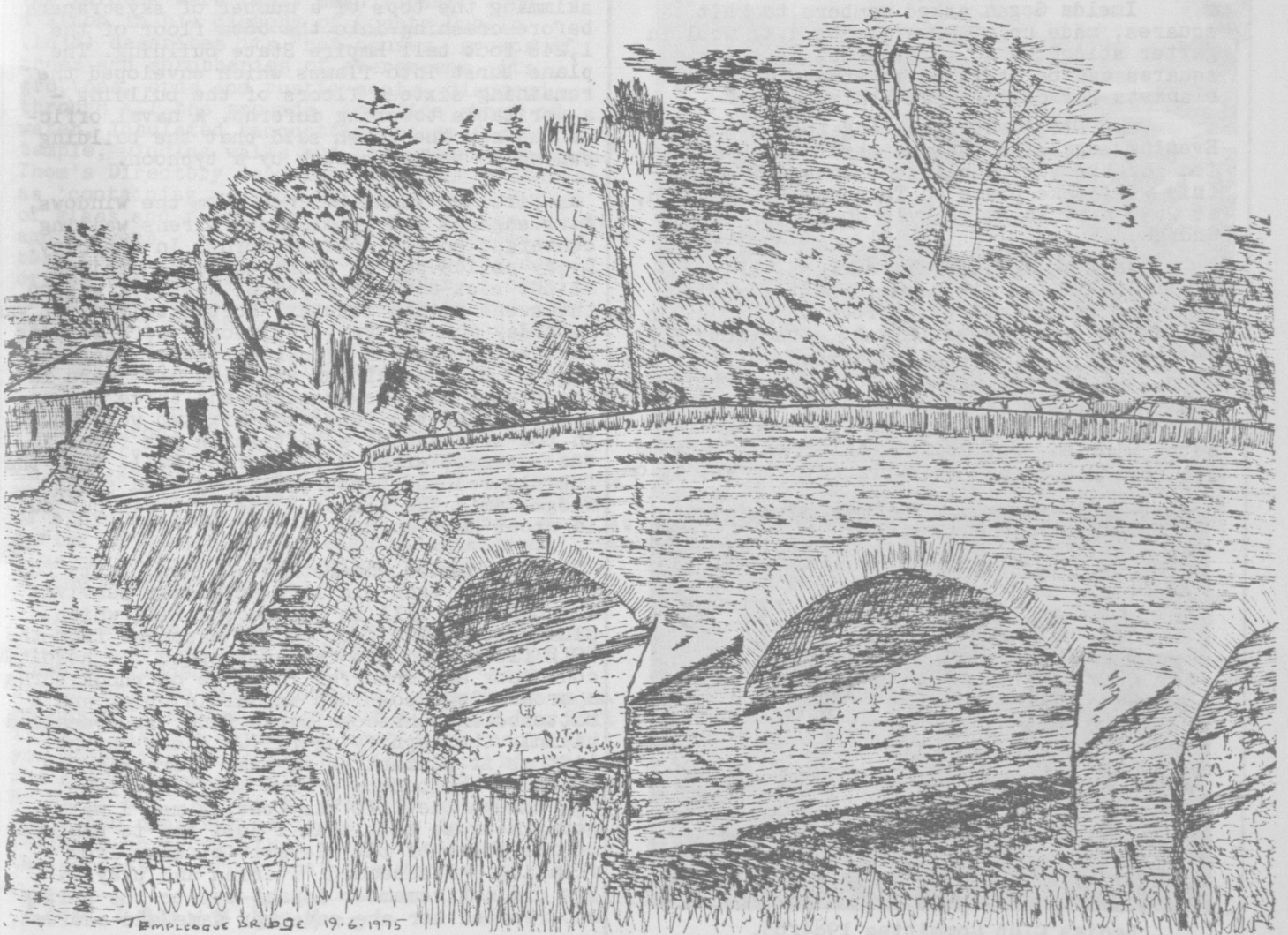


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templeogue ladies' club carmel dunne

The Templeogue Ladies Club held their twentieth Annual General Meeting on 6th March, 1985.

The following committee members will serve a second year -

President: Brigid Nolan
 Vice-President: Lily Duffy
 Secretary: Carmel Dunne
 Treasurer: Sheila Lawlor
 Committee: Kathleen Byrne, Bernie Greene, Phyll Heron, Kate Meaney, Peggy Quigley, Jean Thompson, Kay Tonge, Mabel Weir,

and the following four members were elected unopposed to serve their first year:

Myra Haran, Mary Holt, Maura Morris and Joan Murphy.

Imelda Gogan asked members to knit squares, made up of 32 stitches d.k. wool in garter stitch on no. 7 needles, as these squares can be stitched together to make blankets for children in Ethiopia.

The President recalling the Autumn Evening suggested that we should have a reunion for the senior citizens in the area and this will take place on Thursday, 21st March, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Room, St. Pius X Church.

In her Presidential address, Brigid Nolan, asked was it possible that a whole year had passed since she received her chain of office from Treasa Durcan. She thought it was a year of wonderful successes, of much sadness, but most of all of progress. Brigid said that during the year we suffered the loss of two of our members, Dorothy Colclough and Betty O'Brien, but heartbreaking as it was to see them die it had an extraordinary effect on



Ladies Club Committee 1984/85.

the members, especially in the case of Betty O'Brien. When the members heard she was sick Brigid had phone calls at all hours of the day offering help, enquiring for her, asking if they could do anything for the family, so much so that Brigid began to realize that she had become President of a very caring and supportive Club. The President paid a special tribute to the Committee whose dedication to the Club and loyalty and support to her had made it a memorable year. Brigid felt that many members had gained much from Club membership, but if we had failed even one person, if somebody had left the Club beca-

use nobody cared or noticed, then we had failed - no matter how many trophies we had won.

The Club offers Bernie Greene their heartfelt sympathy on the sudden death of her husband, who died on 11th March, 1985.

LADIES! THE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS are due, and please give your telephone number with payment. Also, THE LOURDES FUND is still open.

FORTY YEARS AGO

RPK

On July 29th 1945 the Irish Press reported a very dramatic unusual happening, which had an epilogue that would make one believe in miracles.

Manhattan and the surrounding boroughs of New York city were blanketed in fog or smog through which a Mitchell Bomber flew, skimming the tops of a number of skyscrapers before crashing into the 86th floor of the 1,248 foot tall Empire State Building. The plane burst into flames which enveloped the remaining sixteen floors of the building - a veritable towering inferno. A naval officer who saw the crash said that the building swayed as though struck by a typhoon.

As fire and smoke belched from the windows, fire engines and ambulances, sirens wailing converged on the busiest corner in the city. Every police car in Manhattan also arrived at the spot and the Mayor of New York was on the scene within minutes. Fortunately as it was Saturday morning very few people were working in the building so casualties were remarkably light. Of the fifteen who died nine were in the plane, six crew members and three passengers, and of the remaining six two were found in the wreckage of a lift which was found in the basement after a 1,000 foot fall. When the fog cleared the bomber could be seen still wedged amid the flames. The fire was put out in about half an hour.

Doctors cannot understand how Mrs. Betty Lou Oliver a 25 year old lift attendant survived a 1,000 foot fall in the second lift which plummeted 1,000 feet to the basement from the 80th floor when the cables snapped. In hospital, conscious and cheerful in spite of shock, burns, a broken leg, possible spinal injuries and a battered and unrecognisable face, she recalled vividly the terrifying fall. Alone in the lift as it plummeted at ever increasing speed to the bottom of the shaft she felt, "as though the lift was leaving me. I was going down so fast that I just had to hang on to the sides of the elevator to keep from floating. I screamed, I cried and prayed." She did not remember impact but to the police who rescued her she gave her name and address.

Our Cover Picture

The recently-demolished Templeogue Bridge is the subject of this months cover. Built at some time in the 1780s or 1790s, it replaced the old stepping stones behind Spawell and linked up with the newly-built toll-road from Terenure (before that the road from Dublin to Templeogue was via Dolphin's Barn and Crumlin, down Wellington Lane. This drawing was done ten years ago, in June 1975. Bridge House, the home of the late Austin Clarke, can be seen on the left.

THE GARDENS OF TERENCE HOUSE

(and the Dangers of Ladies with Muffs!)

One of the pictures we have used on the cover of the Templeogue Telegraph from time to time is an old engraving of Terenure House. This house which is now part of Terenure College, is seen across the fish pond which is also still in existence.

We are used to the idea of 'Stately Homes' being open to the public: nowadays it is usually a vital source of funds for their upkeep. Even in their heyday, in the 18th and 19th centuries, however, country houses and their grounds were often opened to the public, mainly for the purpose of showing them off. The gardens of Terenure House were a very popular attraction in the 1830's, when they were owned by Frederick Bourne who had made his fortune as a stage coach proprietor.

The gardens were truly magnificent. John d'Alton in his History of County Dublin (1838) describes its "hot-houses, groups of trees and shrubberies of evergreens, its grottoes, urns and rustic seats, disposed through all the grounds, its fine sheet of water, insulated banquetting-house, fishing-temple, winding walks and picturesque bridges." Thom's Directory describes the conservatories as 'containing upwards of 12,000 square feet of glass and richly stocked with choice plants and flowers - - - 1,750 different species of rose tree'. Another book of the period described the trees: a splendid cedar, a couple of American tulip trees, a magnolia and some magnificent beech trees. The cedar and the tulip trees were still there in the 1950's and may still be standing today.

In 1832 an article appeared in the Dublin Penny Journal praising Mr. Bourne for his generosity in allowing the public free access to his gardens, but also warning of the dangers involved: the visitors 'often have a propensity of appropriating what is rich and rare - even at a risk of breach of the eighth commandment'. It goes on to tell a story which is worth quoting in the original words:

"the serene repose of confidential communication is set ajar by a whisper from one of the numerous gardeners - a man from the "north countrie", who with provincial shrewdness says, en passant, Master, your best auricula has left its ain place - maybe you unco lady, could tell you something about it, for if i'm no mista'en, she has it, pot and all, in her muff!" What was Mr. B. to do? Was he so gruff to seize the lady's muff, and drag the auricula into day light? No; feigning an excuse that it was necessary to shut the gardens in order that the workmen might go

to dinner, he with continued affability, led the lovely lady plunderer towards her equipage, and handing her in, said with great suavity, "Madam, you have done me the honor to admire the auricula I intended for the show of flowers - I am highly gratified - you are taking it home to show your friends - I am better pleased - but as the confinement of your muff may injure the delicate mealy efflorescence for which the plant is celebrated, pray allow me to disengage it from happy prison; here, Tom Turffington," calling to the watchful guardian, "you can, if the lady chooses, attend her home, and as soon as she has admired this auricula, and displayed it to her friends, bring it back - I must always prize it the more on account of the discriminating partiality with which it has been honored". The worthy gentleman made his bow, and retired -



Terenure, the Seat of Frederick Bourne, Esq.

the detected and doubtless abashed lady resigned the auricula into the hands of Tom Turffington, and drove off; and Tom and his fellow gardeners have ever since evinced a watchful jealousy of lovely ladies who come provided with muffs, especially on a warm Spring day, and who talk knowingly - look around surreptitiously - and with pretty paws play pickingly among the flower beds."

Frederick Bourne was able to protect his plants thanks to the watchful gardeners. I suppose the members of the Templeogue Horticultural Society will be glad that muffs have long gone out of fashion!

Thaddeus C. Breen

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

ALL IRELAND WIN

The P.1, first year class in Our Lady's School won first prize in their division on the All Ireland Peace Week Competition.

The Competition was sponsored by Trocaire, The Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, Christ n Aid and the Irish Council of Churches. The girls project was a study of the needs of the young and old in our society. Part of their presentation included a song written and composed by the girls themselves.

The prize-giving ceremony included a short ecumenical service and the girls received their awards from Bishop Walsh of Belfast.

A NEW 'DIG' NEAR TEMPLEOGUE

T. Breen

Excavations have recently begun on the site of a ringfort at Scholarstown, near Firhouse. This would have been the site of a farmhouse of Iron Age or Early Mediaeval date. The earthen bank which originally surrounded it was demolished about a hundred years ago by a farmer named Dunne. Local superstition holds that he died within a year!

Further details will be given in a later issue as the 'dig' progresses. It is being excavated in advance of the Southern Cross Motorway.

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Tues. 9. St. Josephs Young Priests'
Soc. St. Pius X Church 7.30.
Wed. 17. Horticultural Society.
Thurs. 18. Templeogue Ladies Club
invite their Autumn Even-
ing Friends to St. Mary's
Room. 2.30 p.m.
Sat. 27. St. Pius X Summer Project
Enrolment Day. St. Mary's
Room, St. Pius X Church.
10.30 am. - 2 p.m.

- ◆ What is the deepest fresh water lake in the world?
- ◆ Lake Baikal in Siberia, which in some places reaches a depth of 5,4000 feet

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editorial

We have been told that comment has been made about the slimness of some recent issues of the Telegraph, so perhaps we should explain why this is so. Although our last issue had only 12 pages it had less than a page of ads. In the past we have carried as many as 9 pages of advertisements in an issue (30% of content), compare this with the present 6%. Furthermore now that we reduce page size we get 50% more on a page so our 12 page issue allowing for the fewer ads is roughly equivalent to 24 pages of the old format.

We have not been going out of our way to look for advertising recently mainly because of the small margin of profit and also because as we do most of the art work this can be tedious and time consuming. Last year we took in £1028 for ads. but these cost £576 to print so our net profit was only £450 equivalent to 17 pages out of the 128 we printed. Now it is the quality that counts rather than quantity and this we continually strive to improve. We think our pictures are better and also our format. Our cover is still attractive but we are still looking for writers to introduce more variety into the paper. Humour and sport we badly need and we would like more involvement by the younger generation.



FEILE HELPERS

Above:

P.O'Cuinneagain
(Accompanist)

Right: L.to R.

Moira McKeivitt
Albert Lawford
Sile O'Sullivan.



1985 - European Music Year:
International Youth Year:

EXCITING IRISH YOUTH CONTRIBUTION

The Dublin County Orchestra for Young players was formed in 1982, as a result of an invitation for the young musicians to come together in a private home to play for fun. So many turned up - and enjoyed it all so much - the adults present did very positive thinking and so we have the D.C.O.Y.P., Junior, Intermediate and Senior Sections - numbering over 200 players. Every child who plays an orchestral instrument is welcome to join. No auditions are required for the Junior Strings and Intermediate Orchestras. There is a standard for moving on into the Senior Orchestra, whose members range in age from twelve to eighteen. They all meet on the 2nd Sunday each month in the Hold Child Community School, Sallynoggin. They perform several times each year and in this special year the Junior Orchestra will participate in a "Workshop" in Blessington on 21st June which gives parents and children a chance to learn how to play in an Orchestra - learning to watch the Conductor's beat and so on. Other trips are being organised for the Intermediate Section.

The Senior one invited a German Chamber Orchestra from Munich to visit and play in Ireland, staying with the Irish members for ten days. Before Easter they rehearse together to blend into one. The German players range in age from nine to twenty-one years. They will give two concerts - the first in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Easter Sunday and then in Dublin in the National Concert Hall on Tuesday, 9th April at 8 p.m. Tickets are £2 each. They will also play (but not all together) in Powerscourt Town House Centre (St. William St./Clarendon St., Dublin) on Saturday, 6th April from 12.30 p.m. onwards.

The two Orchestras will have a daily rehearsal in Alexandra College, Milltown, from April 1st - 6th, and the programme selected includes a String Concerto with a German Soloist, and a Wind Concerto with an Irish Soloist.

The Conductor of the D.C.O.Y.P. Senior Orchestra is Gareth Hudson. He is presently a music producer and regular Conductor of the R.T.E. Concert Orchestra and presenter of 'Music for Fun' series at the National Concert Hall.

These events require assistance by sponsorship. You can help by attending the Concert at either venue and/or by gathering together a group for block booking of tickets. All enquiries to the Hon. Secretary, 62 Ailesbury Grove, Dundrum, D.16 Tel. 952100/980680.

If you are young and enthusiastic about your music make contact and join in. This is your opportunity.
M.O'N

What is the wettest spot on earth?
Not the West of Ireland but the Khasi Hills in Assam Province of India. As much as 41 inches of rain have fallen in a single day and in one year 1891 it received a record rainfall of 900 inches.



AS ALWAYS WE ARE ENDEBTED
TO TOM GUNN FOR OUR PHOTOGRAPHS

royal irish academy

What have Garret FitzGerald, Archbishop Simms, Lord Killanin, Cardinal O'Fiaich, the Provost of Trinity College, Dublin and Conor Cruise O'Brien got in common? Well obviously they are all in the public eye but that is not the answer. A clue is to be found on a 37p postage stamp issued on March 14th and showing an imposing building not a stones throw from the Mansion House.

They are among the two hundred and fifty members of a body which celebrates its Bicentennial this year and which was founded by a man who owned and occasionally occupied that unique architectural gem known as Marino Casino, recently renovated and opened to the public.

The man in question, Lord Charlemont founded the Royal Irish Academy and became its first President. Its Charter was conferred by King George III and its aim was the advancement of science, literature, antiquity and history in Ireland. This body, which many confuse with the Academy of Music in Westland Row, is probably unique in that it brings together science and the other areas of knowledge, whereas in Britain for example the Royal Society caters for science and the British Association for the arts. The Royal Irish Academy is Governed by a President and Council of twenty-one. The members are divided almost equally between scientists and others and four members are elected annually in each section from leading scholars in Ireland both north and south. It has just published a 351 page history in 10 chapters covering all aspects of its activities over its 200 years.

To the layman it might seem like an elitist club but its contribution over the years to the preservation and study of our heritage has been considerable. For example the house in Dawson Street to which it moved in 1852 housed at one time many treasures from better times, such as the Ardagh Chalice, Tara Brooch, Cross of Cong and many golden ornaments which have been on display over the last few years in Museums throughout the world. Although the property of the Academy, they were handed over to the Government for display in the new National Museum in 1890. The Academy has had a major role to play in archaeological excavation and research and has a library containing many priceless manuscripts.

The Academy also publishes research findings in its "Proceedings" the first of which appeared in 1836, as well as "Eriu", a premier journal of Irish studies and many works such as "Atlas of Ireland" and "Treasures of Ireland".

Its research programmes both pure and applied extend to the national and international fields mainly through its 18 National Committees, through which it also maintains contact and operates exchange programmes with other Academies throughout the world, including those of Germany, Poland, Austria, Hungary, France, Britain and the U.S.S.R. Its main source of income is an annual grant from the Higher Education Authority and with this it strives to live up to its motto "WE WILL ENDEAVOUR".

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Templeogue Roundabout may o'neill

Looking over last month's issue this column began "The Cold weather of February was so intense...." and now in mid-March the very same comment applies, except there is no sunshine, only snow, sleet, gales and misery! So once again there is little to report of activity outdoors and few leave home to attend the usual meetings, some being abandoned. However, "it's being so cheerful as keeps me going" as the song said, and anyway this weather 'is all for heat' as I have heard "Bang-Bang" say when I was a child! But lo! Easter looms and please God we can look forward to wearing that Easter Hat and enjoying the holidays. We extend our greetings to you all for a peaceful and happy Easter, le conghnamh De.

One meeting not abandoned was the A.G.M. of the Templeogue Community Council, which has been dormant for some time. Despite a small attendance, a new Chairman was elected. He is Mr. Tom Gunn, already involved in Community activity, especially youth-care, and who is so dedicated to the cause of Community welfare, will undoubtedly bring the aims and business of the Council to fruition. He needs the support of the whole Community, of course, so we must help too. Youth, Unemployment, Vandalism, and general law and order are high on the list of priorities.

The Executive of the Council was elected as follows:

Chairman :	Tom Gunn
Vice-Chairman:	Gerry Mullally
Hon. Secretary:	Alan Carrigan
Hon. Treasurer:	May O'Neill
Hon. Asst. Treasurer:	Tommy Gunn, J r.

Please give your attention to what may be brought to your notice by the Council in the coming months - it can be to the advantage of us all.

The Community Enterprise Society Ltd. (C.E.S.L.) continues to gather strength with the opening at the C.E.S.L. Centre, Rathfarnham Road, of the shop "Window Fashions, Soft Furnishing Specialists. No longer must we travel to find the requirements we need to make our homes look the way we might dream about. A visit there will undoubtedly stop a mad rush about town. So do make a visit of that is your need, remembering, too, that support of your local supplier gives employment.

Meanwhile, as we support our community locally, we remember our loved ones in far-away lands. Just now we are asked to support our Missionary friend, Rev. Pat Keegan, C.S.Sp., in Brazil, with a cake sale organised by Rosina Tuke, for after Sunday Masses, 24th March. We remember Sister Joyce Roberts, RCE, in Peru, for whom we gather friends to assist her mission at a later date. A report on each of these dear persons will be in our next issue, but for now we ask for your prayers for each one, and for many others unknown around the world, especially now as we go towards the feast of Easter. Their example should make us realise that caring for each other, even if only in the enclosed area of our Community, must mean that wonderful changes will follow. It only needs your interest at first. Your participation later guarantees success.

In keeping with these thoughts you are reminded of the Handy Homecare Services, that group of young unemployed young men of our Community, who are available to assist in your House and Garden cleaning problems. Phone 907305.

Slan libh agus Casca shona dhibh uilig.

STAINERS CRUCIFIXION

Fr. Eltin Griffin has done it again. Last year about this time he celebrated in Terenure College, a Mass in C by the Czech composer Robert Führer (alias Jan Nepomuk) with the assistance of two choirs and orchestra. This time he has brought along not just two but seven choirs for a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion, thereby celebrating the 125th Year of Foundation of the College.

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901) after a period as organist in St. Paul's Cathedral, London became Professor of Music in Oxford. The present work, which is for Tenor, Bass, Choir and Organ dates from 1887 and lasts for about 80 minutes. An attractive feature was that it incorporated a few good old-fashioned hymns like "God of Mercy and Compassion" in which we were invited to join.

The soloists, Frank Dunne, tenor and Frank O'Brien, bass-baritone were in splendid voice and sang with gusto. The massed choirs under their conductor Jack Harte and ably supported by organist John Rowden made a great and impressive sound but were equally good at the pianissimo. However their entries were a wee bit tentative at times. It must have taken quite a deal of organisation to bring all these choirs together and to get them to such a high degree of ecumenical concord. It was a very enjoyable occasion. The following choirs took part: St. Gabriel's Church, St. John the Baptist Church, St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf Methodist Church, Clontarf Presbyterian Church, Clontarf Parish Church and Rush Choral Society. RPM

FIANNA FAIL

Residents, do you know that the Eamonn de Burca Cumann has been in existence for the last number of years. We meet every month in Terenure College

At our last meeting on the 13th March Dr. John O'Connell attended. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the security situation at

the moment, and, in particular, to our immediate location. It was generally felt that the situation was getting out of control, and that people to-day were prisoners in their own homes. This, we felt, is an intolerable position to be in.

We also had correspondence from Dublin Corporation regarding the possibility of a pedestrian signals at Springfield Avenue/Fairways Junction. Cllr. Michael Donnelly is looking after this matter for us.

We hope in the near future to open a clinic in the area, and these are the type of problems we would like to hear about.

If you are interested in joining the Cumann or want to contact us please telephone me at 504914.

Kenneth J. Maguire
Member of the National
Executive,

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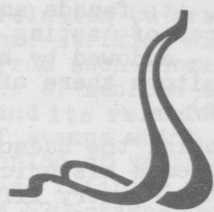


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THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Michael Sheehan

CHARLEY was as nice a bloke as you could meet. He was elderly and I must confess that to the younger element of the staff (which included me) he appeared to be ancient! He didn't have a hair on his head and it was rumoured that when he went to the hairdresser he would opt for a "wash and polish" instead.

One day Charley hurt his leg and was carried off to the hospital. After a few days he was allowed home, but was obliged to return for treatment a few times a week. It was then that he met his Waterloo, for a rather well-built nurse, not in the first bloom of youth, took a fancy to him and before long they were "walking out".

Charley's whole way of life changed - he was less carefree than before, shaved more often, wore a clean collar every day, and was considerably more spruce, even when his lady-love was not around.

One morning he didn't show up for work and later on news filtered through that he had, as somebody said "taken a turn for the nurse" and had married her that very morning at the unearthly hour of seven o'clock and was now on his way with his bride to Blackpool or other such exotic resort - for the honeymoon.

On his return home Charley became the classic example of the junior partner in a "take over". He was obliged to do things he never did before - like claiming that his overtime pay was 6p short, because "herself" had worked it out to the nearest penny. It was only then that Charley discovered that he had married a nagging overbearing shrew who would, as he told us himself, "smother her mother for an extra sixpence". Her list of economies included cutting his cigarette money, making him take the pledge and forbidding him to back horses or even go to a soccer match. She also insulted him in public, was rude to the few friends he had left and made him look a fool whenever she got the chance. She made an exhibition of him at the Staff Supper Dance when she piled all the left-over sausages on to his plate and said "eat them up Charles - they're paid for" - WHICH HE DID!

Well, to make a long story even longer, Charley reached the stage when he was completely befuddled and humiliated. We, at work, were very sympathetic but could do nothing to break the bonds of Holy Matrimony which enveloped him. And then, out of the blue, came an invitation to the wedding of her nephew in London. She immediately made plans to go - Charley pretended to want to go too but this was the signal for a tirade of abuse - "It would be expensive enough for her to go - but for him to lose a week's pay as well - Didn't he know that money didn't grow on trees?"

So off she went to London, having left details of Charley's jobs for the week, but the first thing he did was to get himself gloriously tipsy with some of his friends. On the following day he gave a weeks notice at work and on the eve of her return he took the train to Belfast where he rejoined Her Britannic Majesty's Navy and was posted at his own request to the furthest part of the Empire!

There's a moral somewhere in this story - I can't find it. Perhaps you, the reader, can!

◆ Where is there a statue to a man who ate a tomato? In Newport, Rhode Island. It was erected in honour of Michael Corne because the tomato was considered poisonous until he worked up enough courage to eat one.

◆ What is the exact duration of a year on earth?
◆ 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45.51 seconds

Ma Acheson Wallace 1889-1984

Surrounded by the daffodils and tulips that frame "High Winds", the home she built and loved, Ma Acheson Wallace, co-founder of Readers Digest with her late husband DeWitt Wallace, died quietly in May 1984. Most of her 94 years she had devoted to the creation preservation and dissemination of beauty. From the banks of the Nile where she helped save the ancient temple of Abu Simbel to the Bronx Zoo in New York, her time and treasure were dedicated to the arts.

She made vast changes possible at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, transforming its great hall, its facade and its Egyptian wing into places of lasting beauty. (Hugh vases of flowers - endowed by her in perpetuity - remind visitors there of nature's beauty to come).

On a bluff overlooking the Hudson River, she painstakingly restored a historic home, Boscobel, to mirror landed-gentry life in the early nineteenth century. She loved music and helped sponsor operas, the Julliard School of Music and other artistic activities at New York's Lincoln Centre. She combined her love of art when she became the main benefactor of the restoration of Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny, France.

After graduating in 1917 from the University of Oregon, she was a teacher; a social worker in a First World War munition factory; a director of social services for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. (Her father was a Presbyterian Minister).

In October, 1921 she married DeWitt Wallace. Together they lived their dream: to serve people in every possible, positive way. Together they compiled a fortune, together they gave much of it away. She had memorized her will, she often said. It read simply: "I, Ma Acheson Wallace, being of sound mind and body - spent it".

Perhaps Ma Wallace's greatest contribution was the loving support she gave her husband. Together, savoring joy, they lived his favourite dictum: "Never take yourself too seriously". Their publications, their human caring, live as a lasting tribute to this remarkable couple. R.S.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late LT. COL. THOMAS B. GUNN, 169 Fortfield Road, wish to thank most sincerely all those who attended the removal and the funeral at Terenure College, the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Very Rev. Fr. Prior and priests, Terenure College, Bishop Lamont, O.Carm., Very Rev. Fr. Lee and clergy of St. Pius X and all the priests who concelebrated Mass. Also to all who sent wreaths, Mass Cards and letters and messages of sympathy.

Trusting this will be accepted by all as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all.

Lafosse Lecture

The Lafosse Lecture for 1985 was given on the night of Tuesday February 26th by the Ombudsman, Mr. Michael Mills. His hour long talk was concerned, of course, with his new job, which was established by the Oireachtas about a year ago.

He started by giving some examples of the types of cases with which they deal and the problems presented in trying to solve them. Many cases arise because of anomalies in the law, especially where new legislation has been introduced without adequate concern for its relation to previous or existing laws. Some striking examples of injustice arising from such anomalies were given. The matter of pension entitlement was such a case, and its relation to the average number of stamps which had to be purchased over a period of years to obtain a pension. In one case retiring worker, who had purchased 520 stamps over the ten year period of 1973-83 lost his pension because it was discovered that a stamp had been purchased on his behalf in 1953 and therefore his stamps had to be averaged over the period 1953-83 thereby falling below the required number. If the 1953 stamp could be ignored he would be entitled to his pension.

Mr. Mills was careful to point out that in their dealings with the public, civil servants had to work within the law even where patent injustice occurred, but in some cases means could be found of adopting a more humanitarian approach, where the spirit of the law was not contravened.

It was evident that the work load of his Department was formidable compared with

such places overseas. Since its establishment it had been faced with over two thousand appeals of which half have been resolved. Many cases were outside their remit, for example those relating to C.I.E., Department of Health and Local Government agencies. The Department of Social Welfare was Mr. Mills' main area of activity and while he seemed to have made much progress over the year, he was very much concerned with two cases in particular which would have significant repercussions if resolved satisfactorily. While the Civil Service might be well-intentioned, decisions tend to be reached slowly and an old-age pensioner might not be around to receive his just benefits if negotiations were protracted. The question of deserted wives and the injustices inherent in the law of domicile was also considered.

Mr. Mills expected that the annual report of his department would be published before long and copies would be available to the public through local libraries. The powers of the Ombudsman are impressive and not to be taken lightly. He can demand from Government Departments all paper relating to particular cases and is answerable only to the Oireachtas, that is the Dail and Senate in Session. He therefore cannot be overruled by Department Secretaries, Ministers, Government or Political Party. It is obviously a job which requires diplomacy, tact and a keen insight into human nature and the workings of Government. Mr. Mill showed these qualities in his address and in his answering of many questions, which unfortunately had to be cut short.

The Lafosse Lecture was not well advertised and therefore the attendance could have been a lot better. RPK

HELP FORCE

During the winter months we did not have a great deal to do - a couple of cases of sleeping overnight while a person was in hospital and a few odd jobs about the house.

The result is that many of the people who kindly volunteered their time in the first place, have not been asked to do anything.

Some acquaintances have mentioned a few cases where a man or woman was tied to the house looking after an elderly or sick relative. It was suggested to them that the Help Force might help, but they seemed to feel that there was a stigma of charity attached. The plain fact is that the members of the Help Force are just doing what good neighbours have always done for one another.

One of the nice things about the Help Force is that where members are involved in lending a hand to someone, it usually results in both people having a friend they did not have before. So, whatever the problem, we'll be only too glad to help if we can if you get in touch with one of the following:

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| Eileen Whelan(902372)
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What is the oldest city in the world which is still inhabited? Damascus in Syria is believed to be oldest. It was founded four thousand years ago.

SUMMER PROJECT

- Commences: on Sunday 30th June
Finishes: on Friday, 26th July
Attention: to all young people between the ages of:
5 and 16 years

There will be a "Pre-Project Poster Competition" to publicise our Summer Project in Templeogue Parish. The size of this poster should be approximately 16" x 12".

There will be 3 prizes of £5.00, awarded to each of the winners of: u. 16; u. 12; u. 8.

The closing date for this competition will be 23rd April (Tuesday) 1985.

Please put your name, school, class and age on the poster.

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- Our Lady's Junior and Senior Schools
- Presentation Schools & Terenure College (Junior & Senior)

N.B.

Enrolment Day: for all young people wishing to partake in this year's "Summer Project" will take place in St. Pius X Church (St. Mary's Room) on Saturday 27th April, 1985, between 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

- Subscriptions - £2.50 per child
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i.e. per family.

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<u>Small</u> ;	87	89	92	95	97	100	103	106	110	114	117	121	125	128	132
<u>Medium</u> ;	97	99	102	105	108	111	115	118	123	127	131	135	139	143	147
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 " " 8.30-9.15pm
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 10am-10.45am

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 8.30-9.15pm
 Thursday 7.00-7.45pm

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Error - please note that the February advertisement contained an error.

Adult Swim - £1.20 Not £1.50.

poetry CORNER

UP FROM THE VALLEY

Sometimes when all seems going wrong
It's really going right
The reason for the adverse trend
Is hidden from your sight
But sometimes, way out there, behind
those
dark clouds, hanging low.
The sky is flushed, with the beginning
of a morning flow.
Do not say its hopeless
When no hope you can discern
When you're not expecting it
You come upon a turn
That leads up from the valley, where,
the mist of sorrow cling
Out into a radiance that changes
everything.

R.S.

How many violins did Antonio Stradivarius make in his lifetime?
He is believed to have made about
2,000. ◆◆◆

Who invented life insurance?
The ancient Romans. ◆◆

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SLANG

Like the slang of any specific group, underworld language tends in the main to have a relatively short life, words and phrases changing with the times. However, many of today's more popular words are not as modern as their exponents often believe. "Mugging" as street robbery, was born not on the streets of New York, but in Victorian London. "Pig" as an offensive term for the police was in use in the days of the Bow Street Runners. Some parts of present-day criminal vocabulary can be traced back to the reign of Henry VIII.

To "lift" as in shop-lift is first recorded in 1526 and by the 1700s to be "nicked" to "shop" and "fence" had all come into usage.

A number of words often assumed to be American, e.g. "racket", "plant" and "jug" originated in England, crossed the Atlantic and then returned via crime fiction and gangster movies to be rediscovered by the underworld.

Police Review

DODDER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Sun. 14 April '85 Hellfire Club Walk

On this day the meeting place is the Hellfire Club Carpark at 3pm. A good tramp along the forest path takes us to the top of Montpelier Hill where we explore the ruins of the building, in which the notorious 18th Century Hellfire Club met (sorry, we haven't planned an orgy!). There are spectacular views of Dublin. Distance 5 miles.

Sun. 28 April '85 Cruach Wood Walk

Meeting at 3pm at Cruach Wood Carpark. We will follow the Nature Trail and some of the Wilderness Trail. Distance 5 miles.

All welcome - for membership information contact Miss Josephine Lavin, 25 Parkwood Lawn, Ailesbury, Tallaght.

A FASHION SHOW WILL BE HELD IN

IN ST. MAC DARA'S COMMUNITY

COLLEGE HALL ON APRIL 16th AT 8p.m.

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Please support this fund raising event and invite along your friends.

Ever hear of the British Israelites? You might take them on first hearing to be a religious sect or a British Israel Friendship Society. In fact they are more a historical society.

At the beginning of the century an association of people from Britain came to Ireland in search of proof, among other things, that the Irish were descended from one of the lost tribes of Israel. They came armed with shovels and pick-axes and are supposed to have nearly rendered one of our prehistoric mounds near Tara, the Rath of the Synods useless to archaeologists. They were looking for the Ark of the Covenant.

This group or association almost a century old is still alive and kicking and their claims do not get any less fantastic. Most academic historians would give them little serious consideration. The links they establish are nebulous even tenuous. They are however interesting. Among their claims are the following:

(1)

That the British Monarchy or the British Monarch today is the true descendant of King David. Remember the promise given by God to David in the Old Testament that his Kingdom would last forever? Most intelligent people would take this to mean the Kingdom of God. However this Movement traced the lineage of the British Monarchy (and even claim to have the backing of ethnologists and historians of the highest rank in this) to the Kingship of King David of old, through, (and wait for it!), the Gaelic Kings of Ireland and Scotland (which had Gaelic Kings up to the 12th century).

(2)

They believe the Caucasoid or European section of mankind stem from a migration of kindred clans, who originated as far east as Bible lands and indeed believe, that these were none other than the mass of lost Israelites deported from Palestine by paramount Assyrian power in the 8th and 7th centuries B.C. They believe that the European race in general are descended from the great Shemite race of Abraham (meaning "the friend of God"), Isaac, Jacob and Judah. Judah had two sons called Zarah and Pharez. The choice of Pharez, as first born to continue the line of the House of David, leaves Zarah out of contention (NEH 11:24). But his name does not appear in Luke as Pharez' name does. His family has been traced across Europe and into Spain, where the town of Zaragoza on the Ebro river carries his name. Zarah, who had the scarlet thread around his wrist at birth, has been traced to Ireland where the red hand with the scarlet cord around the wrist was once a popular symbol. From 1 Kings 4:31 and 1 Chronicles 2:6 we are told that through Zarah (Zarah) we have Ethan, Mahol, and Calcol who begot Gadhool or Gaodhal a quo for Gael.

(3)

According to the old Gaelic Genealogies nineteen generations later we have Galamh (meaning in Gaelic 'no stranger') i.e., no stranger in Egypt, where he is said to have helped the Pharaoh Nectonibus vanquish his enemies thus obtaining the betrothal of his daughter Scota. The word Scota or Scot incidentally is an ancient name for Ireland and the Irish. The word Scota in Hebrew means 'tents' a reference supposedly to 'the people of the tents' or 'a wandering

people. The son of Galamh or Milesius, Eochaidh the Heremon (580 B.C.) married Tea-Tephi a descendent of Pharez-Judah. This Hebrew Princess came to Ireland in the 6th century B.C. accompanied it is said by a prophet and his scribe. He was said by the British Israel Movement to be none other than the prophet Jeremiah exiled from the Holy Land. The Princess Tea-Tephi was the only descendent of the Pharez line of King David the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar having disposed of all male heirs to the throne. The prophet the Movement says was none other than Ollamh Fola (known in Hebrew also to mean the same thing as in Gaelic). Thus it is from the time of Jeremiah the British Israelites say that the dynasty of Tara and the revolutionary Brehon laws emanate.

Whether you believe this or not it raises more questions than answers. Studies in etymology indicate interesting comparisons. Similarities in certain words in the ancient languages might be worth looking at. It is just as plausible that the ancient Irish were related to the Phoenicians, whose language very much resembles Aramaic, being both descended from a north Semitic alphabetic writing system. The old Irish alphabet began with B signified Beithe for a birch tree. Beta in Greek is well known and in Hebrew 'Beth' stood for 'a house'. To the Phoenicians Beth was the number two. Aleph on the other hand was the number one, whereas Aleph in Hebrew signified guide. The alphabet in use among the old Irish has this in common with the Hebrew, that in both languages the name of the letter is a substantive. The letters in Hebrew derived their names from all kinds of objects, whereas those of the Milesians represent different kinds of trees.

Many ancient authorities have remarked on the origin of the Milesian Irish to have come from the race of great Scythian peoples who possibly from intercourse with the Phoenicians received the characters of their alphabet. Some say they share customs with the ancient Egyptians. Keating the great Irish historian of the 17th century mentions the 'Golden Calf' as one of the deities worshipped among the ancients of this island.

Perhaps then the claims of the British Israelite Movement are not so fantastic after all. The ancient Gael rank Fenius Farsa, supposedly the inventor of letters among the Phoenicians, as being among their ancestors according to their genealogies. Their origins were obviously important to the Gael. The English Monarch George IV when passing in view of Tara in 1821 during his visit to Ireland "Declared himself proud of his descent from the ancient Monarchs of the land". In fact it might be said that the greatest antiquity which the House of Hanover could boast is deduced from the Royal stem of Ireland. Even King Henry II's grandmother was Queen Matilda of Scotland and he can claim descent along this line. The fact that Robert and Edward Bruce and James II were all related to the ancients of this land could put a new complexion on certain aspects of our history.

Green Shield Stamps and donations requested for DROUGHT FAMINE RELIEF in Africa. Thank you. African Compassionate Aid, Fr. Eddie Brady, W.F., Cypress Grove House, Templeogue.

ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Frank Burns (PRO)

I would like on behalf of the parents to congratulate all the recent candidates for Confirmation. Hopefully they all had a memorable day at this great watershed of spiritual maturity.

Plans were being made at the recent meeting of parents for the end of term drama show by the children and a forthcoming swimming gala which will probably take place in May.

Coming up also is the Heather Cup and possibly an art exhibition.

The successful rearrangement of the popular recorder classes was referred to.

Last month seven candidates (not three as mentioned in the last issue) attended a regional meeting of parents to represent St. Pius schools and to vote in, out of a total of fifty six who attended, two candidates to a national meeting towards establishing a National Parents Council as recommended by the Department of Education. Hopefully the representative chosen, whoever they may be will be utilised to the full to voice the views of parents nationwide.

The importance of early and pre-school years cannot be over emphasised because these years are crucial to the child's development. There are many aspects of bringing up children that are little understood today even by the best intentioned parents. Children are still pliable before their teen years, and at this time many believe the path to success or mediocrity is determined. By the time they reach their teen years it may be too late for behavioural patterns are already established. During primary and pre-school years parents should help establish the right attitude about morality, school, homework, books and reading. There are few teachers who believe that they are 'in loco parentis'. Teachers have to study for years to prepare for their vocation but anybody may become a parent. In reality nobody can be 'in loco parentis'. The parents themselves bear the ultimate responsibility.

Councillor Laing

Good news for Templeogue. I am delighted to report that in the recent estimates a sum was included for the re-surfacing of Wainsfort Road and Fortfield Park. This is well overdue and will keep the motor-ing conditions in the area. Also continuous repair of footpaths will continue to be undertaken. I am also asking the Traffic Study Group to examine the entry/exit to Cypress Downs where residents are having considerable difficulty.

This year the Council will commence the development of a magnificent new Park in Tymon North, adjacent to Wellington Lane. This will be a wonderful benefit to the residents of Templeogue and I would suggest to our residents to have a ramble up there and have a look around which can be approached via the pedestrian way off Rushbrook Road. Provision has been made in the estimates for 1985 for the construction of a pathway system, bridges, car park, the erection

of boundary treatment and the installation of seating.

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Local Councillor Stanley Laing, P.C.

(continued from last month)

A number of Commercial Firms give concessions to the elderly, that is, those holding a Free Travel Card.

This list is subject to change from time to time.

- (a) Zoo - free admission.
- (b) R.D.S. - free admission to Show Grounds and Jumping Enclosure.
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