relatives and friends. (Funeral arrangements by J. Kiely and Sons, Dungarvan).

MR. MICHAEL MANSFIELD

Sincere sympathy is extended to the uncles, aunt, nephews, nieces relatives and friends of the late Michael Mansfield, Ballinamertina, Ardmore whose passing occurred last Sunday, December 18, at Ardkreen Hospital, Waterford. His remains were removed from the Kiely Funeral Home on Monday evening to St. Declan's Church, Ardmore. Following Requiem Mass on Tuesday Michael was laid to rest in St. Declan's Cemetery.

Michael was indeed a popular figure around Coveside and his passing at 57 years has saddened not alone his relatives but indeed his many friends. On a few occasions Michael was a candidate in the local elections and was always proud to relate that he attended the arrival of President Kennedy to New Ross and the funeral of Eamonn De Valera.

Full obituary in next issue. (Funeral arrangements by J. Kiely and Sons).

MR. WILLIAM DUGGAN

We regret to record the death on Tuesday, December 13 at his residence 49 O'Connell Street, Dungarvan, of Mr. William Duggan. William was member of one of the oldest and best known Old Boro' families. He had reached an advanced age and was predeceased by his wife Nonie (nee Woods) some years previously.

William followed in the family tradition and was a baker of renown and worked in many concerns in the town down through the years. He liked the simple things in life and his warm and cordial personality made him extremely popular with all who came to know him.

The local GAA club, Eire Og carved a special niche in his life as up to his passing he followed their fortunes with keen interest.

To his sons, daughters, relatives and friends we extend our sympathy on their loss.

On Wednesday evening, following prayers of requiem recited by Rev. Fr. Griffin, C.C., Willie's remains were brought from the Kiely Funeral Home to St. Mary's Parish Church. His remains were blessed and received at the church by Rev. Fr. Rogers, C.C., assisted by Rev. J. Griffin, C.C., Very Rev. J. O'Sullivan, Rev. W. Carey, C.C., Rev. J. Hooper, O.S.A., Rev. G. Hickey, O.S.A., Very Rev. P. McCarthy, O.S.A. (Prior), Galway.

Requiem Mass on Thurs-

day was celebrated by Fr. Rogers for the happy repose of his soul after which the interment took place in the family burial plot in the old churchyard cemetery.

Chief mourners — Philip, Skerries, Co. Dublin, Joseph, St. Patrick's Crescent (sons); Cora, O'Connell Street, Breeda, Clontarf, Dublin (daughters); Ann and Catherine Duggan (daughters-in-law); John O'Reilly (son-in-law); John Woods (brother-in-law), nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Dungarvan.)

MRS. ALICE O'MAHONY

The passing of Mrs. Alice O'Mahony, Sexton Street, Abbeyside, which occurred on Saturday, December 10, evoked feelings of regret and sorrow in the area. Although she had reached the fulness of years, her death greatly saddened not alone her family but indeed her many friends and acquaintances.

The deceased was a person of great charm who possessed many outstanding qualities and she will always be remembered for her kind-hearted and generous ways. The well-being of her family was especially dear to her and they in turn cared for her when her health was failing, with characteristic love and devotion.

Alice was a familiar figure over the years as she went about her daily business. She was one of the best neighbours that one could ever wish to meet and she earned the respect of all who knew her. A truly Christian lady, she personified all that was good and her virtues and values earned her the esteem of a huge circle of friends.

To her sons, daughter, relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

On Sunday evening, following prayers of requiem at the Kiely Funeral Home, recited by Rev. J. Griffin, C.C., her remains were brought to St. Mary's Parish Church. Very Rev. M. Canon Farrell, P.P., Abbeyside, assisted by Very Rev. J. O'Sullivan and Rev. J. Griffin, C.C., received and blessed the remains. A guard of honour was provided by members of the 4th Waterford St. Joseph's Scout Troop, Abbeyside. The vast numbers of sympathisers present provided testimony of the high esteem in which Alice was held by the local community.

On Monday morning, following the celebration of the Mass for the happy repose of her soul by Rev. Fr. P. Ahearne, C.C., Abbeyside, assisted by Rev. T. Rogers, C.C., and Very Rev. Fr. J. O'Sullivan, Alice was laid to rest in the family burial

ground. Chief mourners — Michael (Kerry), Raymond (Portlaw), Vinny (Tournore), Donie (Coolagh Road), Kevin (Dublin) (sons); Mrs. Claire Daly (Cork) (daughter), Donal Daly (son-in-law); Marie, Rosemary, Helen, Bridget (daughters-in-law) and a wide circle of grandchildren, relatives and friends. (Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Dungarvan.)

MRS. MARGUERITE HALLAHAN



Cuis broin duinn na linte seo do scriobh ar bas Marguerite a tharla ar an 13u de Mi na Nollag. Ce nach raibh togha na slainte aici le tamaillin ni raibh einne ag suil le críoch beatha.

The passing of Mrs. Marguerite Hallahan, Knockenpower, Colligan, greatly saddened not alone her family and relatives, but indeed her vast legion of friends. Mrs. Hallahan as she was known to most, was a colossus, an institution, as she touched so many lives and enriched them by her outstanding virtues, traits and characteristics. She possessed a charisma that was a joy to behold. Is cinnte na bheidh a leitheid ann arís.

Ta clu agus cail uirthi ar fud na hEireann agus ar ndoigh ar fud an domhain. Is maith a thuilleann si an aim in airde sin agus taimid uile moralach aisti. Rincoir, ceoltoir agus muinteoir thar bharr ab'ea i. Beidh cuimhne go deo ag na scoilairi uirthi.

Marguerite was the only daughter of Pdraig O Mil-leadhá, the well-known Deise poet who composed that touching epic "Sliabh Geal gCua na Feile." She was born in Clydach near Swansea in South Wales in 1908. Music was nurtured from the cradle onwards as the home environment encouraged a love of the most versatile of languages.

In 1922 her family returned to the 'ould sod' — not surprising really as her mother was Ellen Cullinan from the Nire and her father first saw daylight in Skeheens in East Sliabh gCua. It was in this heartland of Irish culture that Marguerite Hallahan set down her roots. Love of everything Irish was a tremendous hall-

mark of the lady, her long association with Colaiste Na Rinne is widely documented and spoken of with genuine love and admiration.

She became Munster's best known and longest serving teacher of Irish music and dancing. A devoted member of the Irish Dancing Commission and Comhaltas, she lived and strove to foster their aspirations by her infectious enthusiasm.

She will be spoken of in the years to come as one who was ahead of her time. Her steadfastness and perseverance to her ideals will be spoken of with the highest regard and admiration. We are all the poorer for her demise.

GUARDS OF HONOUR

At the removal of her remains to Touraneena Church on Wednesday evening mourners came from the cardinal points of the compass to pay their last respects. The guards of honour provided by Comhaltas Naomh Pdraig agus Dungarbhán and the Michael Hogan School of Dancing were further deserving tributes

On arrival at Touraneena Church her remains were received and blessed by Very Rev. Michael Power, P.P., assisted by Rev. Fr. J. Griffin, C.C., Dungarvan and a full choir of clergy. A guard of honour was provided by the Set Clubs of Sliabh gCua — a fitting and deserving honour.

On Thursday morning Requiem Mass was celebrated

by her dear friend Rev. Fr. Jim Griffin, C.C., Dungarvan in the presence of a huge and truly representative gathering. The readings were made by her son David and grandson Shane. The Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by the junior members of Sliabh gCua Set. Since music was such a cornerstone in her life her Requiem Mass was adorned with the beautiful rendering of O Riada's masterpieces by the local choir. The musical talents of Mattie Fahey, Treasa Butler, Biddy Nugent and Ned Power were also very much appreciated.

At the burial in the adjoining cemetery Rev. Fr. Griffin, C.C., recited the final prayers, assisted by Very Rev. Fr. M. Power, P.P., Touraneena, Rev. Fr. Lloyd, C.C., do., and another large gathering of priests and religious from many areas. The local children from Touraneena National School and their teachers were also in attendance to hear Danny Kiely give the graveside oration i nGaeilge binn na nDeise.

Chief mourners — Patrick (husband), David, Michael, Monnie (sons), Joan, Eileen, Breda (daughters-in-law), Fergal, Edna, Conor (Baltin-glass), Keith, Karen and John (London), Joseph, Diarmuid, Shane, Kieran (Dungarvan) (grandchildren) and a circle of great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

(David Kiely of James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan.)

Letters To The Editor

The Editor, Dungarvan Leader.

WORLD WAR 1 BATTLES

Sir,
I am a Military Historian in the process of collecting relevant material of the reminiscences of exservicemen, either personally or through relatives, who served in the Battles of Imphal and Kohima which occurred in 1944. Anyone who is willing to participate in this kind venture, with either information of any kind, or loan photographs etc., of the period, would be gratefully received and duly acknowledged, with all material returned as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
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Near Bank, Shelley,
Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire.
HD8 8LS. England.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARTIN

I spent many years in Co. Waterford as a Public Health nurse. During that time I was associated with a Community Care Group

known as the Friends of St. Martin in Dungarvan. Christmas 1987 I received a Christmas card from the Group for which I was very grateful but the card gave no address. I would be grateful if you would kindly print this letter in the Christmas number of your paper. I wish the Friends of St. Martin every good wish and I would say to them that never was it more necessary to have such groups working in the community. A good neighbour is a precious person for the chronically ill, the old and those who have emotional problems. The family unit is rapidly breaking down and there is great loneliness even amongst children.

May the friends of St. Martin have a Happy Christmas and may they bring some happiness to others.

Yours sincerely,
REBECCA M. RYAN,
50, Newport,
Portlaoise. Dec. 10, 1988.

[P.S. — The above was received too late for publication in our last issue — Editor.]

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CIRCUIT JUDGES TRIBUTE TO NEW GARDA SUPT.

Speaking at the opening session of Dungarvan Circuit Court, Judge D. P. Sheridan said it was with great pleasure and satisfaction that he had learned of the promotion of Supt. P. J. Hayes and it was also with great satisfaction that he was informed that the Supt. had been assigned to take charge of the Dungarvan District.

"I have known Supt. Hayes for many, many years, going back to the time when he was a Detective/Sgt.," said Judge Sheridan, "and I have always found him to be a totally committed officer and always most compassionate in the exercise of his duties. Dungarvan under his control will be in safe hands."

Judge Sheridan then expressed the hope that Supt. Hayes would be left in Dungarvan for a considerable time to enable him to carry on the excellent work as had always been so well performed by his predecessor, Supt. Matt English. He wished God's blessing on the new Supt. and again congratulated him on his promotion to such high office.

Mr. Stephen Lanigan-O'Keefe, B.L. on behalf of members of the Bar joined in the congratulations to Supt. Hayes and assured him of the continued co-operation of the members of the Bar.

Mr. John Cooke, County Registrar said that he was delighted when he heard of Supt. Hayes's promotion as apart from his ability as a police officer he brought a light-hearted approach to what can be a very difficult job. "He can be fully assured of my co-operation and that of my staff," said Mr. Cooke.

Supt. Hayes thanked Judge Sheridan, members of the Bar and the County Registrar for their congratulations which he said he very much appreciated and he said he hoped to be able to maintain for the future the good relationship that had always existed between the Garda authorities and members of the Bar and Legal Profession.

A.O.B. AT URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Under the heading 'Any Other Business' at the December monthly meeting of Dungarvan Urban Council, Cllr. M. O'Riordan queried rumours about an increase in pollution in the harbour resulting in a possible fish kill. He asked that the Town Engineer investigate the rumours and report on the matter to the Council's next meeting.

"If there is more pollution we should know who is responsible and if there has been a fish kill, compensation should be demanded from the responsible source," he said.

Mr. B. White, Town Clerk said that such a report would have to be provided by the County Council which was the controlling body where the Pollution Act was concerned.

Cllr. P. Power interjected "but it's happening in our harbour and I think it's this Council should do this."

The Town Clerk replied that "it was stitched into the pollution legislation" that the County Council was the authority for the purpose of the Act. A report would be got from them about the complaint, he said.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Cllr. Mary Dixon complained about the indiscriminate dumping which was happening along the seafront and at the Pond in Abbeyside and destroying the entire place there. "This is something that will have to be stamped out," she said.

The Town Clerk said that the difficulty there was that in order to successfully prosecute any offenders, a witness who would be prepared to go into Court and give evidence was required. "If we can get such a witness we will certainly prosecute," he said.

Dungarvan Projects At Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition

Two Dungarvan projects will be among the entries at the 25th Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition in the RDS in Dublin from January 6th to the 8th 1989.

Alan Drummey, a pupil at Dungarvan Vocational School has constructed a computer controlled Robotic Arm while Gerry Power and Kieran Maher from the same school have combined their talents to examine pollution in Dungarvan Harbour and its effects on the animals in it.

At the moment in 31 countries — the missing one is Leitrim — 1,000 young scientists, aged 12 to 18, have been busy finalising investigations, constructing models, writing charts, and programming computers. They have entered 517 projects — 272 Individual and 245 Groups — representing an increase of 14% over last year.

This year there will be between 12 and 14 new judges, including, for the first time, a judge from the UK — Dr. Maurice Ebison of the European Physics Society. The panel of 60 judges will have a new Chairman. Mr Donal Downing, the newly appointed Aer Lingus Chief Operations Officer, is taking over the post.

Judging begins today Wednesday 4 and will continue through Thursday and Friday. The exhibition will open to the public at 10 a.m. on Friday 6. At 5

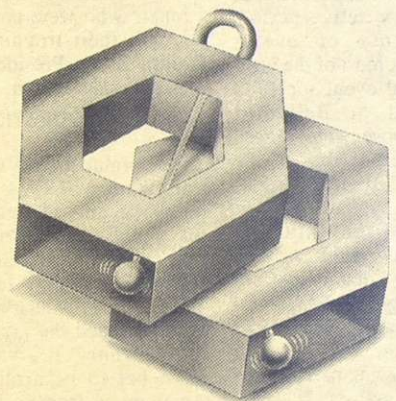
p.m. An Taoiseach Mr. Charles Haughey TD will perform the official opening and announce the top prizewinners.

On Saturday, January 7, at 12 noon the Lord Mayor of Dublin Deputy Ben Briscoe will present all of the prizewinners with their awards, and the Exhibition will open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday January 7 and 8.

£15,000 PRIZE FUND

The 25th Exhibition has a £15,000 prize fund. The 1989 Aer Lingus Young Scientist (s) of the year will receive a cheque for £1,000, a perpetual trophy, a trip to attend the Nobel Prize ceremonies and Ball in Stockholm. A top award winner will go to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburg in the US, sponsored by Westinghouse.

RING IN OUR NEW YEAR HOURS



One of our New Year resolutions is to make life even simpler for you. With that in mind, our branches in Waterford, at O'Connell Street, Barronstrand Street, Lisduffan, Hypermarket and New Ross will be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and on Thursdays until 7pm. Our branches in Carlow, Dungarvan and Kilkenny are also ringing in New Year hours. They will be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 4pm, and Thursdays until 7pm. So avail of our new hours — for a more convenient New Year.

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—Mai O'Higgins.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT WITH FR. PADDY

TIME DOES NOT TARRY

Whilst the Christmas festivity is over we still like to linger on the great day. Father Time has no opportunity to tarry, but must immediately be on his way with his tick tock. And so already we have moved into a New Year. Tragedies that have happened in recent weeks make us realise how difficult life can be. The following is a story from a sad part of our history. A family were being evicted. It was a cold winter's day. One of the bystanders said aloud: "they have no home." He was unmindful that one of the children was standing near, and she with tears running down her face cried: Oh! we have a home. We have a home. Just now we have no place to put it."

You must have noticed or even experienced the ingratitude of people. Most are only too ready to accept, but few find it within their hearts to say thanks. We have just celebrated the event of God in His Mercy sending His

Son into the world. He came down and assumed the nature of man, so that He could represent mankind, and rescue man from the mess created by Adam. He won pardon for us, and made available to all the means to avail and secure the new freedom. Yes, we are in debt to God.

Many will say it was a great Christmas, and I'm sure it was, but we cannot go on living as if nothing had changed. We must find a place for Jesus to play a greater role in our lives. Our Lady and St. Joseph had their fears and their problems. For a time they had no home, and had to seek shelter in Egypt, but Jesus was right in the middle of all their troubles. They must have felt puzzled at times, but they never gave up. It was enough for them to know they were doing what had been asked of them. Jesus has told you He wishes to make a home with you. "I have a home," said the little girl . . . Open the windows of your soul and let the glorious sunshine of God's love into every corner of your heart. You will be a new person.

One of my longest remembrances is playing with a wee car on Christmas Day. I was four or five, and as the evening started to close in, I was called for bed. I had been so happy, and felt it was so unfair to have to wait another year for Christmas. Things certainly change when you grow older. Christmas is hardly over when the next one is round the corner.

I did suggest to you to make a Christmas present of your resolutions for 1989. Already, some of us have forgotten our promises. It is the same as saying to God, I know I promised that and that, but sorry I want that one back. It is time we started realising the purpose of our life, and took God's words seriously. 40,000 Armenians died without a moment's notice. You must have been horrified with the train crash near London, and more recently the plane crash in Scotland. No, none of us can be sure about the termination of our stewardship. As I said: open your hearts to Jesus. Let Him set up home with you. It will make you a new person.

P.T.A.A. NEWS — WEST WATERFORD REGION

The past year with the Pioneers in this region has been another stable, and, as usual, very active period, with plenty of events throughout most of the year.

The final event for 1988 was held at Ballyduff Upper, whose centre hosted the Diocesan final of the Readoiri Talent Competitions. The winners go forward to the Munster semi-final which will be held at the Community Centre, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick on Sunday, January 22 at 2.30 p.m.

The following parishes are the semi-finalists: Newcastle — Figure Dancing, Junior Set and Senior Set; Ballyduff Upper — Junior Musical, Solo Novelty act and Group Singing; Clogheen — Junior Solo Singing and Junior Recitation; Ballylooby — Senior Musical Solo and Senior Recitation; Clonmel — Solo Disco Dancer; Abbeyside — Senior Solo Singer; Ardfinnan — Senior Old

Time Waltz; Cahir — Musical Group.

Congratulations to all the winners who were presented with their trophies by Gerard Barry, President of the Diocesan Council.

ANNUAL QUESTION TIMES

The format for the Question Time will be a table quiz — teams of four and one sub. The junior or primary schools and senior competitions will be held in Dungarvan on January 24 at 7.30 p.m. and the juveniles on February 10. Venues have yet to be arranged. Again we welcome schools, colleges and youth clubs in particular. For details contact the Hon. Secretary at your local Parish Centre.

A development programme is at present being organised. The President and other officers of this region are visiting every centre for its annual general meeting to help update the members and revive some lapsed centres.



Martina McGrath, Bank of Ireland Dungarvan presenting scholarships to An Grianan to Maura White and Anne Phelan who accepted them on behalf of their guilds Ballinameela and Knockboy respectively. Included is Marie McDonald I.C.A. Co. Federation President. (Rory Wyley)

WATERFORD I.C.A. FEDERATION A.G.M.

Twenty-one of the twenty-three guilds in the Federation attended the annual general meeting held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan. Mrs. Tess Shine, President of the hostess guild, Dungarvan, welcomed all those present.

Mrs. Marie McDonald, presiding at her last meeting, brought to an end three years of immense activity which took her to the Associated Countrywomen of the World Conference in Killarney, regional and executive meetings and Council meetings all over the country, as well as being a source of stimulus to members of her own County Waterford Federation. As president, her act will be a difficult one to follow. But "the King is dead, long live the King!" We have a new President, Miss Lena O'Connor of Waterford Town Association. Lena has years of experience of ICA matters, is a dedicated and accomplished craftswoman who loves to share her gifts, a warm personality well known and liked throughout the country.

The unsuccessful contestant for the office of President, Mrs. Kathy Murphy of Kilrossanty, in a gracious gesture, presented Miss O'Connor on her election with a bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Olive McCarthy, Tramore, is a new Vice-President and Mrs. Marie McDonald, outgoing President automatically becomes vice-president.

A representative of the Bank of Ireland, Mrs. M. McGrath attended the meeting to present two scholarships from the bank for a "Focus on Farming" week at An Grianan. As the result of a draw a member from Knockboy and one from Ballinameela will be able to avail of the Scholarship. The Bank of Ireland gives every year, two for each

Federation.

WATERFORD WEEK

Mrs. Jenny Kiely, An Grianan Teachta announced the subjects for Waterford Week next May. There will be Yoga, Gardening, Tweed Pictures, Beauty-care, Soft Toys and Cookery. The Bau-

mann Cup for Arts was won by Mrs. Joan Cody, with Mrs. Nancy Morrissey and Mrs. Eileen O'Leary highly commended. The Floral arrangement Competition sponsored by Rathbones was won at Federation level by Mrs. Patricia Cockburn.

Miss Lena O'Connor as Craft Promoter, told of the craft classes which she has arranged for Waterford TA and surrounding Guilds. Assisted by Mrs. Patsy Murphy of Waterford and Mrs. Nancy Twomey, Mrs. Olive McCarthy and Mrs. Marie Gregan, Tramore, there is something to suit all tastes.

The Effective Speaking Course started during the October week-end by Mrs. Siobhan Lincoln, Arts Promoter, will be continued in February.

Mrs. Mary Shanahan, Press Officer, was very appreciative of the coverage given to affairs by the four newspapers in Waterford City and County.

BRANNRAI

In her unobtrusive way Mrs. Margaret Leahy, Produce Promoter, continues to do trojan work in her own area. Through her arrangement of suitable courses the following Brannrai (award of merit) were obtained in: Cake-making — Mrs. Rita Leamy, Mrs. Vina Phelan, Mrs. Maura Ryan and Mrs. E. O'Brien; Bread-making — Mrs. K. Flavin, Mrs. A. Collender, Mrs. E. McGrath and Mrs. Eileen O'Brien; Cake-icing — Mrs. Cait Keating, Mrs. Patricia McCarthy and Mrs. Jenny Kiely; Jam-making — Mrs. Nellie Burke, Mrs. Statia Meade and Mrs. Eileen O'Brien.

The meeting ended with good wishes all round for 1989.

(From Mary Shanahan, PRO, Waterford ICA Federation.)

To The Theatre By Horse Box

Ballinroad ICA Guild made the great effort of bringing the props for their play by horse-box to the St. John of God Hall, Waterford, for the Eileen Griffin Trophy on Sunday, 4th December. There they presented "The Only Way" an Irish rural comedy and carried off the individual actress award, no mean feat for a woman playing a man's part. The winner, Joan Coffey took the part of Kearney, the farm worker.

Tramore Guild also had to transport their props to Waterford where they performed "Five freaks a

fiddling", and a "scatty" lot they were too! They provided many laughs in their amusing farce in an urban setting.

The competition was won by Waterford Town Association, who put on "Dark Remedy", a drama involving a simulated scene which had unexpected consequences. It was played with a great sensitivity. Those taking part were:—May O'Brien, Babe Moore, Rita Maher, Una Jackman and Nancy Morrissey.

Congratulations to Waterford for a beautiful performance.

CEOL AN GHEIMHRIDH

A great afternoon's entertainment for both young and old was enjoyed by Comhaltas members from throughout the county at the Ceol An Gheimhradh held for the first time in the CBS Hall, Dungarvan by kind permission of the CBS Primary School Board of Management. The competitions were widely varied, ranging through music, singing and dancing.

The following are the successful competitors who will go forward to represent Co. Waterford at Munster level:

Wind u-14 — 1, Aine Fitzgerald, Ballymacarthy CCE; 2, Dearan O Droma, Cr. na Rinne. 14-18 — 1, Shelley Govers, Naomh Padraig CCE; 2, Bernadette Nugent, Ballyduff / Ballinvella / Ballysaggart (hereinafter BBB).

String — u-14—1, Claire Fitzpatrick, Ballymacarthy CCE; 2, Raymond Dempsey, BBB.

Reed — u-14—1, Raymond Dempsey, BBB; 2, Padraig O Beara, do. 14-18—1, Kathleen McGrath, BBB; 2, Ethel Dempsey, do.

Uileann Pipes — u-14—Páidín Breathnach, Cr. Na Rinne.

Duets — U-14—1, Clare and Aine Fitzpatrick, Ballymacarthy; 2, Páidín agus Colm Breathnach, Cr. Na Rinne. 14-18—1, Raymond and Ethel Dempsey, BBB; 2, Teresa Noonan and Ethel Dempsey, do.

Quartettes — 1, Ethel and Raymond Dempsey, Teresa Noonan and Kathleen McGrath, BBB; 2, Ann, Joan, Bridget, Catherine and Michelle O'Brien, Finnisk.

8 Hand Ceili Dance — U-14—Naomh Padraig CCE.

Traditional Set — U-14—1, Stephen Roche's Set, BBB; 2, Raymond Dempsey's Set, do. 14-18—1, Gordon O'Keefe's Set, BBB. Senior — 1, BBB (Thomas Hyland Set); 2, BBB (Seamus Ahearne's Set).

Traditional Half Set — U-14—BBB (Tony Dunne's Set). 14-18 — 1, BBB (Shane Fennessey's Set), 2, BBB (Michael Veale's Set). Senior — Naomh Padraig.

Amhránaíocht U-14 — 1, Eimear Ni Eanáir, Cr. Na Rinne; 2, Fiona Ni Eanáir, Cr. Na Rinne.

Singing U-14 — 1, Noreen Walsh, Portlaw CCE; 2, Siobhan Hickey, Naomh Padraig.

Scéalaiocht U-14 — 1, Críostiona Ni Innseaduin, Cr. Na Rinne; 2, Dearan O Droma, do.

The County Board of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Éireann would like to thank Rev. Brother Farrell for his help and co-operation in making this a most successful event. We wish all our members and patrons a very happy and prosperous new year.

25 Dumped Salmon Found In Colligan Estuary

No fresh developments were reported this week in the investigations into the finding of 25 dead salmon in the estuary of the river Colligan at Ballyneety Bridge, Dungarvan on Wednesday of last week.

Following reports from the gardai and local angling and conservation groups in Dungarvan on Wednesday, officers of the Southern Regional Fisheries Board visited the scene and carried out an inspection along a mile long stretch of the river but no other dead fish, apart from the salmon found lying under the bridge in a few inches of water, were found. This fact strengthened the theory that the salmon had been dumped into the river some time previous to the discovery. Mr. Patrick Kilfeather, the Fisheries Board Pollution officer told the press: "If the salmon had died from pollution it is very probable that we would have found other dead fish in the area". He added that the condition of some of the salmon was not very good while there was also evidence that some of the fish had been cut open.

Also at the scene of the discovery at Ballyneety Bridge on Wednesday afternoon was Supt. P. J. Hayes, Sergt. Tadg O'Donovan and Det/Garda J. Molloy while local Councillor Michael O'Riordan who is himself a keen angler, also visited the scene and expressed concern at the find.

As a pollution fish kill in the river has been ruled out by the Fishery Officers, the

generally accepted theory is that the salmon were deliberately dumped at the Bridge. Investigations into the matter are continuing.

BALLYSAGGART NOTES

CARD RESULTS

Pre-Christmas Game — 1st, Mary Whelan/Bridie O'Brien; 2nd, Tommy Veale/Mick Morrissey; 3rd, Pad Sullivan/Mick O'Donnell.

Lucky Tables — Tom Cahill/Michael Clancy, Mick Coleman/Kieran Fenton, Dolly Dempsey and partner, John Casey/Sean

Griffin. Raffle — Mick Daly (Ham), Bridie O'Brien (Whiskey), and another twenty people won wine, sweets, biscuits, etc.

After this game refreshments were served by the ladies and gents of the Development Committee.

Last Week's Results — 1st, Kathleen Coleman/Ester

Walsh; 2nd, James Bennett/John Jackson; 3rd, Sadie Geary/Rita Doocey. Last 5 — Pad Walsh/Joan Byrne, Mick Morrissey/Mick Carey.

Lucky Tables — Mary Casey/Tommy Veale, Peg Herbert/Dolly Dempsey.

Raffles — Mickey Byrne, Pa Geoghegan, Mary Whe-

lan, Liam Leamy.

G.A.A. NOTES

Last Call For Golden Goal — We are still awaiting the holder of ticket 18 minutes 04 seconds. The last date for receiving this ticket is Sunday next, January 8. Simply contact the person who sold you the ticket or any club officer.

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£1400 ART GRANTS FOR LOCAL GROUPS

The Town Clerk, Mr. Bertie White informed members of Dungarvan Urban Council at their December monthly meeting that provision for the payment of the following contributions to local groups and to Dungarvan Tourism Group under the Arts Act had been made in the Council's 1988 estimates: £100 to each of the local bands; £100 each to the Choral and Dramatic Societies and £500 each to the Trustees of the Friary Hall and Dungarvan Tourism Group.

Groups pictured at the recent Presentation of Silver Pins at Ballyduff Upper P.T.A.A. Centre in St. Michaels Church



Back Row (L. to R.) - Rev. Fr. K. Mulcahy P.P., Pat Noonan, Margaret Noonan Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Michael Tobin, Michael Kenneally. Front Row (L. to R.) Joan Coleman, Margaret O' Sullivan, Noreen Morrissey, Nancy Hogan, Mary Whelan, Breda Veale, Mary Whelan.



Gold Pin recipients. Group shows Back Row (L. to R.) Rev. Fr. K. Mulcahy P.P., Johnny Feeney, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell and Connie Walsh. Front Row (L. to R) Mary Ahearne, Margaret Hannon, John Kerrish, Mary Hannon, Nora Crowley.



Juvenile members enrolled as probationers by Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell. Also included is Rev. Fr. K. Mulcahy P.P. Spiritual Director



Members of the Centre pictured with Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell and Rev. Fr. K. Mulcahy P.P. (Photos by Kiely)

MINNIES SQUASH NOTES



MINNIES OPEN '89

Our next big event on the calendar is our annual open which falls on Jan. 13-15 this year. As you read these notes the entries will be rolling in with the closing date this Friday Jan. 6. Last years local successes were Mens 'C' runner-up John O'Brien; Mens 'D' runner-up Tom Kiely; Mens 'D' plate winner Liam Hansberry; 'D' plate runner-up Stephen Lyons; Ladies 'B' runner-up Fiona Fitzgerald.

JUVENILE COACHING

The following is the rota for the juvenile coaching in Jan.; Sat. 7 — Frank O'Donoghue, Fiona Fitzgerald, Frances Carroll; Sun. 8 — John Cliffe, Felix Shields, Mary Coffey; Sat. 21 — Dermot Kelly, Tony Lonergan, John Foley; Sun. 22 — Michael O'Connor, Tom Rossiter, Ray Moore; Sat. 28 — John O'Brien, Fiona Fitzgerald, Mary Coffey; Sun. 29 — Denis O'Brien, Donal O Faolain, Pat O'Brien. Saturday coaching 11 a.m. to 12.30. Sunday coaching 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped to start a juvenile ladder and hold a tournament shortly after the open.

BEGINNERS COACHING

The coaching for beginners re-commences Tues., Jan. 24 with the rota as follows — Fiona Fitzgerald 7.20-8.20 p.m.; Maurice Walsh 8.20-9.20 p.m.; Frank O'Donoghue 9.20-10.20 p.m.; The rota for Tuesday 31 is Mary Coffey 7.20-8.20 p.m.; Ray Moore 8.20-9.20 p.m.; Tom Rossiter 9.20-10.20 p.m.

LADIES COUNTRY LEAGUE

Any interested ladies in the above should sign their name on the sheet on the noticeboard.

MENS COUNTRY LEAGUE

Our mens country league team under the captaincy of Richard Gough re-commence their quest for glory when they play their quarter final on either the 17th or 18th of January. As preparation the country league squad take on a Minnies "All Stars" selection this Tuesday Jan. 3rd.

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK

Our next domestic tournament is the very popular T.S.B. 5 person tournament which commences Monday, January 16. The closing date for entries is Tuesday, January 10 at 8 p.m. sharp. Last seasons finalists were — Winners (1) Brian Barnes; (2) Tony Lonergan; (3) Donal Verling; (4) Cait Mulcahy; (5) Joe Riordan. The runners-up were (1) Ray Moore; (2) Pat O'Brien;

(3) Ray Dwyer; (4) John Coade; (5) Pat Cullinane. Let's get '89 underway with a very large entry and let's try and pass the magic '100' mark. Entry Fee is £1.50 and 50p for Juveniles.

ALLROUNDER LADDER LEAGUE

From Dec. 8 until Jan. 3 the first two games in the second ladder should have been played. Here are a selection of scores:

LADIES — M. Browne 3 H. Browne 0; J. Flynn 3 A. Elstead 2; Mary Coffey 3 A. Henneby 2; M. A. Coffey 3 P. Walshe 0; R. Sandford 3 E. Donnelly 1; G. Stephenson 3 A. Keaver 2; T. Hayes 3 N. Fielding 0; L. Hannigan 3 A. Kavanagh 0; J. Brennan 3 M. Collins 1; C. Cooney 3 A. Howely 0; A. Manahan 3 M. Houlihan 0; S. O'Brien 3 B. Morrissey 0; A. Elstead 3 Mary Coffey 1; A. Henneby 3 C. Mulchay 0; P. Walshe 2 R. Sandford 2; E. Donnelly 3 G. Stephenson 2; M. A. Coffey 3 A. Keaver 2; T. Hayes 3 R. Dwan 0; A. Kavanagh 3 N. Fielding 1; C. Cooney 3 T. Brennan 0;

A. Manahan 3 B. Hogan 0. MENS — L. Hansberry 3 J. Cliffe 2; D. Kelly 3 M. Hassett 0; J. Elstead 2 R. Gough 2; R. Moore 2 P. Murray 1; M. Flynn 3 F. Shields 1; T. Phelan 2 D. Brady 2; P. Gibbons 3 D. Tuohy 1; D. McCarthy 2 T. Lonergan 1; C. Bannon 3 F. Fitzgerald 2; D. O Faolain 3 M. Fitzgerald 2; T. Scanlon 3 B. Mullen 0; F. O'Donoghue 3 S. Power 0; Ml. Coffey 3 O. O'Mahoney 2; L. Kiely 3 R. De Fusco 2; N. Power 3 M. Hamilton 2; G. Harney 3 L. Moore 0; S. Feehan 3 D. Herlihy 0; M. O'Mahoney 3 S. Cleary 1; J. Cliffe 3 T. Butler 1; D. Kelly 3 R. Moore 1; Martin Walsh 3 Pat O'Brien 0; T. Phelan 3 F. Shields 1; D. Brady 3 P. Gibbons 1; M. Flynn 3 D. Tuohy 0; D. McCarthy 3 F. Fitzgerald 1; C. Bannon 3 J. Killigrew 1; T. Lonergan 3 S. Fitzgerald 0; D. O Faolain 3 T. Scanlon 2; P. Power 3 L. O'Connor 0; G. Harney 3 M. Hamilton 2; R. De Fusco 3 L. Moore 1; R. Dunne 3 T. Curran 0. Until Next Week!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CAPPOQUIN/BALLINAMEELA A.C.

At the annual general meeting recently the election of officers was as follows:—

Life President, John Treacy; Chairman, John McGrath; Vice-Chairman, Tom Ahern; Secretary, Angela Lynch; Ass. Sec., Angela Collender; Treasurer, Pat Scanlan; Asst. Treasurer, Tommie Coughlan; P.R.O., Gerard Walsh. Committee — John McGrath, Kathleen Walsh; Michael O'Donnell, Michael Ahern and Theresa Foley.

MUNSTER 'B' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Many of our athletes who had not already won Munster medals travelled to Droimoland for the Munster "B" Championships and the under age Munster Championships. Pride of place must go to Linda Guilly and Daniel O'Donnell, both winning their respective races.

Results are as follow:— U/8 Girls, Linda Guilly 1st. Waterford county team 1st. Cappoquin/ Ballinameela athletes on team — Linda Guilly, Margaret Foley, Eileen O'Brien. U/10 Girls — Waterford county team 2nd. Our athletes were, Christine Collender, Selina Guilly and

Jennifer Kenrick. U/13 Boys — Daniel O'Donnell 1st and 2nd county team.

U/15 Girls — Claire Maher 3rd, Karen O'Donnell 10th. Waterford county 3rd. Scoring for us were Claire Maher, K. O'Donnell, S Coughlan and J. Collender.

U/15 Boys — Conor Prendergast 8th.

U/17 Boys — Joseph Power 4th. 1st team prize J. Power, N. Ahern, F. Maher and J. Connors. Just out of the medals were James Fletcher, 11th u/11 and the u/15 boys beaten by 1 point for 3rd team, namely, C. Prendergast, K. Mangan, F. Lynch, P. Keane, T. Mason and F. Power.

Very good performances by Brian Moore u/8, E. Maher u/10, D. Coughlan u/10 and J. Mermin u/9.

GREETINGS I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the club and anyone who has helped the club in any way during the year a joyous New Year. A sincere thank you to the Editor and Staff of the "Leader" for being so obliging and helpful to us during the year. — (P.R.O.)

PENSMAN Takes You. . . . Behind The SPOTLIGHT

LOOKING AHEAD FOR 1989

The lengthy celebrations of the Christmas and New Year period have now, at last, come to an end and with the dismantling of the tinsel and decorations we face into the realities of the new year.

In retrospect, Christmas 1988 will be recalled as the Christmas period which, from start to finish, made new records for the balmy, mild weather which prevailed throughout. Unfortunately it will also be remembered as the Christmas which was marred by many major tragedies at home and abroad.

However, Christmas for most of us here locally was one of peace and quiet while the New Year was ushered in with equal quietness and orderliness and no untoward incidents were reported. As a matter of fact the Gardai in Dungarvan stated that it was unusually quiet with everyone behaving in a most orderly and responsible manner. And although licensed premises everywhere reported booming sales there was only one driver arrested for failing to pass a breath test while driving. This indicates the outstanding success of the Safe Driving Christmas Campaign operated by the Garda Síochána and the responsible manner in which drivers in general responded to it.

Unfortunately the good record returned locally did not apply nationally as there was an abnormally high rate of misadventure and tragedy reported from other areas. The toll on the roads was heavy while two tragic fires, in Bray and Co. Kilkenny, took the lives of seven young children.

There is, inevitably, at

Christmas and New Year, some relaxing of vigilance and a departure from routine. Domestic procedures are disrupted and seasonal celebrations can cause even the most orderly and most methodical to abandon safety procedures which are taken for granted during the rest of the year. So full marks to all throughout the County and especially in the Western districts of the County for coming through the festive period with such a clean record.

On the business side we are informed that trade generally was good with the Christmas "rush" commencing in Dungarvan as early as December 8 when the local traders association commenced their Christmas Shopping campaign with an early visit by Santa. From then until Christmas Eve, the momentum was more or less maintained with a great deal of money being spent.

IS IT TOO LONG?

Opinion as to whether the Yuletide festivities at present are stretched over too lengthy a period are fairly evenly divided with as many for as there are against. To us it seems that it is not a good thing for the country to come to an almost complete standstill from Christmas Eve until the day following New Year's Day, although we could not agree with the opinion expressed by Chairman of Teagasc and former IFA President Joe

Rea who is on record as stating that Christmas has been turned into "an unholy hooley" of overeating, overdrinking and overspending."

The outspoken Mr. Rea complained in a published article that Christmas no longer consists of the traditional 12 days, but is more like 75 — beginning in November and carrying on into January — while he states that the season of goodwill has now been taken over by "big business, gimmicks and commerce."

While there is some truth in these claims by the redoubtable Mr. Rea, it cannot be denied that the Christmas period is still very special for the majority of people bringing as it does an upsurge in our kindly attitude towards one another and a greater awareness of the hardships endured by the lesser well off section of the community. What a pity, though, that these feelings of friendship which surface during the festive period fade so quickly instead of being maintained, even if only for a few more months into the New Year.

MUCH ILLNESS PREVAILED

Probably synonymous with the "green" Christmas weather that prevailed was the fact that there was a great deal of illness around with many people succumbing to the 'flu bug, colds and what was described as "a 24-hour tummy virus." So widespread were these complaints that chemists in Dungarvan found themselves under unexpected

pressure during the closed holiday period and had to work for much longer periods than anticipated during their roster arrangements.

FORECASTS A GOOD YEAR AHEAD

At the annual pre-Christmas lunch hosted by the County Manager, Mr. Dan Hurley for the members of the local press and attended by senior officials of the County and Urban Councils, he referred to the fact that as far as Dungarvan and the County in general was concerned, 1988 had been a good year. And he said that he was most optimistic about the year ahead and forecast that 1989 would prove to be a better year still.

OUR THANKS

We would like to express our thanks to the many people locally, at national level and across the seas who sent us so many beautiful greeting cards for Christmas. Indeed we reciprocate the good wishes expressed in all of them and would add our own good wishes to all and indeed to all our readers, supporters and well-wishers for peace, happiness and prosperity for all throughout the coming year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Mrs. Maureen Beresford, Glendine House, Dungarvan on winning £1,000 in the special National Lottery Viking Millennium Draw. Maureen was one of five lucky people who qualified

WINTER

In our first issue for 1989 our choice for the ballad corner is a poem by Christina Rossetti called "Winter." We have already passed through the shortest day of the year and although from now on there will be a cock's step lengthening (according to tradition) in each day, the winter is far from over. The winter scene is beautifully depicted with reference to many of our feathered friends and little animals in the following lines of the poem:—

Sweet blackbird is silenced with chaffinch and thrush,
Only waistcoated robin still chirps in the bush;
Soft sun-loving swallows have mustered in force,
And winged to the spice-teeming southlands their course.

Plump housekeeper dormouse has tucked himself neat,
Just a brown ball in moss with a morsel to eat;
Armed hedgehog has huddled him into the hedge,
While frogs scare miss freezing deep down in the sedge.

Soft swallows have left us alone in the lurch,
But robin sits whistling to us from his perch;
If I were red robin, I'd pipe you a tune,
Would make you despise all the beauties of June.

But since that cannot be, let us draw round the fire,
Munch chestnuts, tell stories and stir the blaze higher;
We'll comfort pinched robin with crumbs, little man,
Till he'll sing us the very best song that he can.

for a draw for £100,000 which took place during the New Year's Eve Bibi Baskin — Brendan Grace show on RTE 1 television and on which she made an appearance.

GONE TOO FAR

The decision of the Minister for Health, Dr. O'Hanlon to increase VHI premiums by from 3% to 25% and in addition to abolish the drugs refund scheme can only be regarded as going too far. The move to withdraw the drugs refund scheme must especially be seen as a major blow to thousands of people who require constant and regular medication.

The VHI has found itself

in serious financial trouble mainly because of high claims by patients attending the two swish high-tech Dublin private hospitals, the Blackrock Clinic and the Mater Private Hospital. It is not good enough that the rank and file members of the Voluntary Health Insurance should now find themselves penalised because of the exorbitant costs charged by these hospitals.

Indeed the Minister has gone too far, principally in approving the plan to withdraw the drugs refund scheme, and we must protest against this in the strongest possible terms and call on him to think again where this is concerned.



Swimmers who took part in the Dungarvan Lions Christmas Day Swim in aid of local charities at Clonea [Photo Rory Wyley]

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BALLYDUFF NOTES

BALLYDUFF NATIONAL SCHOOL FUND

CHRISTMAS DRAW
 Results — 1st prize — Brigid Higgins, Araglin; 2nd Prize — Arlene Kenny, Ballyduff; 3rd prize — Kevin O'Farrell, Moorepark 4th prize — Mrs. O'Keefe, c/o Ann Flynn, Ballyduff; 5th prize — Valerie Finn, Ballinalukina; 6th prize — Nancy Hogan, Tallow. Congrats to all. (AdvL.)

The Parents' Association of above school wish to thank most sincerely the sponsors of the very much appreciated prizes for their draw. They were Kearney Bros., Castlelyons; Tim Barry, Corner House, Ballyduff; E. Bolger, Post Office, Ballyduff; Castlelyons Co-op Creamery; Maura Lindsay, Publican, Ballyduff.

Also Pat Flynn, Hardware, Ballyduff for the use of his window as display area for the prizes prior to the raffle. Thank you also to shops and pubs who displayed tickets for sale.

The raffle, which was a huge success financially, was held at the school in conjunction with the Children's Nativity Play which

was staged on Thursday, December 22, '88.

A very special word of thanks to Fr. Mulcahy who conducted the raffle, to the teachers who co-operated in taking the tickets and remittances from the children and to all the pupils and parents who made a fantastic effort to sell the tickets.

The Parents Association wish to extend a heartfelt vote of sympathy to the Berry family.

BALLYDUFF - BALLINVELLA - BALLYSGAGRT COMHALTAS NOTES

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Chairman, Pat Berry on the recent sad death of his wife, Catherine, and also to her sons Padraig, Gearoid, Cathal and Donagh. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a h-anam.

A branch meeting will take place in the hall on Sunday next, January 8 after last Mass.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We wish all our readers at home and abroad a bright and prosperous new year and also the Editor and staff of the "Leader."

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to the following who have announced their engagements: Anita O'Connor, Ballyduff and Aidan Ryan, Tallow; Paddy Kearney, Coolisheal Lower and Ina Moore, Walshtown More, Midleton; Joan Ahearne, Sheanbeg and Michael Houlihan, Lyre, Lismore; Sheila Cuffe, The Paddocks and John Lucey, Killeagh.

45 DRIVE

Results of the 45 drive held in St. Michael's Hall on Wednesday night last are as follows — 1st divided between John Lane and John Jackson, Kay and Sean Twomey; 2nd divided between Pat Flynn and Mick Coleman, Mary and Johnny Casey.

Lucky Tables — Jim Leamy and Jimmy Geoghegan, Dan O'Brien and Brendan Meagher, Lar Sheehan and Willie Whelan. Raffle winners were Michael Tobin, Jo Lineen, Bobby O'Neill, Willie Griffin and Eileen Hyland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The January monthly meeting will be held on Monday night next at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend. The date for the Sale of Work and Draw will be finalised at this meeting.

PIONEER NOTES

The January monthly meeting has been deferred one week to Friday, January 13, in the Library at 8 p.m. The Munster semi-final of the Readoiri Competition will be held on Sunday, January 22 in Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick at 2.30 p.m. We will have representatives in the solo music, novelty act and group singing competitions.

Sympathy is extended to the Berry family, Lyrenaglogh, on their recent bereavement.

G.A.A. NOTES

The juvenile club function arranged for December 30 was postponed and will be re-arranged for a later date. The juvenile club calendar is now on sale and it includes a colour photograph of the County double winning u-14 team. This will be a life-long memento of the historic achievements of 1988 and we encourage all players to acquire a copy.

The annual general meeting of the adult Club will be held on Monday, January 16 in St. Michael's Hall at 8 p.m.

Copies of the 1988 County Year Book are now available from Eamonn Bolger at £3 each.

The club extends sincere sympathy to the Berry family on their recent sad bereavement.

MRS. CATHERINE BERRY

It is with deep regret that

we record the untimely death on Tuesday, December 20 at the Bon Secour Hospital, Cork of Mrs. Catherine Berry, Glenglogh, Ballyduff.

Deceased who was in her 44th year, had been ill for a short time and was a kind and loving member of the community.

The corteges at both the removal of remains and interment were the largest ever seen in the area.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her husband Pat, sons Padraig, Gearoid, Cathal and Donagh; parents, parents-in-law, brother, sister, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, relatives and a large circle of loyal friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

BALLYDUFF MACRA NOTES

Our Christmas party which took place recently was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, to organise it, sell tickets for the raffle and our sponsors.

A new year has just begun and the club has a busy schedule ahead. Rehearsals for drama will start shortly. Anyone interested in being involved in the play this year is asked to contact our chairman Mossy Casey for details.

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful new year. — P.R.O.

ARDMORE NOTES

'FLU HITS ARDMORE

The 'flu hit nearly every home in Ardmore this Christmas — and it looks like it's ringing in the New Year also!

We'd like to take this chance to thank the "unsung heroes" of the epidemic — the doctors, who, even on Christmas Day had calls to make. There is a job that rarely includes Church or Bank Holidays, some one always seems to say the old saying "Is there a doctor in the house?" So 'thank you' for being so dedicated.

ENTERTAINMENT

Well, as if you hadn't noticed there was a distinct lack of entertainment in Ardmore during the holiday period. On Friday, January 6th there is a dance in the Hall, in aid of Grange School, music by the Society Four.

If you want dances you have to support dances! Maybe this year will bring more use of the Hall — now that the main bills have been met — for plays, pantos, concerts, etc., something for everyone.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The 9 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve was extremely nice, being in the

pattern of the past few years, with the children who received their first Holy Communion this year presenting flowers and having a beautiful procession at the Altar. The choir were also in top form singing all the Christmas carols. The crib looked splendid and the backdrop scene behind the nativity which was painted by the pupils of the Loretto Convent in Youghal, most of them Ardmore girls, was most beautifully done.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Due to lack of space in the last issue, some of the jokes were not printed so here they are;

Why did the skeleton go to the dance alone?

Because he had no-body to go with. (Vanessa Hennessey, age 10, A.N.S.)

Why couldn't the sailors play cards?

Because the captain was standing on the deck. (Bridget O'Mahoney, age 9, A.N.S.)

Now that the holidays are nearing an end we hope more children will take part in this column. Every age group from small infants to 6th class and older. If you're worried about spelling we'll check for you.

DUNGARVAN HOTELIERS BEREAVED

Two of Dungarvan's best-known and most popular hoteliers suffered close family bereavements during the Christmas holiday period.

Mr. Michael Burke of Lawlor's Hotel and Strandside South, Abbey-side, was bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. David Burke, New Square, Mitchelstown which sad event occurred at the Mercy Hospital, Cork on Wednesday, December 28.

Mr. John Gray, Rossmore, Drumlish, Co. Longford whose death after a prolonged illness occurred at Peamount Hospital, Dublin on Friday, December 30, was brother of Mrs. Elizabeth (Dotie) Flynn of Whitechurch House Hotel, Cappagh.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke and to his mother Mrs. Nora Burke and also to Mrs. Flynn and family and the other bereaved relatives on these very sad occasions.

ABBEYSIDE SCOUT NOTES

SCOUT NEWS

At our last Troop meeting of '88 we held our second Investiture of the Scout Year when we had another five boys invested into the ranks of the CBSI.

The five who made their promise after being asked their questions by the Troop Chaplain were Derek Hayes (Tiger), Brendan Cliffe (Wolf), Patrick Power (Tiger), Padraig Verling (Wolfhound) and Conor Foley (Panther). After making their promise, SL Ray presented them with their scout badge — badges after which Sean Fitzgerald presented them with their kit of books.

Also at the Investiture, the following presentations were made by ASL Tomas Walsh — Skills Badge to Michael Kelleher; Senior Scout Badge and APL Stripe to Brendan Flynn; Merit Badges to J. P. Cosgrave, William Fennell, John Organ, Brendan Flynn. The third highest award in CBSI — The Star Scout Badge — was then presented to a very worthy recipient, John Paul Cosgrave by Fr. Ahearn.

After the Investiture the draw was made for our confined draw. The results are as follows: Yule Log — John Byrne (Mon. Cubs), Christmas Pudding — Niall Kirwan (Venturers); Christmas Cake — Beatty family (Scouts). We would like to say a special thanks to Mrs. Eileen Shepherd for making these beautiful prizes.

On Christmas Eve we headed out to Ballinroad to take a very active part in the

Christmas Vigil Mass. We opened the proceedings with a candlelight procession to the altar. The Mass continued until the end of the Gospel in candlelight.

Prayers of the Faithful were read by Alan Beatty, Conor Foley, William Fennell, Anthony Carroll, Barry Cliffe; while Raymond Crowley took an active part in the Offertory procession.

Apart from the Christmas eve Mass, the scout section have been on holidays since December 17. All scouts are reminded that troop meetings will re-commence next Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in full uniform.

VENTURERS

On Christmas day the Venturers took part in the Lions Club Annual Christmas Day Swim at Clonea. It was a good day for the event but I can assure you it was no easy task to get yourself into that sea.

Well done to the lads who raised some money for charity, and of course, for partaking in this difficult challenge.

REGIONAL VENTURER TRIP

Last Wednesday morning the Abbeyside Venturer Group, with groups from Dungarvan, Stradbally, Tallo and various leaders from Na Deise Region, departed on a weekend or should I say a three-day trip to Dublin. This was organised by Maurice Fennell A/R/L Venturers.

We left Dungarvan at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning and arrived safely in Dublin

at 12 noon. We spent the next few hours shopping around and picking up a few bargains. Later in the evening we walked out to Aughrim Street. This is where we were accommodated. The Unit here put their den at our disposal for the three days.

After tea we caught a 16A bus which brought us out to Raheny Leisure Centre — the swims and crack were brilliant.

After a not so good night's sleep, Thursday saw us bowling in Stillorgan, in Funderland in the RDS and later in the evening we went to see a good tear-jerking film. Everyone slept well.

Friday morning saw us up reasonably early. After breakfast it was off to Phibsboro where we spent the morning ice skating — this actually was enjoyed by everyone.

After dinner it was back into the big smoke to grab some last minute bargains. We left Dublin at 6 p.m., arriving safely home at 10 p.m.

Our thanks to Maurice and crew for organising an enjoyable and exciting action-packed trip.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Unit Secretary, Jack McCarthy, Skehacrine and other members of the McCarthy family, on the recent death of his father John McCarthy, Western Terrace.

— SUSCRIBE PLUS

Budding Stars In Dungarvan Presentation Convent Christmas Concert



Back row- Jackie Ferncombe, Catherine O'Brien, Sandra Tobin, Niocola O'Donnell, Catherine O'Mahoney, and Deirdre Flynn. Middle row- Janice Moore, Claire Morrissey and Lisa Linnane. Front row- Kerrie Power, Mairead Walsh, Keelin O'Driscoll and Sharon O'Brien



Back row- Deirdre Fitzgerald, Elaine Crowley, Sabrina O'Riordan. Front row- Jane Power, Caroline Shanahan, Mary Healy.



Back row- Tracy Power, Sophia Flynn, Teresa O'Brien, Donna O'Sullivan, Jackie De-olany. Front row- Anne Johnson, Christene Sheehan and Jackie Walsh

BALLINVELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE NOTES

Our annual social on November 25 was a great success. Top marks to Lisimore Hotel for their excellent meal and to everyone who helped and sponsored door prizes on the night. Our Chairperson, Siobhan Leahy did us proud with her speech, so future speeches should be no bother to her.

Winners on the door tickets were as follows: 1st, Mr. Jack Mills, Ballyduff; 2nd, Rita Doocey, Ballinraha; 3rd, Fr. O'Gorman, Lismore; 4th, Johnny White, Monatrim; 5th, Dermot Mangan, Bridane; 6th, Bernadette Mangan, Bridane.

Our Christmas Children's Party was held in the Community Centre on Sunday, December 11. Again it was a great success and many thanks to Johnny White for providing music, and of course to "Santa" for his surprise visit — it made the children's day.

Finally, on behalf of all the community I would like to wish everyone a very happy new year. — P.R.O.



Bord Solathair an Leictreachais NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

In order to carry out essential improvements and alterations to our network, we regret that it will be necessary to interrupt the electricity supply as follows:—

KILMACTHOMAS R/A

Monday, 9th January, 1989 — From 09.30-4 p.m. — Scrahan, Kilmacthomas North, Carrigroad, Graignageha, Graiguenageha, Scrahan Cummins.

ARDMORE R/A

Wednesday, 11th January, 1989 — From 09.39-4.30 p.m. — Morteage, Ballysallagh, Springfield, Monatray, Prospect Hall, Woodbine Hill, Carr & Sons Ltd., Blackhall, Monatray Spitzer, Mangans Bay, Hotel Monatrea, Prospect Villa, Ferry Point, Rath, Summerhill.

SHANDON R/A

Thursday, 12th January, 1989 — From 09.33-4.30 p.m. — Parknagappul, Bawnahila, Ballyneety Bridge.

KILMACTHOMAS R/A

Friday, January 13th, 1989 — From 09.30-4 p.m. — Co. Council Pump House, Ballyogarty.

FOR SAFETY SAKE:—

1—Please treat all services and installations as live during this period as supply may be resumed at any time for brief periods.

2—If you own or operate Electrical Generating Equipment, please inform your local E.S.B. Office immediately.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

O'BS NITE CLUB

Thursday, January 5—DISCO
 Scholars Night Out. Over 18s
Friday, January 6—DISCO
 Over 23s
Saturday, January 7 — DISCO
 Over 23s
Sunday, January 8—DISCO
 Over 23s



THE NEW BRIDGIE TERRIE'S- Above is an outside view of the Bridge Terrie Lounge Bar at the Pike, Dungarvan which opened its doors to the public shortly before Christmas. Now owned by Maurice Kiely it was formerly known as "The Thatch" but under the new ownership, a major reconstruction job was undertaken and has resulted in a premises which provides every comfort for customers. Manager of the new Bridge Terrie Lounge is Gerry O'Mahoney who up to recently was "the Guv'nor" at Radley's in Abbeyside. Regular week-end entertainment is provided and an official opening of the premises is planned for Thursday, January 19.

BALLYDUFF THEATRE GROUP presents
"MANY YOUNG MEN OF TWENTY"
 IN ST. MICHAEL'S HALL, BALLYDUFF
 ON 6th, 7th and 8th JANUARY
 Booking: (058)60208

BALLYDUFF THEATRE GROUP PRESENT "MANY YOUNG MEN OF TWENTY"

Ballyduff Theatre Group has, by popular demand extended its run of the John B. Keane classic to attempt to satisfy the many disappointed customers who failed to see it in its initial run. Six full houses already bears testimony to the quality of performance and production in a show of verve and vibrancy of music and dance, of extravagant comedy but above all else, of novelty. The show sparks of newness and it is this newness

which has caught the public imagination and inspired the incredible demand for seats. Once the director has succeeded in recovering his cast from their Christmas celebrations there are three performances on the week-end of the 6th, 7th and 8th of January. The Saturday night performance is a charity occasion with all proceeds in aid of St. Carthage's Home, Lismore. Booking at (058) 60208.

PANORAMIC ORMONDE — DUNGARVAN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
 3 DAYS (16's)
BUSTER
 LATE SHOW — 11 P.M.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 (OVER 18)
SUSPECT

THE 'CATS' BAR MOUNT MELLERAY

Thursday, January 5—
 USUAL CARD DRIVE
Friday, January 6—
 PROGRESSIVE 45
 in aid of Melleray G.A.A. Jackpot £100
Sunday, January 8—
 SING ALONG WITH PHOENIX

LAWLOR'S HOTEL DUNGARVAN

JANUARY SPECIAL

- Seafood Vol-Au-Vents
- Bread and Mushroom in Garlic Mayonnaise of Chicken and Pineapple
- Farmhouse Egg Mayonnaise
- Smoked Mackerel Salad
-
- Soup of the Day
-
- Deep Fried Squid Rings with Thousand Island Dressing
- Chicken Kiev
- Monkfish Sweet and Sour
- Sole Bonne Femme
- Roast Stuffed Loin of Pork and Apple Sauce
- Seafood Curry
- Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham, Cranberry Sauce
-
- Selection of Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes
-
- Choice of Dessert from Trolley
-
- Tea or Coffee £11.
- Complimentary Carafe of Wine per couple.
- For reservations Tel. 058/41122 or 41056

MAIN BAR

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT—WILLIE WHITE

ZETAS NITE CLUB

Friday, Jan. 6 — 60's DISCO
 Saturday & Sunday — DISCO
 Dancing to top DJs

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB NOTES

RESULTS
 Mon. 19th December to Sat. 24th — 1, V. Hayes (14) 33 pts; 2, P. Noctor (10) 24 pts.
 Christmas Morning — 1, N. Spratt 22 pts.
 St. Stephens Day — 1, R. Spratt (14) 4 up.
 Tues. 27th Mixed Scramble — C. Power (13), D. Twomey (19), S. Mansfield (18), M. Dee (29). — 32 gross.
 Semi-open 28th, 29th, 30th — 1, Wm. Power (17) 36 pts; 2, J. Deasy (12) 34 pts; 3, M. O'Connor Jnr (17) 34 pts; 4, J. Lavan (10) 33 pts.

FIXTURES
 Sat 7th — 14 Hole Stableford; Sunday 8th — 18 Hole Stableford.
SOCIAL CALENDER
 Sat. 7th — Poker Classic commencing 8.30 p.m. Entry £5 per player.
 Sat. 14th — Table Quiz: Team of 4, open draw for partners. Commencing 8.30 p.m. Draw for partners 8.00 p.m.
 Sat. 21st — Jazz Nite commencing 9 p.m.
 Sat. 28th — Annual Quiz commences. See further editions for details.
 Friday Nights — 45 Drives continuing.
 —P.R.O.

JR'S NITE CLUB — LISMORE HOTEL

Telephone 058/54304; 54219

Saturday, January 7—
 PARTY NITE DISCO
 Over 18. Neat Dress. Bar
 IN LOUNGE — REFLECTIONS
Sunday, January 8—
 STARLIGHT
 Wishing all our customers a Happy and Prosperous New year

ELECTED TO I.F.A. COUNTY EXECUTIVE

At the annual general meeting of Waterford County Executive I.F.A. held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan recently, the following County Officers were elected for 1988/89:

Co. Chairman — Gerry Murphy (Clonea Branch), Co. Vice-Chairman — Tom Leahy (Dungarvan Branch), Co. Secretary — Harry Gray (Stradbally Branch), Co. Treasurer — Michael Keane (Kinsalebeg Branch), Co. P.R.O., Anthony Ryan (Ballymacarby Branch).

Delegates to the National Commodity Committees elected are as follows: Animal Health — John Cashman (Ballinameela Branch), Dairy — Pierce Casey (Kilmactomas Branch), Farm Business — Patrick Phelan (Ballymacarby Branch), Industrial — Gerry Murphy (Clonea Branch), Livestock — Tom Leahy (Dungarvan Branch), Rural Development — Dan O'Loughlin (Ballymacarby Branch), Sheep — James Coughlan (Kinsalebeg Branch), Western — William Lane (Ballyduff Upper), Grain — John O'Mahony (Tallow Branch), Horse — William O'Donnell (Stradbally Branch).

Mr. Gerry Murphy thanked the delegates for re-electing him Co. Chairman for a further term and for their help in the past year. He also thanked the Commodity Committee Representatives for their work in the past twelve months.

He stated that the main problems facing farmers were the number of small milk producers who were over quota and not being al-

lowed supply milk until next April. Reactor Compensation needs to be brought up to full replacement value. V.A.T. Refund to farmers must be increased to its previous level, stated Mr. Murphy.

Farmer suppliers to processing plants will have to be protected under the Retention of Title Documents available from I.F.A. Mr. Murphy also called for an immediate extension of the Disadvantaged Areas Scheme in Co. Waterford.

YOUGHAL C.B.S. NEWS

GOLF — AN HISTORIC FIRST FOR YOUGHAL C.B.S.

Victory in the final of the Cork Schools Golf Championship at Cork Golf Club recently went to Youghal C.B.S. when they beat Hamilton High School 2.5 to 1.5 in a thrilling final.

The victory gave Youghal the coveted county title for an historic first time.

Fergal Coleman won the 18-hole to halve his match and swing the issue in Youghal's favour.

Results: Youghal's P. Brown (9) beat M. O'Neill (11) 4 and 3; B. Lupton (12) beat B. O'Neill (13) 2 and 1; F. Coleman (13) halved with F. O'Neill (17); E. Farrell (18) lost to C. Mahony 4 and 2.

DUNGARVAN SCHOOLGIRL FOR E.S.B. COOK ELECTRIC COMPETITION

For the fifth year in succession boys and girls in second level schools all over the country have been taking part in the early rounds of the '89 Cook Electric Schools Competition, organised by the Electricity Supply Board and Northern Ireland Electricity.

The finals alternate between north and south, and this time it is Dublin's turn with the ESB acting as hosts at a venue in the capital. The competition is open to young people in the age group 12 to 16 who are attending second level schools where Home Economics is part of the curriculum.

Sixteen finalists — four from each region (north, south, east and west) — will compete on April 4 and 5 to decide the four regional winners, and these in turn will meet in the overall final on April 6.

The first stage of the competition which involved the selection of a representative of each competing school has now been completed. Among those chosen to represent their schools and who now go forward for possible selection as regional contenders is Elaine Sheridan. St. Joseph's Secondary School, Presentation Convent, Dungarvan.

LISMORE NOTES

LIGHTS DRAW

Lismore Christmas Lights Draw was held on December 20 in the Lismore Hotel. The prizewinners were: 1, Niall Power, £100; 2, John Joe Flynn, £50; 3, Dan Sheehan, ham; 4, Carthage Stack, bottle brandy; 5, P. Hickey, bottle whiskey.

LISMORE A.C. NOTES

On Sunday, December 11, Lismore A.C. had a large crowd travelling to Co. Clare to compete in the Munster Championships. This was the last meeting for our club in 1988 and all the athletes did very well. In the girls u-8 Caroline Ormonde ran a terrific race and finished 6th. The County team were in 1st position. The girls u-10 County team were 2nd. The Lismore girls ran great races with Claire Dunne finishing 12th, Claire Moore 18th, Alison Howard was 26th, Ann Marie Lineen 41st and Christine O'Keefe 43rd.

LISMORE F.C. NOTES

Last Sunday morning we travelled to Carrignagour for a top of the table clash with neighbours Glenview and came back with a point which keeps us 3 points clear with 5 games remaining.



We were at full strength on Sunday morning but twice in the first half we had to come from behind after defensive errors. Brendan Lawton, playing a captain's part all through the 90 minutes and Seamus Prendergast were our goal scorers.

Our forwards in the second half had so many chances it was embarrassing, but could not convert them into scores. "Spider" Barry at midfield had one of his best games all season, while Kieran Foley at centre half proved he is the best in this position in the league.

Lismore — M. Fitzgerald, S. Prendergast, E. Cusack, K. Foley, D. Landers, B. Prendergast, C. Barry, T. Pratt, B. Lawton (capt.), B. Shanahan, P. Prendergast. Subs — B. Landers and K.

Lawton for Shanahan and P. Prendergast.

The winning of the league is now in our own hands and while we cannot take any team for granted, we must expect full points from our remaining five games. Our next league game is at home to Mogeely on Sunday, January 15.

Next Sunday the marrieds and singles play their annual challenge. Kick-off 2.30 p.m. The new year in the club was certainly ushered in with a flourish. The number of people who attended and the very evident enjoyment of all made the New Year's Eve party a tremendous success. A lot of credit must go to the ladies for the trojan work they did in catering for so many people.

The list for the Spring League is filling up very quickly and members who wish to play should ensure that their names are in before January 9.

This week's competition was 9 Hole Stableford, best two cards, and was won by M. O'Shea.

RESULTS — Christmas Day Two Club — 1, T. O'Donovan 35 nett; 2, P. Carrie 36.5 nett.

St. Stephens Day Mixed Foursome — 1, K. Madden and D. Cahill 31 nett.

27, 29, and 30 Dec. 9 Hole Stableford. Best Two Cards — 1, M. O'Shea (20) 42 pts; 2, J. Gill (12) 37 pts.

31st Dec. 1st., and 2nd Jan. Open Three — Ball Scramble — 1, R. Ormonde (6), B. Ormonde (16), J. Lenane (17); 2, R. Ormonde (6), J. Hornibrook (10), B. Ormonde (16); 3, F. Geary (8), M. Troy (10), F. Howard (24). Best Visitor — J. Hennessy (8), M. Fitzgerald (16), D. Fitzgerald (Youghal).

FIXTURES — Sat. 7 and Sun. 8 January, 9 Hole v Par. Re-Entry.

CLUB SECRETARIES AND OTHERS PLEASE NOTE

Club Secretaries and P.R.O.'s in the Lismore district may hand in their notes to Willoughbys, Newsagents, Lismore (by kind permission) where they will be collected by Ms. Frances Cunningham who is now the "Leader" Correspondent for Lismore. The same applies to anyone who may have items for publication in the Lismore Notes column each week.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Q. — I have to go into hospital shortly for a minor operation. I intend to go into a semi-private room and I want to know if I will be allowed anything off the bill because I have a Hospital Service Card.

A. — If you go into a private or semi-private room in a public hospital or to a private hospital you have to pay the full costs involved — you do not carry your public entitlement with you.

The current daily cost of staying in private beds in public hospitals is as follows:

Health Board Regional

and Voluntary Teaching: Private — £96.00, Semi-private — £70.00;

County Hospital and Voluntary Non-Teaching Hospital: Private — £73.50, Semi-private — £55.00;

District Hospitals: Private — £36.00, Semi-private — £27.50.

As well as paying for the private bed you also have to pay the consultants involved.

This column has been compiled by Dungarvan Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

CAPPOQUIN MAN TOLD "YOU CAN'T DEFY GARDAI"

A man who defied the gardai and the law for three months by refusing to move the burnt out shell of a motor car was fined £50 at Cappoquin Court.

William Walsh, Barrack Street, Cappoquin, was convicted of dangerous parking on August 28 last.

Garda Oliver Croke told the court that he approached Walsh many times over a period of three months and asked him to remove the vehicle. He had also received a notice from Waterford County Council.

Garda Croke said the burnt out shell of a car caused a considerable obstruction, especially at night.

District Justice W. F. O'Connell said the defendant was greatly mistaken if he thought he could defy the gardai, the law, and everyone else.

Supt. P. J. Hayes prosecuted.



In the girls u-11 Ciara Tobin ran a great race and finished 48th. The girls u-14 were very lucky, they received 2nd club team prize and 3rd county team prize. Valerie Barry had a terrific race and finished 8th, Geraldine Barry 9th, Edel Caples 18th, Rena Carey 26th, Noelle Fennessy 47th, Joan Coleman 71st. Ashling Gilligan also ran a good race. In the girls u-17 Jacqueline Fitzgerald finished 5th.

So, as you can see, all our girls ran terrific races and I'm sure they're not sorry to have a break for a few weeks. But 1989 is now here so they'll have to get ready for the long summer ahead. I'm sure with good commitment they'll be fit for anything.

We also had a good crowd of boys in Co. Clare running for us. In the boys u-8 David O'Gorman ran a terrific race and finished 8th. In the u-10 boys Thomas Barry finished 3rd, James McNamara was 15th, Brendan Landers 27th and Gary Keane 40th.

In the boys u-13 Ryan Flynn finished 83rd. The boys u-17 County team were first with a good run from Carl Landers who finished 12th.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank everyone who supported us at our annual disco which was held on December 22. All money went towards our club funds — P.R.O.

KIDS CORNER

3, Priory House, Friary Street, Dungarvan.



JANUARY SALE NOW ON

Fantastic Bargains

Children's Wool Coats- Ages 2-4 were £56.99 now £35

Jumpers- were £13.99 now £9

Baby Track Suits - £3 each

Tallow & Roundabout Notes

TALLOW FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Willie McDonnell has received the following letter from the County Engineer Mr. John O'Flynn:

"I wish to refer to the Notice of Motion moved by you at the Co. Council meeting on 28th November as follows "That the Council carry out improvements to the footpath at Chapel Street, Tallow, as it has deteriorated in places".

A considerable amount of footpath in Tallow is in poor condition, including the one to which you refer in Chapel Street. The cost of improvements to the worst section at Chapel St. would involve reinstatement of some 30 lineal yards of footpath and is estimated to cost approximately £800. There is no finance available in the present year to implement this work but I have asked the Area Engineer to endeavour to do so, at the earliest practicable date this year.

The worst section of footpath in Tallow is considered to be that adjacent to Hampton's and if funding becomes available, hopefully this too can be dealt with during 1989".

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED

Sincere sympathy was expressed at a recent meeting of the Tallow Fine Gael Branch to the McCarthy family, Convent St.; the Quinlan family, Tallow Hill; and the Hancock family, Chapel Street, all of whom had sad bereavements recently.

TALLOW PRIZE-WINNER
Congratulations to Mr.

Liam Frazer, Convent Street, Tallow on winning one of the major prizes in the £400,000 Nationwide Fine Gael Draw. However the top prize of £20,000 went to Mr. Sean O'Leary of the Cork South Central Constituency. Mr. Frazer was the only winner in the second of four draws in the Waterford Constituency. The winning ticket was sold by Cllr. Willie McDonnell, Tallow

KILWATERMOY CHURCH RENOVATION FUND 6 WEEK NON-STOP-DRAW

On behalf of the above committee I would like to thank everyone for their generous support in joining our non-stop-draw which was a huge success. I would also like to thank those who gave very generous contributions to our fund and also to all those who sold cards and helped in any other way.

The winners were:

Week 1 — 1, Betty Gillen; 2, Gary Moloney; 3, Michael Mahoney. Week 2 — 1, Carmel Duggan; 2, Helen Condon; 3, Dot Lombard. Week 3 — 1, Annemarie Houlihan; 2, Dan Walsh; 3, Jackie Baldwin. Week 4 — 1, Veronica Unacke; 2, John Houlihan; 3, John Lyons. Week 5 — 1, Eamonn Long; 2, Dan Savage; 3, Betty Gillen. Week 6 — 1, Eddie Heskin; 2, Margaret Walsh; 3, Maro Kingston. (Adv.)—P.R.O.

TALLOW COMMUNITY HALL RESULTS

Bridie Clancy, Aghern; Josephine Power, Cappoquin; John Dalton, Cappoquin; Treasa Curley, Tallow; Violet Fitzpatrick, Fermoy;

William Murphy, Woodview; Betty Strich, Fermoy; Mary Power, Dungarvan; Mary Curran, Aghlish; Billy Henley, Woodview; Finbarr Power, Campfire; Marie Crowley, Lismore; Peggie Maher, Cappoquin; Nora Condon Parkdota; J. Higgins, Fermoy; Stella O'Brien, Tallow; Mrs. Leahy, Knockmourne; Frank O'Brien, Tallow; Caroline Mulcahy, Woodview; Noreen Hartigan, Ballyduff; Lena Walsh, Ballyduff; Monica Griffin, Cappoquin, (£100); Eileen Kearney, Ballyduff; Maureen McCarthy, Tallow. Next Sunday night jackpot £300 (45 calls).

Happy New Year to all our loyal patrons.

TALLOW BADMINTON NOTES

Badminton resumes in the hall on this Tues. and Wed. nights after the Christmas lay-off. We play away to Lady Lane on Fri., January 6 in the first round and first leg of the knockout cup with the second leg in Tallow on Monday night Jan. 9. Our u-18's played in the Waterford championship in Kilbarry on Thursday, December 29, Colin Cunningham and Angela Curley reached the semi-final. Denis O'Flaherty and Colin Cunningham lost out in the first round while Denis Martin and Frances Murphy also lost out in the first round but no doubt the experience gained from these championships will be valuable to them in the future.

Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to Fiona for looking after them in Waterford.

The club wish to congratulate John Flynn and Laurence O'Hara who will be coming of age on Friday, January 6. These two people have recently joined our supporters club and we wish them every success on Friday night.

TALLOW G.A.A. NOTES

The clubs extends a vote of sympathy to the O h-Ancoc family, Chapel Street, on the recent death of Sean O h-Ancoc. Sean was an avid follower of the game in Tallow as his son Tomas was the regular net-minder with Tallow teams for a number of years. To his wife and family, relatives and friends our sincerest sympathy. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam. — Padraig O Siochain, P.R.O.

U-16 CORNER HOUSE LEAGUE

UNITED ARE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

BRIDE VIEW UTD 2

INCH 1

United won the league title in a thrilling game played in Tallow on St. Stephens' Day. We needed a draw while Inch had to win to clinch the championship. United were made fight all the way by a gallant Inch side and it took a late goal by Denis Flaherty to give us the Championship cup.

United opened well and Clive Barry was unlucky after just 3 minutes when he shot over. One minute later United put together a fine move, Barry's cross was headed on by Peter Henley to Flaherty but his shot grazed the post. Flaherty was almost in again in the

14th minute but his volley was well saved by the Inch keeper. United took the lead in the 25th minute when Colin Cunningham scored from close range. United had one other chance to increase their lead in the 29th minute when Henley and Flaherty combined well down the left wing before Flaherty's cross was headed just over by the inrushing Barry. At the break Cunningham's goal still separated the sides.

United attacked straight from the kick off in the second half and Danny McGrath's marvellous shot went over the bar after just 4 minutes. But Inch struck back with a fine goal two minutes later to put them back into the game. Inch piled on the pressure and only some good goal-keeping by Ahearne and good defensive work by McDonnell, Henley, McIntosh and Doyle kept United in the game. It was Flaherty who came to United's rescue in the 58th minute when he scored the all important goal that saw United clinch the championship.

Well done however to a gallant Inch side for helping to make this game a thriller for the crowd present.

United's Team — G. Ahearne, P. McDonnell, G. Doyle, G. McIntosh, C. Henley, C. Cunningham, D. McGrath, P. Henley, D. Doyle, G. Barry, D. Flaherty. Res. both used — G. Beecher and G. P. Grey. Res not used — D. Mangan and S. Hampton.

Presentation — The trophies and medals were presented after the game by Mrs. Bridie Martin of The Corner House Bar. Our thanks to Bridie for her sponsorship.

Thanks — Both United and Inch would like to thank referee Paddy Pollard for his excellent handling of the game.

Cup Competition — The draw for the U-16 Cup will be made at The Red House Bar, Lismore on Monday, January 9.

U-14 League and Cup — The above mentioned league and cup competitions will

begin in February. Any club interested in same please notify league committee by January 9.

Schoolboys Clubs — It is nice to see new underage clubs starting off in the area at the moment. Two clubs i.e. Mogeely and Valley Rangers are in the process of starting up. Well done to both.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE

ARDMORE 0 BRIDE VIEW 3

United had a fine away win on Sunday morning last against Ardmore. United were well on top in the first half but they missed numerous chances in front of goal. We led at the break thanks to a John Joe Henley goal just before half time.

Ardmore showed briefly in the second half and almost grabbed an equaliser in the 48th minute but Kevin Tobin got down well to push the ball outside the post for a corner. After this it was all one way traffic and further goals from John Henley and Dermot Henley gave United 2 valuable league points.

Team — K. Tobin, P. Sheehan, P. Prescod G. Sice, K. Murphy, G. Hogan, S. Curley, D. Henley, J. P. Henley, P. Curley and B. Henley. Res. — D. Henley.

Footnote — It was nice to see Dermot Henley back in United's colours on Sunday last. We understand Dermot could be around for a few weeks. David Henley out injured could be back next week. Thomas McCarthy should be back in the next 3/4 weeks. It looks however as if Philly Curley will be out for the rest of the season, Philly is now the new manager as Liam Moroney had to retire due to business commitments.

Co-op Draw — A reminder to all collectors to have their money in by this weekend.

Next Fixture — Sunday next 11.30 a.m. Bride View v. Ardmore.

Red House league meeting next Monday night at The Red House Bar, Lismore at 9 o'clock. The 1st, and 2nd, round draws for the Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup takes place at this meeting.

REMEMBERING OTHER DAYS



The photo for our "Remembering Other Days" series this week was taken in the early 1950's by Tom Tobin and shows a group of trout anglers at Tallow Bridge, Tallow, for the presentation of prizes after a fishing competition in the river Bride. Incidentally those were the carefree days on the Bride before any such thing as a trout rod licence was even dreamt of. In the Group are: Back Row (l. to r.) Ms. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Ferguson (Dentist Youghal) R.I.P., Jim McCarthy, D. Harty, P. Walsh R.I.P., presenting Cup to M. Quinlan (centre), W. Buckley R.I.P., P. Daly R.I.P., M. Murray, - Daly, J. Forde, D. Lyons R.I.P., D. Garean R.I.P., Mrs. T. Tobin. Front Row J. Fraser, Mr. Tobin Senior R.I.P., J. Cody, D. Lyons, M. Mulcahy R.I.P., T. Beecher, J. Geoghegan R.I.P., children of Tom Tobin.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THE GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT

District Court area of
Dungarvan.
District No. 21.

JOHN DOYLE,
APPLICANT

TAKE NOTICE that the above named Applicant of Grattan Square, Dungarvan in the County of Waterford will apply to the District Court sitting at the Courthouse, Dungarvan on the 25th day of January, 1989 at 11.00 a.m. for a Certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 (No. 2 of 1956) authorising the issue of a licence permitting gaming at an amusement hall or funfair, namely the "Amusement Arcade" situate at Grattan Square, Dungarvan in the Court area AND further take notice that the applicant will rely on the following matters in support of his application:

(1) — The Applicant is not disqualified by Section 8 of the said Act from the promoting of gaming under Section 6 or 7 thereof.

(2) — Forms of Entertainment other than gaming are also provided to wit:

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Dated this 23rd day of December, 1988.

Signed:
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT COURT AREA OF CAPPOQUIN DISTRICT NUMBER 21 PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT 1935, SECTION 2 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DANCING LICENCE

APPLICANT:
GEORGE HORSOM

TAKE NOTICE THAT George Horsom of "The Sportsman Inn," Cappoquin in the County of Waterford intends to apply to the Court at Courthouse, Cappoquin on the 10th day of February 1989 at 11.00 a.m. for the grant of a licence to use a particular place to wit "The Sportsman Inn" situate at Main Street Cappoquin in the County of Waterford and District aforesaid for Public dancing.

Dated this 3rd day of January 1989.

Signed:
MICHAEL J. HANRAHAN
Solicitor for Applicant,
43 Lower Main Street,
Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

NEWS OF TOWN AND ROUNDBABOUT

I.C.A. CELEBRATE

Dungarvan I.C.A. celebrated the 30th anniversary of their Guild with a very enjoyable Dinner at Lawlor's Hotel on the 6th December. The next meeting will be on to-night January 3. We wish all our members a very prosperous new year. — P.R.O.

DUNGARVAN PIPE BAND

Results of Christmas Draw: £50 — Mary Cooney, O'Connell St.; £20 — John Casey, Ballincollig; £10 — Deirdre Flynn, Byrneville; Turkey — Anne Landy, c/o 7 Shears St. Abbeyside; Ham — Jimmy Veale, Telecom Eireann; Brandy — Pat O'Shea, c/o Pipe Band; £5 each — Teresa and Marie Elliott; Josie Flynn, Byrneville; Brian Ormonde, Cappoquin; Paddy Whelan, South Tce. Promoters Prizes — Don Sheil, Jim Veale, Tony O'Shea, Jim Veale and Eamonn Veale.

We wish all our supporters a very happy and prosperous new year. — (Advtd).

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

The pupil's, staff and management of above school wish to thank very sincerely the vintners and hoteliers of Dungarvan and district, for

their generosity in making it possible once again to provide the Christmas party in the school. This generous gesture is very much appreciated by all concerned. — (Advtd).

MOTHER CRAFT CLASSES

Ante natal relaxation classes commence in St. John's School, Dungarvan on Tuesday, January 10. — (Advtd).

NEW YEAR CEILI

Since the Munster Fleadh last July many Ceili fans have been looking forward to another night of dancing to the Ballynoe Ceili Band. On Friday week January 13th, in Lawlors Hotel the Co. Board C.C.E. host a Ceili to coincide with the Co. convention which commences at the same venue at 7.30 p.m. Dancing 10.00 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. (Advtd).

LUCK AND BEST WISHES JIM

Best wishes are extended to Jim Duggan of Childers Estate, for his appearance on "Live At Three" on RTE on Monday next January 9, from all his family and friends.

DUNGARVAN CYCLING CLUB

The above will hold their annual general meeting at 8 p.m. in the Moorings on Saturday, January 14. All are welcome. (Advtd).

B.P. CHECK CENTRE

Blood Pressure Check Centres for the month of January 1989 organised by the Irish Heart Foundation in association with Regional Health Boards will be held as follows:

Wednesday, January 4 —
Dungarvan at Dental Section,
St. Joseph's Hospital
from 2 to 3 p.m.

RECENT DEATHS

The following deaths also occurred during the Christmas period: Mr. John McCarthy, Western Terrace, Dungarvan who died on December 29; Mrs. Rose Newman, Dysert, Ardmore who died on December 22; William Kiely, St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan died on December 27; Mrs. Nora Deli (nee Roche), St. Martin's Tce., Dungarvan, died on December 28; Mr. James (Jimmy) Murphy, Glenbeg, Dungarvan died on December 23 and Mr. Michael O'Hara, Kyne Park, Abbeyside, died on December 19. Full obituary notices will be

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Attendance Encouraging At Credit Union's 18th A.G.M.

The 18th Annual General Meeting of Lismore and Cappoquin Credit Union, Ltd., was held at Affane Parochial Hall recently. It was the first occasion that the meeting had been held outside either of the town's and the attendance was very encouraging and the warm and comfortable accommodation was conducive to the success of the meeting as Chairperson, Paddy Lawton, commented.

Having welcomed the members and the auditor Mr. E. Levingstone, the chairperson introduced the various reports.

The report of the Board of Directors, was read by Secretary Gerard Walsh and with membership up by 130, savings by 16%, loans by 3%, was indicative of a year of overall outstanding progress by the Union. The report recommended a dividend of 6% on shares and this was unanimously approved.

The very satisfactory Financial Statement was presented by Treasurer, Eleanor Burns and the interest among the members was indicated by the questions addressed to the auditor. The conclusion to be drawn was that the Credit Union was in a prime position to meet the needs for future growth.

The Credit Union Committee Report, presented by Mary Hickey showed that loans were in excess of a quarter of a million for 1988 and showed that the union was making an important social and economic contribution in the areas where the great majority of this large amount of money was put into circulation.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE

Tom Hackett read the Supervisory Committee report and here again heard that optimistic note for the future. The following directors will guide the destinies of the Union for 1989. Before these notes they will have met to elect their officers in

accordance with rule. P. Lawton, E. O'Shea, G. Walsh, E. Fenton, V.O'Keefe, D. Kennefick, W. Leahy, Mrs. E. Burns, Mrs. M. Casey, Miss B. Kiely, Mrs. M. Hickey, Mrs. E. Cullinane, Mrs. M. Hackett. Supervisors are Tom Hackett, Paddy Pollard and Dermot O'Leary.

DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS IN COUNTY AND CITY

In reply to a Dail Question by Deputy Austin Deasy in the pre-Christmas session, the Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey stated that the total number on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in Co. Waterford as at November 25, 1988 was 1,364 — 1,079 in Dungarvan and 285 in Lismore. In the same period for 1987 the total for Dungarvan and Lismore Employment Exchanges was 1,545.

In the City, the total number of unemployed as at November 25, was 5,208 as compared with 5,422 in 1987.

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DUNGARVAN G.A.A. NOTES

SUCCESSFUL A.G.M.

Although the attendance might have been better, and some faces were "absent without leave", our annual general meeting at the C.B.S. was an excellent one and was a first-class way in which to plan and prepare for 1989.

Chairman Michael Lyons delivered a stirring address during which he called for much greater all-round effort in the coming year. He referred to the great milestone of acquiring land to develop their own playing fields and made a strong appeal for everyone to help in the forthcoming draw.

Turning to the players he urged them to show greater commitment in the year ahead. "we have to fight to survive in senior hurling and football ranks in the coming year", he said. However given the excellent panel of players available he expected the club will mount strong challenges in both championships in 1989.

He praised the teams who had the Under 14, 16 and 21 football championships in the West and said the club is on a sound and solid footing to face into the 1990's with confidence.



COMPREHENSIVE

The reports of secretary Maura Curran and treasurer Noel Sheehan were comprehensive in the extreme.

The secretary's report covered every facet of activity during 1988 and was an excellent effort by Maura.

The statement of accounts and balance sheet by Noel Sheehan certainly provided food for thought. Including the cost of purchasing our new playing grounds expenditure for the year came to almost £110,000 and to no one's surprise expenditure far outstripped income in the year.

Clearly a lot of hard work lies ahead if our finances are to be restored to order.

OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President — Brighdin Ni Criostoir; Vice-Presidents — Fr. T. Rogers C.C., Fr. W. Carey C.C., Michael Tobin, Billy Kiely, Tom Cunningham; Chairman — Michael Lyons; Vice-Chairman — Billy Kiely; Secretary — Maura Curran; Asst. Sec. — Mary Fitzgerald; Treasurer — Noel Sheehan; Membership Officers — Noel Sheehan and Brighdin Ni Criostoir; P.R.O. — John A. Murphy; Commit-

tee — Paddy Fitzgerald, Paddy Power, Brendan Morrissey, John Fennell, Eddie Sheehan, John Meehan, Peter Ferncombe, John McLoughlin, Joanne Daly, Eileen Murphy, Rita Brennan and John Moore together with the President and officers.

The AGM was preceded by Mass in St. Mary's Parish Church and the turn-out was excellent. Fr. Rogers was the celebrant and our thanks is extended to him. We are also delighted that he has joined Fr. Carey among our Vice-Presidents.

LUCKY WINNERS

Congratulations to the three lucky cash winners at our sponsored greyhound meeting in Waterford — Danny Murphy, Roanmore (£150); Mrs. Breda Power, 2 St. Patrick's Crescent (£100) and Michael McLoughlin, Congress Villas (£50).

SCOR NA nOG

Our Ballad Group and Novelty Act have qualified for the County finals of Scor na nOg and they will now carry the club's hopes into those finals in Kill on Saturday next, January 7.

The members of the Ballad Group are Deirdre and Claire Murphy, Jackie Drummey, Catherine Brennan and Killian Walsh.

The Novelty Act members are Sonia Clynn, Jackie Drummey, Danny Sheehan, Killian Walsh and Deirdre and Claire Murphy. Congratulations to all concerned.

GREETINGS

To all our members and supporters, and to the generous people of Dungarvan and surrounding areas, we would like to extend best wishes for the new year.

Also to the Editor and Staff of this newspaper we wish a happy and prosperous new year and an expression of sincere thanks for the space afforded our club affairs each week.



Members of the Dungarvan G.A.A. Clubs U14 and U16 teams who won the West Waterford Championships pictured at the presentation of medals in Lawlors Hotel Dungarvan. (Rory Wyley)

GERALDINES G.A.A. NOTES

MASS AND A.G.M.

Prior to our 39th annual general meeting, Holy Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. W. Callanan, P.P. for Ned Mernin and all deceased players and members of our club. There was a big turn-out of past and present players. Among the attendance were two players who played with Kill against us in the county senior football final in 1962, namely Ger Mooney and Achill Lannon. We thank you both for making the journey.

The Lessons were read by Pat O'Brien and P. J. Connery, our chairman.

It is of interest to know that since 1951, our first year in the championship, there are 12 players who wore the white and blue, two chairmen and two founder members of the club, after answering the great call. May they all rest in peace.

A.G.M.

After Mass we held our 39th annual general meeting in Geraldines G.A.A./St. Mary's Hall. There was a big attendance.

The chairman, P. J. Connery welcomed all present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:- President, James Hallahan; Vice-Presidents, Tom O'Connell, Tom O'Riordan, Bill Downing; Chairman, P. J. Connery, Vice-Chairman, Jimmy Downing; Secretary, Daithi O'Brien; Assistant Sec., Eddie O'Grady; Treasurer, Johnny O'Brien; P.R.O., Bill Downing. Committee — Pat O'Brien, Seamus Meskill, Tom O'Riordan, Johnny O'Grady, Tony Morrissey, Michael Broderick.

Captain, Intermediate Football, Seamus Meskill; Vice-Captain, John Longan; Junior Hurling Captain, Daithi O'Brien; Vice-Captain, Brendan O'Grady.

Selectors for coming year: Junior Hurling and Intermediate Football — Jim Joe Landers, P. J. Connery and Michael Mernin. Trainer and Coach — Jim Joe Landers; Assistant Trainer — Tom O'Riordan.

Rules of the club passed by the meeting. That only paid up members can vote at meetings and be entitled to be in the draw for Munster and All-Ireland tickets. That in the event of a colour

clash - in football the hurling jerseys will be worn — in hurling the football jerseys will be worn. That all players abide by the colour scheme in every match. That Holy Mass be celebrated before annual general meetings in future for all deceased players and members of the club. That guards of honour be provided for past and present players and club members only.

MEMBERSHIP

Club memberships should be paid to Michael Memin, the fee is £5 and under 18 years £3. The closing date for membership is Easter Sunday, March 26. Michael Memin is sole collector for membership for 1989, so please pay up now.

P. J. Connery, Chairman; Daithi O'Brien, secretary and Johnny O'Brien, Treasurer had three splendid reports before the meeting.

The meeting closed with a minutes silence and a prayer. All in all a very good annual general meeting.

ST. OLIVERS

At a meeting of St. Olivers Under Age club held in Ballinameela, a vote of sincere sympathy was passed to Bridget Mernin and all the Mernin family. The meeting closed with a minute's silence and a prayer.

SYMPATHY

The club extend sincere sympathy to the Cleary family, Ballingown on the death of Mrs. Cleary which sad event took place in Cork. May she rest in peace.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of Geraldines Club we wish our supporters and friends a very happy and prosperous new year.

We would like to thank the Dungarvan Leader for coverage of our notes and the co-operation we got during the past year. Thanking you all again. — P.R.O.

CHRISTMAS RACING WINS

Two popular Dungarvan owners were in the winners enclosure at the Limerick Christmas meeting on Wednesday, December 28.

In the Dungarvan Novice Chase (£2,500) "Thepugot" owned by Mr. Tom Coffey, Springmount and trained by David McGrath, started a 3/1 joint favourite. The other joint favourite, "High Performance", unseated his rider five fences from home and "Thepugot" ridden by Tony O'Brien was driven up to take the lead approaching the final fence but jumped across to the left here. The gelding went on to win by 4 lengths. A stewards inquiry followed the incident at the last fence but the judges' placings remained unaltered.

Mr. John Sheehan's "Last Sprite" trained by John Kiely followed her recent impressive win at Wexford by taking the concluding winners' Bumper. "Last Sprite" (11/8 favourite) went straight into the lead but was challenged from three furlongs out by "Dark Dawn". However, under John Flynn, she again forged ahead early in the run-in and had a comfortable 2.5 lengths win in the end.

TOURIN BADMINTON NOTES

RECENT

LEAGUE GAMES

On Monday night our Section E played hosts to Ring. Everybody played well and games were enjoyed by all.

The final score was 5-3 in favour of Ring.

On Wednesday night two teams played Ferrybank. Section C played hosts to Ferrybank and Section H2 played away to Ferrybank. The score of both games was 6-2, Tourin being the winners of both games

N.D.C. MILK FUN RUN

"April 30, 1989 is going to be Milk Funday Sunday." So said Aidan McCarthy, Chief Executive of the National Dairy Council, at a Press Conference in Grattan House, Dublin. He was announcing that the "Round Table Bone Marrow Laboratory Appeal" was to be the beneficiary of the Milk Funday — 1989. This popular event, hitherto known as the Milk Fun Run will now be expanded to incorporate a wide variety of activities that will fully justify the new title "Milk Funday."

The event established in

1979, has, in the intervening years, been run by various charities to raise badly needed funds for very worthy causes. This tradition will be continued in 1989 through the Round Table Bone Marrow Laboratory Appeal.

Round Table, who will be organising the event this year, is an international organisation which, in Ireland, spans the 32 counties. Round Table has, over the years, been involved in community service in all areas of the country. This, however, is the first time

that all of the Round Tables are coming together with one purpose.

BROADER APPEAL

Mr. McCarthy said that the event's new title was consistent with the National Dairy Council's aim that the day should develop a broader popular appeal. While the Run itself will continue to be the 'core' event, he promised that there will be something for every member of the family on "Milk Funday Sunday" to encourage everyone to participate in raising funds for a very deserving cause.

G.A.A. NOTES . . . BY "COMMENTATOR"

Co. Convention Nominations And Motions



The following are the nominations and motions for the forthcoming County Convention:

Chairman — Seamus O Toibin (outgoing), Na Seamroga; Donnacha Mac Craith (Ath Mhean/Ceapach Chuinn), Nodlaig Daltun (De La Salle), Eamonn O Murchu (Dun Aill), Tadhg O Caoimh (Clais Mhor), Oilibhear Mac Uillain (An Tuirin), Tomas O Cuinneagain (Dungarbhán).

Secretary — Seamus Mac Grainne (outgoing), Cnoc Sion, unopposed.

Treasurer — Gearod O Cuineagain (outgoing), Cnoc Sion, unopposed.

Development Officer — Sean O Fearachair (outgoing), Ceapach Chuinn, Seamus O Toibin (Na Seamroga).

Youth Officer — Seamus O hUaine (outgoing), Cnoc Sion, Seamus O Toibin (Na Seamroga).

Hurling Officer — An tAthair Padraig Mac Gearailt (outgoing), Carraig Beag, Seamus O Toibin (Na Seamroga).

P.R.O. — Padraig O Colmain (outgoing), An tSraidbhaile, Sean Mac Sheain (An Baile Dubh), Donal O Srideain (Cnoc Sion), Sean O Murchu (Dungarbhán), Antoin Breathnach (An Coilleagain).

Oifigeach Gaeilge — Nioclac Mac Craith (outgoing), An Rinn, unopposed.

Munster Council — Tomas O Cunneagain (outgoing), Dungarbhán, Seamus De Paor (outgoing), Cnoc Sion, Tomas O hAongusa (An Chill), Seamus Mac Grainne (Cnoc Sion), Seamus O Toibin (Na Seamroga).

Central Council — Seamus O Briain (outgoing), Abbeyside, unopposed.

MOTIONS

1. — That a consultative Committee be set up to make recommendations on the provision of a County Ground for this county — this ground to be capable at least of accommodating a Provincial Final. — (Rogha Eireann).

2. — Scorfar feasta de na craobh-chomortaisí — (Iomaint agus Peil) fe 21. Athrofar Fo-Dhli 3.01 (i) agus (iii), da reir sin. — (Rinn O gCuanach).

3. — Ma leantar de na craobh-chomortaisí fe 21, cuirfear Fo-dhli 3.04 ar ceal agus cuirfear ina ait; Teams entering for Under 21 Championships (iomaint agus peil) in each Division, be divided into two equal sections, the stronger teams, club or group, will contest the A' championship, the weaker teams the B champi-

onship. — (Rinn O gCuanach).

4. — That the Under 21 Hurling B Championship be abolished. (Fo-Dlith 3.01) to be amended accordingly. — (Cnoc Sion).

5. — That one of our County Grounds (Walsh Park or Fraher Field) be developed and completed to cater for present day requirements. Committee to be set up to determine which ground be given priority and recommendations issued to County Board within a short period of time. — (Portcladach).

6. — That first sentence in Bye Law 3.04 be deleted (i.e. club teams only shall be permitted to participate in the Under 21 B Championships). — (Ma Deilge).

7. — That the Under 21 Championships be played within a specified time, suitable and agreeable to both Divisional Board. — (Portcladach).

8. — That Bye Law 3.01 section (i) (ii) be amended for the setting up of a County Senior (B) Hurling championship, and the contestants in the first instance be the Intermediate teams, plus the 1988 Junior Hurling (A) champions — this competition to be run in two groups, with the winners of each section being promoted to contest the County Senior Hurling Championship the following year, with the bottom team in each section of the Senior Hurling Championship relegated the following year to Senior Hurling (B) Championship. — (Rogha Eireann).

9. — That the Intermediate Hurling Championship be run on a county basis under the auspices of County Board. Financial arrangements to be agreed between Divisional and County Boards. Separate Divisional championships to be run on a knock-out basis by Divisional Boards. (Fo-Dlith 3.01 3.02 to be amended). — (De La Salle).

10. — (a) The County Senior Championship (iomana agus peil) will be played for by not more than 12 teams in each; the teams will be divided into two sections and the competitions will be run as set out in Fo-Dhli 3.02 (iii), b, c, d, e. F/Dhli 3.02 (j) to be altered.

(b) The County Intermediate Championships be played for by not more than 12 teams. For this championship only and Fo. Dli 2.02 notwithstanding, the teams will be arranged by County Fixtures Committee into two groups — one group to be administered by each Divisional Board, which Board

shall retain revenue accruing from the games except the County Finals — (fo dli 3.01 (iii)).

(c) The Junior A Championship (iom. agus peil) shall be played by not more than 12 teams in two sections six in each division. Second teams independent of the 12 will play in this championship, as arranged by Divisional Boards.

(d) The Junior (B) adult championships will be played for by teams not gaining admission to grades (a), (b) or (c) above — delete Fo-Dli 3.03.

(e) Promotion and relegation as for Senior to apply at Intermediate and Junior A level. (Fo Dhli 3.02 refers). — (Rinn O gCuanach).

11. — That Bye Laws 3.01, 3.02, 3.03 and 3.07 Fo Dli 1986 be amended or deleted to allow for the following:—

(a) That the Junior Hurling and Football be confined to the first teams of Junior clubs and run on a league system as at present, with promotion to a higher grade for winners at discretion of County Fixtures Committee;

(b) That Junior Hurling and Football Premier Championship be introduced for the second teams of Senior and Intermediate Clubs and run on a knock-out system, with losers group winners of losers group to qualify for Divisional semi-final. Championship winners to be promoted to higher grade at discretion of the County Fixtures Committee;

(c) That the Intermediate Hurling and Football Championships be run on an all county basis in conjunction with the senior hurling and football championships;

(d) That the Intermediate Clubs be represented on County Board;

(e) That the Senior Hurling Championship be reduced to ten teams at the discretion of the County Fixtures Committee, and continue to be run on a league system, as decided by the County Fixtures Committee. The ten teams to include the Intermediate Champions of the previous year;

(f) That the Senior Football Championship be reduced to 12 teams at the discretion of the County Fixtures Committee and continue to be run on a league system as decided by the County Fixtures Committee. The 12 teams to include Intermediate Champions of the previous year;

(g) That the Intermediate Hurling and Football Championships be confined to ten teams each, and be run on a league system to be decided

upon by County Fixtures Committee. — (Cnoc Sion).

12. — When play-offs occur to determine sectional or group winners — such winners be determined on the field of play. In the event of play-offs in both groups of same championship, both games be played on the same day and at the same starting times. Bye Law 3.02 (e) to be altered accordingly. — (Portcladach).

13. — That Fo Dli 5.09 page 15 Fo-Dlith 1986 be amended in its second last sentence as follows — "Not more than seven players may be regraded per club." Delete the word five. — (Clais Mhor).

13. — That the present Divisional Boards be abolished and be replaced by separate Hurling and Football Boards — these Boards to have their own elected officers — the new Boards to be subject to the over-all control of the County Board. The Hurling and Football Boards be responsible for the running of all competitions in their respective codes. All existing Bye Laws affecting such change to be amended accordingly. — (Rogha Eireann).

14. — That Old Age Pensioners be admitted free to all intercounty games, except in cases of All-Irelands and all ticket games. — (Portcladach).

VENUE FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

An application by Ballyduff West, to be allowed to host County convention this year, was unsuccessful and Coisde Gnotha, on behalf of the Board have decided that the annual meeting will take place at Lawlors on Saturday, January 29th, starting at 6.30 p.m.

The election of a new County chairman, has the County buzzing with rumours and this aspect of the annual meeting is likely to continue to overshadow all other elections on the Board, up to the day of the convention. Six have been nominated, but I understand that the election will be resolved after a battle between Denis McGrath, Eamon Murphy and Noel Dalton.

U-21 FOOTBALLERS BEAT WEXFORD IN S.E. LEAGUE

With a March date for the first round of the Munster championships, the new county selection team got down early to the business of preparing their charges with a competitive game against Wexford in the South Eastern league at Clayboy on Sunday last. This competition between four Counties is being played on a 'home and away' basis and on Sunday next, our team will travel to New Ross for the second leg.

There was a splendid turn out of players for our first match and despite the fact that this was their first game together, they played well and defeated their bigger and better prepared opponents.

It took them quite a while to settle down and they were two points in arrears (0-5 to 0-3) at half-time, having had the use of the light breeze. An improved second half performance, saw them edge their way in front and goals by Wyse and Hallinan gave them the confidence they needed to withstand a late onslaught by a determined Wexford, who were some-

what surprised at being beaten in their first game. Full-time score, Waterford 2-7, Wexford 1-7.

Scorers — P. Hallinan (1-2); D. Wyse (1-1); M. Power (0-2); L. O'Brien (0-1); L. Quilty (0-1).

Team — L. Walsh, Ed. Fitzgerald, A. Power, M. O'Brien, W. Reynolds, Ed. Burke, B. Brophy, L. Quilty, L. Daniels, Pat Hallahan, A. Qualton, D. Wyse, L. O'Brien, A. Spillane, J. Regan. Subs who played — D. Dee, M. Power and M. O'Brien. Best for Waterford were Ed. Fitzgerald, L. Daniels, P. Hallahan, D. Wyse and M. O'Brien.

INTERESTING OPINIONS IN CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

This is an 'airing of views' more than a discussion and in all about 20 members spoke at the December County Board meeting in Lismore.

Nioclac Mac Craith, who had previously proposed this way of getting clubs' views on the championships, said the league style championship was a good idea, but there were far too many teams with the result that clubs were put under too much pressure. Games coming in close succession was not a good thing, he said, as teams should have time for training, for coaching, resting and even for talking.

Billy Jones, De La Salle, said that divisional championships should be run on a knockout basis and leave the senior championships on a league system.

Eamon Martin, Brickey Rangers, said the only way to play a championship was on a knockout system. He told the meeting that when he came to reside here thirteen years ago and competitions were on a knockout basis, the interest was tremendous and the newspaper coverage of every game was excellent. Now, with so many games to cover, publicity was not nearly as good. Leagues should be run as well as the championships.

Phil Fanning spoke about standards in the County and expressed the opinion that at

club level we were not far behind all the others. He instanced the recent club games in which Mount Sion and Kilrossanty both reached the Munster finals and were narrowly beaten.

John Jackson said we should set up a ten-man committee to examine the whole championship structure and come back with a report after ten months. Any adjustments could then be made for 1990.

Noel Fleming thought there were far too many championships and as a result it was too easy for mediocre players to find a place on a team.

Eamon Murphy said that everything in the championship line needed to be reviewed.

Eddie O'Halloran said that at the beginning his club were in favour of the league system, but like many others, they were inclined to the view that the knockout system was best.

James Tobin wondered how an 'A' and a 'B' senior championship would function.

At the end of the night, the Chairman stated that while the opinions expressed were interesting, the format of the championships could not be decided on until motions to convention and that these, if approved, could go forward as recommendations to the Board meeting in February.

CO. HURLERS RESUME ACTIVITY

Waterford senior hurlers will resume activity on Sunday, January 15 when the County team will play a selected side at Cleaboy at 2.30 p.m.

The County team will be selected from the current panel which is as follows:

J. Power, P. Walsh, D. Byrne, J. Beresford, G. Fitzpatrick, L. O'Connor, T. Sheehan, G. Connors, K. Ryan, S. Ahearne, E. Rockett, D. Power, B. Prendergast, B. O'Sullivan, P. Murphy, K. Delahunty, P. Power, N. Warren, P. Coffey, S. Frampton, S. Cullinane, L. Whitty, and Pat Ryan who is on the injured list at present.

In addition, the following players will be notified through their clubs to attend — Liam Quinn (Mt. Sion), Seamus Prendergast (Lismore), Noel Crowley (Roanmore), Liam Hartley

(Ballygunner), Pat Power (Kilgobinet), Eddie Brennan (Ballygunner), Anthony Cooney (Ballygunner), Tommy Lannon (Portlaw), Adrian Meagher (Ballysagart), Donal Loughane (Mt. Sion), Brendan Lawton (Lismore), Michael Mahoney (Ballygunner), Michael Flanagan (Mt. Sion), Paraic Fanning (Mt. Sion), Brian Greene (Mt. Sion), Fintan O'Brien (Stradbally).

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Although every senior football club in the County was invited to take part in the special winter league, being organised by Tramore's Liam Fardy, only six clubs have decided to participate.

In view of the regular demand for more games and the many complaints by clubs that not enough competitions are organised between November and April for senior clubs, it is extraordinary that so few have availed of this chance of competition.

The competition will begin on Sunday January 8th and conclude on March 12th., with all clubs playing on a 'home and away' basis.

The first round games fixed for Sunday are — Dungarvan v. Tramore at Dungarvan; Ballinacourty v. Gaultier at Abbeyside and Dunhill v. Rathgormack at Dunhill. Each club will play nine games over the nine Sundays and the club with the highest number of points at the end of the twenty-seven match tournament will win valuable sponsored prizes.

DEISEACH SIX

The County Year Book was in great demand over the Christmas period and all who purchased were agreed that it was a good buy and an excellent record of a very active year in the County.

One weekly columnist suggested that the article on Historical Headlines might be used for a County History. Being one of the very few Counties which have not produced a history, perhaps this is something which can now be seriously considered.

SAVE OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED

The belated 'Save of the year' in hurling for 1987, by R.T.E., was made at a special function before a huge attendance of Stradbally members, the County senior hurling players, selectors, Board officials, etc., on Friday night, December 30th. Pat Curran won the award for an outstanding save during the Waterford/Limerick Munster championship senior hurling game at Thurles in June of 1987 and when making the presentation of the beautiful Waterford Crystal Trophy, R.T.E.'s very well known Sports Commentator Mick Dunne, apologised for the long delay in presenting the award, which he said was due to a number of circumstances.

He also apologised to the County Board who had expressed their concern in no uncertain manner. Now that the matter had finally been put right he said, he, in company with Michael O'Carroll of R.T.E. Sports Department, was glad to be there to honour Pat in the presence of his colleagues of the Waterford hurling team, his many clubmates and members of the County Board. Referring to the actual save, which had won Pat Curran this very prestigious award, he said it was one of many such

goalkeeping efforts by the same player which had delighted viewers on television during a great championship year.

Club Chairman, Tom Cunningham, who introduced the various speakers on the night, spoke about the great honour for the club and the County and said that although Pat was now residing in England, they looked forward to the day when he would be back wearing the blue and white of Waterford and the red jersey of Stradbally.

James Tobin, Chairman



Photo shows a very determined looking Pat Curran coming out on to the field at Thurles to guard the net on the occasion of his great save for Waterford.

of the County Board, Very Rev. Mick Joe Ryan, P.P., Stradbally and Tony Mansfield, manager of the County hurling team also spoke about the award and the great honour it was for the County.

In accepting the trophy,

Pat thanked everyone who had been associated with selecting him. He thanked his club for organising the function and the huge crowd who had turned out on the night to be with him on this great occasion.

ABBEYSIDE/BALLINACOURTY G.A.A. NOTES

SCOR NA nOG

Our three items came through the Western finals held recently at the Friary Hall and so qualified to compete in the county finals to be held at Kill Hall on this Saturday, Jan. 7.

All our contestants were in sparkling form, showing enough improvement in recent displays to edge into the county deciders.

Sinead Kiely in the solo singing section is improving with each outing and is enjoying the challenge. Clodagh Power, new to the county final scene is bubbling with enthusiasm and makes light of the demands of the occasion. In the quiz our squad of Paul Looby, Stephen O'Brien and Michael Sheehan have knit themselves into an effective unit and with further improvement may yet upset their highly rated final opponents. Incidentally this treble representation in the finals at Kill represents a continuation of our involvement in the "counties" throughout this decade and indeed the latter half of the '70s. We wish all our young club artists the best of luck at "Kill 89," on Saturday night.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

We have entered the Tramore Club's senior football league being run from January to March on a weekly game programme. Our schedule starts on Sunday next, Jan 8, with a home

game v. Gaultier, who are the newly crowned intermediate champions. We continue each week with games v. Tramore, Dungarvan, Rathgormack and Dunhill. The league then goes into the second round fixtures with the venues reversed. This should prove a worthwhile venture for our players.

OUR WISH

We take this opportunity to thank the management and staff of the Dungarvan Leader for being so kind and helpful during '88. We extend our sincerest best wishes to you all for a Happy & Prosperous New year.

We also take this opportunity to invite all our club members, supporters and friends to join together and wish good will and joy to people everywhere. It is our hope that the traditional happiness of Christmas will have touched us all as friends and neighbours and that we will continue to share good will, happiness and joy throughout the year.

CO-OP DRAW

We will be participating in the hugely successful co-op draw being promoted throughout the county at the moment. We have secured our allocation of tickets and we will be calling on all our supporters in the near future with a view to ensuring that everyone in the parish is afforded the opportunity to be in this super draw with a

chance of picking up one of the super prizes. All households in the parish should now be circulated of all details relating to the draw.

The entire proceeds of the draw will go towards the promotion of juvenile hurling and football in our club. This is a trojan boost to the juvenile section of the club and to those who have been working so diligently over the past years. So, the cause is most worthy, the prizes are super, don't miss

your chance. Abbeyside/Ballinacourty people everywhere be sure to avail of the opportunity to lend your positive support to the juvenile players of the club. Let's hear from you all.

EASTERN BORD NA nOG CONVENTION

They are the first of the Boards within the County to hold their annual convention and there was a good attendance of club delegates at their meeting in Portlaw last week. The winning of the Munster under 16 hurling championship was the highlight of their year, which also saw them win their share of County titles on the home front.

Election of Officers: Chairman — Jack Laffin, Ballyduff Lower; Vice-do — Liam Power, St. Mollers; Treasurer — Greg O'Neill, Dunhill/Fenor; Registrar — Liam Power, Killure; the positions of Secretary and P.R.O. will be filled at the first meeting of the Board on January 23rd, which will also be their annual affiliations meeting. The outgoing Chairman, Roger Barron, Secretary, Larry Quinn and P.R.O. Bro. Griffey, did not seek re-election.

BORD NA nOG CONVENTIONS

The Western and County conventions of the Juvenile Board have been fixed for January 10th and 17th respectively and both will be held at Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan, commencing at 8 p.m.

Nominations and motions for the Western conventions will be accepted on the night of convention, but for the County convention these must be submitted to the secretary by Friday January 13th. John Jackson, who is the outgoing secretary to both committees, has asked us to announce that he will not be seeking election to either body. Also that Rev. Bro. Griffey, who is the present P.R.O. of the County committee, will not be a candidate.

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by Mai O'Higgins

Here we are at the doorway of 1989 — the beginning of a new year — always an auspicious time for special traditions and folklore.

On New Year's Eve it is said that James Joyce would throw a loaf of bread in the family front door at midnight — a rite which was supposed to guarantee full and plenty for the household during the year ahead. The noise and celebrating of New Year's Eve — tradition tells us is the follow-up of the olden driving away of evil spirits and bad luck.

In Ireland we all know of the antics of the Little People — the cheeky leprechaun in his coat and cap of green and gold. On New Year's Eve it would be dangerous to walk in a moonlit glen in case you would hear strange-weird-music — this would mean ill luck for the year. In Munster — we had the Red Man and woe betide you if he calls and finds your door closed.

On New Year's Day never wear a shoe with a hole in it or you will be dogged

with dire financial trouble in the coming year. Don't wear new clothes for the first time on New Year's Day. If you do you are in for a very unlucky year — unless you immediately put a coin in one or more pockets.

It is very unlucky to sweep the floor on New Year's Day as it forbodes the unexpected death of a member of the household. Never wash clothes or you might wash some member of the family out of this world.

A dark-haired man is a welcome caller to a house — but a red-haired lady brings disaster — forboding a death.

For country folk to hear the call of the cuckoo in one's right ear, to see a foal — to watch a snail crawling on the grass — then luck galore is yours.

With all the New Year folklore — bringing good and evil — it is a time for great rejoicing and socialising — a little sadness too. The hope is that we all have even more for which to be thankful for a year from now.

TOURANEENA NOTES

CHRISTMAS IN SLIABH gCUA

The Holy Season of Christmas was observed with due fervour and devotion here in Sliabh gCua. Large crowds attended the Christmas ceremonies in the church. On Tuesday evening before Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lloyd, C.C., the school children under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Fives, N.T., sang some beautiful carols which were highly appreciated by the packed congregation.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Nativity Pageant by the children. This was the first time that anything like this had been done in the parish and great credit is due to Mrs. Fives and the children themselves for the excellent manner in which it was produced. The children spoke and sang so clearly, sweetly and earnestly that by popular request the pageant was repeated at second Mass on Christmas morning.

A Penitential Service was held on Wednesday evening and hundreds availed of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Midnight Mass on Christmas eve was an occasion of peace, joy and reunion. Wishes for a happy Christmas could be heard on all sides.

In his homily, Fr. Lloyd, C.C., recalled the real

meaning of Christmas, far removed from the crude commercialism of today and wished the congregation and all their friends and relatives, especially those in exile or in hospital, the happiness and blessings of the Christmas season.

PIONEER NOTES

There was a large attendance at the first meeting of the newly-formed branch of the Pioneer Total Abstinence association, held recently in Touraneena.

The following officers were elected: Very Rev. Fr. Michael Power, P.P. (Spiritual Director), Mrs. Ann McGrath, (President), Pat Hallinan (Vice-President), Kathleen Condon (Secretary), Valerie Nugent (Asst. Secretary), Nellie Power (Treasurer), Anita McGrath (Asst. Treasurer), Phyllis McCabe (Leisure Officer), Bernie Gleeson, Chrissie Barron, Agnes Morrissey and Mary Condon (Delegates to Regional Committee). New members are welcome.

RESULTS OF PROGRESSIVE CARD DRIVE

1st and 2nd shared — Pat and Bernie Cliffe, William Scanlan and Dick Hickey; 3rd — Nonie Queally and P. J. Queally; Last Game — Piery Wall, Minnie Kirwan; Lucky Tables — Jack Dalton, Alice McCarthy, Kathleen and Allie Hearn.

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