



OLIVE BRICK



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# Forty-five years of music and song

## "Rose Marie" will mark the occasion

FORTY-FIVE years of music and song... that is the proud record of the Cecilian Musical Society whose production of "Rose Marie" opens at the Crescent Assembly Hall on Sunday.

The Society was founded in 1919 and was then known as the Crescent Operatic Society. It was not until five years later that the name was changed to the Cecilians.

Present at this historic meeting were District Justice Flood and Messrs. William O'Shaughnessy and John Spencer. The chairman was the late Rev. P. O'Hellry, S.J.

The two-fold object of the Society was to present to the people of Limerick musical entertainment, using only local talent, and to set the society.



CIAN O'CARRA

## "The Wild Swans at Coole"

On Sunday next, October 25, 3 p.m., the outdoor programme of the Kiltartan Society, which began in April, will end with the annual October visit to Coole Park, Co. Wick, and poetry reading of "The Wild Swans at Coole" beside the famous lake which was the inspiration of this book of poems, published in 1919 by W. B. Yeats.

Members of the Kiltartan Society, their friends, and all interested people will be welcomed at this informal meeting. The committee of the Society cannot guarantee that the sun and sky will be present, but they hope that the woodland paths will be dry.

A local guide will take the visitors through the seven woods about which Yeats wrote.

**RENTED.** For those who may be strangers to the area, Coole is one mile outside Clontarf on the road to Galway. There is a signpost on the left which leads to the famous avenue of trees, which still remain. The house was demolished in the early forties, after it was sold to a local demolition contractor for £500. It was sold by the Irish Forestry Dept., who had purchased the entire estate from Lady Gregory in 1927.

She rented back the house and garden for £100 a year until her death in 1932. Then there was nobody to care. Her only son had been killed in the war in 1918, and her three grandchildren were then young and had no money to keep the house.

It was part of the soul of Ireland, yet the hummers were allowed to tear it to pieces. These are the things which our Irish Government today are trying to remedy under the direction of our Limerick Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D.

**CENTENARY.** Having seen Coole, visitors will be only a few miles away from Theobald's Tower, the Tower in which Yeats wrote his best poetry between 1919 and 1929. It was restored by Bord Fáilte at the request of the Kiltartan Society and was given to the nation a year ago by Mrs. George Yeats, the widow of the poet. It will be opened on the centenary of the birth of Yeats in June, 1965.

Yeats declared in 1933 that the Tower was his symbol, and now, 30 years later, it is a symbol of a new Ireland, an Ireland aware, at last, of the value of artistic things and with a pride in our great literary heritage.

**SPIRIT.** President Kennedy was the first who ever quoted Yeats in Irish. He realized that Yeats was the poet who made the spirit, and the history and traditions of Ireland, ancient and modern, known and respected, not alone throughout the universities of America, but throughout the whole world in the literary circles of every nation.

**FILE LUMINI.** Annual General Meeting at CRUISEN HOTEL, on Wednesday, October 28, at 8 p.m.



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### THEIR FIRST

The Society's first production was "A Greek Slave," by Sidney Jones, which was presented at the old Theatre Royal, Henry Street, on May 19, 20 and 21, 1919.

"A Greek Slave" was produced on that occasion by Mr. James R. La Fann. The conductor was Mr. Joseph Cunnack.

The cast of "A Greek Slave" comprised Mrs. R. Cunnack, Mrs. Jack Hartigan, Misses G. Killeen, M. Harrahan, C. Sheehan, C. Harrahan, E. McDonagh, Peg Wright, V. Spillane, Rosie Turner and



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Mrs. Grace Daniel, Mesdames Hubert Spillane, F. A. Harris, A. Enright, P. O'Donovan-Kelly, D. McCormack, V. Dowling, R. O'Connor, J. A. O'Halloran.

### REVIVED

The Society flourished until 1923, and was again revived in 1947 with choral and orchestral concerts, which were presented frequently until 1946.

With the completion of the new school in 1947, the Society continued with musical comedy, and to date, has presented 31 shows, seven pantomimes and three concerts. When the new hall was opened, it was intended for the use of the students, but the Very Rev. Fr. Rector kindly allowed the Cecilians to present their shows there.

### NEW THEATRE

The first production in this theatre was "The Daughter of the Regiment" on Sunday, November 21, 1948.

The cast of that production included Misses Josephine O'Mahony, Catherine O'Donnell, Mary E. Fendergall and Miss Egan.

The production of "The Daughter of the Regiment" was a success, and the Cecilians have since presented several other productions.

## "More Power to Athlone" E.S.B. Exhibition

SPEAKING at the opening of the Exhibition at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone, on Tuesday, 20th October, 1964, Mr. Brian Lenihan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Lands, stated that there had been a five-fold increase in the number of E.S.B. customers in Athlone district in less than 20 years.

There are now over 40,000 customers compared with 7,500 in 1946 and consumption has risen from 11½ to 78½ million units a year.

In this period supply has been brought to over 28,000 rural homes in the district, a task which has changed the whole pattern of rural life in the area, brightening the whole picture of country life and bringing the amenities of the city housewife to her sister in the country. To provide adequate service to its customers, the E.S.B. has opened seven new service centres and show rooms in the district since 1946.

mentioned that the Board provides employment for almost 400 people and pays out £250,000 per year in wages and salaries and local purchases. It also contributes almost £2,000 in rates to Local Authorities in the district.

### PROMINENT

The Board has now 24 Stations in production, 9 hydro, 9 sq. turf, 1 mille, 1 peat and 5 coal or oil. In addition, 3 other stations are under construction at Tarbert, Co. Kerry; Great Island, Co. Wexford; and Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly.

The Athlone district figures prominently in the generation of electricity. The capacity of the Lanesboro peat station is being increased by 20 per cent and together with its sister station at Fermanagh production is almost 360 million units of electricity a year. The stations cost almost £1 million to construct, a great deal of which was spent in the area. Another peat-fired station is under construction at Shannonbridge and is expected to go into operation late in 1965.

The public has not been slow to realize that electricity supply is in every way a productive industry and public confidence has been reflected in the investment of money through the Board's stock issues.

The Parliamentary Secretary also paid tribute to the good work done by the E.S.B. in the field of fisheries development. With the growth of tourism in the area and the excellent fishing in Athlone, the Board had now produced a map to assist the fisherman. The map will be distributed in co-operation with the Athlone Anglers' Association.

### Road hauliers' grievances

Mr. Kely said that road hauliers' grievances, such as those of operation in some cases to their own counties, or within a small radius of their residence, and on the nights of their loads were considered at a meeting in Limerick, which Messrs. A. Kelly Carlow, President, and M. J. O'Connor, Secretary, attended.

Mr. Kely said the Association demands for increased weight and Twenty-Six counties as area of operation was with the Department of Transport and lower for consideration in connection with a new Transport Bill expected early in the New Year.

### GARTLOCK HOSPITAL GLASGOW REQUIRES STUDENT NURSES (FEMALE)

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The Matron of above Hospital will be available at The Ceil Hotel, Limerick, on 27th October, 1964, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., to interview prospective candidates. The Matron will also be pleased to discuss matters with parents who wish to attend.

Gartlock Hospital is situated on the outskirts of the city. Facilities for observation of religious duties are available in the hospital.

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