

lected an honorary life member.

ved at that time from tlemen such as these, and sed has nothing but praise everyone at Ballyclough. s's four sons have all dis- gushed themselves at the ne of golf. Liam and John outstanding members at Castle, and Dominic, a 3- dicapper when only 15, has the Limerick Challenge. Eddie was, perhaps, the st successful of all. A tchman, he was runner- and, playing for Munster, ched the quarter-final of the h Close at Galway.

e's daughters, Ann and len, were down to four. Kathleen and Angela, have made their mark at game.

of the first tasks awaiting lile at Limerick was the onstruction of the new irse. Thirty acres of Mrs. wford's neighbouring lands l been purchased in 1937 d he immediately set about itting them to use. In en months eight new ens and tees had been d; walls, hedges and ches removed and fairways octored."

club had many outstand- g players around that time; t least among them were ank Hannon, Matt Graham d Stanley Mártyn, and the ghtly higher handicapped yers could always be led upon to figure promi- ntly in the Irish Junior Cup. e recalls the visit of the eat American, Walter gen, and trick-shot artiste e Kirkwood, who' confi- ntly took on Stanley Mar- 1 and John Burke, only to veive a firm beating.

he late '30s a group of merick sportsmen were neering the second course Castletroy—for the city and illie gave men like Michael ancy, Dermot G. O'Dono- n and Gerry O'Brien every ip in their efforts. Willie, fact, was a splendid man

to construct a course, and while in Tralee he laid out the lovely course in Dingle and the now-defunct links at Inch and Valentia Island. Willie regards Ballybunion as one of the finest courses in Ireland and during his time in Tralee he played on it many times. At Ballyclough he can recall only one professional event and it is interesting to note that the best score returned was a 74 by Harry Bradshaw, who just pipped Kevin O'Connor of Elm Park.

TO-DAY

On modern-day golf, Willie comments that standards have improved not so much because of the transformation from hickory to steel, but because of continued improvement in the style of golf balls.

"The series shown on Telefís Eireann about three years ago did untold good for golf," he says. Everybody seemed to want to play after it, but, unfortunately, numbers were turned away by the initial cost. Many more would be playing but for this, but it should be remembered that a full set of clubs is not necessary at the outset.

The course at Ballyclough has always been excellently cared for by Willie. He and his three workmen, James Walsh (who has 20 years service with the club), James Madden and Willie Taylor have seen to it that the greens are as good as those found on any inland course in the country. Willie Taylor's record of service with Ballyclough extends for over 40 years.

The members of Limerick Golf Club will shortly make a presentation to Willie Daly and his wife, and we join with them in extending best wishes for a happy retirement.

Empire Vocalist's Disc

"It's Only A Rumour," a new disc by vocalist Ger Cusack and the Empire Showband and strings, was released yesterday. The disc, which carries "Baby It's You" on the flip side, is an all-Limerick effort: Ger wrote the music and lyrics, the arrangement is by sax player Mick Henchy, and it was "a and r'd" by Monarch's Showband manager, Ray Heraty. The recording was made in the Eamonn Andrews' Studios, Dublin.

Ger, a prolific song-writer, has some twenty numbers to his credit so far, but this is the first recorded he has made. He intended submitting "It's Only A Rumour" for the Irish qualifying rounds of the Eurovision Contest—but missed the post with his entry. The winning selection, Ronald Soper's "Come Back To Stay," will be sung over Radio Luxemburg to-night. Ronald will be present for the great occasion, and Ger is convinced that the slogan "post early" applies to more than the Christmas mails!

W.R.U.L.

However, if Ger and the boys of the Empire have been denied Luxemburg honours, they can make the proud boast of having been heard some half-a-dozen times over the famous New York world-wide broadcasting station, W.R.U.L. Two years ago the station, which is heard by millions of listeners throughout the world, devoted a full half-hour to the Empire Showband through the courtesy of Mrs. Hannan (W.R.U.L.'s "Listener of the Year") and the internationally known compere, Hill Edell. Every year since then, the station has given a quarter-hour birthday programme to Ger.

Ger, who is aged 24, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cusack, Lenihan Avenue, Prospect. He worked for three years as a grain-testing operator with Messrs. Ranks, and later with Lana-Knit, Shannon, before entering professional showband business.

In his early student days he sang with the Model School choir under Mr. Mick Gilbourne, and was one of three of his class who broadcast from Radio Eireann. He joined the Redemptorist Church choir at the age of eleven, and sang with the group for about six years. He teamed up with Billy Conway's Showband in 1959. Twelve months later he sang with the Teen Beats and joined the Empire on its formation in 1961.

Last year Ger toured England for two weeks with the Empire Showband, and will be back there again with them for another tour next June. They have been asked to visit the United States in August, but a decision to accept has not yet been made.

The other members of this highly talented and popular combination are the Hockedy brothers, Fred, Harry and Johnny; Chris Fallahee, Mick Henchy, Michael Cleary and Jim Whelan. This week Donie Walsh has taken over management of the Showband.

Professional Willie Daly, who has retired after 36 years' service with Limerick Golf Club, was made an honorary life member of the Club last week.

NENAGH'S INSPIRING PROJECT

NENAGH branch of Glór na nGael will mark the Golden Jubilee of the 1916 Rising by building a church in far-away Brazil for a Redemptorist missionary priest, Rev. Michael Kirwan, C.S.S.R.

The church will be named Seipeal na hAiseiri—the Church of the Resurrection—and will carry a plaque with the inscription "Seipeal na hAiseiri, Muintir an Aonaigh (Eire) a thog, In onoir do Laochra na Casca, 1916." (The Church of the Resurrection. Erected by the people of Nenagh, Ireland, in honour of the Heroes of Easter Week, 1916.)

Father Kirwan is a son of Mrs. Bridget and the late Edward Kirwan, St. Patrick's Terrace, Nenagh. He was educated at the Christian Brothers School, Nenagh, where he obtained the Leaving Certificate, and entered the Redemptorist Novitiate at Esker, Athenry, in 1949. He was ordained in Cluain Mhuire, Galway, in 1957, and did missionary work in Limerick and Dundalk before leaving for Brazil in 1960.

With Fr. Collins, C.S.S.R., of Kerry, Fr. McGrath, C.S.S.R., of Herbertstown, and Fr. Myers, C.S.S.R., of Killarney, he was in the first group of Redemptorist missionaries who went from Ireland to Brazil in 1960. The mission has now grown to five parishes in the interior of Brazil, and Paraiso, of which Fr. Kirwan is

Parish Priest, is an area larger than Munster. Owing to the extreme poverty of the people, Fr. Kirwan still, without a church in Mass, is celebrated in a shed which also serves as a school. Ministering with him are Fr. Cleare, C.S.S.R., of G. Laoghis, and Fr. Tarle, C.S.S.R., of Strabane. Fr. Kirwan is at present on vacation in Ireland and doing duty in Paraiso during his absence. Fr. Dan Murphy, C.S.S.R., formerly of the Retreat House, Limerick,

Father Kirwan provided a special link with 1916. His father, the late Edward Kirwan (who died in 1950), member of "C" Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, fought in Boland's Mills, 1916, and was interned in England after the Rising. Fr. Kirwan's brother, Eamon, a member of the Garb Siochana in Adare.

Nenagh people are justly proud of the decision to commemorate the 1916 by providing a church for the missions in Brazil. They have set a headline for the rest of the country, and their project is one that would surely have gladdened the hearts of the heroes of Easter Week.

County Boards Official

recently appointed Registrar to the Limerick County Board, is the youngest official in the Board's history.

Football players in the county, and will help as a general official at matches. He is son of Mrs. Josephine and the late Michael Moran, building contractor, Limerick, and is employed as area representative for Messrs. Morgan McMahon Ltd. He has a distinguished record as an active sportsman and club official. From Lime-

rick C.B.S., where he got his introduction to hurling and Gaelic football, he moved to Monaleen as a founder-member, and has won two City Junior Football Championships and a County Junior Hurling Championship with the club.

Though his club is in existence since only 1956, it has won four junior championships, holding the title in 1961, '62, '63 and '65.

In 1957, John was elected Secretary of Monaleen and has occupied that position up to last year, when he was appointed Chairman. Since 1958, he has been a delegate to the Limerick County Board.

John's wife, the former Miss Peggy Earls, of Clare Street, is a sister of Mr. John Earls, who is a prominent member of Thomond Swimming Club. On last Sunday week, Monaleen won the City Junior Football Championship. Last Sunday they won the first round of the Gleeson Cup, and tomorrow they will be in Kilmallock to play Galtee Rovers in the semi-final of the County Junior Football Championship.

Plaque for the Academy

Boys of that famous seat of learning, Broderick's "Academy," will be glad to hear at a commemorative plaque will be inserted in a wall of the building in the near future. The plaque, measuring about 12 inches by 10 inches, is the gift of a past pupil, and it carries the simple inscription,

"CONQUER CANCER" CAMPAIGN IN LIMERICK

THE "Conquer Cancer" campaign broke new ground in Limerick this week with a series of lectures on the theme that cancer can be cured. The theme is, in fact, the basis of the information programme which has been organised for 1966, and Limerick was selected as a starting point for the new idea of a "teach in" on cancer.

In the School of Commerce Hall on Wednesday night an interesting lecture was given to doctors and nurses when a bio-chemist from U.C.D. and a gynaecologist from Limerick spoke on their various approaches to the cancer problem. On Monday the first lectures of this kind to communities drawn from industry were given at Shannon, and on

the burden of cancer continues. If we can get people to go to their family doctor in time with any disorder in the normal health, we will have achieved a great deal towards the prevention of further illness. "All this work," she explained, "is made possible by contributions from the public, by a form of distribution