



two years at that he decided to take the old advice and "Go West."

BOULDER DAM

They were building the Hoover (Boulder) Dam on the Colorado River that divides Arizona and Nevada. Mick joined in the work, and sometimes, below the river bed, in temperatures of 140 to 150 degrees, he could almost pour the sweat out of his shoes. It was dangerous work, too. In a fall he fractured his back, shoulder leg and skull. To-day, the completed Boulder Dam rises 727 feet—three times the height of the spire of the Redemptorist Church.

RANGERS

Mick was five years working on Boulder Dam when he decided to sit for Civil Service examination for entry to the policing department of the U.S. Government Rangers. He was successful and his first post was in Boulder City. Later, he graduated at the F.B.I. National Academy.

In 1957, when they were building another big dam on the Colorado River in connection with the Navaho Indian Reservation, Mick went up there as a seasoned officer to work as Chief of Police. He also did public relations work, and remained there up to his retirement last month.

And now, after an adventure-filled life on two continents, he enjoys a physical vigour and mental alertness that any

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD IS GOOD ALL-ROUNDER

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Liam Ryan of Cloughan Court, Garryowen, is showing exceptional promise in soccer, Gaelic and athletics, and put up a fine performance in the recent St. Patrick School Sports.

Liam came second to Tony Wallace in three events at the sport: the 100, 220 and 440 yards, and Lance McGrath was third. In the high jump under 12 competition Liam also fared well.

He takes a lively interest in hurling and Gaelic football, and is regular goalkeeper on St. Patrick's school teams. Last year he helped them to victory in the Keyes Cup. After defeating St. Mary's and St. John's in earlier rounds they went on to beat St. Brendan's in a memorable final.

Other members of the successful team were Tom Marsh (St. Patrick's Road), Lance McGrath (Garryowen), Martin Griffin and Tony Wallace (Garryowen), Pat Barry Pennywell, Sean Burke (Dublin Road), Mick Broderick and Kieran Markham (Dublin Road), and Sean Close (St. Patrick's Road).

Patrick's also were successful in the schools' junior hurling final against St. Brendan's. Liam was in his favourite position as goalkeeper throughout the series. But in one of the games leading to the final he didn't have even one shot to stop so well did the winners' defence play.

is now in his final year at St. Patrick's and hopes to win further successes in the senior grades when the new season gets under way. He is very appreciative of the help given by St. Patrick's Road and

Mr. Ger Tierney, trainers to the schools' hurling and football teams.

Soccer is another sport in which Liam excels and this season he is one of the stars in Fairview's under-13 team. He plays in goal but is also an accomplished forward and hopes to help his club win the under-13 Cup this season. His uncle, Mr. Ger O'Shea, is Chairman of Fairview.

SCOUTING

For the past five years Liam has been a member of St. Patrick's Boy Scouts, and next week he is off to Lismore with the troop for the annual camp.

He has won several medals in athletic events with the scouts and was on the St. Patrick's tug-of-war team that won the Scouts' Shield. Doing excellent work for the troop are, he says, Scoutmasters Mr. McNamara, Liam Gaffney and Tom Piggott.

Also camping in Lismore with Liam are his friends, John Hannon, Mick Carey, Brendan Kenny, Gerard Sheehan and Dermot Cleary. They will have two weeks under canvas.

Liam is eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan. His sisters, Phyllis (15) and Roseleen (13), are attending St. Mary's. His brother, 9-year-old Michael, is a pupil of St. Patrick's and is also a member of the scouts.

for Feile

Elizabeth Barry, the well-known elocution teacher and adjudicator, has presented a trophy for the competition in the Junior Dramatic Section of Felle Luimni. The presentation was originally intended for Duologue, but the Committee decided that a Junior Dramatic Section would cover a wider range. There is already a Senior Dramatic Section in the Felle competitions.

In the course of her experience as an adjudicator at the Felle, Miss Barry has been very impressed at the high standards in the elocution section.

She feels that if more scope for competition was provided for the different age groups in English verse-speaking a much larger entry would result.

Miss Barry, who is an Associate of Trinity College, London, is a native of Nenagh and received her early education at the Brigidine Convent, Mountrath. For two years she studied elocution under Deirdre Ryan, and later taught in Miss Ryan's school in Dublin.

Subsequently she returned to Nenagh and opened her own school where she has some sixty pupils. She also teaches in the Mercy Convent, Portumna.

She is at present studying for the Licentiate of Trinity College, London, and hopes to take her examination next December.

Miss Barry will be among a number of teachers who will attend the general course in speech training which will be conducted by Deirdre Ryan in Limerick in the autumn.

Charles Harper is holding an exhibition of his paintings at the Thomond Galleries, Cecil Street.

Exhibition by Gifted Artist

ONE of our leading young artists, Charles Harper, is presenting the first one-man exhibition at the Thomond Gallery in Cecil Street. A visitor to the Gallery this week was Major Chomeley Hanison of Woodstown House, County Waterford, where Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy is holidaying.

Many interesting personalities attended the opening by Mr. Brian Geary, solicitor, of the exhibition last Monday evening. The proprietor of the Gallery, Mr. George Stackpoole, and its new curator, Kate Hennessy, were courteous hosts. The painters' parents, Charlie and Bridie Harper, and his sister Mary, a beautician, came from Dublin, where they now reside, and renewed acquaintance with their many old friends in Limerick.

Charles Harper was born, 1943, in Valentia Island, where his father, Charlie, was a member of the wartime censorship staff at the famous radio station. The Harpers came to reside in Limerick when Charlie senior was transferred to Ballygheen Radio Station. Charles completed his secondary education at the Crescent College, and later studied at the School of Art.

During his art studies in Limerick his most influential teachers were Mr. McEvoy

and Mr. Mannering, and of them he says: "They were great teachers who gave their students a maturity in their studies at an early age. An artistic fraternity was growing up locally, and among its members were a number of fellow student painters like Jack O'Donovan and George Vaughan."

With George Vaughan, Anne Fitzgerald, Lana Hogan and others who have since gained distinction in different artistic fields, Charles became a cartoon film trainee at Herr Fischerkoesen's studio in Bad Godesberg on the Rhineland. While a student there he did animation for film cartoons, painted the attractive local landscape, and visited the inspiring gallery at nearby Cologne. Returning to Dublin he worked as animation artist on some cartoons produced by Fischerkoesen's Irish studio in Northumberland Road.

In the years that followed, a course at the National College of Art secured for Charles his Associateship. A scholarship to the Graphic Studio enabled him to learn graphic art under Patrick Hickey, whom he rates as one of the best graphic artists in this country.

AWARD

Then followed one of his most moving triumphs. His etching based on a theme from "The Divine Comedy" won him the award in the Italian Government Dante Competition.

A copy of this etching, priced at 10 gns., may be seen at the present local exhibition. Before he did his prizewinning "Dante" etching, he had read all the great Florentine's poetry.

Charles won another award for his painting, "Execution," which depicts the shooting of James Connolly, the 1916 leader. This was his entry for the 1916 Golden Jubilee Competition.

Asked to comment on the impact that an event like the 1916 Rising, and its personalities, made on a young artist, he said: "It's impossible to react in the same way as the older generation. But one sees its benefits, and one of my generation would like to see them realised differently from the way the older generation would wish."

Charles, who has already exhibited at the Municipal Gallery, Dublin, and with the Young Artists' Foundation in Cork, has had excellent sales and some distinguished buyers. Among private purchasers are the Chief Justice (Carballl O'Daugh), Gerald Davis, a Dublin painter and art dealer; Monsieur Cadoret-Manier, a leading Parisian specialist.

Messrs. Jordan Marsh, owners of one of Boston's largest stores, included his painting in their exhibition of Irish artists. Recently Mrs. Cahill Fitzgibbon, a New York art connoisseur, bought one of his paintings for the Irish products Centre in New York's most exclusive shopping area. The exhibition at the Thomond Galleries will continue to July.

VERSE SPEAKING TROPHY



Nenagh elocution teacher, Miss Elizabeth Barry, with the Amharclann Cup which she presented to Felle Luimni for Junior Dramatic Solo (Verse Speaking).