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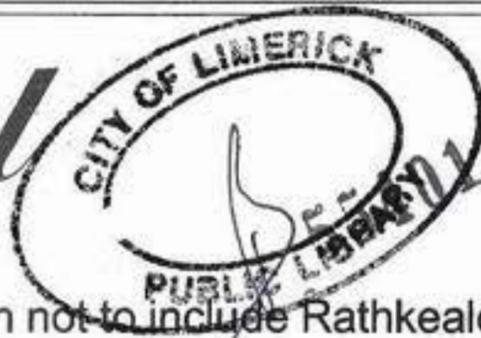
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Editorial



The recently announced decision not to include Rathkeale town as a designated area for Urban Renewal is to be very much regretted. Of all the towns in the county, even in the country as a whole, there is hardly another urban area more deserving of assistance in the field of development and renewal. The town has fallen way behind in the construction of private housing and industrial enterprise and much of the little that has happened has been initiated by Rathkeale Community Council. We have very specific social problems which in many respects are unique and have defied numerous efforts, over many years, to resolve. The centre of the town would benefit enormously from some form of housing development, particularly the "backlands" referred to in the Bolton Street Report of many years ago. It is unlikely that this will happen without some tax or financial incentives for potential investors and the Urban Renewal Scheme was designed for this purpose. It is particularly frustrating to us that Newcastle West has been included in the scheme, an area which has certainly not been lacking in investment in recent years. Efforts should be intensified with our public representatives to have this decision changed.

RATHKEALE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A recent meeting took place between members of the society and representatives of the Irish Palatine Association to discuss the possibility of setting up a museum in the town. It was agreed that both groups would support such a project and various options were considered e.g. the use of the Palatine Heritage Centre as a location, specifically the building and area to be developed in the second phase of the IPAs plans. While these areas are expected to become available in the near future it would obviously be a fairly long term process to convert them into a museum.

In the meantime it was agreed we should attempt to set up a temporary museum or exhibition as soon as

possible. The plan is to assemble a collection of items of any and every sort that might be of historical value or interest and put them on display at a suitable venue (e.g. the Community Centre) sometime next Winter.

The Historical Society, through Jack O'Dwyer or Patrick Coleman, would welcome a response from anyone who has material of any kind that might be appropriate to such an exhibition, including artefacts, photographs, old newspaper cuttings, farm and household implements etc. All items will be well secured and returned to their owners as required.

*Front cover photo:
"Rathkeale Band marching
through Manchester"*

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*Frank (Brag) Geary, Desmond O'Brien
and Sean Steele. Ladies choice at
The Stella 1955*



IRISH PALATINE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 1998

PALATINE STUDENTS

In April 38 students and teachers from the town of 'Dahn' in Rhineland Pfalz (the Palatinate) visited County Limerick for a period of two weeks. The visit was the result of a contact that Dr. Rolf Kilian, headmaster of the Dahn secondary school, "Otfriedvon-Weißenburg-Gymnasium" made with the Irish Palatine Association some two years ago. The Association introduced Dr. Killian to Elisabeth Kellner, a native German teaching in Ireland and head of the German Society in Limerick.

The students attended schools in the County Limerick towns of Charleville, Shanagolden and Rathkeale and were offered accommodation with the families of local students.

This initial visit is intended to be the first of many exchange student visits between Dahn and towns in County Limerick. Students from the Rathkeale Mercy Community School made a return visit in the autumn and received a wonderful welcome in the Palatinate.

PALATINE SURNAME SPELLING VARIATIONS

We recently had a letter from an Australian lady who was baffled by the fact of how her ancestral Palatine name of Pfeiffer could have change to Piper.

Many Palatine names were spelled phonologically on arriving in Ireland. The Palatines were probably happy to use the new spellings which made English speakers more at ease with these strange surnames and thus helping the Palatines to fit in their new homeland.

The first language of the students from "Dahn" was "Pälzisch, the Palatine dialect spoken by our ancestors. Dr. Kilian demonstrated to Austin Bovenizer how close the present pronunciation of "Bov-en-iz-er" is to its original Palatine spelling by showing one of his students the surname in its original spelling, "Bubenhäuser" and asking for a pronunciation. "Bob-en-ias-er" the student replied.

Police Visit Museum... but no arrests were made On the 25th of May a committee member was somewhat alarmed to see a local police car arrive at their home and it came as an even greater surprise when they were informed that a group of German police were waiting at the Museum to gain entry. As the Museum was closed at that time of year special arrangements had been made to have the group visit on the 26th. However they arrived one day early.

LESTER HARTRICK

During the summer months it was good to receive a visit from Lester Hartrick In 1997 Lester had undergone some heavy surgery. We are delighted to report that he is looking very well and full of enthusiasm for Palatine affairs. Lester has submitted an article for the most issues of the Irish Palatine Journal. The 1998 issue will be no exception.

BOVENIZERS IN GERMANY

In May two visitors to the Museum were Hansi & Gabi Koepp from the village of "Goch" in Germany. Goch is north east of the Palatinate and on the border with the Netherlands. On the second day of their Irish holiday the couple were surprised to learn that there was a settlement of Palatines in Ireland. They were well aware of who the Palatines were, as a group of approx. 300 families had travelled down the Rhine but failed to raise the funds to travel on and so settled in their village in 1714. Today there is a saying in their area that the Palatines would turn the Sahara desert into a garden of Eden.

We were surprised to learned from the couple that there are Bovenizers in the village of Goch. Using an original spelling Babenhauser- heide has been added to the end of the surname because of the location of where the family settled. They explained that the addition of "heide" was related to the customs of the area and means a place where you grow small things.

HERMANN-EHLERS-AKADEMIE (HEA) KIEL

On Sunday June 7th we had a group visit of 28 academics from the town of Kiel in Germany. Austin was informed by a couple from the group that there is a hill beside the village of Raüenthal near Eltville which is named Bubenhäuser Höfie. A better known town in this vicinity would be Wiesbadene. The more time you spend conversing with people of the Palatinate the more you will learn of links with the area we have.

FORESTERS VISIT AND BRING TREES

On Sunday the 28th of June a group from the Palatinate were entertained for a day by the Association. Herr. Heinz Becker was the leader of the group "Pfalzer Forster und Jager" (Palatine Foresters and Hunters) The group attended morning service in Embury and Heck Memorial Methodist Church, enjoyed lunch at the Museum and visited local Palatine sites and Castlematrix. The Association was presented with two oak trees from the Pfalzerwald, the largest forest in Germany in the Palatinate The IPA were also presented with a book about their homeland for our library.

TESKEY OR DISQUE

In October we had a visit from Klaus and Marli Disqué from the village of Forst. It is the opinion of some that the name Teskey is derived from the surname "Disque".

KEN & JANICE MCDONALD VISIT

On the weekend of the 20th of November Ken and Janice Mc Donald (Ken being the authority on the genealogy of the Teskey family) made a whistle wind visit to Rathkeale after a holiday in Canada. We enjoyed a long conversation over dinner with the McDonalds and Pat and Esther O'Connor.

There is to be a Teskey family reunion in Ireland organised by Ken between the dates 1st. - 5th of September 1999. We have seen an outline programme which looks exciting. Details from Ken McDonald, 2 Greenfields, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8AH, England. Tel. +1279 813226 E-mail: teskey@btinternet.com

PALATINE HOME WHERE WESLEY STAYED

It was a letter from Dublin which started us on the trail. My friend there wrote to tell me that a nun in one of the local convents had asked for a picture of John Wesley to send to her sister in Kilfinane. Her sister and brother-in-law were living in the house where John Wesley stayed, & wanted to put the picture in his room. My friend had given her a copy of a picture from a recent publication of mine, & hoped that I would have no objection. "of course," he wrote, "you know all about the house". But didn't! And neither did anyone else in Ballygrane to whom I spoke. So some of us set out for Kilfinane to see what we could discover. What we discovered was an old house on the lower slopes of Palatine Hill at Ballyriggeran, part of which has been beautifully rebuilt by Tom and Agnes Hennessy. Fortunately the part included the room in which Wesley was known to have slept.

The house, when Wesley stayed in it, had been a Schumacher home, and so remained for many years until it was sold to the people who, in turn, sold it to the Hennessys. The Wesleyan connection was well remembered in the area, but for some reason had dropped from memory elsewhere. It is good to be able to give it a wider currency once again.

NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD

We welcome Senator Dan Neville T.D. to the board of directors of the Irish Palatine Association. Sen. Neville is a member of government and is the "Fine Gael" party spokesperson on children.

Abrahams Golfing Society

Outings Scheduled for 1999

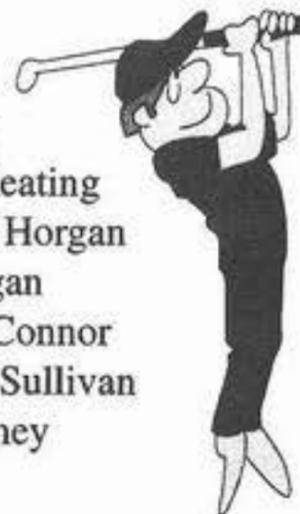
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17th April	Shannon	10am to 12pm
15th May	Newcastle West	11am to 1pm
19th June	Bodyke	12noon to 2pm
17th July	Charleville	10am to 12noon
14th August	Beaufort	11am to 1pm
18th September	Adare (Captains Prize)	9.30am to 12.30pm

October Weekend Venue & date to be determined.

4th December Charleville 10am to 11.30am
(Christmas outing)

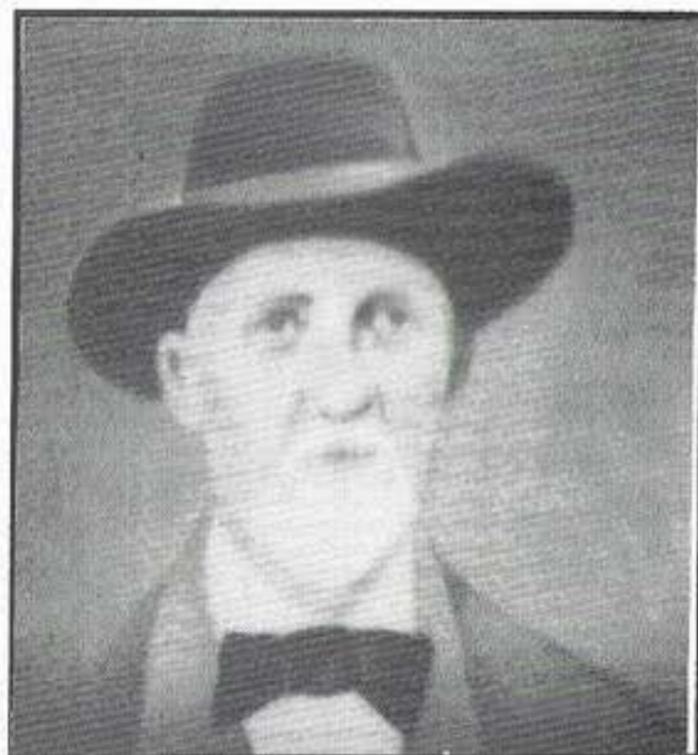
Election of Officers

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	Laura Keating
Captain	Donagh Horgan
Vice-Captain	N. Duggan
Hon. Secretary	John O'Connor
Hon. Treasurer	Mary O'Sullivan
H/Cap. Secretary	D. Mooney



COMMITTEE:

E. Newell (Ex Officio)
B. Keating
Phil Supple
Patrick Wilmott



A photography taken from a portrait by Jack Donovan of the patriot O'Donovan Rossa. This portrait will form part of an exhibition by the artist later in the year.

"RATHKEALE G.A.A. CLUB LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM"

As the 20th century draws to a close, Rathkeale's oldest sporting body, St. Mary's/Sean Finns G.A.A. Club founded in 1885, looks forward with great expectations to the new millennium. Under the stewardship of a hard working committee, the club hopes to recapture former glories and scale new heights both on and off the playing fields.

Life President:	Patsy O'Doherty
Chairperson:	Richard Naughton
Vice-Chairperson:	Gerry Molyneaux
Hon. Secretary:	Jack Daly
Asst. Secretary:	Shane Hourigan
Treasurer:	Mary Liston
Asst. Treasurers:	Sean Garvey Liam Chawke
Registrar:	Michael O'Flaherty
P.R.O.	Ann Hourigan
Offaig na Gaeilge:	Máire Ní Garbhaí

The club has a tradition steeped in glory both in hurling and football, leading the role of honour in junior football in West Limerick with 11 titles and six West Junior Hurling titles. We have 2 county junior football titles with the last achieved in 1991. We have also won 2 county junior hurling titles in 1948 and 1950. Last year the club honoured the victorious 1948 county champions at the Annual Dinner Dance. With this great tradition of success behind us, we now look forward to a new generation of gaelis to take up the challenge in the years ahead.

Rathkeale G.A.A. club is currently in its third year of a youth development programme for boys and girls from the parish. During the first two years of this programme, great progress has been made by a team of voluntary workers who have brought Gaelic games to the fore in the par-

ish again. The aim of the club is to encourage a new generation of gaelis in Rathkeale to carry on the proud tradition already established. By starting at the bottom and building a solid foundation at underage level, it is hoped we can progress to establish a senior hurling and football team in the town in the not too distant future.

This year at Bord na nÓg level, the club is fielding teams at under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 16 in both hurling and football. Our record every year is improving especially in hurling which has become one of the most popular sports among the youth of the parish. Last year our Under 8 hurlers were undefeated in over 20 games around Munster. Our Under 10 hurlers reached the county ground hurling finals and were unlucky to be beaten at the semi-final stage of the All-Ireland Nessel Hurling Tournament. Our Under 12 hurlers were narrowly defeated by just one point in the West Final. Our Under 14 hurlers won the West League final and were narrowly defeated in the county league final. The Under 16 footballers won the county Division 1 football final. These achievements are as a direct result of the coaching of the youth by the local club over the last three years.

From March to October, Sean Finn Park is a hive of activity with between 60 and 70 young people training at any given time. Within the last two years the club has incorporated indoor training over the winter months. The achievements of this training were clearly to be seen at the West Bord na nÓg's Indoor Tournament in Clonshire this March. Rathkeale were the only club in West Limerick to field two teams at this tournament, bowing out at the semi-final stage to a single goal.



Rathkeale U/14 West League Champions. Back Right: Pat Sheehan (Coach), Noel O'Brien, Brian O'Connor, David Hogan, Brendan Meehan, Derek Barrett, Robert "Blackie" Burns, Alan Collins, John James Burns, Richard Naughton, Shane Hourigan (Trainer) Front Right: Cillian Garvey, Peter Markham, Alan O'Shea, Johnny Enright, Patrick O'Donovan, Brian Liston

Throughout the year the club arranges many enjoyable activities for our young members. Last summer, the County Bord's summer camp in Rathkeale was the biggest in the county with over 100 young people taking part. The club regularly brings our young members to see the Limerick Senior hurling team in action. Last year we brought 120 boys and girls to see Limerick play Clare in the National hurling league. The highlight of the year was our trip to the capital when we visited Croke Park Museum and also played challenge matches against St. Vincents GAA club. With the amount of effort being put into underage by the club, we all hope it won't be long before a county title at senior level is residing by the banks of the Deel.



Rathkeale U/10 Ground Hurling County. Finalists and beaten All-Ireland Semi-Finalists Nesson Tournament.

B/R: Jack Kerins, Timmy Hogan, Anthony O'Sullivan, Barry Liston, Gerard Cunningham, John O'Connor, John O'Grady, Damien Quaid, Derry White, Patrick Woulfe, Timmy O'Connor, Anthony Shiels, Brendan Dalton, F/R: Christy Kerins, Martin Enright, Eddie Enright, Catherine Enright, Shane Hourigan, Patrick Sheehan, Gerard Frawley, Eamon Barrett, Eoghan O'Connor, Robert Cunningham, Paul Hogan

LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL

In 1995 a decision was taken to start a G.A.A. club for ladies in Rathkeale. John Daly, Pat Naughton and Joe Williams set the ball rolling and formed a committee. To raise funds for the running of the club an Easter raffle was organised and the club was registered with the County Board. Dave Mann of Mann's Hotel sponsored us with a set of jerseys.

Our first venture was to enter the Junior County Championship. Brian Tierney joined the committee and training commenced. The first few practice matches were a great bit of fun as the girls were tried out in various positions. In 1995 the club was successful in winning the Junior Championship and was then invited to contest the Intermediate competition. Our success was repeated in this and we accomplished something that had never before been achieved. Two championships had been won in six months against clubs with many more years of experience than Rathkeale. In 1996 we were obliged to compete at Senior level but this turned out to be a big mistake on the club's part. We just did not have the experience to compete in this grade and some of our girls drifted away from the game as a result. In the same year some members were selected on the county team: Ciara O'Sullivan, Lisa Mulcair, Norita Shire, and Sharon Carrig all made names for themselves on a team which

was trained by Joe William's. They reached the Munster Final, narrowly losing to Clare.

In 1997 a start was made at under age level and we succeeded in winning the under-12 and reaching the final of the under-14 group. This meant that a solid foundation had now been laid for further progress. In 1998 both these competitions were won and we reached the final of the under-16. In the same year our Juniors were beaten in the semi-final of the championship. With the under age teams doing so well the club is very optimistic about the future but more help is required, particularly from parents. The running of the club is now a major undertaking, in the raising of funds and partaking in competitions. Most nights of the week are taken up with one or the other. Insurance cover alone costs £6 per head for under age girls and £13 for juniors. We take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and all our supporters, particularly Tom Barr of Barr Interiors who, gave us a set of jerseys this year, Seamus Cawley who has been running the Dublin marathon on the club's behalf for a number years and of course Davey Mann. Without such assistance the club would find it impossible to survive. We hope to achieve more success in the coming year and we ask anyone who might be interested to come along and help us. The present committee comprises: President: Ciara O'Sullivan. Chairperson: Miriam McNamara. V.Chair: Therese Hogan. Joint Treasurers: Ciara O'Sullivan and Lisa Mulcair. Joint Secretaries: Norita Shire and Joe Williams. PRO. :Mike Hanley and Karen Hogan. Club contact through Joe Williams at 069-64423



St. Patrick's Day Parade Manchester 1999

Rathkeale Brass Band members travelled to Manchester for the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year which took place on Sunday, March 14th. This was the first visit by the band to Manchester.

The party left Rathkeale at 4.30am. on Friday, March 12th. and travelled by coach via the Port of Dublin to Hollyhead arriving in Manchester on Friday afternoon.

The members visited Manchester United Grounds at Old Trafford and had a guided tour of the venue. Many souvenirs were purchased there. Later on Friday the members booked into the Britannia Hotel at Stockport where an excellent meal was served. On Friday night the party went Bowling and also played Quasar at Stockport.

On Saturday morning the coach travelled to Granada Studios and Coronation Street where many photographs were taken especially at the 'Rovers Return'. On Saturday afternoon the members travelled to Blackpool Pleasure Beach where a marvellous evening was had by all.

On Sunday morning after breakfast the members went to the Irish Centre for Mass before the commencement of the parade. This was a lovely occasion with most people wearing a spot of green with a big selection of ladies green hats. The Parade left from the Irish Centre led by three Policemen on horseback. It was also a long distance covering approx. 2½ miles. The reviewing stand was at Albert Square where a huge crowd had gathered

The Lord Mayor of Manchester was in attendance with several other dignitaries. The parade returned again to the Irish Centre in all, the band members had a total of 5 miles to walk. They played many times during the parade and received a great response from the crowds especially passing Albert Square. There was no time for refreshments at the Irish Centre as shopping had to be got in before 5pm. The members travelled to Trafford Centre which is the largest in the British Isles. It covers an area of several acres and has approximately 3000 premises in all. Presents were purchased by everybody for taking back home. After an evening meal in a restaurant the band members went ice skating and finally left Manchester for Hollyhead to catch the 4am. boat to Dunlaoire. The crossing only took 1½ hours on the 'Cat' and the party later arrived in Rathkeale at approx. 10.30am.

The trip was very successful and a wonderful experience for everybody especially for the younger members who

had not previously travelled to England with the band. Much credit is due to the Hon. Secretary, David Noonan who organised every detail and looked after everybody during the weekend. Hopefully the band members will have more

PASSENGER LIST TO MANCHESTER;

Gemma Clancy, Alan Collins, Karen Byrnes, Joan Dore, Joe Dunleavy, Jessica Enright, Jessica Foley, Julie Guiney, Helen Harnett, Elaine Harnett, Jonathan Hayes, Patricia Kenneally, Denis Kenneally, Samantha Keogh, Kathleen Lawlor, Jennifer Lynch, Ewan Madigan, Malachy McCarthy, Kate Murray, Carol Naughton, Clair Nix, Dave Noonan, Davina Noonan, Ciara O'Flaherty, Joanie O'Flaherty, Sue O'Grady, Larry Kelly, Marie O'Shea, Sandra Quaid, Edel Ryan, Orla Ryan, Aisling Ryan, Jonathan Ryan, Richard Vereker, Grainne White, Nicola White, Priscilla O'Grady, Melanie O'Grady, Christina Woulfe.





Some of the Worlds Greatest Mistakes

THE MAN THEY COULDN'T HANG

A series of blunders allowed John Lee to cheat the hangman and live out his life in peace. Lee has gone down in history as the man they could not hang. Three times the murderer, Lee, stood on the newly built scaffold at Exeter Jail on February 23rd 1885-- and three times the trapdoor failed to open. Each time Lee, aged 19, was taken back to his cell while engineers inspected the trapdoor. The executioner pulled the handle and without Lee on the scaffold the mechanism worked perfectly.

Lee had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. He was released after 22 years and later emigrated to America where he died. The theory for Lee's amazing good fortune is that when the prisoners were helping to build the new scaffold they nailed a warped board underneath the planking, beneath the spot where the chaplain stood while the prisoner stood on the trapdoor. The chaplain's weight would press out board so that its end would cover the end of the trapdoor and prevent it from opening.

Each time the engineers tested the trap they blundered in not having someone standing on the warped board where the chaplain normally stood.

WHEN THE BRIDE MARRIED THE BEST MAN.

One day in the early 1920's in Ireland, best man Albert Muldoon walked up to the altar with the bridegroom in the tiny church of Kileter, County Tyrone. However instead of standing to the bridegroom's right he moved to the left hand side. The bride arrived and the ceremony began. The priest, seeing Albert standing on the left, put all his questions to him and Albert answered them. The priest continued to the end of the ceremony and then invited the happy couple to sign the register. The slip up only came to light when the true bridegroom insisted on signing after the priest had asked Albert to do so. A second ceremony was

immediately held--this time with Albert on the right. Albert explained afterwards: "My pal Christopher, the bridegroom, was so nervous he didn't seem able to speak so I thought I had better answer for him."

HANG ON, WE ARE ABOUT TO LAND.

It was a long and boring flight for 20 year old Harry Griffiths, from Toronto. It was December 1942 and the Boston bomber of which he was co-pilot was being ferried from one airport to another. It was flying at 7000 feet over Lake St. Louis, Quebec and the only people aboard were Griffiths and his fellow pilot. At a stage in the flight Griffiths was due to check the bomb bay. He scrambled into the cramped compartment failing to notice that the bomb bay doors had not fully closed and immediately fell out of the plane. As he did so he grabbed the edge of one of the doors and hung on for his life screaming for help. The pilot, 29-year-old Sid Gerrow, from Minnesota, heard him but could not leave the controls to haul him aboard. Instead he brought the plane down until it was skimming the ice of the frozen lake at 100 miles an hour--as low a speed he dared fly for fear of stalling. Griffiths then let go his hold, dropped 20 feet and skidded over ice and through snow for 1000 yards. The pilot flew off, radioing for a rescue team, but it was a local farmer who found the young flyer. Griffiths was sitting in the snow, cold and shaken but smiling. He had suffered only cuts and bruises.

Equally lucky was the steward aboard an Eastern Lines Dakota who was sucked out of a plane when the cabin door flew open at 2,500 feet above Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1949. As he was swept into the slipstream, his left foot became wedged between the door and one of the hinges. The pilot made an emergency landing at Tulsa and ambulance men, ground staff and passengers rushed to see if there was anything left of the steward. They found him lying on the tarmac, unconscious but unhurt. He had fainted as soon as the plane landed.

FROM "DEEL VIEWS" 1979

"GOING STRONG"

Early in 1977 our local Sgt. Joe Dunleavy on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Society wrote to Bunny Carr suggesting Rathkeale might provide suitable material for the popular 'Going Strong' programme on R.T.E. I. Joe had almost forgotten about it when a Mr. Gabriel Egan (RTE Research Assistant) wrote that a new series of the programme was being screened in November and that Rathkeale Old Folks would be the very first guests on the show.

The members of the Social Service Committee & St. Vincent de Paul joined forces to get ready 25 senior citizens for a preliminary interview with Mr. Egan. Unfortunately, since the programme was to be recorded in Dublin many of the Older Members of our Community were unable to undertake such a journey and the selection was therefore, somewhat limited. On Thursday, Oct. 24th the group met for lunch at the Shiels Arms Hotel and were individually interviewed by Mr. Egan (a process that took nearly 5 hours) it was worse than going to confession but he was such a grand young man - he'd make a fine missionary!

The following week a letter to Joe named the chosen twelve: Mel & Willie Foster, Joe & Susan Ruffle, Nora O'Grady, Nellie Tiemey, Josepine O'Sullivan, Nora Kennedy, Nellie Neville, Mick Kiely, Bill Steele and Harry (Gazette) Drinage and arrangements were made to travel to Dublin on Nov. 2nd. This group and six helpers Joe Dunleavy, Brid Morrissey, Mary O'Sullivan, Kathleen O'Dwyer, Tim & Deirdre Donovan went by minibus and car to Colbert Station and took off for Dublin in a special carriage reserved for the Rathkeale CAPS!

It was an enjoyable outing with two lots of card players and many yarns about the good old days. On arrival at Heuston Station R.T.E. had a special bus to transport us to the TV. Studio. Mr. Barry Kelly, Going Strong Producer met us at Montrose Reception and we were quickly ushered into R.T.E.

Canteen for lunch. There we met quite a few well know TV. stars - Frank Paterson and his wife Elly, Andy O'Mahony, Tom McGurk but before any autographs could be gathered we were informed that we were due in Studio II In 30 mins so the lunch was very rushed and quickly were seated in beneath the bright lights. Soon Bunny Carr arrived had time to chat to everyone (including the audience of six Rathkeale who sat 'In the wings'. Mrs. Neillie Neville had a special welcome from Bunny as her son Father R. Neville had baptised his little girl (now a 17 year old student Nurse in a Dublin Hospital) when he was Chaplain to Cherry Orchard. Harry Gazette now famous model was given pride of place and the two ladies, Josephine & Nellie had a quick rehearsal on

the piano. When everyone was relax and at ease the show began. It is generally agree that it was one of the best. As we prepared to (leave the Studio we were told that the man himself, An Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, was in the Studio 1, he met a and shook hands with all the Rathkeale people and recognising a Cork accent had a special word with Kathleen O'Dwyer.

After we left R.T.E. we had a most enjoyable evening meal at the Aisling Hotel near the Station. Here we met some Rathkeale exiles' in Dublin. Helen Foster and her two children, Henry and Margaret Duinage and Rena O'Sullivan. Soon we were off home to Rathkeale with more card playing and musical entertainment provided by Deirdre Donovan and Susan Ruttle. The programme itself was shown twice on R.T.E. but due to the wrong time given in the T.V. guide many people missed the early part of It. However, an enterprising Hoteliers has made a Video recording and is prepared the show it to anyone over ninety years of age and who can supply the missing half of the famous pair of pyjamas.

INQUEST AT RATHKEALE

An historic event in Rathkeale legal history occurred recently. A Inquest was held at the Courthouse, Rathkeale in connection with a fatal accident which occurred at Croagh. The Jury at the inquest consisted entirely of Ladies. It was a unique occasion as it was the first time that a woman ever sat on a Jury in Rathkeale. Mr. Michael Cussen, Coroner, West Limerick presided. Deel Views congratulates the coroner and Garda Authorities on their enlightened outlook and also the ladies who performed their Civic duties so efficiently. The names of the Jury were as follows:

Irene O'Donovan, Main Street. (chairperson)
Brenda O'Grady, Rathkeale.
Nora Hennesay, Main Street.
Helen Roche, Main Street.
Helen Hourigan, Ballywilliam.
Mary Geary,



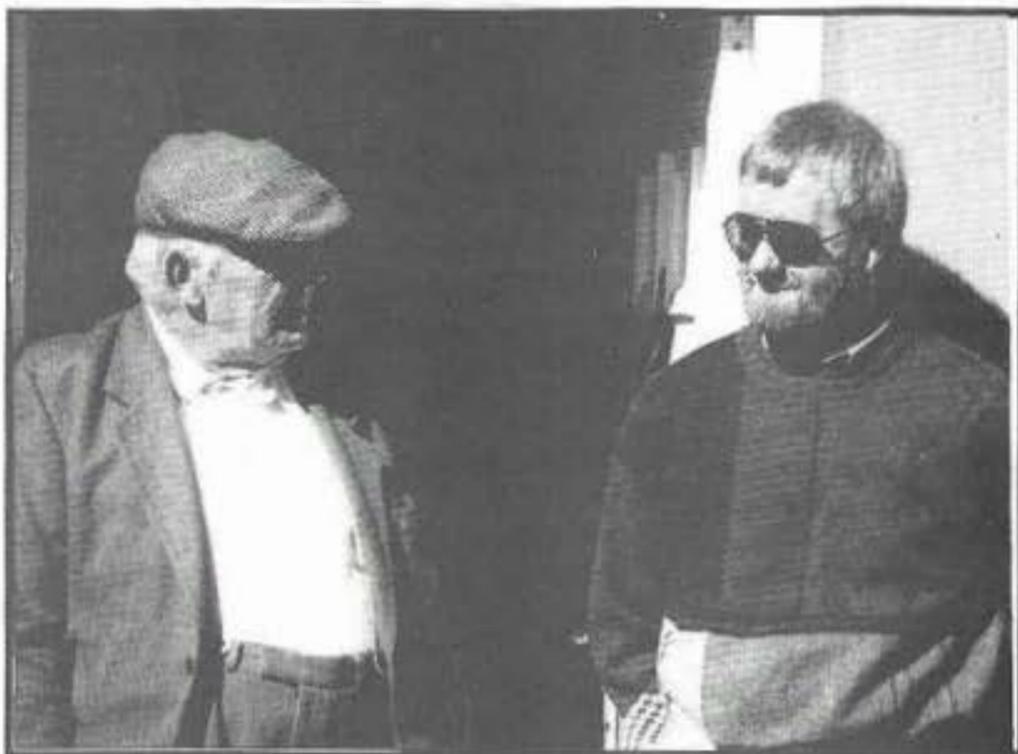
Ned Daly celebrates his eightieth birthday recently with family and friends.



St. Patrick's Day



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ACCOUNTS OF DUELS INVOLVING RATHKEALE AND ITS INHABITANTS.

by Patrick Coleman

Father James Sheehy:

Father Sheehy was the brother-in-law of Sean O'Maolain. He was active in his priestly duties before the siege of Limerick but under the Penal Laws he had to go about his ministry in disguise. However he had a friend in a young man of the Southwell family, the brother of some ladies that Sean O'Maolain had escorted home from Limerick.

When the priest hunters became active, Fr. Sheehy often took shelter in Mount Southwell House where, tradition tells us, he had a secret hiding place. The landlord, Viscount Southwell was a good friend of some priests and a bitter enemy of others but Fr. Sheehy, whose people were Southwell tenants and was young Southwell's friend, was always welcome. The priest hunters never knew of this refuge or if they did, they stood in awe of Southwell who was a man of importance. During his visits to the house the priest had many a discussion with his young friend on religious matters. Southwell was a member of the Established Church for form sake was really not a Christian but an unbeliever. After one long argument about the hereafter, young Southwell, shaken but not convinced made a pact with Fr. Sheehy that whoever of them would die first would make every effort to return from the dead and show himself to the other.

Time passed and as was common for young gentlemen of the time Southwell went on a tour of the continent. Fr. Sheehy continued to work among his flock and on one occasion again took refuge in the house. One night he was standing before the fire in the room where the discussions usually took place reading his office. There came over him an uncanny feeling that he was not alone and as he looked around he thought he saw a dim shape behind a curtain which hung in front of a window alcove. He moved slowly towards the window and seemed to discern the pale sad face of his friend through the veil. Then the curtains parted and a hand stretched out. It rested for a moment palm down and fingers outstretched on the surface of a little table which stood before the window. The hand was then drawn back, the figure faded and the priest felt alone again. Startled and profoundly moved, the priest called the people of the house and told them of the vision. But still more surprised and horrified were all when they saw the imprint of the hand clearly outlined on the table top as if burned into it. About two months later, on a Sunday morning outside the mass house the news spread that young Southwell had been killed in a duel in Paris at the same time as the vision in the house.

One of the stories told of Fr. Sheehy concerns a fine horse which had been presented to him by his young friend. Another landlord, Studdert, son of Colonel Studdert of Cromwell's army, got a grant of land near Rathkeale. His mansion was at Elm Hill near Ardagh (still standing) which had evil repute as the abode of ghosts and foul spirits.

Studdert looked on the priest's horse with covetous eyes and one day when he met the priest he accused him of acting as a priest without licence and ordered his groom to seize the horse. He offered the priest £5 as specified by the laws of the time, but the offer was refused. When hands were laid on him he struck Studdert with his whip. In the melee that ensued, two henchmen of Studdert came on the scene and Fr. Sheehy was overpowered and lodged in the nearest Bridewell. Friends quickly brought the news to Southwell who flew into a rage and rushed off to file charges against Studdert for the theft of a saddle and bridle. Southwell then waited until the officers of the sheriff hauled Studdert off to jail, the same one in which Fr. Sheehy was lodged. The result was that the charges were dropped on either side. However

Southwell, still indignant at the arrogance of Studdert, confronted him and challenged him to a duel. The latter, who lacked the fire of his Cromwellian father, earned the contempt of the local gentry by refusing to fight.

This Fr. Sheehy carried out unlicensed work for several more years and during this time he went about dressed for the most part as a labouring man. Later, through the influence of Viscount Southwell, he was licensed but took the name of Stritch in order to escape notice for his work while unlicensed. Others of the Sheehy family also took the name Stritch when compelled to take an English form of name.

The following is from "A History of the Moylan Family" as related by Willie Danaher to the Irish Folklore Commission.

Reminiscences of a Journalist August 3rd 1869

"Returning to the period of my first visit, as I had to ride some miles further west, Mr Massy made it a point I should return to dinner, which I accordingly did. The party consisted of his own immediate family and the meal was served in a sumptuous and elegant style by first class servants. Dinner was over and the cloth about to be removed when there was a loud knock at the hall door after which was ushered in the figure of a brawny gentleman, beyond middle age, dressed in a summer costume, his vest unbuttoned, no necktie, and his aspect disclosing, not a chest, but a trunk of Herculean size.

The host rose and stepped eagerly to greet him. While shaking him cordially by the hand he said "Welcome cousin Gilbert" and at the same time introducing me to the arrived guest, The Rev Gilbert O'Grady, Parish Priest of Ballingarry.

The reverend gentleman on hearing my name asked if I were the son of his friend (mentioning my father's

name) whose hospitality he had recently partaken of. Answering in the affirmative he expressed his pleasure in meeting me. Mr Massy said that the dishes had scarcely been removed and dinner would be produced in a few minutes. In the meantime he filled up a glass of sherry for the priest who was obviously after a day of great labour and consequent exhaustion, While the cook was exercising her skill in administering to the joints, a servant came and whispered to the priest, who instantly got up and ran from the room.

I was astonished at his swift departure and Mr. Massy seeing my surprise said in a laughing manner "There now is gone a most extraordinary man. The moment I saw the servant whisper to him I knew it was a sick call and if any of my people attempted to delay a communication of such import he would never again enter my door and I would be unhappy at any seeming discourtesy to him" I was gratified to find that his sudden going was not the result of any whim or caprice but that he was solely influenced by the holy zeal that prompted him in the discharge of his clerical duties. Mr Massy sent round the claret jug and said one of the first affairs of honour he was engaged in was on account of his friend, who had just left.

In bye-gone days when he had neither police nor stipendary magistrates a warrant was granted by an indiscreet neighbouring magistrate for the apprehension of two parishioners of Fr. Gilbert, for some trifling cause. The execution of the warrant was entrusted to personal friends of the prosecutor and they, being invested with that brief authority, had the hardihood to enter the chapel while the Gentleman was in the very act of his sacred calling by the celebration of the mass and then and there apprehended the accused. Though murmurs were audible, silence and subordination were restored by the stern and dignified remonstrance of Fr. Gilbert. The prisoners were removed without resistance. The service being over the outraged priest rode at once to Mr. Massy and expressed his horror at the desecration of the act committed in his sanctuary. He requested Massy to deliver a hostile message to the rash justice. Mr. Massy remonstrated and pointed out that by such an act he would be suspended by his Bishop at which the priest became highly offended and said he did not expect to meet such indifference from one of his own blood. He was about to depart when Massy persuaded him into a milder mood and undertook the management of the affair. He ordered his servant to get breakfast for his reverence and asked another to get a horse ready for the purpose of carrying the request of his friend. Away went Massy, not to the indiscreet justice but to another relative, Colonel Blennerhassett of Riddlestown, to whom he related the whole affair and requested that he deliver the message complaining of the insult to the priest. The Colonel, to whom nothing could be more acceptable than the performance of such a duty, for he loved fighting, was delighted at Massy's visit but claimed the right also, as a relative, to be the principal. After discussing the matter Massy insisted, that he, being the first consulted, had a paramount claim and the Colonel acceded and accepted the honour of being his second. With such men as Massy and Blennerhassett involved it is not difficult to arrive at the conclusion that the result was a written apology from the justice with which Massy returned to Glenwilliam and handed to Fr. Gilbert

who did not then nor many years after realise the full story of the duel that wasn't."

Fortified with Mr. Massy's cheer I rode on a fine Summer evening over the hill of Knockfierna to my then domicile and was highly amused at the recital of the story I have just related. I was present at the Summer Assizes of 1825, when a duel was fought at Lickadown, between Richard Ievers and John Creed, both solicitors, George Massey being the friend of Creed and Pat Hayes of Abbeyfeale that of Ievers. I never saw any transaction of the sort conducted in the same style.

It may be added that Fr. Gilbert O'Grady was a first rate genealogist, an excellent scholar, a complete master of the Irish language and that he studied in France or Flanders. I have a copy of Stapleton's Irish and Latin catechism which contains his autograph M.L.

The first of these pieces was taken from Volume 1141 of the Irish Folklore commission. It is entitled "A History of the Moylan Family" Kevin Danaher recorded it from his father Willie Danaher in 1939. He was a native of Rathkeale and taught for some years in Duxtown School before transferring to Athea. He was an uncle to Paddy OGrady of Lower Main Street and the Danahers would have a number of other connections locally.

When I first read the piece some years ago I was not in a position to give it much credence as the folk record is notoriously unreliable and historians have to be very careful of stories from folk memory. In an earlier article written about the Greatrakes family I have been in a position to establish the presence of the Moylans in Rathkeale since circa 1700. This supports Danaher's contention that the Moylans were the oldest surviving tenants of the Southwell estate, though it doesn't prove it.

The story of the death of Viscount Southwell's son in a duel is now supported in a book by historian Dr. James Kelly entitled "That Damned Thing Called Honour" Duelling in Ireland 1570-1860. Dr Kelly records that Robert Southwell was killed in a duel in London by one Henry Luttrell in 1724. The discrepancies that occur in Liam Danaher can be attributed to flaws that occur in human memory over time. Indeed the piece I include from Maurice Lenihan, "Reminiscences of a Journalist" also appears to be recalled in the folk record. P.J. Madigan submitted an article for the schools folklore collection which refers to the landlords--Massy of Stoneville and White of Nantinan who opposed Hunt of Incharourke. The duel on this occasion was stated to be on account of the persecution of one of Whites tenants because of his Catholic religion. The Massy's acted as protectors to the Whites because the White family were Catholic. Initially I dismissed this story as both families came into their respective properties long after the high point of the Penal Laws. The Massys acquired Stoneville in the 1770's while the Whites didn't acquire Nantinan until after the famine. Yet the story contains elements of truth. The Massy's came from Glenwilliam, the very family that was prepared to fight a duel on behalf of Fr. O'Grady. The article also suggests that Massy actually fought the duel, so that White would not be persecuted on religious grounds if he won.

To be continued

TIDY TOWNS 1998. Rathkeale. County Limerick

"Caring for our environment"

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Rathkeale is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and sketch map. Both facilitated adjudication. Your approach to the local authority is appropriate and it is good to note the advice from Shannon Development. Well done on your fund-raising activities.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Do try to have the traditional features of buildings retained when they are being redeveloped. The Community Centre looks quite magnificent. Kathleen's bar is impressive in its presentation as is the Carnegie library. The redevelopment of the old cinema will make a valuable contribution to its streetscape. Encourage property owners to maintain their side and rear areas to a high standard also.

LANDSCAPING

Both the bypass road and the entrance to the village from the bypass road are beautifully landscaped and are an excellent introduction to the Rathkeale. Well done to all involved. The landscaped shrine is a beautiful development at the entrance to the town. The view of the river banks from the bridge was visually pleasing and very natural looking, however it didn't look pedestrian friendly. Perhaps the landscaping programme could be extended to incorporate the Golden Vale and other Cattle Mart area, particularly around the perimeters. Both the walls of the Cattle Mart and the sports grounds could be improved, although some planting has been noted to walls of the sports grounds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A suitable wildlife project may be to develop a wildlife garden or to conduct a survey of the flora and fauna of the town and its hinterland with zones designated according to sensitivity or to feature a seasonal display of local wildflowers on selected stretches of minor approach roads. Seek the help of experts if necessary (Conservation Volunteers of Ireland).

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was reasonably good on the evening of adjudication. Don't give up on your efforts to heighten awareness of the value of a litter free environment even if this is a constant battle, it is worth the effort.

TIDINESS

The site beside the TC Crash repairs looks rather untidy. Is this earmarked for development? There are some untidy patches down around the side and the back of the cattle mart which could perhaps be developed as incidental amenity spaces. Have you consulted your local authority regarding action on derelict buildings? They now have powers to intervene in such matters.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some fine examples of well painted and beautifully presented town houses along the main street of the village. The fencing of the green area across from the Fire Station may need to be repainted for next year's competition and will definitely need repairs. Encourage residents to upgrade their boundary walls and fences as necessary and to extent their efforts to the roadside area to their boundary wall. Well done on competitions for flower containers and gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new street furniture looks well although some bins were overflowing. Footpaths look especially well. Approach roads could have been a little better presented. Most stretches were overgrown during adjudication to the extent that road signs were partially obscured. The entrance barrier to the car park is quite unsightly. Something more decorative might be featured.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of the Rathkeale is favourable. There are many very well presented buildings and a great variety of styles. Of course there are many buildings that have yet to be developed and a number of areas that need further tidying. Newly refurbished footpaths and new street furniture together with well landscaped entrances are a credit to those responsible, particularly in this case, the County Council. The committee are to be congratulated on a fine presentation.

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	200

Births Marriages and Deaths

Baptisms:

- ◆ Angela Moran,
- ◆ Annie Quilligan,
- ◆ Siobhan Margaret Stacpoole,
- ◆ Bridget Quilligan.
- ◆ Lauren Dinnage,
- ◆ Sharon Alana Enright,
- ◆ Michael Delaney,
- ◆ Mary Chantel Sheridan,
- ◆ Darren John Whittaker,
- ◆ Leanne Rebecca Daly,
- ◆ John O'Driscoll,
- ◆ Margaret Quilligan,
- ◆ Darragh Denis O'Grady,
- ◆ Lois Alana Evans,
- ◆ Ciara Maureen Tangney,
- ◆ Nora Quilligan,
- ◆ Cian Sean Patrick Parker,
- ◆ Jimmy "Tunney" Culligan,
- ◆ Padraig Tadgh Fennessey,
- ◆ Mary Flynn,
- ◆ Chloe Margaret Mullins,
- ◆ Dan Quilligan,
- ◆ Joseph William O'Sullivan,
- ◆ Thomas Kealy,
- ◆ Sara Louise Fitzgerald,
- ◆ Bridget O'Brien,
- ◆ Patrick McInerney,
- ◆ Bridget McCarthy,
- ◆ Clodagh Phillipa Guerin,
- ◆ George Michael Flynn,
- ◆ Darragh Jeremiah Curtin,
- ◆ Emma Steen-Dillon,
- ◆ Margaret Rachel O'Brien,
- ◆ Maeve Jacinta Power,
- ◆ Samuel Luke Hennessey,
- ◆ Kathleen Jamie Shire.



Funerals:

- ◆ John Kiely;
- ◆ John Hegarty;
- ◆ Peg McCoy;
- ◆ Johanna O'Grady;
- ◆ Michael Binchy;
- ◆ Maura O'Mahoney;
- ◆ Bridget Wilmoth;
- ◆ Michael Kealy;
- ◆ Catherine Keating;
- ◆ Brian Coleman;
- ◆ Jerry Jones;
- ◆ Eileen Ryan;
- ◆ William McCann;
- ◆ Catherine O'Grady;
- ◆ Johnny Clifford;
- ◆ Jim McEnery;
- ◆ Mary Reddin;
- ◆ Margaret Sheridan;
- ◆ Eileen Keyes Roche;
- ◆ James O'Donnell;
- ◆ Patrick Quinn;
- ◆ Margaret(Cis)O'Dea;
- ◆ Alice Roche;
- ◆ Doris O'Connor;
- ◆ Peg Guinane;
- ◆ Johnny Lynch;
- ◆ Jim Sheridan "Button";
- ◆ Patrick Enright;
- ◆ James Slattery;
- ◆ Eileen O'Neill.



Marriages:

- ◆ Wasantha Banda-Margaret Feane;
- ◆ Tadgh Joseph O'Riordan-Alison Lynch;
- ◆ David Patrick Fitzgerald -Orla Martina O'Gorman;
- ◆ Paul Francis Mulcaire- Michelle Bridget Gallagher;
- ◆ Brendan Joseph Shovlin- Fiona Marie Duggan;
- ◆ Cornelius Michael Enright- Grainne Mary O'Sullivan;
- ◆ Brendan Sharman- Niamh Healy;
- ◆ Denis Kelly- Michelle Meehan;
- ◆ Denis Woulfe Geraldine Fitzgerald;
- ◆ John Flynn- Mary Culligan;
- ◆ David Quilligan- Bridget Sheridan;
- ◆ James Culligan- Jean Culligan;
- ◆ Cornelius Paul O'Donnell- Catherine Anne Flaherty.



John O'Connor who retired recently from the Garda Siochana pictured with his family in Rathkeale.

REMEMBERING past events

By P.J. Madigan

The 17th Annual General Meeting of Cappagh Handball Club was held at Mr. Alf Kennedy's residence on Friday, 11th inst. Welcoming the attendance, the chairman, Michael Quinn said that 1973 had been a most successful year for the club. The secretary, Mossie Hennessy, during the course of a long and detailed report, said that when the lighting was installed in the ballcourt it would be one of the finest in the country.

The following officers were elected for 1974:

Life President:	Mr. Alf Kennedy
Vice-Presidents:	Very Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald P.P. and Michael Bourke, jnr.
Chairman:	Michael Quinn
Vice-Chairman:	Peter O'Grady
Secretary:	Mossie Hennessy
Asst. Secretary:	Michael Hanley
Treasurer:	Sean O'Grady

There was a large audience at the concert and ballad competition which was held in the Deel Hall, Rathkeale, on Wednesday, 16th inst., under the auspices of Cappagh Muintir na Tire Community Council. Among those who contributed to the programme were: members of Cappagh School Band; Ann and Elma Hogan, step dancing; songs from Anne Sheehy, Ballysteen; the Rathkeale guides, brownies and cubs under the direction of Mrs. Snow; songs from Mary Hawkes, Paula Dundon, Bridget McDaid and Ita Hanafin, from Askeaton; from Rathkeale, the Madigans - John and Fiona, singers; Marie, organist; Patrick, bodhran; and P.J., violin; Rev. B. Snow, Rector, monologue, Anne O'Mahoney, singer and harpist from Askeaton; and also from Askeaton the Dundon's group, John, Gerard, and Peter Dundon, and Declan McDaid.

There were six entrants for the Fr. Kelly Perpetual Cup Ballad Competition: Mrs. Doris Shier, Tom Murphy, Mary Cregan, Paddy Stokes, Ann O'Mahoney, Mrs. N. Smith. the winner was Ann O'Mahoney, and the Cup was presented to her by Denis Hawkes, Chairman of Cappagh Community Council. At the conclusion of the programme, Walter Ruttle expressed his thanks to the audience for their support.

The A.G.M. of Rathkeale Handball Club was held at Patsy Doherty's residence on Monday, 21st January. The follow-

ing officers were elected for 1974: Chairman: Noel Wilmot; Vice-Chairman: John Kelly; Secretary: Jim Langan; Joint-Treasurers: Peter Donovan and Michael Hayes; Collector: John Young, snr. Committee: Noel Fitzgerald, Liam Woulfe, Pat Markham, John Griffin, John Young, jnr., Stephen McDonnell. Selector: Noel Wilmot.

The new stain glass window to commemorate the centenary of St. Mary's Parish Church, has now been placed in position, and it has been admired by all who have seen it. The window is in three sections. The centre panel portrays St. Mary's Church surmounted by the Holy Spirit; one side panel portrays the Keys of the Kingdom and the Ambro, and the other side panel portrays the Altar, with the Sacred Host and Chalice. The work was carried out by Messrs. Watson's, Youghal.

The annual parish social, under the auspices of Rathkeale Muintir na Tire Community Council, was held in the Deel Hall, and there was a very large attendance. The following were among those who contributed to the programme: The Newcastle West Drama Group, songs from Murt Downes, Knockaderry, Irish dancing by Fiona Madigan, Martha Fitzgerald, Martin Doherty and Brian Mooney; comedy act "Katie and Nonie" by Neilly Duggan and J. McEniry; selection of songs from the Madigan family, songs from Battie Collins, and ballads from "Ceantairi na Déile, Nora Flynn, Mrs. M. Lenihan; Pa Wilmott, and Patrick and Battie Collins. Mr. J. O'Dwyer, chairman of the Rathkeale Community Council acted as M.C.

The annual general meeting of the Rathkeale branch of Irish Red Cross Society was held in the Library.

The following officers were elected for 1974:

President:	Very Rev. J. Canon Costello. P.P
Vice Presidents:	Rev. B. Snow, Rector, and Mrs. D. Donovan
Treasurer:	Frank Johnson
Secretary:	Miss C. O'Rorke
Delegates to area committee:	Mrs. Joan Roche, Miss O'Rorke and Michael Doherty.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Steele, Church St., Rathkeale who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary this week. They were married on

the 20th of March 1924, in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, by the late Rt. Rev. Monsignor Michael O'Donnell P.P. Their family comprises of 10 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. To celebrate the occasion, a reception was held at Rathkeale House Hotel, and was attended by the family.

The wedding took place recently at Rockhill Parish Church between Michael White, son of Michael and Veronica White, Roches Road, Rathkeale and Josephine O'Mahoney, daughter of Thomas O'Mahoney and the late Mary O'Mahoney, Clash, Ballyagran. The best man was Joseph White and the groomsman was Thomas White. The bridesmaid was Miss Eileen Walsh, and Mrs. Phyllis Hourigan, sister of the bride, was matron of honour.

The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Canon Kelly P.P., Rockhill, assisted by Rev. Fr. O'Keeffe C.C. Bruree and Rev. Fr. Elliott, C.C. Rathkeale.

The 3rd Limerick (Rathkeale) Cub Scouts were hosts to cubs from Limerick City, Nenagh, Shannon and Tralee at their "Open Day" held on Foynes Island on Saturday 18th May. The Rathkeale pack were accompanied by their leader, Maura Mooney, Rev. B. Snow, Rector, Tim Donovan, Jack Mooney and Richard Mooney. A very special word of thanks from everyone to Mr. and Mrs. Murrough O'Brien, owner of the island, and their daughter, Charlotte, for their wonderful hospitality.

Rathkeale Swimming Pool will open on this Saturday, 1st June. The members of the Swimming Club committee - which was a sub committee of the old guild of Muintir na Tire - recently resigned, and handed over to the new Community Council. A committee has now been formed by that body to run the affairs of the Swimming Pool. Its members are:

Chairman: Mr. A. O'Dea

Secretary: Mrs. Chrissie Dollery

Treasurer: Mr. W. Nestor

Committee: William Quinn, Michael Morrissey, S. Guiry, P. Lynch, S. Tierney, P. Keating, J. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Nora Hennessy, Mrs. Joan Quinn, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Irene Donovan, Mrs. Crowley.

On Saturday 30th March, at St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, the wedding took place between Peadar Finnegan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Finnegan, Jenkinstown, Dundalk, and Angela Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Ms. J. Doyle, Coolanoran, Ardagh. The best man was Liam Doyle brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Michael Finnegan, brother of the bridegroom, Carmel Finnegan, sister of the bridegroom was bridesmaid, and Mrs. Agnes

Geoghegan, sister of the bride, was matron of honour. The pageboy was Paul Finnegan, brother of the bridegroom, and the flower girl was Regina Finnegan, sister of the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. J. Enright, P.P. Janesboro, Limerick, assisted by Very Rev. J. Canon Costello, P.P. V.F. Rathkeale. The Epistle was read by Sean Doyle, brother of the bride. Theresa McMahon, sister of the bride, was soloist, and the organist was P.J. Madigan.

At St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, the wedding took place between Patrick Downes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Downes, Ahalin, Ballygarry, and Christina Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cunningham, Ballyallinan, Newcastle West. The best man was David Downes, and the bridesmaid was Breda Vaughan. The flower girl were Caroline and Alison Boscail, England.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Elliott, C.C. Rathkeale, assisted by Rev. Fr. Lyons, Clouncagh, Miss Emir Madigan, presided at the organ.

Representatives from Cappagh and Rathkeale Community Councils were among the large number of delegates who attended the annual general meeting of the Limerick County Federation of Muintir na Tire in Kilcornan. Walter Ruttle, the outgoing chairman presided.

The following officers were elected for 1974:

Chairman: Mr. Paddy Clear

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Pat Fitzgerald and Mr. Pat Lynch

Treasurer: Mr. Walter Ruttle

Secretary: Mr. F. Lyddy

P.R.O: P.J. Madigan

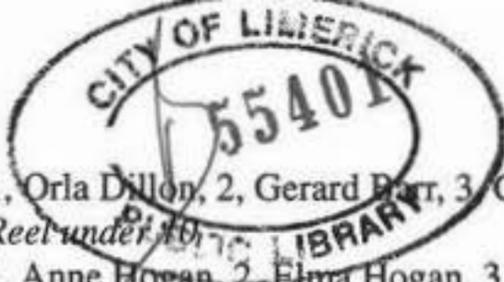
On Saturday, 18th May, at St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, the wedding took place between Joe Sheehy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheehy, Kilmaniham West, Abbeyfeale and Marie Noonan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noonan, Roches' Road, Rathkeale. The best man was Noel Sheehy, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Patricia Hartnett, sister of the bride, was matron of honour. The page boy was James Hayes, nephew of the bride. The celebrant was Fr. Elliott, Rathkeale, and the organist was Emer Madigan.

The following are the results from the Rathkeale Festival Feis held on Sunday 14th July. Confined to Rathkeale.

Reel under 6 -

1, Margaret Lynch, 2, tie between Mary O'Connor and Jennifer O'Dea. 3, Susan Supple

Reel under 8 -



1, Orla Dillon, 2, Gerard Barr, 3, Geraldine Fitzgerald.

Reel under 10 -

1, Anne Hogan, 2, Elma Hogan, 3, tie between Catherine Fitzgerald and Grainne Donovan

Reel under 12 -

1, Brian Mooney, 2, Mary Meehan, 3, Martha Fitzgerald

Reel over 12 -

1, Richard Mooney, 2, Declan Mooney

Gig under 7 -

1, Siobhan Donovan, 2, Therese Roche,
3, Geraldine Fitzgerald.

Easy Reel under 10 - 1, tie between Niall Mooney and Orla Dillon, 2, Thomas Meehan, 3, tie between Martina Fitzgerald and B. Jones.

Three Hand Reel, any age -

1, Grainne Donovan, Anne Hogan, Niall Mooney

2, Brid Meehan, Mary Meehan, Brian Mooney.

3, Therese Roche, Orla Dillon, Siobhan Donovan

The winner of this years 'Princess of Desmond' Competition was Ann McNamara, Upper Main St., Rathkeale. Second prize was awarded to Dympna Mann, Elm Park, Clarina, and third was Betty Allen, Garranoe, Patrickswell, who represented Croom. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Mossie Dowling. Mrs. Dowling won the competition in 1971.

The final parade of the Rathkeale Festival took place on Sunday night 21st July. The following are some of the results of the various competitions:

Adult Fancy Dress :

1, "Upstairs and Downstairs",

Bernard Hennessy and group.

2, "Napoleon and Love" Mary Magner and Rita White,

3, "Irish Wake.

Children's Fancy Dress (Groups on floats)

1, "Royal Wedding".

Therese Roche, Michael Roche, Myra Roche, Alan Gleeson, Grainne Donovan, Siobhan Donovan, Dan Donovan.

2, "Pirates of Desmond"

members of Cub Scouts, including Brian Mooney, Niall Mooney, Noel Kennedy, John Roche, Noel Coleman, Raymond and Kenneth Sparling, David O'Brien, Dan Hourigan, Shane O'Grady, Kevin Donovan.

Groups under 3

1, "Flower of the Festival" Orla Dillon

2, "Archbishop Markarios" F. Lynch.

Other Groups

1, "What happened to Cosgrave?" Anne Marie and John Dinnage, Stephen Condon and Anthony Steele.

2, "Green Pound Farmer" John Lynch.

The following Rathkeale swimmers were successful in the examinations held under the auspices of the Irish Water Safety Association at Rathkeale Swimming Pool on Sunday 21st July:-

Senior Exam - Bernie O'Dea, Marie Madden, Margaret Williams, Pat Madden.

Intermediate - Denis Crowley, Marie Dollery, Joan O'Sullivan

Elementary - William Madden, Patricia Kett, Brendan Kennedy, Conor Crowley.

Junior 1 - Fiona Madigan, Catriona Nestor, Breda Power, The instructor was Deirdre Barrett.

The wedding took place on the 3rd of August at St. Agnes' Church, Bricklewood, London, of Nora Reidy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reidy, 16 Abbeylands, Rathkeale, to Jerry Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Ballyhahill, Ballingarry. Mrs. Helen Dunne, sister of the bride, was matron of honour, bestman was Danny Butler, brother of the groom. Patrick Reidy, brother of the bride, was page boy and Margaret Reidy, sister of the bride was flowergirl. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Tynan, Bricklewood.

On Tuesday 20th August, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Croagh, the wedding took place between Aidan Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips, Ballinakill, Castlemahon, and Breda O'Regan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Regan, Ballinagoole, Croagh. The bestman was John Phillips, brother of the groom, and the groomsmen were Michael and Gerard Phillips, also brothers of the groom.

The ceremony was performed by Very. Rev. J. O'Kennedy, P.P. Croagh, assisted by Rev. Fr. Hudner, C.C. Feohanagh, Miss Emer Madigan presided at the organ.

On Friday 6th September, the wedding took place between Donal Hourigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hourigan, Doonbeirne, Ballingarry, and Mary Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dalton, Roches Road, Rathkeale. The best man was Eddie Walsh, friend of the groom, and the groomsman was Patrick Dalton, brother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Hourigan sister of the groom, and Nora Dalton, cousin of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by Very. Rev. T. Canon Costello, P.P. V.F., Rathkeale, assisted by Very Rev. Canon Lyons P.P., Ballingarry. The Epistle was read by Patrick Dalton and Emer Madigan was the organist.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Deel Views: Jack O'Dwyer Tel: (069) 64210

Banks: Late opening Tuesday

Credit Union:

Monday 2.00-4.00pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am to 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am to 6.00pm

Friday: 10.00am to 4.00pm and 7.30pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 12 noon

Library Opening Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday: 10.00am to 1.30pm, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am to 1.30pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Friday: 2.00pm to 5.00pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Mart: Tuesday - Cattle, Wednesday - Calf & Pig

Post Office:

Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Dentist: Ml. Brosnan, Thomas Street

Doctors:

Dr. Lynch Half Day Thursday

Dr. Curtin Half Day Wednesday

Dr. Teehan: Half Day Thursday

Church/ Mass Times

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am

Monday to Saturday 9.30am

Saturday: 8.00pm (Summer) 7.30pm (Winter)

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10.30am

4th Sunday 11.00am alternating with

Askeaton & Castletown

Embury Heck Memorial Methodist Church

Sundays May & July 11.30am

Sundays June & August 10.00am

Sundays January, March, Sept, Nov 12noon

Sundays: February, April, Oct, Dec. 10.30am

Festival Show: Mrs. Ann O'Connell

Community Council: Monthly Meeting

First Monday 8.30pm Secretary: Lorraine White

Social Services: Secretary: Breda Morrissey

Red Cross: Secretary: Tim Shiels

St. Vincent de Paul: J. Dunleavy

Meeting alternate Mondays

I.C.A. Secretary: Mrs. Alice Vereker, 2nd Thursday

G.A.A. Hon Secretary: Jack Daly

Soccer: Juvenile: Séan Hartnett

Abrahams Golf Society: J. O'Connor, Secretary

Scout Cubs: Thursdays, Youth Centre

Community Hall: Tel: 64908

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

Tourist Information Centre - Irish Palatine Centre
Open June - September 7 days 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Castlematrix Tours 10.30am-5.00pm 7 days
Lunches and banquets by appointment Tel: (069)
64284

Irish Palatine Heritage Centre
Open June - September 7 days 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Dohyle Lough: John Griffin

Sports Complex
Squash, Racketball, Handball, Snooker, Pool

Tennis Courts: Tel: (069) 64622

Kyletaun Tennis Club. Contact:
Pat O'Doherty (069) 64086
Affiliated to Tennis Ireland. Floodlit international size.
Open 7 days.

Bridge Club every Tuesday night September-June
Contact: Mary Kennedy (069) 68330