

# LIMERICKMAN'S

by Observer

## WOMEN'S HOSTEL LIMERICK?

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...flight of Irish Internat... Airlines to that city... into the Mayo... said that... youth hostelling associat... as were playing an import... international part in... ing together in friend... groups of people from the... erent nations.

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### ABBEYFEALE

...is my first visit to Ire... and I hope to come back... again and again." Patrick... Walsh told me. His father,

Mr. Patrick Walsh, was born in Abbeyfeale and left to join the Chicago Police Force in 1910. In Chicago he met his future wife, Mary Agnes McCarthy, who was also a native Abbeyfeale.

Mr. Walsh told me that he is looking forward very much to meeting his relatives in Abbeyfeale and district, particularly Mr. John Walsh, farmer; Mr. John D. B. Harnett, general store and bar; and Mr. Mike McCarthy, a prominent greyhound breeder.

An uncle, Mr. Joseph D. McCarthy, who is a retired Civil Servant living in Chicago visited Abbeyfeale in 1912 and again 52 years later in 1964.

Mr. Walsh's brother, Donald, visited Abbeyfeale about 1950. A lady member of the group, Miss Patricia O'Malley, has been to Ireland on two previous occasions. Her grandparents came from Co. Mayo

and she has relatives in Louisburg, near Westport.

### ENTERTAINED

The group are members of the 2,500 strong American Youth Hostel Association of Chicago. They included Phil Brantingham, leader; Pat Pattison, John Hoffman and Paul Candiak. In the Augustinian Hall they were guests of the Limerick Regional Group of An Oige, who were represented by Mr. C. Hardiman, Chairman; Miss D. Reynolds, Miss M. Keenan, M. McCarthy, A. Connerty and J. O'Shaughnessy. Contributing to the "Irish Night" entertainment were the Rappees Four (Malachy Doyle, Michael Byrt, John Ereen and Terry Wilson), and individual items were rendered by Martina Mac Tighe, Ger Twomey and Mary O'Connor.

## "The Roving Kind"

Modelling their style on that of the Bachelors, and using only Spanish guitars to play their slow-tempo pop tunes, a schoolboy trio, "The Roving Kind," have been making their mark in musical circles since they came together last September.

The boys, all second-year Intermediate classmates at the C.B.S., are Kieran Carey, Denis O'Flaherty and John Gorey, and they have as manager fellow student Brendan Heelan.

### KIERAN

Fourteen-year-old Kieran is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Carey, 38 Fairgreen. A brother, Sean, is playing with the Limerick beat group, "The Dukes." His other brothers Christy and Noel, are well-known sportsmen. Christy, who is now a helicopter pilot with the Irish Air Corps, was on the C.B.S. team that reached the final of the 1960 Harty Cup, and that won a Munster Colleges football championship. Noel, a Captain in the Irish Army, was a prominent member of Pike Rovers, and got a youths' international cap for Ireland. Kieran himself is also a keen sportsman, with Hyde Rovers he won a 14 and 15 Cup and is also a member of the C.B.S. Athletic Club.

### DENIS

Denis O'Flaherty, who is aged 15, is the only child of Mr. Peter O'Flaherty, Denmark Street. He has been interested in music for the past seven years, and in addition to the Spanish guitar he is also accomplished on the accordion. For the past two years he is a member of the C.B.S. Pipe Band. A useful athlete, too, he has won a number of cups and medals for running.

### JOHN

The group vocalist, John Gorey, is aged 15 and is son of Mr. John Gorey, 15 Singland Terrace, Garryowen. He also plays the accordion and likes, for his kind of music, ballads and pops. John hurls with Claughaun's under-15 team and is a Patrol Leader with St. John's 3rd Limerick troop. His sister, Breda, is an accomplished Irish dancer who last year won the Munster Belt.

### BRENDAN

Manager of the trio, 15-year-old Brendan Heelan, is son of Mr. James Heelan, Corbally, and has been interested in music for the past four years. A brother, Jim, who was a member of the 1960 C.B.S. Harty Cup team, played with St. Patrick's and is at present holding with Old Christians. Brendan himself has won a few medals for Gaelic football with Old Christians and another of his four brothers, Danny, is with Garryowen R.F.C. A cousin, Joe Heelan, is a keen musician and plays the rhythm guitar with The Intentions.

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Gnaiseacht, incidentally, has already become a centre of education and an exchange of thought on matters relating to public affairs. Its objects include the finding out and examination of how the city is run, assessing the quality and performance of Local Government and influencing it in a constructive way the policy of the City Council.

## MAY MAKE IRISH YOUTHS' SIDE

STRIVING hard for the centre-forward position on the Irish youths' side to play West Germany in an international soccer game in June is Denis Hogan of Ballynanty Rovers. On his performance in a recent trial game at Pearse Stadium, Denis looks destined for representative honours in the immediate future.

Some six years ago, Denis, with Niall Fitzgerald, Charlie Monaghan and Denis Allen, decided to form a boys' club in the Thomondgate area. After some deliberation they decided, too, to enter a side in local football competitions, and so began Denis's soccer career.

Denis met with his first success when Riverside completed a really memorable season in winning the under-14 league. The following year he helped them to finish runners-up in the under-15 league, and in the same season he with team-mate Gerard O'Loughlin, received a "Sportsman of the Year" award.

Still eligible for the under-15 grade the following season, Denis threw in his lot with Wembley Rovers, where, as centre-forward, he quickly made his mark in helping to win the under-15 cup for the first time. In his two seasons with Wembley he was a leading goal-scorer.

### MINOR

Having completed his schoolboy days with the Wembley Club, Paddy Cusack urged him to join Ballynanty Rovers, and it was there he took the step to minor football. He soon established himself as one of Ballynanty's top players, and it was with this club that he created a new record—scoring five goals in one game against Island Utd. He contributed in a big way to Ballynanty's Minor League success last year, and also played a prominent role with them in their 4-2 success over the "Ceas" in the area-final of the F.A.I. Minor Cup.

This season he guided Ballynanty to yet another success in this competition, and scored the only goal against Prospect in the final.

Denis won a second division league medal with Ballynanty junior side very recently, and his ambition is to lead them to success in the premier competition of Irish football, the F.A.I. Cup. This trophy, by the way, has come to Limerick only once in its 35 years' history. "Witty players in the calibre of Mick O'Donnell, Noel Morgan, Dick Smith, John Crowe and David McMahon, it cannot be too long until we collect it again," Denis told me.

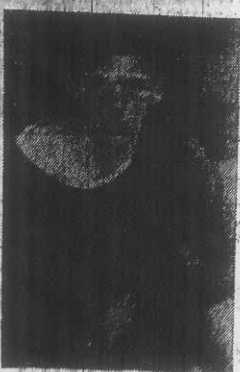
He would like to see better facilities for the hundreds of soccer players in this city, and feels that the clubs should get together and raise funds to equip the playing fields properly.

### G.A.A.

Denis has also distinguished himself on the G.A.A. front with Claughaun. He won a juvenile trophy with them five years ago when they were captained by Eamonn Cregan, and Kerryman Cup honours (junior football) came his way when he was only 16. He also helped Claughaun to register a minor football success over St. Patrick's, to add to the trophies already won when helping St. Munchin's C.B.S. to defeat St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in schools' junior hurling and football.

Denis also finds time to play rugby and was on the Thomond side that beat Shannon in last season's Juvenile Cup final. He played in the City Cup competition this season.

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in soccer and basketball finals. Damian Hesalip, Shannon's brilliant young rugger player, and Leo Burke, were also on the winning sides. Denis also received a Certificate for P.T. instruction while with Slua Muire.

He is eldest son of Mrs. Josephine and the late Mr. Thomas Hogan, 2 Shelbourne Terrace, Thomondgate. His late father figured on the Limerick minor team which won the All Ireland final at Croke Park in 1940.

He has two brothers, Thomas (14) and John (13), and three sisters, Elizabeth (19), Josephine (16) and Aileen (11).

## Redgate A.C. makes history

For their contribution to the 1916 Jubilee celebration Redgate Athletic Club, under Rev. J. Browne, C.C., Pa-teen, staged the first ever juvenile pentathlon at Pa-teen on the actual anniversary day of the execution of P. J. Pearse.

Though the pentathlon is not popular in foreign countries, this was the first time an event was held in Ireland outside the Six Northern Counties — for the past 70 years the Ulster Council N.A.C.A. have staged juvenile contest in Belfast. The pentathlon consists of 5 events, the long jump, high vault, discus, javelin and 4 metres. Points are awarded as in the decathlon.

One of the outstanding performances at Pa-teen was given by 14-year-old Pat Donnell of Redgate A.C., who cleared 17 ft. in the long jump. John Prenderville, the overall winner, was in excellent form — he threw the javelin 109 4-ins, which is almost 20 better than his own Muns Championship record, and 3 ft. 7 ins. jump in the p vault was also well above average for this age group.

John, who received the Pea Shield, scored 4,331 points, of a possible 5,000. Liam Enright, Granagh, with 4,000 points, was second, and J Donegan of Granagh took with 3,295. Fourth place was taken by Sean Fitzgerald with 2,987 points, and J O'Brien came fifth with 2,000 points.

The pentathlon, which was held under N.A.C.A. rules, was an outstanding success and is a further indication of the great work being done by Father Browne in the promotion of juvenile athletic



Front—J. O'Halloran, J. Dempsey, M. O'Donnell (trainer), K. Mason, T. Back—P. O'Keefe, F. Brennan, G. Ryan and M. Lowe.

## Our wrestling club

The first of its kind in Limerick, has been started in the... land Road.

Wrestling Club. He is looking forward to entering a number of his trainees for the Munster Championships, and in the near future he will stage a Limerick championship fixture.

and Wales, the Irish lads have come out on top. "There is a great potential in Limerick for wrestlers," he added; "it is a tough but very clean sport."

To stimulate interest, it is hoped to arrange exhibition bouts with such internationally known exponents as Joe

number of top class wrestlers. Also prominent in London wrestling is Jimmy Campbell of Clbre, while the present Irish National Champion, Chris McGuire, trained in the Aechdown Amateur Wrestling Club, London.

Training sessions are conducted in the Dalcassian Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., and on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 to 6 o'clock. Incoming members are invited to get in touch with Michael O'Donnell on any of the above days, or to write to him at

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