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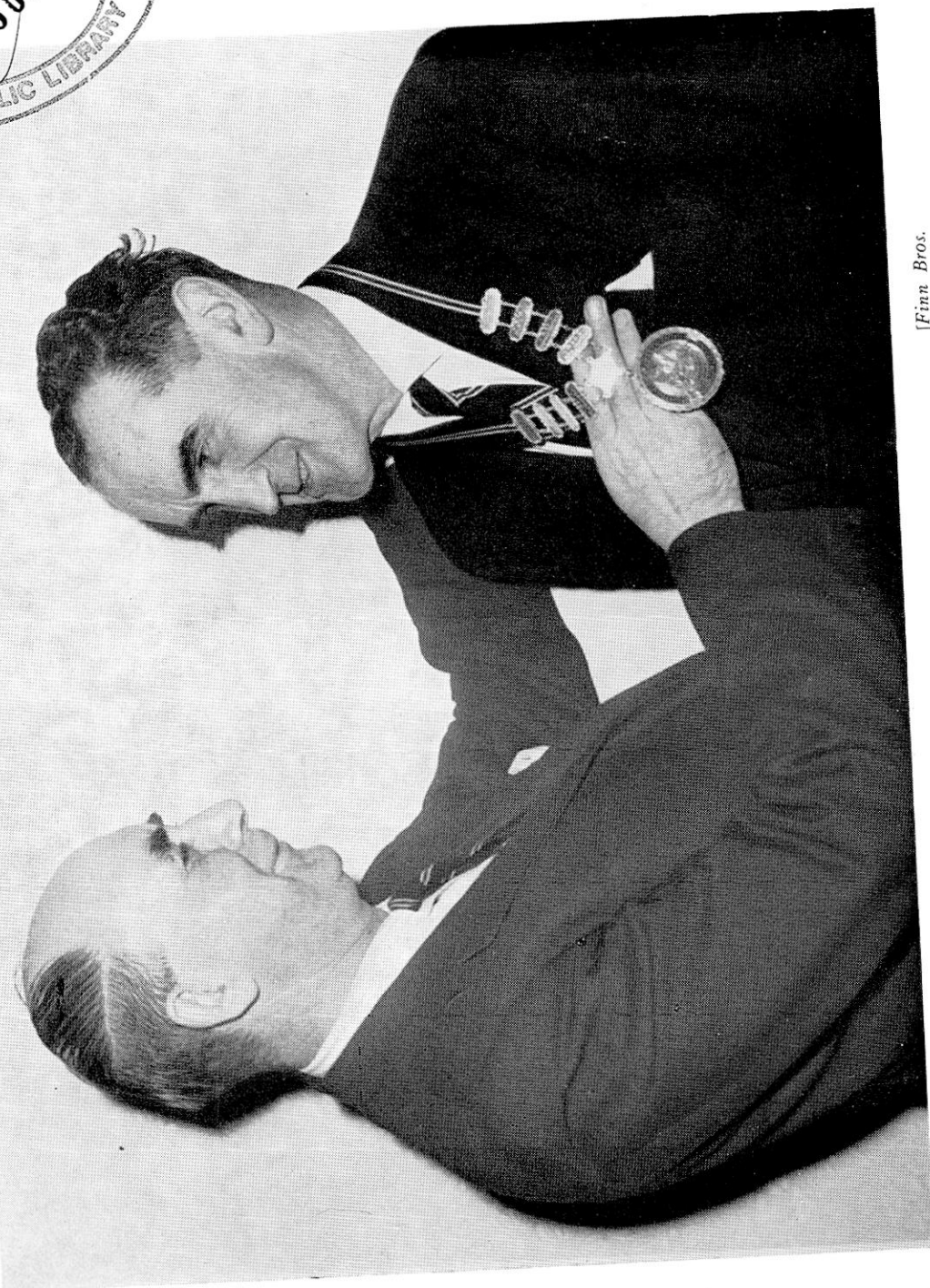
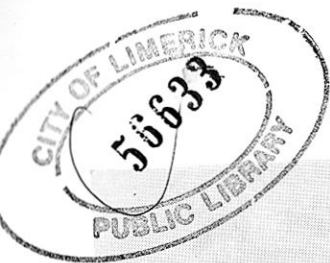
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Photo] The outgoing President of the Union, James O'Leary, hands over the chain of office to the incoming President, John Hurley.



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Editorial

JUST about the time of the appearance of last year's Annual we were all saddened by the death of Pope John XXIII; shortly afterwards we rejoiced with the whole Catholic world at the choice of his successor, His Holiness Pope Paul VI, now gloriously reigning. To him Mungret, Past and Present, offers filial homage.

In last year's Annual we showed a view of the avenue, with the trees which have been familiar to many for years past; now that they are gone we have a new view from the front of the College, out across the ruined Churches of Mungret towards the city of Limerick. As we look, we are reminded of another death during the year which affected men deeply and universally as did Pope John's—that of the late President Kennedy. For beyond the ruined Churches we can now see clearly the Grand Stand of the Race Course where John F. Kennedy spoke on the occasion of his visit to Limerick.

In another death during the year, that of Most Reverend Dr. Norton, Bishop of Bathurst, Mungret College lost a most loyal and distinguished son. His death took place in June, just after the close of the school year, and the re-opening month of September was to bring death into our own midst when one of our boys was killed in an accident at the front gates of the College. This tragic event affected the whole school profoundly.

During the past year the affairs of the Union have been in a very healthy state and it continues to gather strength. We offer our congratulations to the new President, John Hurley. And we must record our great gratitude to those members of the Union and to the Ladies' Committee, who worked so hard to ensure that the Garden Fête (in May) would be the success it was. A very large crowd attended this event and, despite the rain which came in the late afternoon, the Fête was a most enjoyable occasion. Among those present was the Mayor of Limerick, Mrs. Condell, and we were grateful for her visit, which, we know, was made at some inconvenience.

In the College itself, the most notable event during the year was the completion of the Swimming Pool. This new facility is being availed of with great enthusiasm. An account of the main features of the building and its construction appears on later pages. Another area of development has been the College Farm—great headway has been made in the work of its transfer from behind the school to a new site beyond the playing fields. A number of buildings have been completed and a new milking parlour is now in operation. The School Curriculum now includes Physical Training; classes in this subject are conducted twice weekly in the Assembly Hall, under a qualified instructor.

Finally, we might mention that the Roll continues to increase—this year we found room for a greater number than ever before.

Just a year ago—too late for mention in the 1963 Annual—we had a visit from Mr. Kenneth Kaunda (at present Prime Minister of Northern Rhodesia) who gave an inspiring address to the whole school. As we go to press, we hear that his country is to become independent as the Republic of Zambia, next October. Apart from the number of Irish people who live and work there, the Territory has special links with us because of the Irish Jesuit Mission (in Monze Diocese) which includes a number of Old Mungret men. We offer sincere good wishes for the prosperity of the new state.

At the start of each school year there are new faces and, as well, some of those that had been familiar are missing. That was true in September last, also, but there was one change which stands out among all the others. Nurse Corrigan is no longer with us. After a great many years of devoted service to the College, she has now retired and we feel sure that many of the Past who knew her will join us in wishing her every happiness in the future. In her place we were happy to welcome Nurse Turner. We were sorry to part with Father Egan and Mr. Guiry; Father Egan left us for Milltown Park and in his place we welcomed Father S. Casey; Mr. Guiry departed to Clongowes and Mr. Geary arrived to inherit the Third Club. We were glad to have the welcome additions of Brothers Doyle and Rooney.

In conclusion, the Editor would like to thank Father Rector for his patience and to acknowledge the assistance he received from him and many others. Among these, Mr. Lynch deserves special mention; for the second year running he has proved a very efficient business manager.

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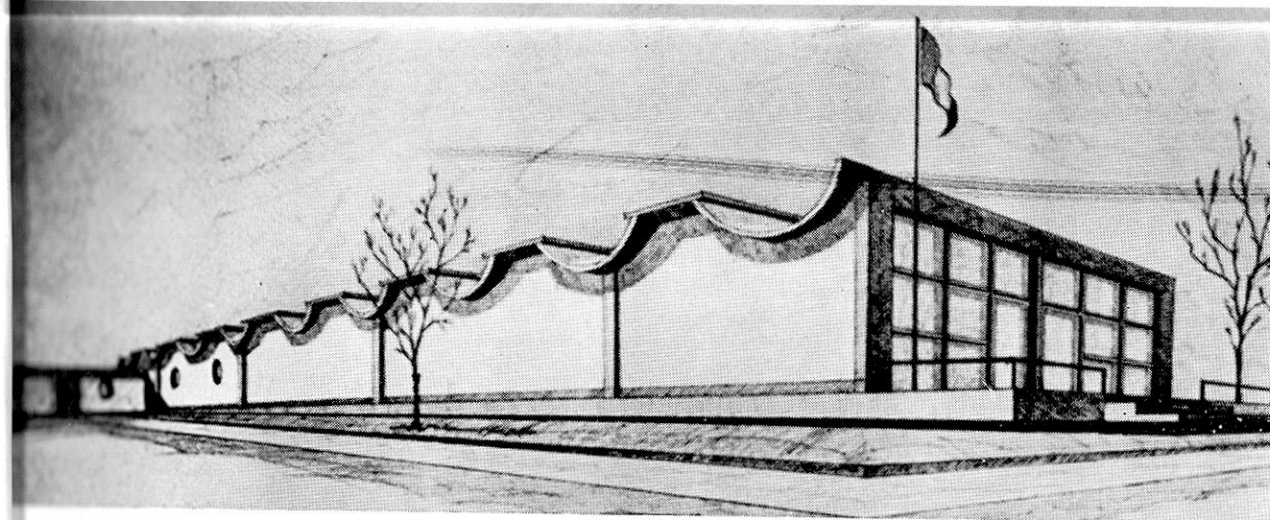
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Last year's edition (1963) soon became exhausted and a number of people who wrote to order it were disappointed. It is advisable, then, to write without delay if you wish to make sure of obtaining a copy, and it would be a good turn to pass this information on to anyone whom you think likely to want a copy.

Sometimes requests for back-numbers come to the College; we have a limited number available for some years and information about them may be had on request. On the other hand, we are very anxious to obtain copies for the years 1912 and 1913—in order to fill the gap in the series of pictures in the corridor. We appeal to anyone who might be in a position to supply these two missing numbers.

EXCHANGES

The Aloysian, The Baeda, The Belvederian, The Clongownian, The Eagle, The Far East, The Harvester, Our Alma Mater, The Patrician, Portaceli, The Rathcliffian, Rockwell College Annual, St. Aloysius College Annual, The Shield, St. Stanislaus High School Magazine, The Star.



The Swimming Pool

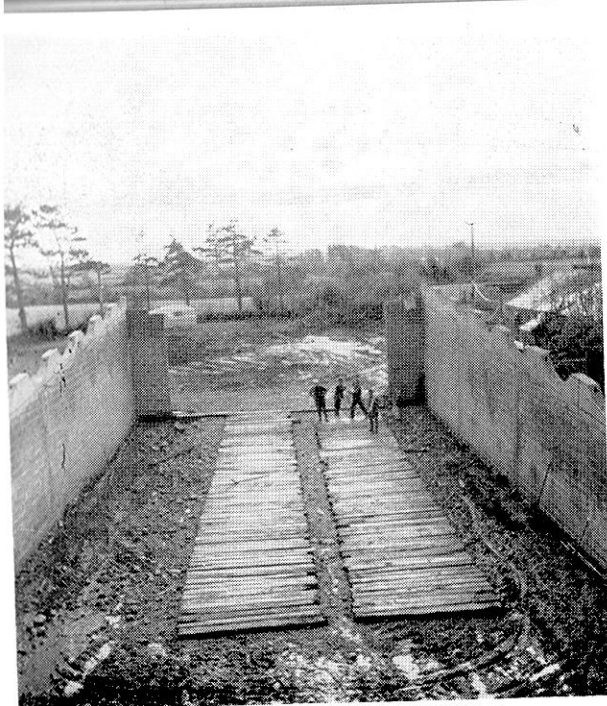
OWING to the proximity of the surrounding buildings it is difficult to obtain a good photograph of the swimming pool from the outside and so we give instead a perspective drawing of the exterior. The building itself is situated in the quadrangle between the study hall and the infirmary wing. It is approached through a covered way from the bootroom and is therefore within easy reach of the dormitories and convenient for those who relish early morning swimming.

As the boys leave us for summer vacation in June and do not return until September, the pool will be used mainly during the winter months. It is therefore indoor, heated, filtered and chlorinated. There is a complete turn-over of the entire 67,000 gallons every eight hours. We have also installed a multi-purpose system for pool-heating, space-heating, and hot-water supply for showers and washbasins.

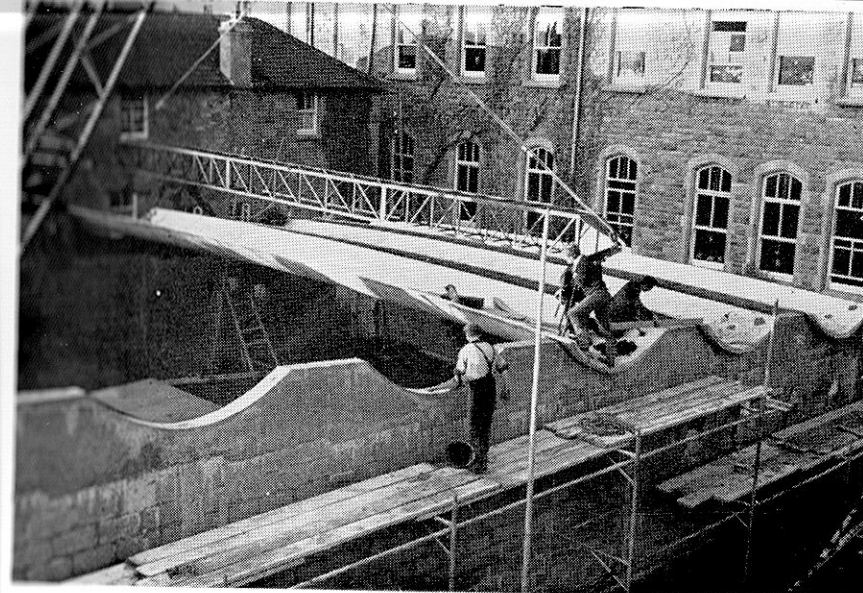
The pool basin is sixty feet long by thirty feet wide and varies in depth from three feet six inches at the shallow end to eight feet at its deepest point. It is finished in marblite which gives a white enamel finish to sides and floor. Underwater lighting is installed and vacuum points are fitted so that the pool may be cleaned when necessary. There are blue lines along the floor to indicate the centre of the five tracks for racing and facilities are also provided for ropes along the surface. The surround of the pool basin (which is seven feet wide), and the dressing rooms, are covered with non-slip tiles. Overlooking the deep end is a diving board with two levels.

The dressing room area contains two dressing rooms, a wash room and also the service room, housing the heating and filtration plants. The roof of the entire building slopes from eight feet at the northern end—where the dressing rooms are—to eighteen feet at the southern end, so that no light is lost in the classrooms behind the lower end. The roof itself is a special feature, one of the first of its type in this country. It consists of nine U-shaped pretensioned concrete shells, the intervening space between each being covered with reinforced glass in Georgian-square design. The large window facing south is, like the glass on the roof, double-glazed to prevent condensation and heat loss.

The colours of the College are picked out in circles on the roof shells but otherwise the interior decoration consists of light blues and greys and this, together with the abundant natural light, gives a pleasing effect of spaciousness.



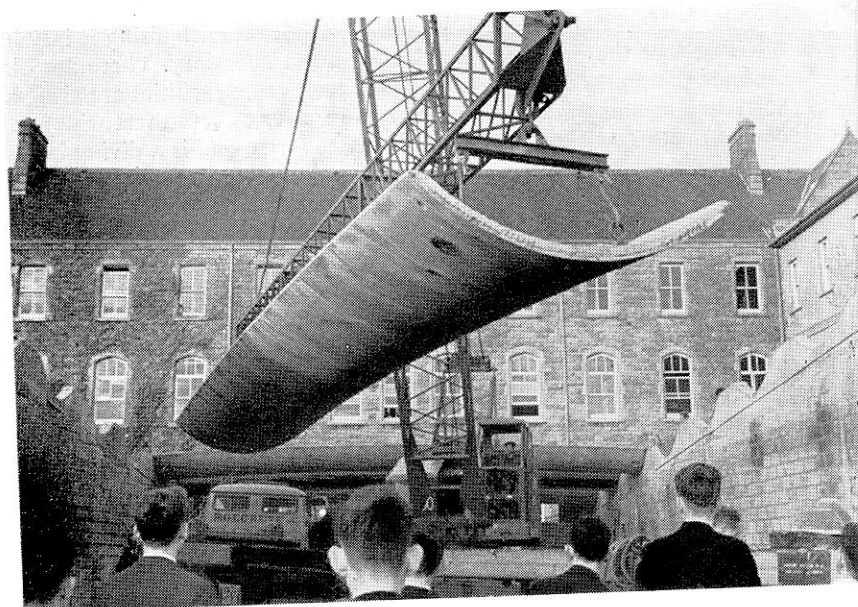
The contractors arrived on the site on October 24th and commenced work right away. This picture was taken three weeks later. It shows the side walls in position, with concrete parabolic moulds three feet three inches apart, set in a reinforced concrete beam to hold the pretensioned concrete shells from which the roof is constructed. These shells were precast in Dublin, transported to Mungret by truck and laid in position by the mobile crane seen in the picture below. This, of course, meant that the roof was on before any excavation was done.



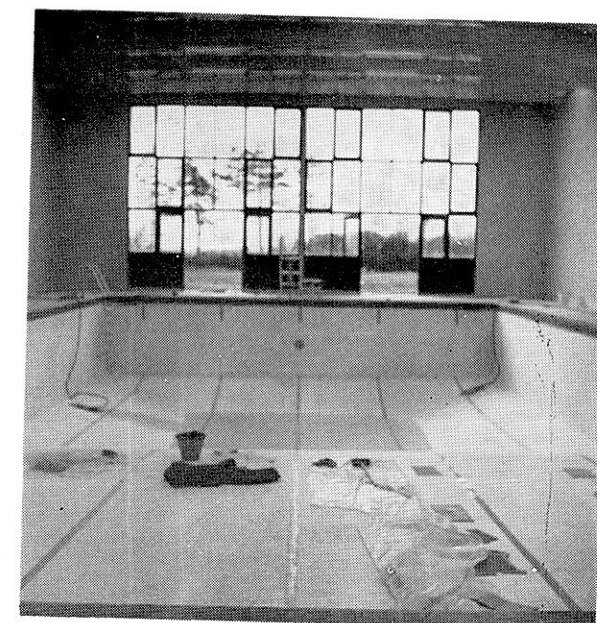
Some of the roof shells in position the intervening space was later covered with glass.

In course of construction

One of the shells, weighing five tons, is hoisted into position.



With the roof sections laid, work then began on the excavation of the pool basin. The picture on the right gives an idea of the slope towards the deepj end—it was taken as the finishing touches were being applied to the sides and floor. If you look closely you will see that they have begun to fill the pool; this was on April 7th and the 67,000 gallons were in by the morning of 10th. A few days later, after the filtration plant had been linked up, the first plunges were taken—cold one, too, for about a week, until the heating system became operational.



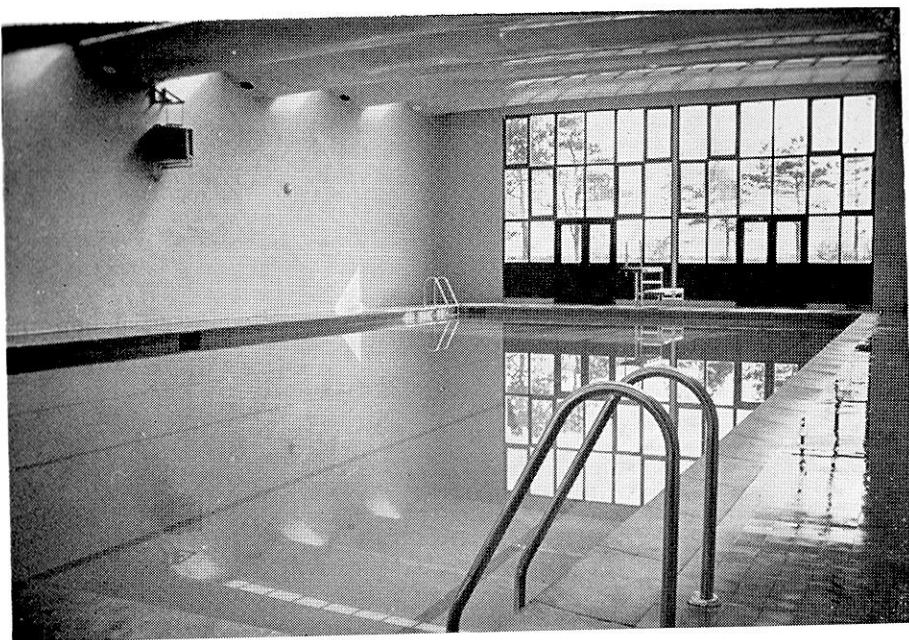


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View towards the deep end of the pool, with window facing south. One of the space heaters can be seen on the top left. The reflection of the glass on the roof can be seen in both this and the lower photo.

[Brian Hurley

Completion

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View towards shallow end of the pool. The door on the left leads to the corridor linking with the main college buildings the door in the centre leads to the dressing rooms.

[Brian Hurley



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REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY 1964

This is the second occasion on which we have been privileged to hold our Union Annual General Meeting in this magnificent assembly hall, and on behalf of the Hon. Officers and members of the Union I wish to say a very sincere word of thanks to Father Kerr for his co-operation and help in making this possible. To me again falls the honour of reading to you an account of our affairs since the last Annual General Meeting. Before doing so I would like to pay a very sincere tribute to my colleague Father Coffey for his trojan work in recruiting new members and collecting subscriptions. His contribution in this respect has been invaluable and I hope he will long continue to keep our affairs before the Past through his personal contacts and through his reminders in "The Eagle", which to me, and I feel sure to a great many of you, has become a publication to be read with a great deal of pleasure. So to an account of our activities since last April.

UNION DINNER

On Sunday, 21st April 1963 the Union Dinner was held here in the College at which there was an attendance of approximately 100 and I'm sure that those of you who were present will remember it as a most enjoyable function and one which by its attendance spanned the life of Mungret from before the turn of the century. This dinner was presided over by our President, Jim O'Leary, who carried out his duties with great dignity. To him, and to the Southern Branch officials who carried out all the detailed arrangements with the College and to Paddy Nutley who was primarily responsible for the organisation of the party who travelled from Dublin, our very best thanks are due. We were delighted to meet again our Rector, Father Kerr, who made us all feel so much at home.

GOLF OUTING

On Sunday, 16th June the Union Annual Golf outing was held at the Curragh Golf Club and while the attendance was rather poor, the function was a happy and successful one, to which Father Kerr brought a party from the College. The wonderful catering and playing arrangements were made by our man on the spot, Capt. Tom Roche, and the Union Inter-Branch Cup was retained by the Dublin Branch team. At the inter-schools Golf Competition at Milltown Golf Club, our team: Joe Callan, Mick Barry, Father Hayes, Tom Roche, Oliver Plunkett and Gerry Cahill, acquitted themselves with some distinction and finished up very near the winners, while at the dinner which followed, our President was placed very high on the list of distinguished guests.

INTER-UNION DANCE

In October the Inter-Union Dance—organised by a committee from Taylor's Hill, Laurel Hill, St. Ignatius, Galway, Crescent College and Mungret—was held in the Shelbourne Ballroom and proved a very successful and enjoyable night. In this connection I want to mention that there has now been a change in the arrangements about this particular function. In future it will be organised and run by the three Limerick Unions, Laurel Hill, Crescent College and ourselves and the object will be to raise funds for some worthy charity. For this year the object will be the UNICEF fund for children. The venue also has been changed and the dance will be held in the new ballroom in Jury's Hotel, on Friday, 30th October. We look forward with confidence to full support from our Past for this very worthy cause.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

As in previous years the Southern Branch has been outstanding in its activities on behalf of the College Building Fund and in the period under review the Annual Southern Branch Dinner-Dance was held in Limerick and maintained its place as the highlight of the social season. Our President, Jim O'Leary, travelled from Dublin to be present and reported he could not speak too highly of the excellent arrangements and organisation. I'm afraid that during this year the west is still in slumber deep but this is understandable owing to the very scattered nature of the territory and the consequent difficulty in getting committees together. However, in this connection, on looking through my cards I might suggest that it should be possible to get a small Branch going in the north-west of the province, based say on Ballina, as from my records there must be at least thirty to forty past students living in the area covered by Ballina, Castlebar and Westport and I give it as a suggestion to one of our younger members to get going on this idea. The same idea of course, might be put into operation in the Galway and South Mayo areas. The new arrangement with Father Rector whereby boys leaving the College are requested to pay £1 for five years membership of the Union should be helpful in putting such an idea into practice. I leave it to the men of the West.

BUILDING APPEAL

During the year under review, the Building Appeal which had been launched under the presidency of Luis Hanrahan was brought to a close and realised a total of £3,300. Your Union feels proud to have been associated with the extension of the College facilities, so necessary in these times and in this connection I would like to extend to Father Rector our congratulations on the very fine pool we have seen today and from which I feel sure future generations of Mungret boys will derive such pleasure and benefit.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that our Hon. Treasurer Paddy Nutley, who has served the Union so well and faithfully over the past fourteen years has decided to resign this year and to hand over his duties to Walter Costello. Paddy has looked after our finances during all these years with great care and attention and we look forward to his continued interest and guidance in the years ahead. He has been a tower of strength at all our functions and we will miss him at our Council meetings. During the year a group of the Past in Dublin gathered to say farewell to an old friend when we organised a small dinner party for our old teacher Jack O'Brien. It was a very happy occasion with some nostalgic memories and those of us who were present will long cherish



AT THE UNION DINNER IN THE COLLEGE, APRIL 5th

Back Row (left to right): D. Kelly, Chairman of the Western Branch E. T. O'Connor, Vice-Chairman of the Southern Branch; E. Daly, T. Lane, Secretary of the Southern Branch; P. Flannelly, Western Branch; P. Nutley, Vice-President.
Front Row (left to right): T. J. Lynch, Joint Hon. Secretary of the Union; Very Rev. J. Kerr, S.J., Vice-President; J. Hurley, President; J. O'Leary, ex-President.

the stories, anecdotes and songs which made the evening's entertainment. We recently had a party of ten members at a weekend retreat in Milltown Park. It is regrettable that we cannot fill all the accommodation available from our Union but at least we have made a start.

During the year, death claimed some very good friends, notably our revered Vice-President, Most Rev. Dr. Norton and more recently Pat Murphy, a past President who always had the affairs of the Union very close to his heart. For their souls we ask your charitable prayers. To Tony McCarthy, Eamonn Gallagher and Douglas Kelly who suffered bereavements and to the families of the late Father King, Canon O'Sullivan and Father O'Neill we extend our sincere sympathy, also to Father Rector and the Community on the tragic death of a pupil.

I would like to close with one final word of thanks to Father Pat Coffey on my own behalf and on behalf of the President, Officers and Council for all his work and interest in our affairs. Long may he continue to help us.

That Mr. President, Rev. Fathers and Gentlemen is an outline report of the work of your Union for the past twelve months and I hope it has given you some idea of what your Council and Branch Committees have been doing.

T. J. LYNCH
P. COFFEY, S.J.
Joint Hon. Secretaries

Mungret Union Southern Branch

THE Annual General Meeting was held in Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on September 26th, 1963. Mr. E. J. O'Connor was elected Chairman and Messrs. J. Hurley and T. Lane were elected Joint Secretaries.

The Past v. Present match was held on Sunday, November 17th, and on the same evening the Annual Dinner/Dance took place at Cruise's Hotel, at which 241 people attended. Among our guests were Very Rev. Father Kerr, S.J., Rector of Mungret College; Rev. Father P. Coffey, S.J., and Rev. Father J. Deevy, S.J. The Presidents of the Limerick Colleges Unions and their wives were also invited. Very Rev. Father Provincial, S.J., was unable to attend this year.

The Christmas Social, in aid of the College Building Fund, was most enjoyable.

The Annual Dinner at the College was a very successful function, with an attendance of 81.

Our biggest undertaking to date will be a Garden Fête, to be held at the College on May 10th, and arrangements are now well under way for this event, which is in aid of the College Building Fund. With favourable weather, this Fête should have a very good attendance and prove most successful.

T. LANE,
Joint Hon. Secretary.

Annual Golf Outing 1964

On Sunday, 3rd May a very pleasant reunion took place at the Annual Golf Outing at the Curragh. Despite the long distance the South was well represented. We were glad to meet Eddie Owens there, and other old friends, like Michael Barry and Kevin Byrne. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Captain Tom Roche, and could scarcely have been bettered. The weather, unfortunately, was not too kind as a few showers and a strong wind made conditions difficult. However, everyone enjoyed the day.

Results: Stroke: 1st M. BARRY, 2nd T. J. LYNCH.
Bogey: 1st K. BYRNE, 2nd E. T. O'CONNOR.
Handicap 19-24: P. BUTLER.
Special Prize: R. LE BAS.

AT THE UNION ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE IN CRUISE'S HOTEL, LIMERICK

Front Row, from left: Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, Crescent College Union; Rev. Father Coffey, S.J.; Mr. J. O'Leary, President, Mungret Union; Very Rev. J. Kerr, S.J., Rector, Mungret College; Mr. E. T. O'Connor, Chairman, Southern Branch; Dr. J. Holmes, St. Munchin's College Union.

Back Row, from left: Mr. T. Bromell, C.B.S. Union; Mr. J. P. Ireton, Mr. Tom Lane, Mr. W. Miller, Dr. M. J. O'Connor, Rev. J. Brennan, S.J.; Mr. J. F. Hurley, Mr. J. Hayes.

THE PAST



Father John Clarke ('59) with the Ordaining Prelate, Most Rev. Dr. E. Green ('36), Bishop of Port Elizabeth.

DURING the year, at various times and in many different places, a number of Old Mungret men were ordained. Last July, at Milltown Park, Dublin, **Father John Donovan, S.J.**, ('49) was raised to the priesthood. A native of Kanturk, Father John will be continuing his studies at Milltown Park for another year.

During the summer, also, **Father John O'Connell** ('56) was ordained at Thurles. Father John spent four years here in the lay school. He was ordained for the Diocese of Cashel but is at present working in Southwark.

Father Marcus Keyes ('57) was ordained last December at Dalgan Park. Father Marcus spent a few days with us in January. This summer he expects to be assigned to one of the missions of the Columban Fathers.

The other six new priests all left the College in the year 1959. In May of last year **Father Donal A. O'Sullivan** was ordained at Kilmallock and **Father Brian Coghlan** at Los Angeles and in June **Fathers Daniel Logan** and **Michael Dyer** were both ordained at Carlow. Later in the year **Father John Clarke** was ordained at Hilltown, Co. Down, and **Father Patrick J. O'Sullivan** at Waterford.

We offer them all our very sincere congratulations, as also to **Father Percy Winder, S.J.**, who was a Scholastic in Mungret from 1957-'60 and was ordained with Father Donovan at Milltown Park.

We congratulate, also, **Joe Hennessy** ('52) on his appointment as Director of Traffic Control of Shannon Air Charters Ltd. This is a new Company, quite recently formed, and the *Irish Times* carried the following report about its formation: "Some influential American people, including a former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and a grandson of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, are among the members of the board of a new company, Shannon Air Charters, Ltd. The company will be an Irish one, with some Irish directors, and one of the key men is Mr. Joseph Hennessy, who was formerly employed by American charter companies at Shannon." We wish the new venture every success.

Professor Patrick F. Flood ('15), who is Registrar at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, has never lost his affection for his old school and interest in its progress. In a recent letter, he tells us of receiving, from **Louis Hanrahan** ('28) a list of Old Mungret men living in the U.S. and continues: "I have already contacted some of them and hope to arrange a reunion before I leave for Ireland on June 16. One is an old friend of mine, **Mr. Frank O'Connor** ('15), who succeeded me when I left the School Editorship of the *Irish Echo* in 1943. He promises to co-operate." We hope Prof. Flood will visit us again this summer when he is in the country. (In another part of this issue will be found an account of his work for the promotion of late vocations in America).

We are very grateful to the well-known Irish Jesuit, **Father Robert Nash**, for sending us photographs and information about some of the Past. Father Nash has been working in Australia for the past few years and in the course of a visit to Auckland, New Zealand, he met three old Mungret men who are working in that Diocese. **Father John C. O'Reilly** ('23) has been a Parish Priest in the city for the past twenty-three years, and during the same period, Chaplain to the principal Mental Hospital. Quite recently he has been appointed to a new Parish; **Father Michael J. Quinn, Adm.** ('42) is at present Parish Priest of Tuakau and **Father James M. McGrath** ('42) is a Curate at Avondale.

We send our best wishes to **Monsignor Dan O'Connell** ('11), who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination on June 6. He is Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Galveston, Texas—a post which he has held for the past thirty-one years. During that time he has received many honours. Civic groups, including members of the Protestant and Jewish communities, have designated him as one of Galveston's outstanding citizens. And Pope Pius XII bestowed on him the title of Protonotary Apostolic.

We had a welcome visit from **John Dowling** ('38) last September. He is General Editor of Irish Editorial Services and Assignments and was responsible for the production of "The Shannon Guide," compiled for the Irish Shell and B.P. Companies. At present he is engaged on a similar work which will cover the whole country.

Around the same time we had a visit from **Brendan Hardiman** ('55). He is doing a Ph.D. at Manchester University.

We were sorry to have to say 'Good-bye' to **Paddy Kelly** ('55) last May. Paddy has gone to Cape Town, South Africa.

In the news recently in that country was a distinguished member of the past, **Most Rev. Dr. Hugh Boyle**, Bishop of Johannesburg (O.M. 1914-20). He received from Pope Paul the gift of a Liturgical Candle, for use in the new Church of Regina Mundi at Moroka. The foundation stone of this Church had been laid by His Holiness, when as Cardinal Montini, he was making his tour of the African continent.

Among the members in the Irish contingent of the U.N. Peace Force for

Cyprus is **Commandant Tony MacSullivan** ('30). He went there with one of the advance parties and will serve as one of the Army doctors attached to the 40th Battalion. We wish him a safe and pleasant sojourn on the troubled island.

We congratulate **Fr. Tom Kingston W.F.** ('42) on the unusual distinction of being made chief of a Nigerian tribe. (More about this will be found on another page).

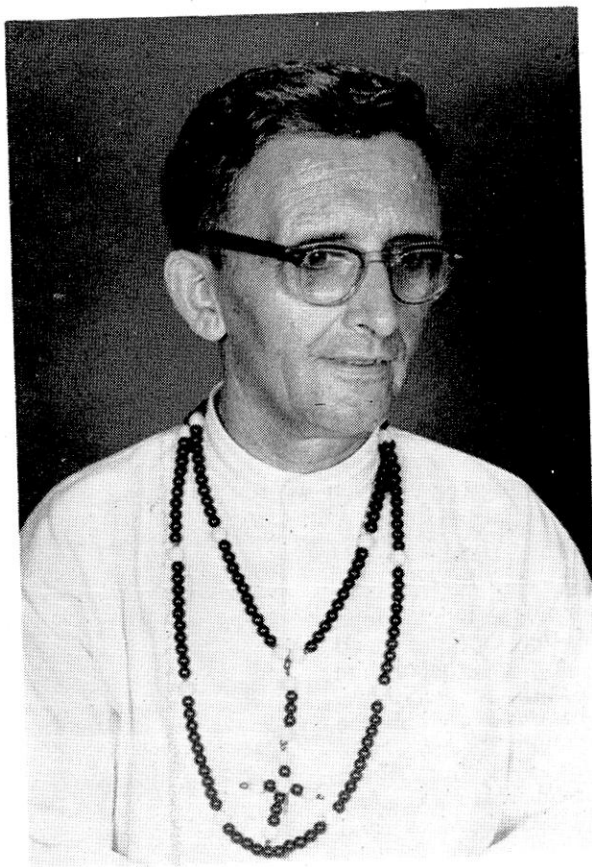
Also in Nigeria is **Tom McMahon, B.A.** ('57) who is teaching there under the direction of the African Missionary Fathers.



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[Egleston Bros.

The marriage of **Pat Sheehan** ('47) and **Miss Marjorie Breen** took place at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 22nd. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. Canon Breen, P.P., assisted by Very Rev. P. Enright, P.P., Very Rev. M. Quinn, P.P., Very Rev. M. Minihan, P.P., Rev. E. Dillon, C.C., Rev. M. Burke, C.C., and Rev. P. Coffey, S.J.



FATHER TOM KINGSTON, W.F.

During the year, Most Rev. Dr. James Corboy, S.J., Bishop of Monze, Northern Rhodesia, stayed with us for a while. Dr. Corboy is a Limerickman and was educated at Crescent College. His Diocese and he brought us plenty of new about members of the Past there. Among others he mentioned Fr. Joe Conway, S.J. ('43). Fr. Joe is Parish Priest at Chinkuni, the largest mission station, and has recently built a fine new church nearby.

Walter Costello ('53) is medical representative for Ireland for Berks Pharmaceuticals. We wish him well also as Treasurer of the College Union.

Tom Cooney ('58) is in the National Bank, Cashel. We are glad to hear that he has recovered from his recent accident.

We missed the presence of Seán Brady, T.D. ('22) at the recent Union Dinner in

the College and were sorry to learn that he has been ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

At Christmas we met Fr. Pat Lynch ('56) in Dublin. He is working at Fort Worth, Texas, and told us that he had been in Dallas on the day of President Kennedy's assassination and in fact drove past the scene shortly after the tragic event. Like so many around the world he was deeply shocked on learning what had happened.

Later in the year, we met Hal Doorley ('40) and hope he will pay us a visit in the near future. Hal is running the family business in Roscommon.

We were glad to see—in the South African newspaper, "The Southern Cross"—news of Father Fergus Barrett O.F.M. ('28). St. John Vianney Seminary, of



COLONEL MICHAEL McINERNEY

which he is Rector, has gained a new status by being affiliated to the Urban University of Rome. This means that the Seminary will now be able to confer its own Theology degrees and this is regarded as a most unusual honour for so young an institution. The Seminary was started in 1948.

We send our best wishes to Col. Michael McInerney ('16) who retired during the year. Dr. McInerney had a distinguished career in the Army. He joined in June 1923 and was at first stationed at St. Brice's Military Hospital in Dublin. He went to the Curragh Military Hospital in 1928 and two years later became Senior Surgeon there, a post which he held until Nov., 1959. In that year he was appointed Director of the Army Medical Service. During his tenure of office as Director he attended surgical conferences at Teheran and Washington. He went also to the Congo to inspect the Irish U.N. Contingent there.

Fr. Larry Kearns, S.J. ('28) gained prominence last February because of his artistic prowess on a Television pro-

gramme. An account of his work appears further on in this issue.

Dr. Michael O'Connor ('10) is Dispensary doctor in Kilmallock. He is a former Chairman of the Southern Branch of the Union. He had three sons in Mungret, Dr. Eamonn, John and Sarsfield.

We heard news that Rt. Rev. Mgr. Tom Cullen, P.A. ('22) was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham during the year. We send him congratulations and good wishes.

Our congratulations also to Paschal Burke ('50) on his appointment as Manager of the Grand Hotel, Tramore.

Henry Casey ('25) is teaching near his native Union Hall, Co. Cork. His brother, Father Jim, S.J., ('24) has for many years been on the Clongowes teaching staff while a third brother, Fr. Donal ('30) is in the South Parish, Cork. Father Donal is closely associated with the annual Liturgical Congress which is held at Glenstal Abbey; he has been Treasurer for some years past. We were glad to have a visit from him during the year when he came to see his nephew Donal, now in the College.

Willie Dwyer ('28) paid us a visit after a long absence when he brought his son Michael on opening day. He is farming in his native Thurles.

On opening day also we met Edmund Hearn ('35). His son Willie is now with us. Edmund is farming near Kilsheelan.

Our congratulations to Fr. Denis Nugent, C.M. ('07) who has celebrated the golden jubilee of his Ordination at St. Vincent's Presbytery, Mill Hill, London. The messages of congratulation from his native Kinsale included one from the Urban Council of Kinsale. Fr. Denis was a missionary in China for 34 years, twelve of which he spent in the interior of the country.

Our good wishes to Msgr. Canon Sidney Mullarkey ('31) on his appointment as Vicar General of the Diocese of Portsmouth. He tells us in a letter that it is twenty seven years since he was in Ireland and that he will certainly call at Mungret stationed at the Cathedral in Penang. Jim Tarpey ('42), who had been stationed business in Castletownbere. His two sons, when he comes, as he hopes in the near future. We look forward to seeing him.

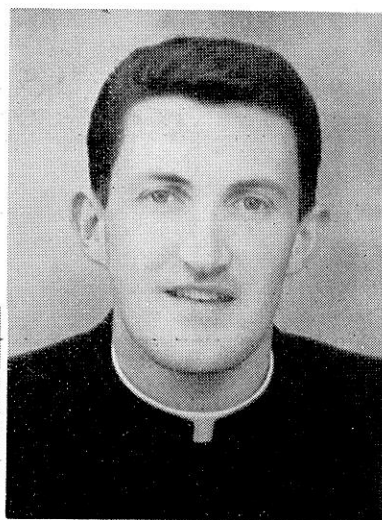
Tom Mannix ('54) has been appointed Manager of Ross's Hotel, Dún Laoire.

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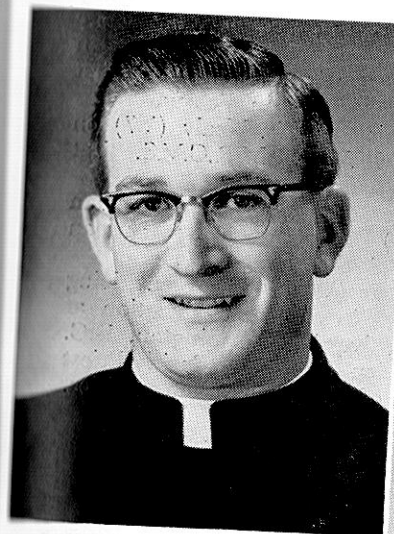
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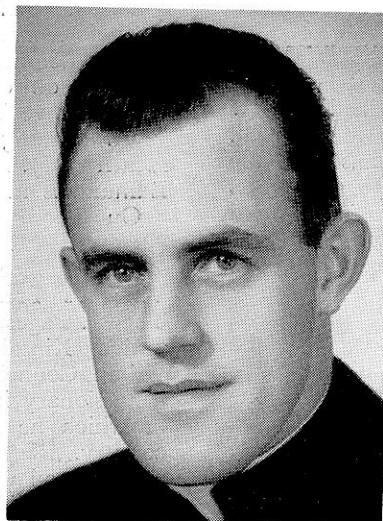
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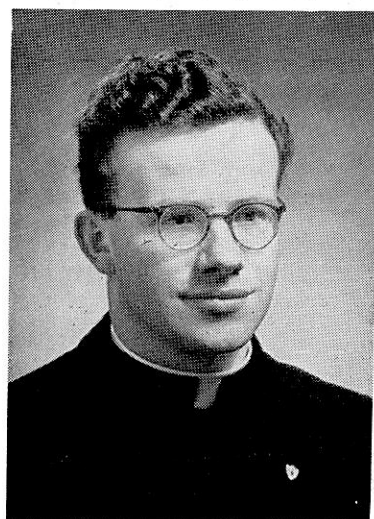
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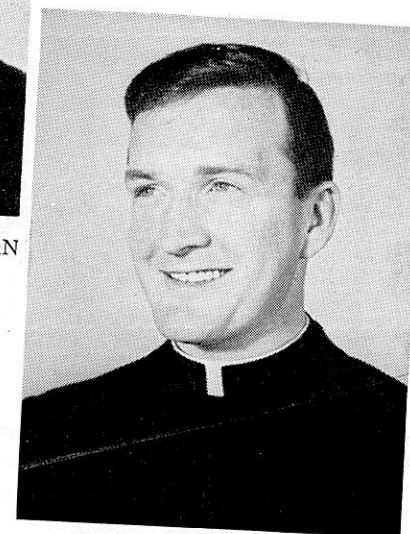
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Los Angeles



FATHER JOHN O'CONNELL
Diocese of Cashel



FATHER DONAL O'SULLIVAN
Los Angeles



FATHER MARCUS KEYES
Dalgan Park



Gerry Moynihan ('53) is Manager of Hayes' Hotel, Tullamore.

Fr. Eddie Bourke, S. J. ('12) has now returned to our Far Eastern Mission and is stationed at the Cathedral in Penang, Malaysia. Not so far away from him **Fr. Jim Tarpey** ('42), who had been stationed at Wah Yan College in Hong Kong, has now moved out to a small island in the Colony on which the Novitiate and Retreat House are located.

We were glad to have **Fr. Morgan O'Connor** ('36) back from Australia, with us at the Union Dinner.

Another welcome visitor was **Fr. Garry Cogan** ('24). Fr. Garry, who is a Columban Father, has been working in the Philippines for a great number of years.

Eddie Wiseman ('19) has a Drapery business in Castletownbere. His two sons, **John** and **Declan**, were also in Mungret.

We were glad to hear that **Paul Culshaw** ('57) has become an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute and is studying for a Fellowship. He is with the Norwich Insurance Co. in Crydon.

Dr. Paddy Green ('50) has returned from America and is on the staff of the Chest Hospital, Phoenix Park.

We see that **Fr. Tom Egan** ('26) has

been figuring prominently in the Press in connection with his work of restoring Ballintubber Abbey.

Oliver Scanlon ('60) is with the Mill Hill Fathers and is attending U.C.D. at present.

John Moore ('52) is Technical Adviser to the Hygeia Company, Galway.

We congratulate **Fr. James Hickie, P.P., V.F.** ('17) of Bristol, Virginia (a native of Buttevant, Co. Cork), who has been appointed a Domestic Prelate by Pope Paul.

News from the world of horses suggests the names of two of the recent Past who have had success in that field: **Bobby Barry**, we are glad to see, has had more victories during the year and **Barry Brogan** gained high praise when he rode his first winner at Leopardstown in February.

Congratulations to **Colin Healy** ('57) on obtaining his M.V.B., M.R.C.V.S. last summer.

And our congratulations also to **Brendan Donegan** ('57) on qualifying as an Architect around the same time.

Fr. Hugh Clear ('50) is at present doing graduate studies in religious education at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Fr. Pat O'Brien ('29) is a Parish Priest in the Diocese of Capetown, South Africa.



The wedding took place at Cahir, on October 30th, of **Bernie Boles** ('50) and **Miss Maeve O'Connor**. The marriage was celebrated by the **Rev. J. Power**, assisted by **Very Rev. C. Ryan, D.D., L.S.S., P.P., Bansha**, and **Rev. P. Coffey, S.J.**



MONSIGNOR DAN O'CONNELL

He tells us that he often meets **Fr. Jerome McQuillan, O.F.M.** ('22).

Fr. Pat Nolan ('46) has been appointed Secretary to Bishop Bell of Sacramento. He is in charge of matrimonial matters.

Joe Fahy ('52) has joined the journalistic staff of Radio Eireann and Telefis Eireann. He has made frequent appearances as an interviewer on the Television screen.

Peter Murnaghan ('55) is an accountant with Shell Mex, London. We were glad to have a visit from him when he was over on business last summer. His brother **John, M.Sc.** ('55) is lecturing in Physics in U.C.D.

Another old boy lecturing at the same University, this time in Italian, is **David Nolan, M.A.** ('52).

We had a visit recently from **Fr. Raymond Mullins** ('48). He is in the Diocese of Mobile and is at present Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Pensacola, Florida.

We congratulate **Pat Liston** ('58) on qualifying as a Solicitor; **John McClockey** ('57) on obtaining his final Accountancy and **Ray Dolan** ('58) on obtaining his B.Com.

Congratulations also to **Dr. Paddy Corry** ('52) on being appointed Assistant Master at the Coombe Hospital.

Our best wishes to **Dr. Noel Hickey** ('53) on getting his M.D.

Brian Garland ('55) has been appointed Sales Representative for Alitalia Airlines.

We were glad to have a visit from **Fr. John Walsh** ('40) back from Australia. His brother **Willie** ('50) is also in that country while a third brother, **Michael** ('46) is attached to the Detective Bureau, Dublin Castle.

Dr. J. H. Walsh ('34) is working in West Drayton, London, and **D. J. J. O'Connor** ('38) in Perth, Australia.

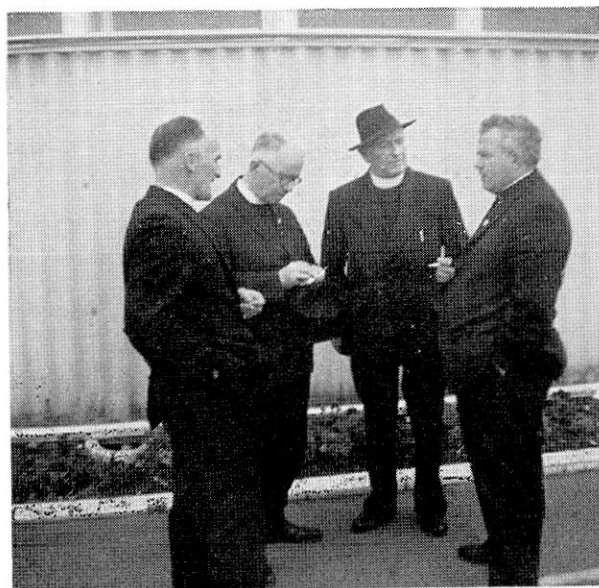
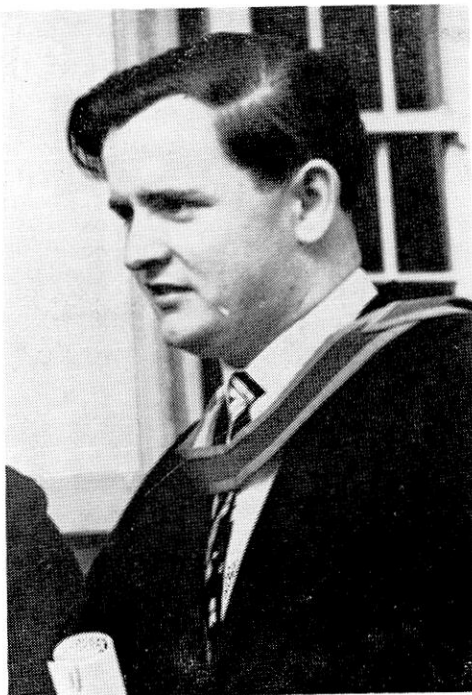
Dr. Joe McKenna ('56) is in Toronto, where he is doing a Surgical course.

Seamus McInerney ('37) has been appointed Acting Chief Dental Officer to the Limerick Health Authority.

Patrick O'Brien ('56) who obtained his Final Dentistry at U.C.D. in July last, is now in practice in Essex. He is a nephew of Mr. Jack O'Brien.

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IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
From left: Father Michael J. Quinn, P.P. ('42), Father Robert Nash, S.J., Father John C. O'Reilly, P.P. ('23), and Father James McGrath, C.C. ('42).

Commandant Willie Ryan ('36) is now attached to the Engineer Corps at Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick.

Capt. Ronnie Le Bas ('40) is working in the Assay Office, Dublin Castle; **Niall McCarthy** ('56) is on the staff of Perri Crisps at Santry; **Seán Quinlivan**, B.Agr. ('54) lectures in a Dublin Technical School; **Tom Brady** ('31) is a Vocational Teacher in Dun Laoire.

Cecil O'Shaughnessy ('18) has retired from the E.S.B.; **Ivan Kelly**, B.E. ('45) is working in Nottingham; **Pat Cagney** ('55) is in Second Year Theology in Maynooth; **Brian Walsh** ('59) is doing Accountancy in Dublin.



Some of the Castletownbere contingent at the Annual Dinner-Dance of the Southern Branch in Cruise's Hotel. From left: Mr. and Mrs. P. Crowley and Mr. M. O'Sullivan (brother of Father E. O'Sullivan, S.J., Hong Kong).

Marriages

We send our best wishes to the following on the occasion of their marriages:—

Tom Reynolds, B.C.L., LL.B., to Miss N. Purcell.

Tom Dooley to Miss Bernadette O'Sullivan.

Patrick O'Grady to Miss Rita O'Callaghan.

Florrie Kenneally to Miss Mary MacSweeney.

Frank O'Keeffe, M.V.B., M.R.C.V.S., to Miss Mary Owens.

Frank Hallissey to Miss Philomena Fahy.

Bernie Boles to Miss Maeve O'Connor.

David Crowley to Miss Margaret Hennessy.

Pat Sheehan to Miss Majorie Breen.

Tom Burke to Miss North.

Brian Garland to Miss Betty Rattray.

Ray Hennessy to Miss Sheila Doyie.

Kevin Garland to Miss Rachel Slattery.

Nurse Corrigan

VERY often on meeting an old boy after a long lapse of time, one of the first questions asked is this one: "Is the Nurse still there?" Well, from now on the answer to that question will have to be "No." For though, of course, we do have a resident nurse in the College, the old boys who ask about "the Nurse" are speaking about Nurse Corrigan and she is no longer with us. Nurse Corrigan bade farewell to Mungret last summer, to the regret of the community and of those many, many members of the Past who knew her and remember her so well.

Nurse Corrigan gave thirty-five years of her life to Mungret College. One might say that during that period, when she was not in the Infirmary she was in the Chapel. For most of her time here she attended three Masses daily.

As a Nurse she had a great ability in diagnosis—as many of those who tried to sham illness knew to their cost. However, when a boy was seriously ill, she was equally quick to diagnose the trouble. Apart from her official capacity as a Nurse, Miss Corrigan was a woman of rare qualities. Kind, considerate and sympathetic, she was charitable to a degree of which not many may have been aware.

The following incident illustrates her character. In 1953, on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, she was presented with a cheque by the boys. She immediately handed it to Father Rector for the Irish Jesuit Mission in Rhodesia.

At the end of the school year, a small ceremony took place in the theatre to mark her departure. In the presence of the whole College, Father Rector paid a graceful tribute to the Nurse for the many years of service she had given to Mungret. The Captain of the College, Eddie Owens, presented her with a radio on behalf of the boys, and also with a handsome spiritual bouquet. Rev. Mr. Guiry, S.J., replied on behalf of the Nurse.

Nurse Corrigan has gone from the College but she will be remembered for a long time by the many Jesuits who knew her, and by many grateful Past Students of Mungret.



NURSE CORRIGAN



DR. MICHAEL O'CONNOR
with a Peregrine Falcon

Boys of Last Year

		Diocese
KEVIN BURKE ...	at St. Patrick's College, Carlow	Wellington, N.Z.
CHARLES GRAHAM ...	at St. Patrick's College, Carlow	St. Augustine
PATRICK MACKEN ...	at St. Patrick's College, Carlow	Cardiff
LIAM MINOGUE ...	at St. Patrick's College, Carlow	Trenton, N.J.
JOHN MUGGIVAN ...	at St. Patrick's College, Carlow	San Antonio, Texas
PAUL FAHY ...	at St. Patrick's College, Thurles	Port Elizabeth, S.A.
JOHN O'LEARY ...	at St. Patrick's College, Thurles	Miami, Florida
BRIAN O'REILLY ...	at St. Patrick's College, Thurles	Natchez-Jackson
WILLIAM DAVITT ...	at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny	Salford
FACHTNA DEASY ...	at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny	Mobile-Birmingham
MICHAEL DOLAN ...	at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny	Richmond, Virginia
MICHAEL GIRON ...	at Our Lady Queen of the Angels Seminary	San Fernando, California
PATRICK KAVANAGH	at St. Mary's, Emo, Portlaoise (Jesuit Novitiate)	
LIAM CUMMINS ...	at St. Mary's, Emo, Portlaoise (Jesuit Novitiate)	
PHILIP RYAN ...	at St. Mary's, Emo, Portlaoise (Jesuit Novitiate)	
SEÁN McMAHON ...	at St. Patrick's, Donamon Castle, Co. Roscommon (S.V.D. Novitiate)	
PATRICK HEFFERNAN	at St. Patrick's, Donamon Castle, Co. Roscommon (S.V.D. Novitiate)	
NOEL BARRETT ...	at Myros Road, Leap, Co. Cork (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)	
JAMES QUIGLEY ...	at Myros Road, Leap, Co. Cork (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)	
MICHAEL WALSH ...	at Myros Road, Leap, Co. Cork (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)	
OLIVER CLUNE ...	at St. Mary's Priory, Pope's Quay, Cork (Dominican Novitiate)	
BRENDAN BUTLER ...	at Franciscan Friary, Killarney, Killarney (Novitiate O.F.M.)	
PIARAS Ó DUBHGHAILL	at Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Kilkenny (Capuchin Novitiate)	
BRIAN MURTAGH ...	at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Kilshane, Co. Tipperary (C.S.Sp.)	
IAN HATFIELD, MICHAEL LYNCH, CHARLES REARDON, JOE MULLINS, EDWARD MULLINS: Business		
JOHN DONNELLY, TIM BRODERICK, CHARLES O'SHAUGHNESSY: Bank		
SEÁN LAVELLE, EDWARD IRWIN, FRANK O'DWYER: Engineering		
ROBERT TAIT, HANNON O'GORMAN: Medicine		
BARRY McHALE, MAURICE DANAGHER: Commerce		
KARL LANGAN: Hotel Management		
MICHAEL McKENNA: Accountancy		
JOHN O'SULLIVAN: Architecture		
SEAMUS KELLY: Chemical Engineering		
DAVID FLANNELLY: Farming		
THOMAS STACK: Insurance		
EDWARD OWENS: Dentistry		
ROBERT BARRY: Veterinary Medicine		

RETREAT FOR THE RECENT PAST

EACH year—towards the end of January—a limited number of places are available at Milltown Park for the Week-end Retreat of Mungret College Recent Past. The Retreat begins on a Saturday night and ends early on the following Monday morning. Circulars giving details of this Retreat are sent out to

members of the Recent Past before each Christmas; anyone who has not received notification and wishes to obtain a place, should apply, either to the Spiritual Father in Mungret, or to: The Director of Retreats, Milltown Park, Dublin 6 (Tel. 92136).

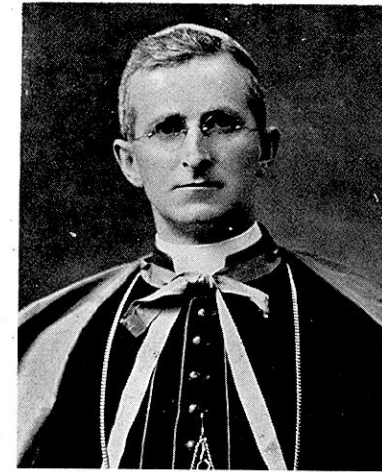


Canon E. A. Byrne	...	...	...	...	1901-03
Monsignor J. J. Burns	...	...	...	...	1904-10
Most Rev. Dr. J. F. Norton	...	...	...	...	1905-09
Canon P. Lynch	...	...	...	...	1909-10
Father Edmond Barry	...	...	...	...	1910-14
Edward Murphy	...	...	...	...	1913-15
Canon M. O'Sullivan	...	...	...	...	1914-19
Father P. Halligan	...	...	...	...	1915-19
William Revington	...	...	...	...	1918-21
Monsignor H. O'Flaherty	...	...	...	...	1918-22
Patrick Murphy	...	...	...	...	1918-22
Bernard Coen	...	...	...	...	1919-22
Father J. O'Neill, S.M.A.	...	...	...	...	1926-30
Charles Murray	...	...	...	...	1942-45
Anthony Devane	...	...	...	...	1962-63

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of all old pupils of Mungret who have died during the past year. To their relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

O B I T U A R Y



BISHOP OF BATHURST, N.S.W.
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN FRANCIS NORTON, D.D., B.A., LL.D.,
(1905-09)

It is with profound regret that we record the death of the Bishop of Bathurst, Most Rev. John Francis Norton, the seventh alumnus of Mungret to be raised to the Episcopacy. Dr. Norton died in his sleep on the morning of Thursday, June 20th, 1963, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst. Just two weeks previously His Lordship had suffered a heart attack at Coonamble, in the north-west of his Diocese. He was aged 72. He had ruled his See for thirty-five years, his Episcopacy being the longest of the five Bishops of the Bathurst Diocese since it was established in 1865.

When Dr. Norton was consecrated as Coadjutor Bishop to Dr. O'Farrell, the then Bishop of Bathurst, in April 1926, he was the second youngest Bishop in the world. And yet the news of his elevation, at the early age of 35, hardly came as a great surprise to those who knew him

and were aware of his sterling character and of his career up to that point. His appointment as Administrator at the Cathedral at Bathurst, at an unusually early age, had led his friends to expect that it would not be long until this zealous priest received still higher honours. But it was not in Australia that he first set his feet on that path which was to lead to his high honours and great achievements and we must glance, however briefly, at the beginning of his life-story in Ireland.

Dr. Norton was born at Lucan, near Dublin, in 1891. The strands of his early life are neatly gathered in the following notice which appeared in the local press at Bathurst at the time of his consecration:

"The Christian Brothers' School, James' Street, Dublin, claims the honour of giving the new Bishop his earliest lessons. Mungret College,

Limerick, with a tradition of a thousand years, developed the mind and heart of his boyhood days. His college companions will well remember the slight active junior who gained a coveted place as centre-forward in the 'Soccer' first XI of that famous college. Since the Jesuits took charge he is the second alumnus of Mungret to be appointed an Australian Bishop. Right Rev. Dr. Killian (Bishop of Port Augusta) is his worthy predecessor. He completed his philosophical and theological course at All Hallows, Dublin. Arriving in Bathurst at the end of 1915, the newly ordained priest quickly grew into the hearts of everyone in that old historic town. Young though he is, the priests of the Diocese have always relied on him as a wise counsellor and friend. He has never been in charge of any other district, but it is certain that in his newer and wider field there will be felt the wisdom and the love that has endeared him to every soul in Bathurst—the town that knows him best."

Truly prophetic words; they were written in 1926 and the years following—almost forty—were to witness the growth and the spreading of that wisdom and love that endeared Dr. Norton to an ever widening circle of friends and acquaintances. Those of us who were privileged to know him can bear witness to the depth of his friendship; his work as a Pastor of souls gives proof of the wisdom.

His Bishop, Dr. O'Farrell, had early become impressed by the young priest from Ireland and in 1922 appointed the then Father Norton as his Secretary. In this capacity he accompanied the Bishop on the 1925 Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome and Lourdes. Before their departure Bishop O'Farrell, who had been in ill-health for some time, had indicated his desire for assistance in bearing the burdens of his Diocese. As a result of the request Father Norton was appointed Coadjutor Bishop and his consecration as Titular Bishop of Lunda took place in Rome on April 18th, 1926. By the kind invitation of Dr. Norton the Mungret men in Rome attended the ceremonies, which were held in the Chapel of Propaganda College, and as a result the names of those who were present or actually took part makes interesting reading.

One person who was there described the occasion of Dr. Norton's consecration as "a red-letter day in Mungret's history." The Consecrating Prelate was His Eminence Cardinal van Rossum, and the assisting Prelates Archbishop Marchetti (Secretary to the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith) and Bishop O'Farrell of Bathurst. Father Hugh O'Flaherty (1918-22) acted as assistant priest to His Eminence and Tom Walshe (1924-27) had control of the Bugia. The other assistants were Australians. The six torch-bearers presented a striking symbol of the universality of the Church—they included an Irishman, an Australian, an Italian, an African and a Chinaman. Among those singing in the

Propaganda College Choir was another Mungret man, George Keyes (1919-25). After the ceremonies the representatives of Mungret were honoured guests at the breakfast, at which the Cardinal presided. One of those present recorded his impressions of the new Bishop, and we set them down here because indeed they very fitly describe the kind of man he continued to be; the new dignity was not in any way to lessen the attractiveness of Dr. Norton's personality: "In personal appearance a fine-looking man, rather tall and well-built, with a very pleasing expression. He is dignified, yet simple and homely. Although his hair is grey, he looks quite young, as he is. We found him, indeed, a very pleasing man with whom to come in contact . . ."

Less than two years later the ailing Bishop O'Farrell died and Dr. Norton succeeded to the See of Bathurst. It was April 3rd, 1928, and until his death Bishop Norton ruled a territory far larger than the area of Ireland—with additions made from time to time this widespread Diocese eventually extended to nearly 50,000 square miles. During his term of office there was very great development. He founded many churches, schools and charitable institutions, including a home for the aged that cost a quarter of a million pounds. One of his major undertakings he did not see completed. This was the restoration of the century-old Cathedral of SS. Michael and John at Bathurst. Yet despite these activities, and the day to day administration of such a large Diocese, Dr. Norton was able to visit Ireland several times in recent years, usually in connection with official duties.

In 1958 he came to Europe with the Australian National Pilgrimage and, after he had been to Fatima, Lourdes and Rome, he revisited Ireland. This was the occasion on which he received two honours from his native country, honours which were very dear to him, for he (Bishop Norton) had a great love for Ireland and interest in her welfare. During his schooldays, and immediately afterwards, he was closely associated with many of the young men who took part in the Rising of 1916. There was a tradition of patriotism in his family—his great great grandfather, Francis Dunne, had fought and been executed in 1798. Dr. Michael Tierney, President of University College, Dublin, made reference to this fact in his address on the occasion of the conferring of the honorary degree of LL.D. on Dr. Norton by the National University. In the presence of Mr. de Valera, Chancellor of the University, who presided at the ceremony, Dr. Tierney spoke of the Bishop's influence which had done much to make Bathurst into a centre of Irish culture as well as devotion to the Catholic religion.

The other honour, to which Dr. Norton himself referred with obvious pride and appreciation, was that of being made a Freeman of the City of Dublin. This ceremony took place in the Mansion House, in the presence of the President

of the Republic, Mr. de Valera; the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid; the Lord Mayor, Councillor Catherine Byrne, and members of the Diplomatic Corps. Dr. Norton's sister, Miss Agnes Norton, then aged seventy and the only other surviving member of the family, was present too on this historic occasion. It is believed that this honour has been shared by only one other person from Australia, the late Archbishop Mannix.

Dr. Norton came again to this country in more recent years; he stayed in the College several times on his way to and from the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. These visits were always warmly welcomed by the Community, for Dr. Norton had a great fund of stories and recollections. He was very much in touch with Mungret, past and present, and his affection for his alma mater was very apparent. He took a keen interest in plans for building and future development and was always eager to assist in any project that could help the College. It was to him that the Editor of the *Mungret Eagle* turned for help when the first issue was about to be launched and Bishop Norton very graciously contributed the introductory letter, heartily wishing every blessing and success on the venture.

For many years Dr. Norton had suffered from complete deafness. On his part it must have demanded a continuous effort when engaged in conversation; on the part of his friends they could only regret that it seemed at times to prevent them sharing fully in his warm and genial personality. The disability was largely compensated for by Dr. Norton's phenomenal memory for faces and names. This he used to advantage in his contacts with the Union, which were many. He was always a most welcome guest at their functions, and indeed at the time of his death was one of the Vice-Presidents. A brilliant speaker, he always impressed listeners and readers by his apt choice of word and elegance of line. Not so long ago, at the request of Cardinal Gilroy, who contributed an introduction, Dr. Norton issued a book of occasional addresses. At one of the Annual Dinners Judge Durcan, then President of the Union, presented the Bishop with the crest of the College. In reply His Lordship said that he would be proud to place it in his house beside the Scroll which made him a Freeman of Dublin.

The Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for Dr. Norton was celebrated at the Bathurst Cathedral with His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Enrici, presiding. Here, in the heart of the See that he had ruled so well and for so long, the mortal remains of the Bishop of Bathurst were laid to rest. As for us who remain, we mourn the memory of a great and kindly Bishop who was not only a most distinguished alumnus of Mungret but a generous and most loyal son as well. To his bereaved sister we offer our respectful sympathy.

PATRICK J. MURPHY, B.A., B.COMM., LL.B. (1918-22)

THROUGH the death of Paddy Murphy last January, Mungret lost a great and loyal friend. Closely associated with the strengthening of the Union in recent years, he was President for the year 1957.

A native of Tralee, Patrick Murphy was an Honours graduate of the National University in Arts, Commerce and Law. He was attached to the Civil Service in a legal capacity since he qualified as a Solicitor thirty-four years ago, succeeding the late Mr. Patrick Col as Finance Solicitor in 1944. He was a man of wide interests—well-known in Dublin musical circles; he was for a while President of the Bohemians Musical Society. He was Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration and a member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. Sport, too, claimed his interest—he was a keen angler and had been for a time President of the Irish Wolfhound Society.

To his wife, Mrs. Una Margaret Murphy, his daughter Mary, his son John and his brother and sister who survive him, we offer our deepest sympathy.

The following tribute was very kindly written, at our request, by one who knew him well:

My friendship with Paddy Murphy goes back to September 1919 when we sat together in the Junior Honours class. Not side by side as Paddy, because of his height and his trustworthiness, had his place at the back while I, a rather conceited fidget, always was well under the master's eye. Probably the ablest in the class, as he showed himself in later years, he was always willing and indeed anxious to defer to the more pushful ones. Yet it was his beautifully kept note-books that were asked for and were never refused when examination time came along. It was unthinkable that he would ever be punished even in those hardy days when "twice nine" was honoured much in the observance. *Experto crede.*

Unusual for a Kerryman in not being great at games, probably because at the time he was somewhat overgrown, yet he was always careful to play up and keep the rules. It was his influence more than that of any other which caused the school to adopt Gaelic football as the school game. But as drill instructor of the entire house he showed his true calibre as a leader of boys and men. This was during the national upsurge at the end of "The Four Glorious Years" when he brought us through the full squad routine of the Army Drill Book.

It was my good luck to have his friendship during the years that followed at U.C.D. There his ability truly emerged. But always he was willing to fall back to help anyone, friend or

not, who was in need of mugging up a few missed lectures or wanted to borrow a text.

Honours followed him as his merits were recognised and advancement in his professional capacity to the summit was inevitable in his chosen career. But nothing changed the simple goodness, the gentle humour and great kindness of heart that so suited his massive frame.

One little incident occurs. Two years ago I had occasion to ask his professional advice and I waited upon him at his offices at St. Stephen's Green. When he had given exhaustive help and counsel, feeling compunction at keeping him so long I stood up to go. Paddy stood up too and kept talking for twenty minutes or so until I noticed that he was under a great strain. He had barely recovered from a serious illness, but in his exquisite courtesy he thought nothing of the stress he was enduring. His last words are still in my ears, "Why shouldn't I do it for you, Gerry?"

Magnanimous in body, mind and spirit, he was simple, lovable and humorous to the end. He was always slightly puzzled at his own more than merited success because he would have liked to help his friends to do even better than himself.

God has called a wonderful and lovable soul to Himself.

G. O'C.

V. REV. P. CANON LYNCH, P.P., V.F. (1909-10)

JUST before going to press we were saddened to hear of the death of Canon Patrick Lynch, who died in St. John's Hospital, Limerick, on May 4th, aged 68. He had been Parish Priest of Abbeyfeale since 1959, in which year also he had become a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter.

Canon Lynch, a native of Pallaskenry, was ordained at Maynooth in 1920 and taught for a while in St. Munchin's College before his appointment as Curate in Rathkeale. For some years he was Parish Priest of Kilcornan, and later of Coolcappa, before going to Abbeyfeale. As a member of the National Executive of Muintir na Tire the Canon was well-known in many circles, being prominent in the cultural and sporting activities of West Limerick.

The Requiem Mass, which Father Coffey, S.J., attended, was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Abbeyfeale. We offer our deep sympathy to Canon Lynch's sisters, Sister Mary of St. Patrick, of the Good Shepherd Convent, New Ross, and Miss Kathleen Lynch of Pallaskenry.

VERY REV. MICHAEL CANON O'SULLIVAN (1914-19)

ON Low Sunday last year (1963) Canon O'Sullivan was among the speakers at the Union Dinner in the Collegé; less than five months later he was dead and the sense of loss then experienced by the members of the Union, by his parishioners to whom he was so deeply devoted and indeed by all who knew him, is still keenly felt.

Michael J. O'Sullivan was born at Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, on October 1st, 1900. On completing his course at Mungret he went to St. Patrick's College, Carlow, where he was ordained in June 1926 for the Diocese of Liverpool. After about eight years as Curate in different parishes he was appointed by the then Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Richard Downey, to establish the new mission of St. Aloysius at Twig Lane, Huyton. Here he was to remain until his death early in September, in Providence Hospital, St. Helen's, after an illness of three weeks. Appointed Parish Priest of St. Aloysius in 1936, he was nominated Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter in 1952 and until his last illness he laboured for the parish he had founded, and developed to such an astounding degree. Almost thirty years were devoted to the task and, apart from the material evidence of growth, the spiritual influence of this warm-hearted Pastor of souls was profound and widespread in the whole area of Huyton. The local press reports about his funeral speak of hundreds standing in mourning in the silent streets, unable to enter the tightly-packed Church of St. Aloysius. Some knelt on the pavements, weeping and praying. And apart from the Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. J. C. Heenan (who presided at the Requiem Mass), and about two hundred clergy, the attendance included the Leader of the British Labour Party, Mr. Harold Wilson (Member for Huyton), and Councillor Sealey, the Chairman of Huyton Council. What were the achievements of Canon O'Sullivan that awakened such expressions of sorrow and respect at his passing?

At the opening of St. Aloysius Church in 1952 Dr. Downey, the late Archbishop of Liverpool, reflected on his thoughts at the time of the foundation of the parish way back in 1934. The words he spoke were a striking tribute to Canon O'Sullivan and gave us a hint of the work that was to draw forth such universal affection and respect for the Canon. "I felt he was capable of big things, but even I had no conception of the big things he was going to accomplish. He was only thirty-three years old and had been ordained only eight. When it is a question of finding a man to take charge of a mission, with no assistance except from his own plots and plans, it is a very difficult proposition indeed." Dr. Downey explained that, as St. Paul had said,

Father O'Sullivan (as he then was) did not build on another man's foundation and anything one could see in the parish had been accomplished by him.

What was that accomplishment? When Father Michael O'Sullivan arrived at Huyton he inherited a nine-acre site, and the care of 400 parishioners. To-day there are over 6,000 Catholics in the parish, schools catering for 1,500 children, the magnificent Church of St. Aloysius, a large presbytery and an extensive social club and hall. All this did not rise overnight—that these buildings now stand is a result of years of hard work and not least that persistent personal persuasion that all such developments demand. Canon O'Sullivan's will to work and build was infectious. His mighty efforts to establish the parish at Huyton met with tremendous success. He wanted more and more buildings—the necessary framework for that spiritual development which he had so much at heart—and he battled for them with prayer, faith and boundless determination. Gradually each dream became a reality. St. Aloysius is now a flourishing Catholic parish.

Yet buildings alone do not make a flourishing parish. It was above all the pastoral spirit, shining forth for all to see, that inspired those tributes from all quarters that came on the news of the Canon's death. Some appeared in *The Branch*, the parochial magazine of St. Aloysius, and the tributes were not all from Catholics. Mr. Harold Wilson, M.P., wrote from the House of Commons: "Archbishop Heenan was right when he said that Canon O'Sullivan would be mourned by very many who were not members of his Church. I should like to join others who have paid tribute to his memory. In the fourteen years it was my privilege to know him I had every reason to know his single-minded dedication to the people of his parish, and above all to the church and schools, whose building and care occupied so much of his life. He was a great builder. Coming to the parish at its very inception, he was still in charge when the grandchildren of his parishioners were attending his school. . . . In addition, he played a leading part in Huyton's civic life. Through his work here in many avenues of public service he contributed greatly to the wellbeing of the whole area. For all these reasons, as well as his warmth, personality and character, he will be long remembered and long mourned." Councillor Foulkes, Chairman of the Divisional Education Executive, spoke feelingly of his loss and recalled that the Canon had been the longest serving member of the Executive.

Most Rev. Dr. Heenan, Archbishop of Liverpool, who presided at the Requiem Mass, said in his funeral panegyric: "Canon O'Sullivan was a great man and a great fighter. Uppermost in his thoughts was the education and well-being of the children of the parish. He came from

that generation of men who were born to fight for the Church. Unlike other Irish-born priests whose remains are taken home to be buried, he chose to be buried in Yew Tree cemetery—near to his church and his parishioners."

Canon O'Sullivan was most loyal to his alma mater, and Mungret College treasures his memory as that of a distinguished alumnus. In our loss we find consolation in the knowledge that he served his Lord and Master to the utmost. To him we feel that it is appropriate to apply that text, at once simple and profound, of the Gospel: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; because thou hast been faithful over a few things I will place thee over many."

EDWARD J. MURPHY (1913-15)

It was only about three years ago that we heard of the retirement of Edward Murphy from the Garda Síochána and it is sad that his death, which took place on December 10th, must now be recorded.

Edward was a native of Ballynacally, Co. Clare, but because of his work during the past dozen years or so in the Garda Depot, Phoenix Park, he had been living in Dublin. During his service with the Force he took a prominent part in the recruiting and training of young Gardai. He had been, for example, Police Duties Instructor at the Depot for some time. Before taking up that post he had acted as Superintendent both in Mohill and Drogheda. At the time of his retirement, with the rank of Superintendent, he had been for a good many years in charge of the Weights and Measures Department at the Depot.

While residing in Dublin he was active in Union affairs and had been a member of the Council up to 1957.

We offer our deep sympathy to his bereaved wife, as also to his brothers and sisters who survive him.

FATHER JOHN F. O'NEILL, S.M.A. (1926-30)

WE regret to have to record the sudden death of Father John O'Neill, S.M.A., of Belfast. Father O'Neill had been for a number of years on the mission fields in the Philippine Islands, but for some time past he had been living in Belfast. To his sorrowing mother and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

MONSIGNOR HUGH O'FLAHERTY (1918-22)

HUGH O'FLAHERTY came to Mungret as a late vocation, being already a qualified teacher. After his Philosophy studies here, he went to Propaganda College, Rome, for his Theology, and was ordained for the Diocese of Cape Town in 1925. In passing we may mention that by his incorporation into the Vatican service he was precluded from ever joining his diocese. During his studies he attracted the attention of the then Rector of Propaganda, Monsignor Dini, who appointed him, after his ordination, Vice-Rector of the College. When Monsignor Dini was appointed Apostolic Delegate to Egypt, he brought Father O'Flaherty with him as his secretary. The newly appointed Delegate died unexpectedly after a short time at his new post, and his young assistant had to take over the duties of *chargé d'affaires* of the Legation at short notice. Nothing daunted, Hugh, now a Monsignor, carried out his duties with great efficiency.

From Egypt he went to Haiti, where he remained until 1936. Returning to Rome in that year, he was transferred from the service of the Secretariate of State to the Holy Office, where he was to remain for the rest of his active life in the service of the Holy See. He was highly thought of by Monsignor, now Cardinal, Ottaviani, who was not only a benign superior but a close personal friend of his. During the twenty odd years that he remained in the Holy Office Monsignor O'Flaherty went from the bottom rung of the ladder to the post of Head Notary. In 1960, through failing health which culminated in a stroke, Monsignor O'Flaherty left the Vatican service and took a pastoral assignment in America. But the effects of his stroke soon made active work impossible, and he returned to Cahirciveen, to live with his sister, Mrs. B. Sheehan, until his death in November, 1963.

In spite of his late start in ecclesiastical studies, Monsignor O'Flaherty never lost his interest in the academic side of his career, and in the course of his life he acquired the degrees of D.D. and D.C.L.

Hugh O'Flaherty was above all a generous, honest-to-God Irishman without guile. His big heart was open to any and every distress, and he was lavish in his efforts to assuage suffering in any form, a facet of his character which made him an easy target for any hard-luck story. His expenditure on charity must have been immense, and his motto always was "cast your bread upon the waters."

His part in the relief of suffering among escaped prisoners during the war—for which many nations decorated him—has been written up and coloured by journalists to a point where even we who lived with him at the time find it

hard to discern fact from exaggeration. He was the first himself to discount such stories, and his motives and actions have been grossly misconstrued. There was nothing of the irresponsible Pimpernel in Hugh O'Flaherty. He was first and foremost a priest, and he was ready to succour those in distress, whatever their party or national alignment.

In his boyhood he had become a proficient golfer and although having no opportunities to practice, remained throughout his life a very competent performer. When in Haiti, he secured diplomatic concessions from an American Admiral through his excellent golf, and when he stole an occasional game at the Roman course, his golfing prowess impressed, for the glory of God, such important members of that exclusive club as King Alfonso of Spain and Count Ciano. For Latin laymen of exalted rank, a scratch or near-scratch priest golfer is a potent lesson in apologetics!

Monsignor O'Flaherty's career in the Vatican service was not without its checks and frustrations. But with his sunny disposition he was proof against such embarrassments. And above all one could say of him that, without ostentation, his life was always ordered to using his powers, in fair weather or foul, for the glory of God. Can any of us hope to achieve more?

CHARLES MURRAY (1942-45)

It was with a sense of shock that we read about the tragic death of Charles Murray in the morning papers of Monday, October 7th.

Charles was an engineer on the Irish freighter, Oranmore, which was involved in a collision on the previous morning with a sister ship, the Mulcair, six miles off Mizen Head in a heavy fog. The Oranmore was rammed by the Mulcair, and Charles' bunk was at the point of impact. Shipmates went to his cabin but, believing that his legs were pinned by the jagged steel, they did not try to move him. He was semi-conscious and an immediate call for aid was sent by radio. The Baltimore lifeboat was quickly on the scene and Charles received medical aid from Dr. O'Sullivan and the last rites of the Church from Very Rev. Father O'Donovan. He was then placed on a stretcher, lowered into the lifeboat and taken ashore. But he died shortly after arrival at Baltimore pier.

Charles Murray, a native of Galway City, resided in Gort with his wife and family. To them, and to his mother, we offer our sincere sympathy.

FATHER EDMOND BARRY (1910-14)

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Father Edmond Barry, who died in Seattle on February 13th. The Archbishop of Seattle, Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, presided at the Solemn Requiem Mass and a large number of the clergy from the diocese were also present.

Father Edmond was born in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, in 1895. He attended the Christian Brothers' School there before coming to Mungret. Ordained at St. Kieran's, Kilkenny, in 1922, he went that year to Seattle. He served in a large number of the parishes of the diocese and was for a time chaplain at the Military Academy at Tacoma.

To his brothers, James and Richard, we offer our deep sympathy.

WILLIAM J. REVINGTON (1918-21)

WILLIAM REVINGTON'S sudden and unexpected death must have come as a great shock to his family and his many friends. He was very prominent in the life of his native town, Tralee, where he was director of one of the principal business establishments. He was closely connected with Tralee Rugby Club, of which he became Vice-President. In earlier years he was on a team that won the Munster Junior Cup. His death took place on November 11th, 1963, and our deepest sympathy goes to his bereaved wife and his young son and daughter. May he rest in peace.

MONSIGNOR J. J. BURNS (1904-10)

NEWS reached us in September of the death of Monsignor John J. Burns, who died in Meridian, Mississippi, aged 73. He was a native of County Derry and after his ordination at All Hallows College, Dublin, went to America. He was appointed Monsignor in 1959.

Monsignor Burns is survived by three brothers and three sisters and to them we offer our sincere sympathies on his death.

BERNARD COEN (1919-22)

BERNARD COEN died suddenly in London on April 28th. He was aged 60. He collapsed in a street and although he was discharged from hospital after treatment he died shortly afterwards in the hotel where he was staying.

Bernard, who lived at Gort, was a well-known farmer and was connected with the wool trade. His brothers, Michael and Martin, were also at Mungret around his own time.

The funeral took place to his native Gort on May 1st and was attended by some of the Community. We tender our sincere sympathies to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

V. REV. CANON E. A. BYRNE, P.P. (1901-03)

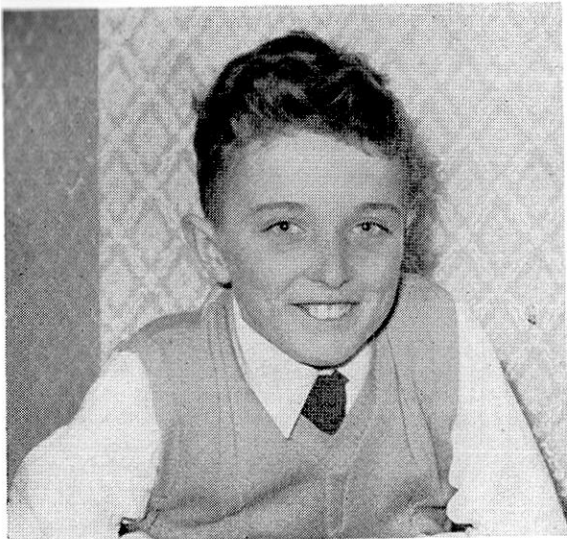
CANON EDWARD A. BYRNE died at his residence, St. Mary's, Samlesbury, Preston, on September 25th. A native of Ennis, where he was born in 1886, he went, after the completion of his course in Mungret, first to St. Peter's College, Wexford, and then to Oscott, Birmingham. He was ordained for the Salford Diocese in 1912.

He served as assistant priest in various churches in Manchester and the surrounding towns until his appointment in 1927 as Parish Priest of Holy Saviour, Nelson. He remained there until his transfer to Samlesbury in October, 1945. There, in his own parish, the Requiem Mass and interment took place on September 28th. May he rest in peace.

FATHER PATRICK J. HALLIGAN, S.P. (1915-19)

FATHER PAT HALLIGAN, who died just about a year ago—on June 20th, 1963—was in the Apostolic School during his time in Mungret. He was a member of the Servants of the Holy Paraclete, in which congregation he was professed in 1956.

A native of Athlone, where he was born in 1899, Father Pat was ordained in 1923 at Rome. Although his death took place in New Mexico, his remains were taken to Fernandina, in Florida, and there the Requiem Mass and funeral were performed. May he rest in peace.



ANTHONY DEVANE

ON Tuesday, September 17th, as the day-boys were leaving the College to go home for lunch, there occurred an accident which moved us more than any event of the year. Anthony Devane, a young fourteen-year-old, was struck by a car as he cycled home. The sad news spread quickly through the College, and after dinner the boys gathered in the Chapel, together with many of the teaching staff, to recite the Rosary. About five that afternoon Father McDowell, the Spiritual Father, brought the boys once more together in the Chapel to tell them the sad news that Tony had died in the Regional Hospital. On the next two mornings Dialogue Mass was offered for him by the school in the Boys' Chapel. His classmates and the Fathers of the Community attended the removal to Raheen Church on Wednesday evening. All were deeply moved to see Tony for the last time. Here was tragedy

that had brought to our own doorstep the dangers of the roads today, and the need for greater care by us all, young and old.

On the next morning all the staff and boys attended the funeral service in Raheen, and walked before the hearse as far as the College gates, where they lined the road. The cortege passed very slowly through the silent ranks of Tony's school companions on its way to Dingle cemetery, where his father had been buried ten short months before.

When a young life is suddenly taken from us as was Tony's, it is always sad. But there was much comfort, too, in Tony's passing. Only the day before he had been in the College to attend Mass and to receive his Lord and Judge in Holy Communion in conclusion of the Annual Retreat. Found in his home the next day were some notes scribbled on a pamphlet that showed how earnestly this youngster had made his last retreat. These notes told of Tony's intention to become a religious of the Order of St. John of God to help less gifted people than himself. Here was a boy unusually innocent and generous—so innocent, indeed, and trusting of others was he, that life would surely have brought him great disappointments. He had a pleasant disposition that could never harbour enmity. Always good-humoured, he was unobtrusive and quiet, and fitted in very easily to the routine of school life of which he was beginning his second year. It was after his death that we learned of his quite exceptional goodness at home, and of his great helpfulness to his mother. Certainly as the eldest of a large, young and fatherless, family, there was much that he could do, and this he did generously.

He could be envied, so ready was he to come face to face with his Lord. It is harder for those who were closest to him. Our sincerest sympathy goes to his family, and especially to his mother. She inspired all of us who knew her in the days of trial. It was not an easy time, but she gave an example of fortitude and faith that explained to a great extent the fine qualities of her son. May he rest in peace.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR, FOR THE SOULS OF OLD MUNGRET MEN WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

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Brinn, Adrian
Kane, Terence
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Aikens, Patrick
Browne, Patrick
Casey, William
Gibbons, Myles
Herlihy, Derry
Moore, Brendan
Murphy, Michael
O'Connor, Daniel
O'Donnell, Silvester
O'Grady, Geoffrey
Quirke, Joseph
Walton, John



HOUSE PREFECTS

Standing: R. Cooke, A. Davis, D. Chambers, R. O'Callaghan.
Seated: F. Malone, H. Ward (Capt.)

I RHETORIC

Lay Boys

Brown, Noel
 Cooke, Richard
 Cronin, Thomas
 Hanratty, Peter
 Kearney, Brian
 Maher, James
 O'Brien, Terence
 O'Callaghan, Declan
 O'Callaghan, Richard
 O'Riordan, David
 Prim, Alan
 Quinn, Nessan
 Rogers, Andrew
 Rogers, Valentine
 Rowland, Thomas
 Ward, Henry

Apostolics

Gallagher, Patrick
 O'Kennedy, Philip
 O'Sullivan, Robert

II RHETORIC

Lay Boys

Barnewell, John
 Connor, Thomas
 Curtin, Peter
 Davis, Anthony
 Finn, Patrick
 FitzGerald, Gregory
 FitzGerald, Michael
 Gradwell, Michael
 Hannigan, John
 Malone, Francis
 Murphy, Fintan
 O'Neill, Anthony
 O'Neill, Evaristus
 Pelly, Francis
 Quille, John
 Relihan, Thomas
 Riordan, William
 Sheahan, James
 Sheehan, Thomas
 Wallace, Maurice
 Ward, Brian



OFFICIALS OF THE APOSTOLIC SCHOOL

Standing: D. Herlihy, F. McGlynn, A. Brinn, L. Kidney.
Seated: D. Winston (Senior Prefect), P. Aikens.

I POETRY

Lay Boys

Bluett, Raymond
 Carlino, John
 Carmody, Brendan
 Chambers, Daniel
 Connolly, David
 Gaw, John
 Hawe, John
 Headen, Michael
 Hill, David
 Keane, Michael
 Kirwan, Peter
 Lavelle, Patrick
 Lawless, Stephen
 Lynch, Michael
 Maher, John O.
 Morrison, Robert
 Nash, W. O'C-
 O'Connor, John
 O'Flanagan, Gerard
 Rochford, Joseph
 Ryan, Thomas
 Wall, Michael

II POETRY

Lay Boys

Connolly, John
 Deighan, David
 FitzGerald, Roger
 Gilligan, Derek
 Hegarty, Andrew
 Hunt, Michael
 Keating, Brian
 Lombard, Anthony
 Malone, Paul
 O'Neill, John
 O'Regan, Noel
 Raftery, Patrick
 Rumley, Gerard
 Slowey, Austin
 Stokes, William
 White, Alexander

Apostolics

Cassidy, Derek
 Geraghty, Martin
 Honeyands, John
 King, William
 Mulkere, Kieran

SPECIAL CLASS

Apostolics

Barron, Thomas
 Brady, Michael
 Cullinan, Brian
 Deacon, John
 Dennis, Finbarr
 Doherty, Daniel
 Donegan, Christopher
 Gardiner, Liam
 Gormley, Francis
 Hallinan, Noel
 Kennedy, Noel
 Keys, Thomas
 King, John
 Murphy, John
 Nicholson, Ambrose
 O'Brien, Edward
 O'Callaghan, Michael
 Shanahan, Timothy
 White, Laurence
 Wolohan, Michael

I SYNTAX

Lay Boys	Apostolics
Becker, Vincent	Carroll, Doncan
Cronin, Patrick	McShane, John
FitzGibbon, Peter	
Loftus, John	
McGrath, James	
Murphy, Oliver	
O'Flynn, John	
O'Neill, Desmond	
O'Neill, Raymond	
Pentony, John	
Punch, Brian	
Rhatigan, Louis	
Roche, Stewart	
Wall, Pierce	
Ward, Cornelius	

I GRAMMAR

Lay Boys	Apostolics
Casey, Daniel	Clarke, Gerard
Crowley, Anthony	O'Reilly, John
Egan, Liam	
Gallagher, Declan	
Hand, Robert	
Hill, Brendan	
Kirwan, Philip	
Lavelle, Brian	
Lynch, Seamus	
MacMahon, Brendan	
Moran, Michael	
Nolan, Paul	
O'Connell, Edmund	
O'Connell, John	
O'Flynn, Seamus	
O'Mahony, Maurice	
Rafferty, Raymond	
Rhatigan, Niall	
Ronan, Liam	
Sullivan, Patrick M.	
Trainor, Owen	
Tully, Frederick	
Wall, Francis	

I RUDIMENTS

Lay Boys	Apostolics
Adams, Brian	FitzGibbon, Noel
Baldwin, Louis	McCarter, John
Barnewell, Dermot	
Barron, Edmond	
Brosnan, Turlough	
Byrne, Peter	
Carlino, Michael	
Carroll, David	
Connolly, Padraig	
Cronin, Felim	
Curran, James	
Dwyer, Michael	
Haier, Timothy	
Healy, Nathaniel	
Hearn, William	
Horan, Paul	
Hurley, Richard	
Lowry, Anthony	
McNamara, John	
Mullen, John	
Murphy, William	
O'Flynn, Brian	
O'Kelly, John	
Power, Kieran	
Ryan, John	
Scanlon, Jeremiah	
Tait, John	

II SYNTAX

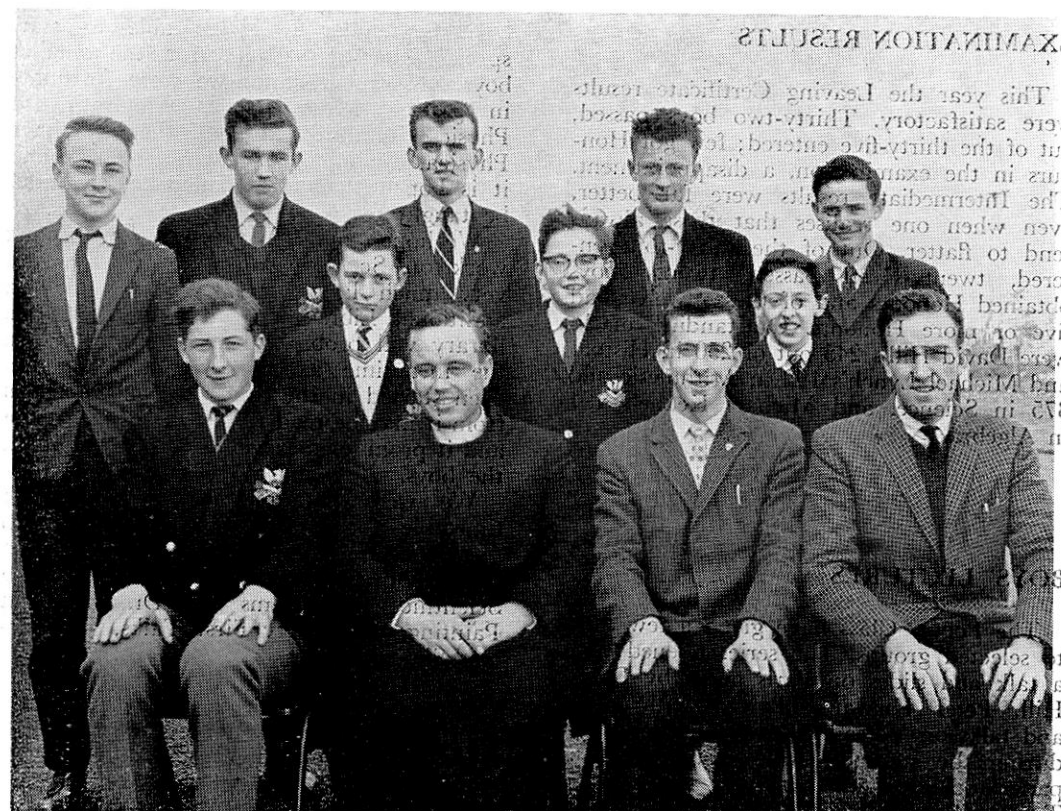
Lay Boys	Apostolics
Davis, Michael	McDaid, Eugene
Donlon, John	Moloney, John
Foley, Niall	
Foley, Victor G.	
Heffernan, Eugene	
Lynch, John	
Murphy, Matthew	
O'Donnell, Michael	
Quinn, Thomas	
Ryan, Brendan	
Wall, Gerald	

II GRAMMAR

Lay Boys	Apostolics
Barry, Brian	Collins, Daniel
Culhane, Denis	Esmonde, James
Dennison, Seamus	Madden, Patrick
Duignan, Thomas	
Dunne, Kevin	
Goodwin, Valentine	
Nash, Brian O'C.	
O'Connor, Kevin	
Quinlan, Denis	
Rumley, Clement	
Ryan, Michael	
Tuohy, Paul	

II RUDIMENTS

Lay Boys	Apostolics
Boland, Edward	Conlon, Anthony
Boland, Seamus	Doyle, William
Brogan, Peter	McCarthy, Kevin
Cattigan, Christopher	
Cooke, Thomas	
Cregan, Denis	
Donovan, Thomas	
Egan, Seamus	
Fenton, Liam	
FitzGibbon, James	
Gilmore, Martin	
Glynn, John	
Hayes, Martin	
Lavelle, Anthony	
McDonnell, Leo	
McGrory, Martin	
McNicholl, Francis	
Murphy, Anthony	
Nash, Christopher O'C.	
Nolan, Michael	
O'Brien, Anthony	
O'Connor, John	
O'Dowd, Caleb	
Quinlan, John	
Roche, Karl	



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Seated: T. Relihan (II Rhetoric), Rev. Fr. Crowe, S.J. (Prefect of Studies), P. O'Kennedy (I Rhetoric), J. Murphy (Special Class).

Prefect of Studies Report

Over the years we have aimed at trying to have a balanced curriculum which will lay a good foundation for any way of Irish, Latin, French, with History, is bal- life. The study of four languages—English, anced by Mathematics and Applied Mathe- matics with Physics, Chemistry, and Geography. It is not easy to keep this balance nowadays for Science has a great attraction for many modern boys; its use- fulness is easily emphasised. Ireland needs

it for her economic and technological future and it is part of the basic equipment of twentieth century educated man; its careers pay well. Yet, even an automated age is discovering the need for a human and far more subtle type of education: the mere scientist or technologist may manage machines but he may not be able to manage men; laboratories and blueprints do not make social relations, contented homes, or personal happiness.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

This year the Leaving Certificate results were satisfactory. Thirty-two boys passed, out of the thirty-five entered; few got Honours in the examination, a disappointment. The Intermediate results were far better, even when one realises that these always tend to flatter. Out of the thirty-four entered, twenty-seven passed, twenty boys obtained Honours and of these, twelve had five or more Honours. Outstanding marks were David Hill's 245 out of 250 in History and Michael Lynch's 192 in Arithmetic and 375 in Science, and Michael Keane's 191 in Algebra.

BOYS' LECTURES

The Poetry Class have given a few talks to selected groups. The series opened with a talk and slides on Paris given by David Hill. Peter Kirwan followed with slides and talks on Versailles, where he had been during the summer. John Maher read a paper on Rockets, Satellites and Space Travel. A few others have papers in preparation—Gerard O'Flanagan, Bob Morrison, Michael Lynch.

CAREER TALKS

This year we continued our series of Career Talks with the following:—

Sean Wallace, M.R.C.V.S. on Veterinary.

Dr. John Leahy on Medicine.

Frank Wall and John Feely on Dairy Farming.

George Hass on Forestry.

James Lynch (Manager Mitchelstown Creameries), on Creamery Management.

Patrick Campbell on the Fishing Industry.

In September we were able to start special Elocution classes for the smaller boys and at Christmas we were fortunate in getting Mr. Nicholas McGrath for Physical Training. Most of the boys have Physical Training classes twice a week and it is hoped that the smaller boys will all be taught to swim during these classes.

We hope in the very near future to start work on Science laboratories and would very much like to be able to build an additional Library as well. However, this library will probably have to wait and in the meantime a small extra library has been started in the Study Hall. The books from it may be read in parts of Study Time and it promises to develop reading habits in the boys.

We were not able to rearrange our timetable for Telefis Scoile, but various groups of boys have had opportunities to watch both programmes. We also had some Scientific films, films on Drawing and Painting, two Safety First Talks, and various Slide Lectures.

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THE Mungret Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society had a busy and active year. The visiting of the poor in the neighbourhood and the distribution of financial aid, were both continued as usual. The sources of our funds were, firstly, the offerings placed in the Poor Box and, secondly, the collections made before film shows in the College during the year. Contributions to these latter collections were very generous.

Attendance at our weekly meetings was very good and, in general, the Conference is in a healthy position. We are very grateful to Father McLaughlin for his keen and practical interest.

What are Philosophers?

FATHER S. CASEY, S.J.

YOU remember how Gulliver, in his travels, met some strange races. We do not have to travel to find a strange race, for there dwell here in Mungret beings who are as strange to many as Brobdingnagians. Some of you have been asking me: "What do you Philosophers do; What is this occult and mystic science called Philosophy?" This is my attempt to answer your question.

If a Leaving Cert. boy were asked to explain Analytic Geometry to someone who knew nothing of ordinary Geometry, or to explain Calculus to a boy in Elements, he would find it difficult. I find the same difficulty. The only satisfactory answer to the question "what is Philosophy" is the answer Christ gave to the curious disciples: "Come and see." However, I shall try here to give some answer, though it cannot be very satisfactory.

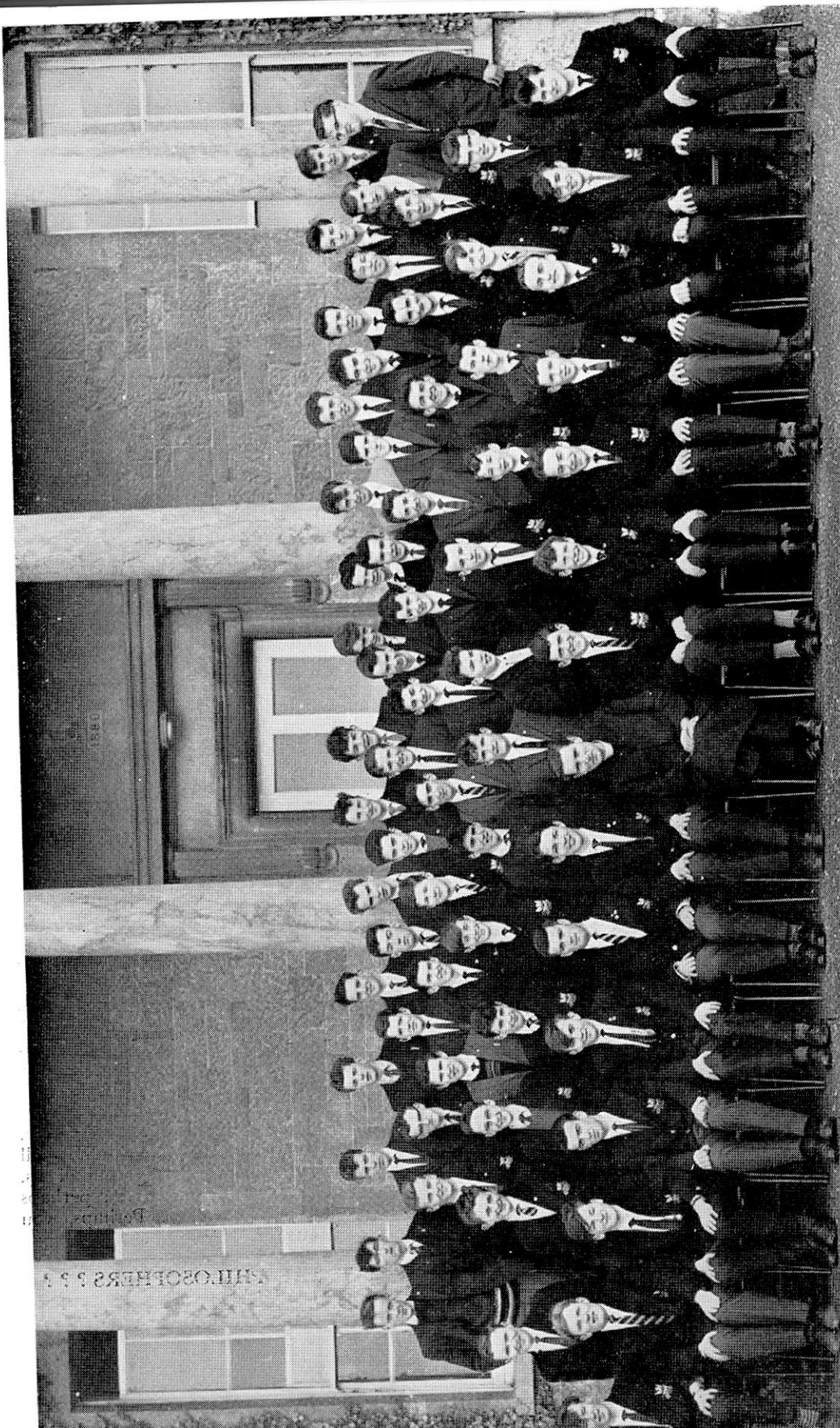
Since Atom Bombs came into fashion, everyone seems interested in atoms, so we might begin by comparing Philosophy and Physics. If you asked a scientist what a table is, he might explain that, although it looks solid, it is really made up of millions of atoms, with a great deal of empty space in between. You might then ask what an atom is and be told that it is made up of far tinier particles such as electrons. Asked what an electron is, the scientist might answer that it is a unit of electricity. "But what is electricity?" That is a question which he cannot answer. And even if one day scientists split the electron, as they have split the atom, you could still ask "what?" and the scientist could not answer. The reason is that science can only tell us what things *do*, or what they *look like*; it can never tell us what things *are*. So Philosophy begins where science leaves off; it goes more deeply into things; it operates on the ground floor.

When God gave the mysterious food to the Jews they said, you may recollect, "Man hu," "What is it?" That is the question we all ask, even little children ask it, for we are naturally curious; we want to know, even if we are too lazy to learn. We are never satisfied until we get to the bottom of things, of all things (even God). Other sciences burrow more or less deeply; Philosophy alone burrows right to the end. At present the Americans are engaged on a 100-million dollar project called "Mohole"; they plan to bore a hole through the earth's crust to discover what lies in the interior. Philosophy is a kind of "Mohole"; it digs and digs until it reaches the deepest bed-rock of reality.

What use is Philosophy? This is almost the only country in the world where educated people ask such a question. Most of us are Catholics; we take on faith, we take for granted, the answers to most of the really important questions people are asking to-day. "God's in His Heaven, All's right with the world," so why bother to think? This is not so in other countries; and even in Ireland we are beginning to ask questions and demand explanations in a much more critical spirit. Whether this is good or bad, it is an obvious reason why future priests should study Philosophy.

There is a demand to-day that the layman's voice be heard in the Church. I agree entirely. We should listen to the layman—provided he knows what he is saying. The layman should talk—provided he is prepared to think, to face the gruelling, arduous thinking demanded by Philosophy. So perhaps we shouldn't let priests do all our thinking for us; perhaps some of us, least, should think for ourselves; perhaps we should be Philosophers. Perhaps, you might well answer, but

WHAT ARE PHILOSOPHERS???



FIRST CLUB, 1963-64

Back Row: F. Pelly G. FitzGerald, A. Prim, Jn. Maher, J. Barnewell, T. Rowland, M. Headen, M. Fitzgerald, B. Ward, T. Connor, J. Carlino,

D. Hill, T. Sheehan, A. White, J. Maher.

Fourth Row: B. Keating, W. Stokes, M. Wallace, J. O'Neill, D. Gilligan,

D. O'Callaghan, D. O'Riordan, N. Brown, S.

Third Row: M. Wall, G. O'Flanagan, B. Kearney, T. Ryan, P. Curtin, J.

M. Keane, R. Bluet, R. O'Callaghan, D. O'Riordan, N. Brown, S. Lawless.

T. Relihan.

Hannigan, J. Connolly, P. Malone, M. Hunt, J. Sheahan, B. Carmody,

Second Row: G. Wall, W. O'C. Nash, P. Raftery, A. Slowey, P. Kirwan

J. Quille, P. Finn, M. Lynch, A. Hegarty, G. Rumley, D. Connolly, R.

Morrison, V. Rogers.

R. O'Callaghan, A. Davis, H. Ward, Father

Seated: R. FitzGerald, E. O'Neill, F. Murphy, P. Lavelle, T. O'Callaghan, A. Davis, H. Ward, Father Cantillon, S.J., F. Malone, R. Cooke, D.

Chambers, A. Rogers, M. Gradwell, P. Hanratty, A. O'Neill.

PRIZE ESSAY

The Fisherman's Calling

by VAL ROGERS, I Rhetoric

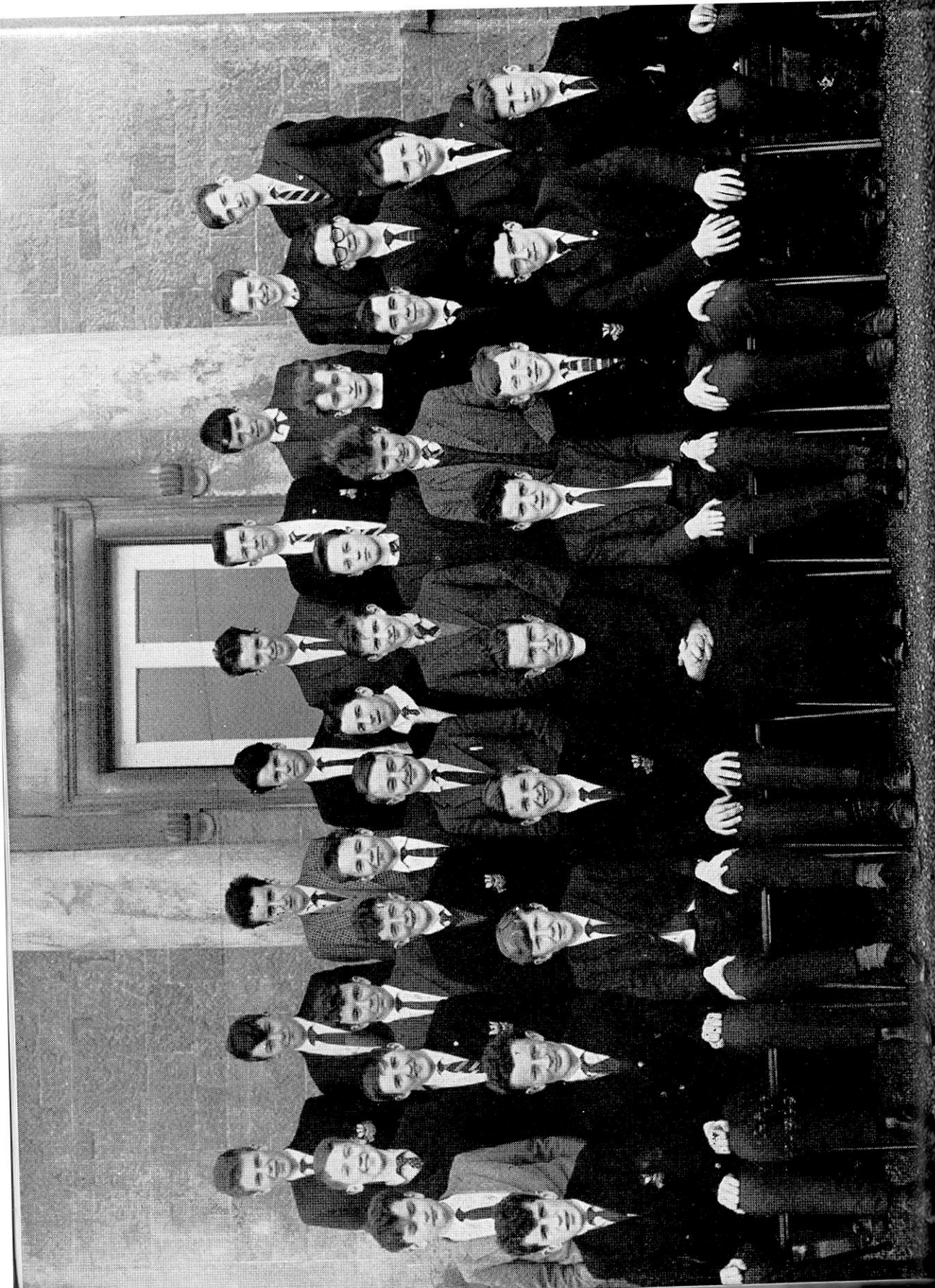
This Essay was judged to be the best from among those written by boys of the Senior classes (in Mungret College) who entered the competition sponsored by AN BORD IASCAIGH MHARA.

"I must go down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide
Is a wild and a clear call which may
not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the
white clouds flying,
And the flung spray, and the blown
spume, and the sea-gulls crying."

Masefield has captured in this stanza the very essence of the sea-faring life, as seen by a lay-man. For the real fisherman, however, there are more practical and material aspects to this "life on the ocean wave." As one rustice philosopher sagely said,— "Hard work is never easy,"—so it is with our fisherman.

The finny denizens of the deep provide a rich harvest for the enterprising one. Good sturdy trawlers and dependable gear are desirable, of course; and the modern facilities provided in this country by "An BORD Iascaigh Mhara"—"The Irish Sea Fisheries Board"—ensure that the labour is not without reward. Through the efforts of this organisation, also, a steady market is available. Thus, our fishermen are not left with red herrings or white elephants on their hands.

Our Irish fishermen are among the most God-fearing of men; they realise that the sea is that



SECOND CLUB, 1963-'64

Seated: N. Foley, M. O'Donnell, B. Punch, P. Wall, Father Cantillon, S.J., O. Murphy, V. Becker, D. Deighan, L. Rhatigan.
Second Row: J. Lynch, B. Ryan, P. M. Sullivan, P. Tuohy, J. McGrath, J. Gaw, J. Rochford, J. Pentony.
Third Row: R. Raftery, J. Donlon, R. O'Neill, S. Roche, Ph. Kirwan, A. Crowley, J. O'Flynn.
Back Row: P. FitzGibbon, L. Egan, M. Davis, D. O'Neill, R. Hand, N. O'Regan, V. G. Foley, A. Lombard, J. O'Connor.

"..... Glorious mirror where the Almighty's form Glasses itself in tempests."

Yet, they sally forth in their stout little ships under the protection of the Fisherman of Souls. As is also characteristic of God-fearing men, they are very diligent in the pursuit of their vocation. The Christian precept of sharing the profits of the catch raises, what might in some cases be a sterile task, to one of dignity in which the incumbent may take a personal pride and interest.

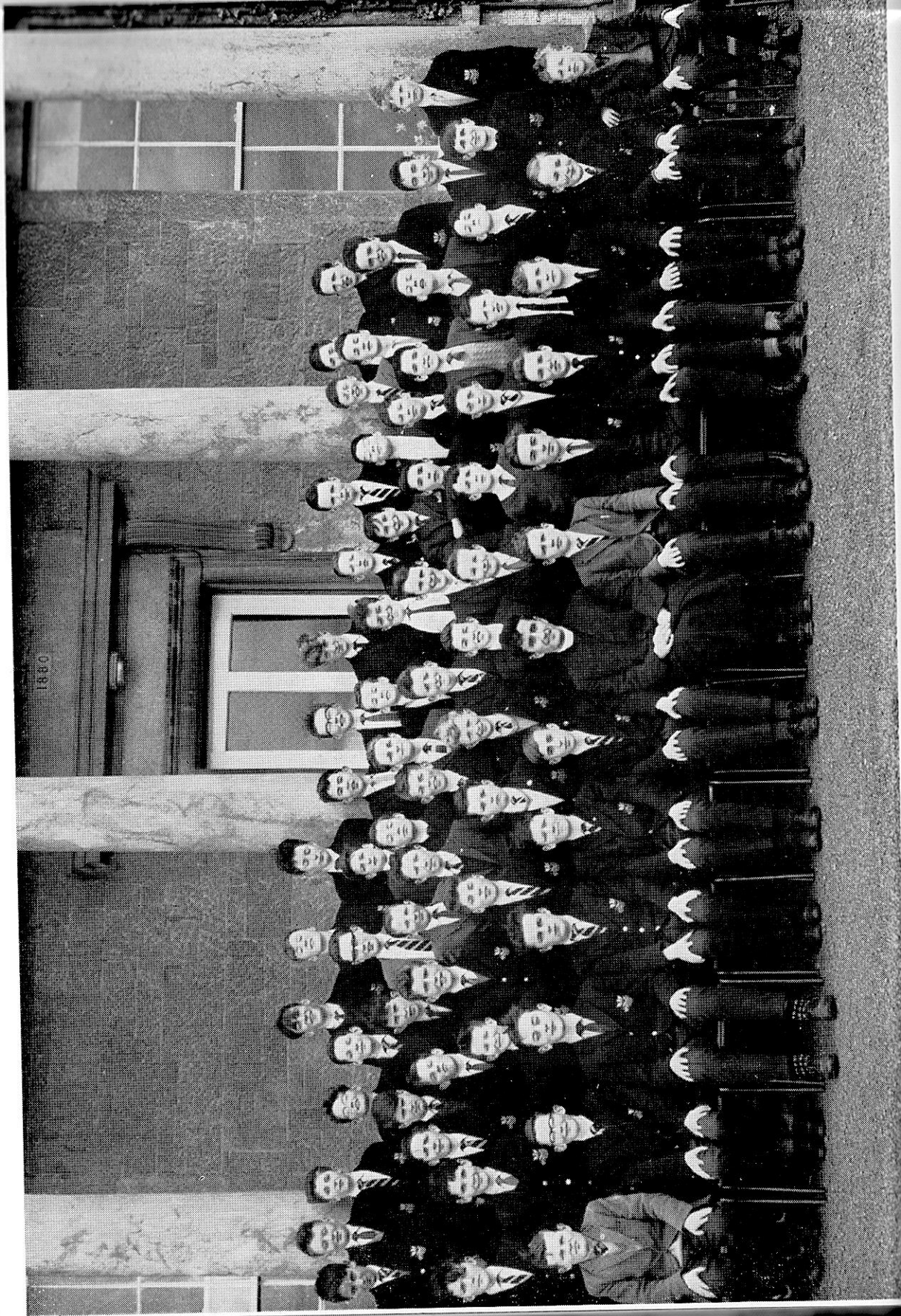
It strikes me that there is a "contempt-for-fishermen" complex rife in many parts of Ireland. This is completely unjustified. Any person who shrugs his shoulders at the mention of the name, will find it a rewarding, if chastening experience, to rub shoulders with one. These, indeed, are men apart; chosen intrepid men who follow the lay vocation of Simon Bar-Jonas. You will never meet a fisherman who under normal circumstances, will change with you. He is one of that breed of men with whom the sea is a cult and a tradition. And yet, not only is a need for the sea instinctive in him, but his ever-increasing love for it is a vital, compelling force. When you listen to a veteran as a "seanacai," you will hear him tell of storms or disasters which make you curse the day you were born a land-lubber. To look into his eyes is to be engulfed in a fire of spirit and passion which betrays the buccaneer barely latent in him.

Bring a fisherman inland. Forbid him to tread a deck anymore with the rolling swell beneath his feet, and the tang of salt on his lips:

Can you give him another livelihood which is both enjoyable and challenging to such a degree?

Give him a shell and marvel at his expression:—

" I pressed the shell
 Close to my ear,
 And listened well.
 And straightaway, like a bell,
 Came low and clear
 The slow, sad, murmur of far distant
 seas"
 This is the call of the fisherman.



THIRD CLUB, 1963-'64

Seated: P. Horan, R. Hurley, P. Connolly, B. Nash, M. Moran, S. Dennison (Capt.), Rev. R. Geary, S.J., O. Trainor, D. Quinlan, T. Haier, F. Wall, C. Rumley, N. Rhatigan.

Second Row: B. Adams, K. Power, S. Egan, V. Goodwin, J. Tait, D. Carroll, A. Lavelle, L. McDonnell, J. O'Connor, J. O'Kelly, T. Donovan, D. Barnewell, L. Baldwin.

Third Row: J. Glynn, P. Brogan, M. O'Mahony, E. Barron, J. FitzGibbon, S. Boland, D. Casey, K. Dunne, J. McNamara, F. McNicholl, A. O'Brien, J. Mullen, T. Cooke.

Fourth Row: M. McGrory, A. Murphy, D. Gallagher, B. McMahon, M. Nolan, P. Byrne, J. Scaulon, N. Healy, P. Nolan, F. Tully, B. Hill.

Fifth Row: K. Roche, C. Cattigan, C. Nash, S. Lynch, K. O'Connor, T. Duignan, M. Carlino, J. Quinlan, C. O'Dowd, A. Lowry, M. Dwyer, J. Curran, W. Hearn, J. O'Connell, M. Gilmore.

Back Row: B. Lavelle, T. Brosnan, E. O'Connell.

CUMANN NA SAEITGE

CAZAOIPEAC: F. O'LOMSTYRIS.

RÚNAÍ: M. O'LOMSTYRIS.

Níor éirigh linn i mbliana an oipead fín a d'éanadh aghur a d'eimead anurad. I r oé linn fín mar éimio dhu mór an cabair ir féirir linn a éirir do rna buacaili iad féin o'ullmú i gcóir an reiróidre déit. Bi oioirpóipeadé aghann ar buncairéi mungairit aghur bi cómluadair mór i lácair. Com maie leir fín, éirir na buacaili fínn m'na leabair Saeitge aca ra leabairlann aghann.

APOSTOLIC SCHOOL MAGAZINE

ON Saturday, March 14th, the Secretary's office was commandeered by the editors and their staff, and the office was a hive of activity until the last copy of the magazine was proved and bound.

For the cover this year the editors chose a picture of the main building of the college, taken just before the Philosophers set out on their annual excursion.

The standard of the magazine has been steadily improving over the years, and this year was no exception. The standard of articles and production was, we can say with truth, the best yet, and the sketchings and drawing were nothing short of professional.

This year's production included two very good poems by an anonymous contributor, who, we believe, is studying Philosophy. Perhaps Philosophy need not be as unpoetical as some people would have us think.

Some of the Editors will not be returning to Mungret in September, but they may rest assured that the upward trend in production standards will continue in the able hands of those who are left behind.

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Back Row: F. McClynn, J. Quirke, B. Moore, S. O'Donnell, J. Walton, D. O'Connor, D. Herlihy.

Second Row: T. Kane, W. Mooney, M. Murphy, W. Casey, G. O'Grady, P. Murphy, P. Browne.

Front Row: A. Brinn, D. Winston, Rev. R. F. Roche, S.J., Very Rev. J. B. Kerr, S.J., Rector, Rev. S. Casey, S.J., P. Aikens, L. Kidney.

Concert

ONE wet evening down in the "Hut" last October, while enjoying the usual rest from Philosophising, one of the boys thought it would be a good idea to put on a concert for Christmas. It was thought that the idea was a very good one, so we all set to work to make out a plan. For some time different people had different ideas about different things, and at times it looked a very blue look out, indeed.

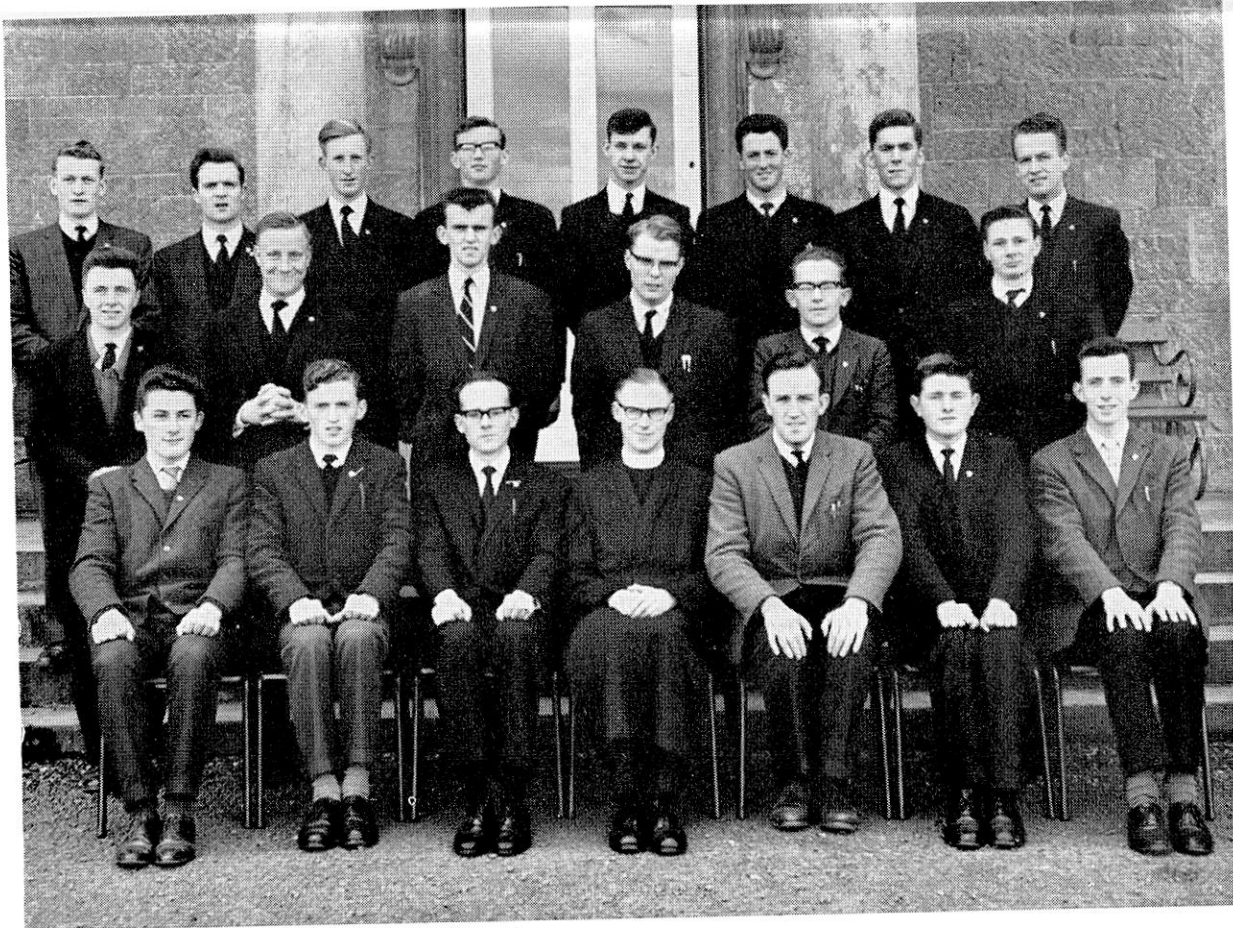
Time slipped away and we had almost forgotten the idea altogether when one of the boys said, "If we are going to put on a concert, it is time to do something about it." All got to work and a general plan was produced.

In general, November evenings are drab and dreary but that could not be said of this year, for each evening was filled in work and excitement for all. Certain work was allocated to certain groups of people and each group was responsible for its work, e.g., Stage Manager and assistants, etc., etc. You had the Clancy Brothers writing out the words of songs in the Shop; the Sundowners were rehearsing in the Hut, and the Choir in the Music Rooms. The whole place was alive with work and enjoyment.

The first signs of preparation appeared when the stage began to take on a new look under the very talented hands of Pat Aikens and his assistants. For many weeks those boys spent long and hard hours on stage. This had to be got and that had to be put there. The lighting was just wonderful and only the most simple props were used. On the night of a show people often forget the Back Stage people and all their work, but no one could forget those boys because they had made a most perfect stage out of nothing. While the stage men were at work, all the other groups were progressing at a steady pace. It was decided that we should put on a play, so the Concert Committee, including Adrian Brinn as Secretary and William Mooney as Chairman, began to see what they could do with "The Bishop's Candlesticks."

The first full-scale rehearsal was put on just one week before the performance in the presence of Father Vice Superior, who was most encouraging.

Tension began to mount and all were



SENIOR APOSTOLICS

Back Row: T. Shanahan, F. Gormley, L. Gardiner, B. Cullinan, M. Welohan, N. Hallinan, M. Brady, A. Nicholson.
Second Row: D. Doherty, C. Donegan, W. King, J. King, N. Kennedy, D. Cassidy.
Front Row: R. O'Sullivan, P. Gallagher, P. Aikens, Rev. M. Leahy, S.J., J. Murphy, T. Keyes, P. O'Kennedy.

working at full capacity; Jack Murphy spent long, hard hours in the Music Rooms, practising with the choir, but the Committee knew that with Jack as Musical Director, there was no need to worry on that side. All the groups were making out lists of props which they needed for their acts. Soon the East Room began to look like a pawn shop. There were delph, clocks, bottles, almost everything you could think of.

At last the big day came. Sunday, 15th December was the night of the Apostolics' Concert. "The Concert, the Concert," was on the lips of everyone. The stage and its surroundings were a scene of excitement. Everyone was making his last-minute check

just to make sure that everything was in order. Wigs were being made in the East Room and there were a number busy folding the programmes; words cannot describe the activity. At 7.30 p.m. the rich red curtains were pulled to open the night's entertainment. The "Last Chance Saloon" contained such a wide and popular variety that it set the ball rolling with a rousing start. Then, for a contrast, the audience were spellbound by the Magician, Merlin, and this gave way to the ever-popular Clancys. Then arrived an unexpected visitor, "The Barber of Seville," and the first part was rounded off most beautifully with a duet from the "Gendarmes."

After half-time, if I may call it that, the ball was kicked off with a one-act play, "The Bishop's Candlesticks." After being presented with some wonderful dramatic and skilful acting, the audience joined in the "sing-song" with Jack Murphy at the piano. Needless to say, this was a very popular spot in the programme.

When the audience had contributed to the enjoyment, they really enjoyed the "New Arrival" and then the Clancys again. The Apostolics' Choir brought the Concert to a close with some well-known Christmas Carols.

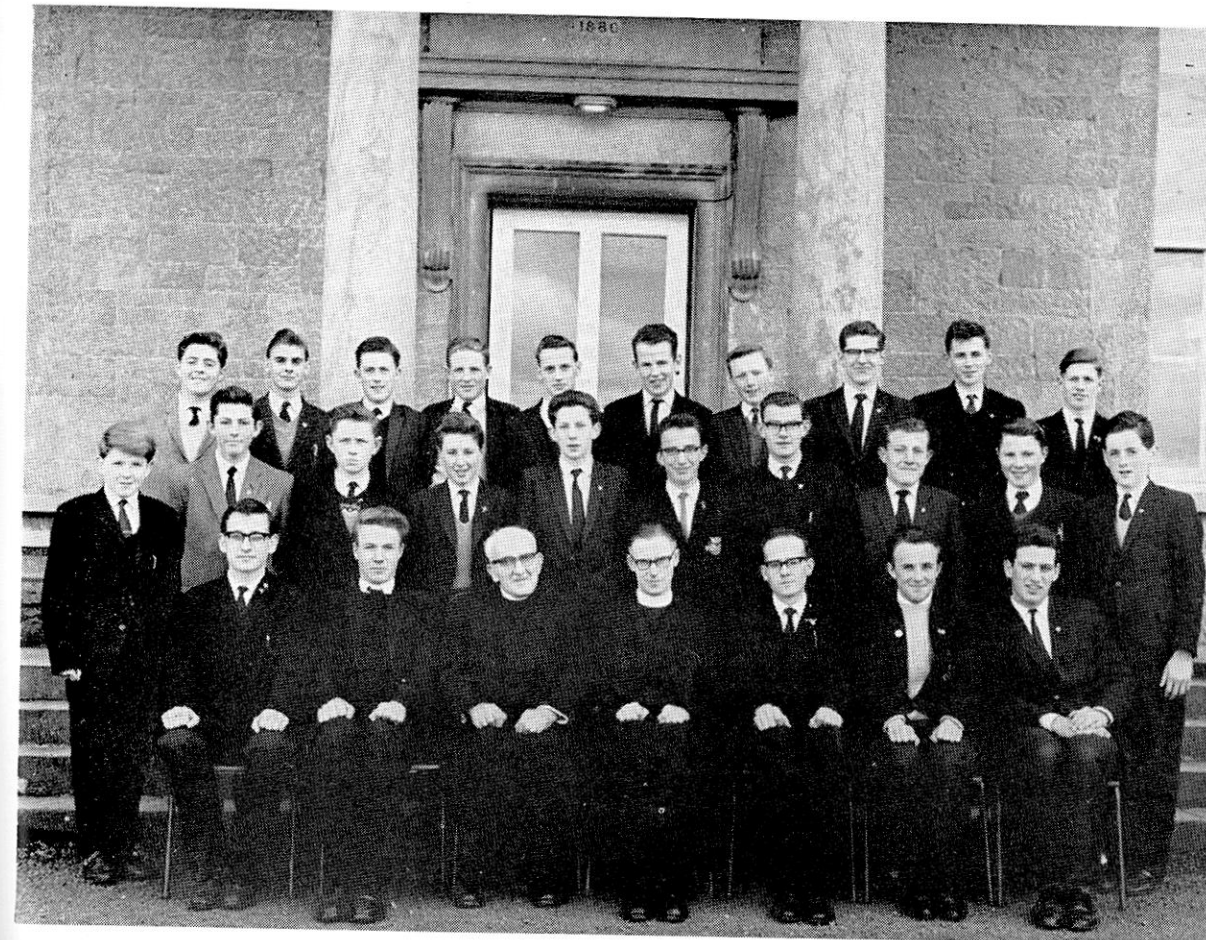
All who were present at the show were delighted with the night's wonderful enter-

tainment. They said that it was a night which would stand out in their memory as a very happy and enjoyable occasion. Afterwards we had high tea, and many members of the community, including Father Rector, came in to congratulate us on the success of the concert. As we visited the chapel on our way to the dormitories, we offered a prayer of thanks that our efforts, even if they had cost much sweat and tears, had ended in satisfaction for all. The committee, as they retired to sleep the sleep of the just, could well feel proud. Many were dreaming of plans for next year's event, to which, no doubt, they were already looking forward.

S. O'DONNELL.

JUNIOR APOSTOLICS

Back Row: E. O'Brien, J. Deacon, N. Fitzgibbon, P. Madden, J. Esmonde, J. O'Reilly, L. White, F. Dennis, M. Ryan, M. O'Callaghan.
Second Row: K. McCarthy, J. McCarter, G. Clarke, T. Barron, D. Collins, J. Moloney, E. McDaid, D. Carroll, W. Doyle, A. Conlon.
Front Row: J. Honeyands, K. Mulkere, Rev. Brother Murphy, S.J., Rev. M. Leahy, S.J., P. Aikens, J. McShane, N. Geraghty.





The World their Cenotaph

by DERMOT WINSTON (II Philosophy) and PATRICK BROWNE (I Philosophy)

It was the 5th of June, and Mungret, like every other college in Ireland, was caught in the fever that the Certificate Examinations alone can bring when it was announced to the world that John XXIII, most beloved and loving of Pontiffs, was dead.

We had followed his illnesses with more than the usual interest, and though there were many reasons, including his own words and wishes, for fearing the worst, we refused to believe there was any real danger that he whom we had come to regard as more than a spiritual father would be taken from us. From each successive illness he had recovered and returned to the scene of that work to which he had dedicated his Pontificate—the General Council of the Church and the reconciliation of all men, regardless of colour, creed or country. Why should he not recover and return once more to his divinely

inspired work? His kindly smile, which, among his other natural gifts, had endeared him to the world over, would surely appear again at the Papal window. But we had hoped foolishly and in vain. The eyes through which a soul of charity had looked out on a troubled and divided world were closed in death. Pope John, after spending eighty years in the service of his Creator, had gone to his reward. The fact that we had another advocate at God's throne did not ease the wrench of parting, and men everywhere of every religion shed common tears of human sorrow.

Pope John was elected to the throne of Peter in 1958. Prior to his election he was, to most people, a little-known figure and was apparently lacking in experience of the kind required by the exalted office. It was not uncommon in Ireland then to hear conversa-

tions in which his name was mentioned with hesitancy and even diffidence, and in many clerical quarters care was taken not to disclose what policy, if any, was being adopted.

We did not have long to wait. John, by his pronouncements and actions, proclaimed to the world that his election to the Papacy was no mistake. His policy would be to follow in the footsteps of the Redeemer: he would be all things to all men. His plans for the convening of a General Council of the Church and his invitation to our separated brethren to attend the sessions was universally acclaimed within the Church and without. The world saw in him an apostle of the new generations whose charity and zeal for the kingdom of God would hide no limits.

Pope John was a man after our own heart. He came down to our level and spoke our language. He seemed to understand our problems in a special, personal way and no one could say he stood aloof while we related our troubles. He made them his own as much as they were ours and it was his ambition to find the cure for all the ills of society. One of the first things he did after his election was to visit the Regina Coeli prison in Rome. This was not done out of a love of publicity or from any unworthy or ignoble motive, but it was John the man as John the Pope caring with his whole heart for his unfortunate brothers, who embraced and blessed those whom we had regarded as the outcasts of society.

The popular Press projected an image of Pope John which was clothed in a sentimentalism that obscured the motivating qualities of the man. His charity was of a deeper kind. It was of the kind described by St. Paul—"Charity is patient, is kind; charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." It was not sentimental charity which prompted him to write encyclicals of the calibre of "Mater et Magistra" and "Pacem in Terris," both masterpieces of social teachings, or guided him in his approach to problems of the kind he must have met in his preparations for the General Council. He possessed, indeed, the true charity of Christ.



It was 7.30 p.m. and the boys were chattering noisily, as usual, on their way to supper, when the word, unconfirmed at first, swept through the house like a breath of doom—John Fitzgerald Kennedy had been assassinated. Our faint hopes for his life were soon shattered, and then a silence which was the silence of death settled over the college; it was not to lift again until long after the Last Post had sounded in Arlington cemetery.

In the days that followed, though we attended classes as usual, we could not concentrate on even the most interesting of subjects. We were bodily present, but our hearts were with the dead President. We need not recall the feelings each experienced as we watched the funeral ceremony, for they remain still fresh in our minds. There were many who openly and unashamedly cried as they watched the last honours being paid.

How, you may ask, did the death of John F. Kennedy have such a impact on the world? The answer is contained in the question. For a man to achieve the phenomenal success that he did, he must possess some aura or magnetic attraction all his own. John F. Kennedy had just this. You had only to glimpse him and hear him speak to feel the subtle personality emanating out

to you. You were won by his handsome figure, his direct approach and the obvious sincerity with which he talked. It is not untrue to say that Kennedy made an impression on America and on the world that will never be erased. For Kennedy's ideals were noble and just and yet he was more than an idealist. The principles of justice in which he so ardently believed he sought to put into operation from the beginning of his leadership as President of the United States.

He was confronted in his short but brilliant career with problems under which a lesser man might have bowed. The Cuban crisis proved finally and conclusively to the peoples of the world that he was not a man of fine phrases and empty words but a leader who knew when and what action was demanded of him and did it in the spirit of a courageous and well-disciplined soldier. He was ready to sacrifice all in defence of principles which he knew had not their origin exclusively from man alone. Well, indeed, could his epitaph have been written, "A star has been quenched in the sky. A cedar has fallen in Lebanon. Liberty bows her head and weeps for her gallant paladin so tragically snatched from her loving arms." Danger was no stranger to John F. Kennedy, nor did he fear it in most of its guises. What he feared, if indeed he feared, was the danger that he might fail his people in their hour of need. He knew that "There is an appointed time for everything,

"A time to love and a time to hate,
"A time of war and a time of peace."

John F. Kennedy has also left to the world another and not less noble image, that of the ideal family man. Burdened by the weighty problem of guiding the foremost nation in the world, he still found time and energy to make his home everything that a Christian home should be.

The outstanding success of John F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign was greeted in Ireland with joy and exultation. When, as President of the United States, the first Catholic to hold this position, he came at our invitation to visit Ireland last year, we made the occasion an opportunity to shower on him every honour that was ours to give. His was the return of a long-absent son and for him the fatted calf was killed. We were truly proud of this grandson of Irish emigrants who had made good in the

country of their adoption. It is with special pride, too, that we remember the tumultuous welcome which the Irish nation gave to this her son who still remembered his true heritage. For Kennedy was to the Irish people something of a symbol, and a link; a symbol of the new generation and a link with the old bitter past. Kennedy himself was deeply aware of this and aware of our undisguised admiration for him. We felt Kennedy had a place in his heart opened only by the key that was Ireland. And when he was about to leave us, after he had conquered every heart, he told us he would return in the Spring to see "Old Shannon's face" and this "green, misty island" once more. But it was not to be. Destiny played her cruel part and left us but the memory of his voice, his handclasp and his smile.

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John F. Kennedy and Pope John have gone from amongst us and we are the poorer for their going. Yes, indeed, it was a tragic year for all who saw in the complementary activities of these two friends of humanity the emergence of a newer world, more in keeping with true human ideals than we or any other ages have yet known. The address which John F. Kennedy was to have given in Dallas the day he died contained the common ideal of both . . . "that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of peace on earth and good will towards men." It was our privilege to have lived in their times and to have experienced to some extent the work of their hands. There are those who believe that their deaths have changed the course of history, but we believe that their lives and example set the world on a course which their deaths served only to confirm and strengthen.

Many have striven in vain to write adequate tributes to these men and their deeds. Surely the greatest tribute we can pay to them and the one which they would appreciate had they lived, is to try honestly and with determination to imitate in our own way their noble and heroic lives, dedicated to the betterment of mankind in all spheres.

These two indeed were of the salt of the earth.



From Left: S. O'Donnell, A. White, V. Rogers, Rev. J. Guy, S.J., G. Rumley.

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Secretary: VAL ROGERS.

Treasurer: Gerard RUMLEY.

This year the Mission Society embarked on two new ventures. The first, undertaken by the lay school, was the collecting and sending of financial aid to a hard-pressed sister college in Ceylon, St. Aloysius College, Galle. The second was the task of supporting financially a catechist on our Rhodesian Mission, which was undertaken by the Apostolic School. Both ventures have proved successful and the response has been generous; yet a special word of thanks is due to the Apostolics and to their dedicated mission organiser Mr. Sylvester O'Donnell. The talk for Mission Sunday was a great success. It was given by Rev. Father C. O'Sullivan of the White Fathers and was

supplemented by some excellent films. We were also honoured by a talk from Bishop Corboy, S.J., of the Irish Jesuit Mission in Northern Rhodesia. Later in the year Father P. Kelly, S.J., who is a veteran Rhodesian missionary took a night off from the study hall to give us a most enjoyable and stimulating talk, aided by excellent slides, on the same mission.

Throughout the year the mission board was regularly adorned by sketches and posters of high artistic ability which ranged from the genuinely religious to the topical and comical. We are grateful to Alex White for putting his talent so generously at our disposal.

B.V.M. SODALITY

Sodality of Our Lady and St. Stanislaus

Director : K. McDOWELL, S.J.

Prefect : RICHARD O'CALLAGHAN.

Secretary : MAURICE WALLACE.

Council : THOMAS CONNOR, HENRY WARD.

Members since last year : J. Barnwell, M. FitzGerald, B. Kearney, F. Murphy, R. O'Callaghan, E. O'Neill, D. O'Riordan, J. Quille, T. Sheehan.

Received December 8th, '63 : N. Browne, A. Davis, P. Finn, G. O'Flanagan, N. Quinn, A. Rogers, V. Rogers, T. Ryan, M. Wall.

It is good to know that the Sodality continues to do good work here in Mungret. The East Room in the New Building has been a great help to us. Our meetings are held there in bright spaciousness, and the Sodalists hammer out their problems in Workshop fashion.

Although no one in Fifth Year is prevented from joining the Sodality as a life-long member, there has been introduced this year a new Temporary Membership. This lasts for one year. Many of the Fifth year boys have joined this. They promise Our Lady to observe the Rules of the Sodality for one year beginning on December 8, of Fifth year. Then they will be ready to make a more mature Consecration for Life in the Sodality on December 8, of their last year. There is general agreement and contentment about this, and it is hoped that it will become permanent here.

Sodality of Our Lady and St. Francis Xavier

Director : FATHER S. CASEY, S.J.

Prefect : ADRIAN BRINN

Secretary : LIAM KIDNEY

Members received on December 8th, 1962 : L. Kidney, W. Mooney, M. Murphy, P. Murphy, J. Walton, D. Winston.

Members received on December 8th, 1963 : P. Browne, M. Gibbons, D. Herlihy, S. O'Donnell.

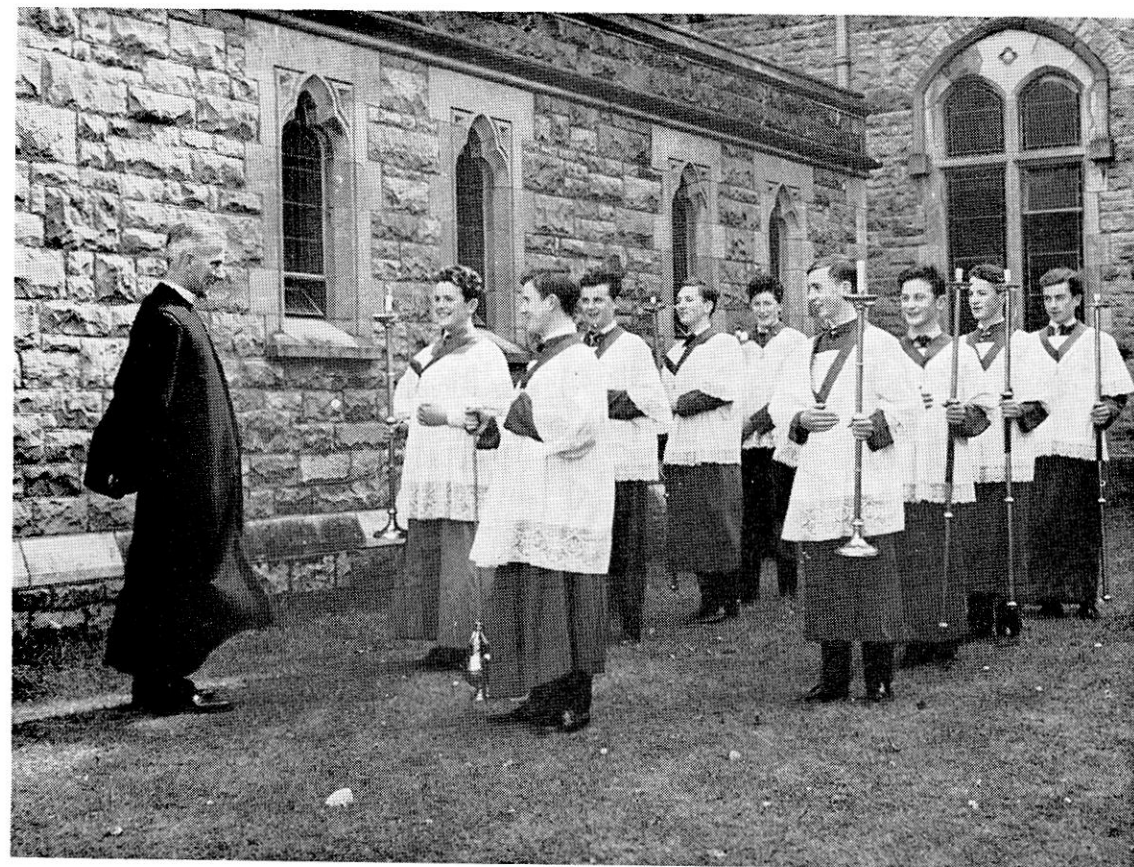
PREFECT'S REPORT

We began the year with Father Casey, S.J., as Spiritual Director and eight members since last year. On October 5th an election took place; Adrian Brinn was elected Prefect. At the Reception Ceremony on December 8th four new members were received into the Sodality.

We held our meetings in the library every Saturday from 2.30 until 3.45. These consisted of a Gospel Enquiry, chosen by the members, followed by a Social Enquiry. We found it convenient to divide into two

groups for the Gospel Enquiry. This gave each member a better opportunity to express his views on the various subjects. In this way, the object of the Enquiries was more effectively achieved.

One subject taken for a Social Enquiry, which aroused deep interest, was that of emigrants in Britain. This discussion proved very profitable for all the members but especially for those who intend to work in the English Mission.



FATHER KELLY WITH ONE OF THE BENEDICTION TEAMS

Sodality of St. John Berchmans, S.J., for Altar Servers

Director : FATHER P. KELLY, S.J.

Officials : James Maher, Francis Pelly, Michael Wall, John Maher, John Pentony, James McGrath, Brian Nash, Brendan Hill.

Special Instructor : JAMES MCGRATH

The work of instructing the new servers continued during the year; twenty-three new members were instructed and served Mass this year. The total number of Mass servers is now ninety-nine. All the officials co-operated in this work, taking the new members from their own classes. The new cottas, presented through Father Minister, and the reconditioned gowns, were appreci-

ated by the servers during the year.

During the holidays some of our day-boys, and others, were indefatigable in their punctual and untiring attendance every morning for Mass serving. An especial word of thanks is due to them for their good work, notably to the Cronins—Tom, Paddy, Felim and Gabriel, to John Ryan, Brian O'Flynn and Liam Ronan.

Debating Societies

First Club Debating Society

1963-64

President: REV. FATHER FITZGERALD, S.J.

Secretary: A. ROGERS

THIS year our meetings were even more regular than usual and enjoyed their customary measure of support. A large section of the boys seem to realise how important it is to be able to speak in public, with a certain amount of facility. We had six house debates as well as one outside contest against Pallaskenry.

1st DEBATE—"The virtues of Mungret College outweigh its defects." *Government:* F. Malone, F. Murphy, J. O. Maher. *Opposition:* M. Wallace, P. Kirwan, R. Fitzgerald.

2nd DEBATE—"This House supports the present Government." *Government:* J. Barnwell, D. Chambers, M. Headen. *Opposition:* E. O'Neill, R. Bluett, B. Morrison.

3rd DEBATE—"American influence on the world to-day is generally good." *Government:* A. Prim, A. Roger, J. Carlino. *Opposition:* J. Quill, B. Carmody, G. O'Flanagan.

4th DEBATE—"Any reasonable man should either give up or drastically reduce smoking." *Government:* A. O'Neill, T. Rowland, M. Lynch. *Opposition:* M. Gradwell, J. O'Neill, H. Ward.

5th DEBATE—This was a hat debate in which motions were taken out of a "hat" and debated with little or no preparation. It was enjoyed by all.

6th DEBATE—"Ireland should actively support the U.N." *Government:* P. Curtin, W. Stokes, V. Rogers. *Opposition:* D. Hill, M. Wall, D. Connolly.

The final debate of the year took place towards the end of April. Salesian College, Pallaskenry very kindly agreed to send over a group of boys to debate with us the following motion, "That the West is losing in the struggle against Communism." It turned out to be an unequal contest. Some of the Pallaskenry boys said so many good things

and said them so well that they were quite evidently the superior side. Our boys did not lack heart and considering how short was the time of preparation, their performance was quite creditable.

ANDREW ROGERS gave a general outline of the case for the Government, stressing the recent advances of Communism in South-East Asia. This was a competent speech.

ALAN PRIM pointed out the inner tensions to be found within Western society to-day, for example the race conflict and the weakening of Christian moral standards. These struggles left the West demoralised in its fight against Communism. His delivery was somewhat marred by an occasional memory lapse.

MICHAEL GRADWELL outlined the recent gains of the Communists in Europe, in Italy and Malta for example. France was now friendly to Russia and Spain was trading openly with Castro's Cuba. He spoke with colour and verve, and but for certain lack of care, the speech would have been very good.

HENRY WARD in the final speech for the Government, spoke of the progress of Communism both in South and Central America and amongst the new nations of Africa. He has a pleasant speaking voice and the speech was both intelligent and well written.

The Debate Medal was awarded to Henry Ward.

Before concluding, I should like to thank Andrew Rogers for the help he gave to the debating society this year. Always pleasant and reliable, he was meticulous in his keeping of the minutes. A very reliable secretary, he should be a valuable man in any organisation.

Second Club Debating Society

President: REV. F. LYNCH, S.J.

Secretary: OLIVER MURPHY.

Debate Medal: J. J. O'CONNOR



SECOND CLUB DEBATING SOCIETY

Standing: J. McGrath, J. Pentony, B. Punch, T. Quinn.

Seated: Ph. Kirwan, P. Wall, O. Murphy, S. Roche, P. Fitzgibbon.

Third Club Debating Society

President: FATHER MEAGHER, S.J.

Secretary: BRENDAN HILL

Medal for Excellence in Debate:
RICHARD HURLEY

The attendance at our meetings was excellent. A very welcome feature was the willingness of the first year boys to conquer shyness and take the floor.

Most people consider that debates have educational value; Third Club boys consider them good fun; result: in our debates we assist at the happy marriage of education and enjoyment.

Hardly any debate took place without an eloquent word from R. Hurley, a thoughtful speech from B. Adams, gentle unforced wisdom from F. Wall and K. Power. V. Goodwin, D. Gallagher, P. Nolan and P. Byrne left no debate unadorned by their ideas.

We discussed from every angle Television, Gambling, Irish History, Christmas Cards, Boxing, Railways, Fashion and War.

MOST of the members had been in last year's Third Club Debating Society where they first tasted the joys of debating, and now in Second Club, they sustained their early interest. Attendance at the debates was very good and the boys' willingness to speak was remarkable. Rarely had they to be cajoled into filling places on the Government of Opposition, and whenever motions were thrown open to the House, the Chairman's problem was to share out the time available.

We had eight debates in the First Term and four in the Second. Two of the latter were against teams from Crescent College, Limerick.

In February, our team went to the Crescent Hall to deny "That future generations will consider that Ireland's most glorious era began with the achievement of her freedom," and in March, when they came to our East Room, our task was to prove "That the influence of the U.S. on the world in this century has done more harm than good." Both debates were conducted in excellent spirit, and in the second one we found that our most vigorous opponent was John Donlon who spoke from the House in defence of his native U.S.

Individual honours were evenly shared at these contests, for our Brian Punch was judged the best speaker at the first of the debates while the Crescent speaker, B. Mulcahy, was awarded the laurels in March.

The Society was well served by its Secretary, Oliver Murphy.

Apostolics' Debating Society

PHILOSOPHERS

Chairman : T. KANE
Committee : D. HERLIHY
L. KIDNEY
S. O'DONNELL

SENIORS

Chairman : J. MURPHY
Committee : A. NICHOLSON
P. O'KENNEDY

JUNIORS

Chairman : J. HONEYANDS
Committee : K. MULKERE
M. RYAN

FIRST SESSION (Philosophers) : Tuesday, October 29.

MOTION : "That Racial Integration can no longer be postponed."

FOR : T. Kane, B. Moore, J. Walton.

AGAINST : P. Murphy, P. Brown, G. O'Grady.

This was a most interesting debate on a very topical matter. The government put up a very good case for integration by bringing forwards the fundamental argument that all men are equal and that the colour of a man's skin has nothing to do with his rights as a man and as a human being.

However the opposition by the force of their argument and by the tactical use of

words and ideas won that small majority of votes which weighed the balance in their favour.

SECOND SESSION (Seniors) : Friday, November 15.

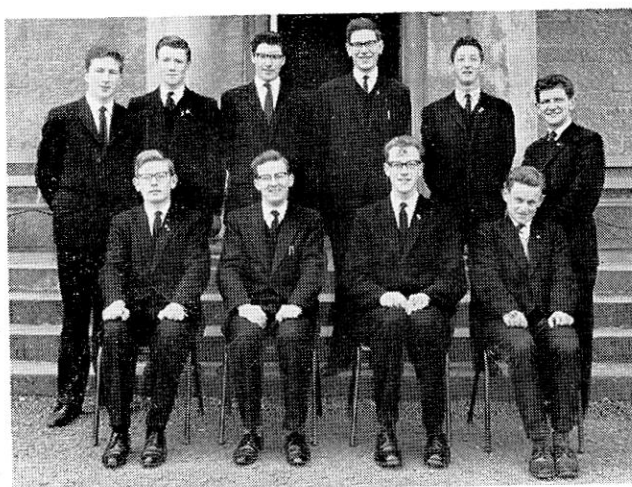
MOTION : "That Capital Punishment should be abolished completely."

FOR : W. King, L. Gardiner, L. O'Corroll.

AGAINST : M. Wolohan, T. Keys, F. Gormley.

This proved to be an enlightening debate on a very topical subject. Both teams failed to emphasise sufficiently the word "completely" in the motion.

The opposition succeeded in gaining victory by a narrow margin.



PHILOSOPHERS' DEBATING SOCIETY
Standing: J. Quirke, G. O'Grady, B. Moore, J. Walton, P. Murphy, P. Browne.
Seated: L. Kidney, T. Kane, S. O'Donnell, N. Herlihy.

THIRD SESSION (Juniors) : Monday, December 9.

MOTION : "That Boarding Schools are preferable to Day Schools."

FOR : L. White, F. Dennis, G. Clarke.

AGAINST : J. Deacon, E. O'Brien, J. McCarter.

This was a most enjoyable debate. The standard of delivery was high. Both sides set before us very good arguments. According to the voting the majority favoured Day Schools.

FOURTH SESSION (Philosophers) : Tuesday, February 18.

MOTION : "The disadvantages of a Welfare State outweigh its advantages."

FOR : D. Herlihy, J. Quirke, M. Gibbons.

AGAINST : S. O'Donnell, M. Murphy, D. O'Connor.

The government opened the debate by saying that the Welfare State takes away men's responsibilities. Against this the opposition contended that the State does not take over a man's responsibilities but rather

provides him with necessities which a man may not have the resources to provide himself with.

When the debate was opened to the house the Logic of the Philosophers came to the fore, when the distinction between the Welfare State in theory and the Welfare States in practice was clearly made. After much forceful discussion the debate came to a close with the opposition in the lead with a very small majority.

FIFTH SESSION (Seniors) : Tuesday, March 3.

MOTION : "That Professional Boxing should be banned completely."

FOR : N. Hallinan, C. Donegan, J. King.

AGAINST : M. Brady, B. Cullinane, D. Doherty.

This was a very lively debate : while the opposition gave a case solidly constructed with hard facts, the government allowed their hearts to rule their heads. This proved to be their undoing as they received much criticism from the house. The opposition won by a convincing majority.



THE ASSEMBLY HALL, WHERE MOST OF THE DEBATES ARE HELD

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

Spiritual Director : FATHER P. COFFEY, S.J.

Chairman : HENRY WARD

Secretary : LIAM KIDNEY

Treasurer : JAMES MAHER

Public Relations Officer: PAT MURPHY

OUR Pioneer centre here in Mungret continued to flourish during the past year under the guidance and administration of our active working council. All Pioneer business was discussed and kept well in hand at all monthly meetings of the centre, usually held on the evening of the first Friday of the month.

Since the foundation of our centre in 1906 many boys have signed the application book, and this year that list was added to by the great number of applications to all sections of the association. At least one member of the council was present each Monday evening in the II Syntax classroom to greet the new applicants. Each applicant was fully instructed in the motives and rules of the association before being accepted. The harvest was usually reaped a few days after instruction when Father Coffeyour, our director, received the new members into the association.

The Pioneer magazine was also sold during the year and it proved to be very popular, especially among the Apostolics. It might be interesting to note that contributions from the Mungret members of the association, would be gratefully received by the Editor of the Pioneer; not even a photograph from Mungret has appeared in its pages.

The council attended a general meeting of the Limerick Schools Councils in the Crescent on Saturday, January 25th. As guest speaker we had Father Dargan, S.J., Central Director of the movement, who gave a very interesting talk on the importance of the counsellor to the advancement of the movement. After the talk, questions from the counsellors were welcomed, and I'm glad to say that the Mungret Council had some ingenious queries for Father Dargan, but he always had an answer.

Pioneers from the College also attended the Limerick Diocesan Rally in the Savoy Cinema on Sunday, 26th January, 1964.

The annual Rally which is the most important feature of our centre was a great success. Our guest speaker was Mr. Con Shanahan. He brought before us three golden rules which all Pioneers should always and at all times observe. His first rule was always to be patient and charitable with everyone, never lose your temper; his second, always wear your badge; and his third, never be the man to buy a person his first drink. Mr. Liam Kidney who proposed a vote of thanks spoke of the sentiments of all present when he said that he personally had never heard any speaker express the ideals of the association so admirably as did Mr. Shanahan.

Father Coffey, in seconding it, paid great tribute to the amount of work that Mr. Shanahan was doing for the movement. He also brought before us how the sacrifice of Pioneers makes reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of intemperance.

The Rally was followed by a lively concert which included a question time between Munster and Connaught, and different musical items from the more talented Mungret pupils. We are thankful to all those who helped to make the Rally, and the concert such a wonderful success.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the members of the council have a fine knowledge and experience of the running of the association, which, it is hoped they will put at the service of the Church, and "for the greater glory and consolation of the Sacred Heart," in their parishes in life after school.

Finally, we thank our Spiritual Director Rev. Father Coffey for his unfailing and generous guidance, and his deep interest in all our proceedings throughout the year.

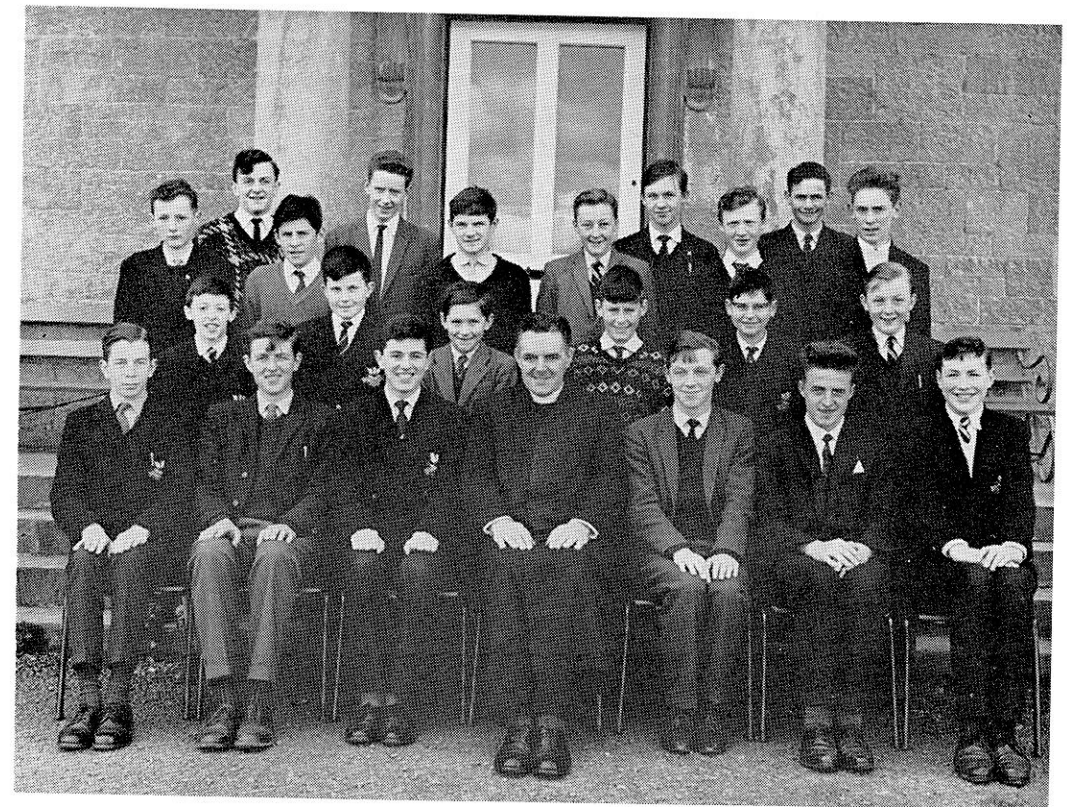
L. KIDNEY (Sec.)

DAY BOYS

Back Row: F. Cronin, C. Ward, S. O'Flynn, E. Heffernan, M. Hayes, M. Murphy, T. Quinn, D. Culhane, J. Loftus, B. Barry.

Second Row: E. Boland, J. Ryan, L. Fenton, B. O'Flynn, L. Ronan, W. Murphy.

Seated: D. Cregan, W. Riordan, T. Cronin, Rev. Father J. Brennan, S.J. (Minister), N. Quinn, T. O'Brien, P. Cronin.



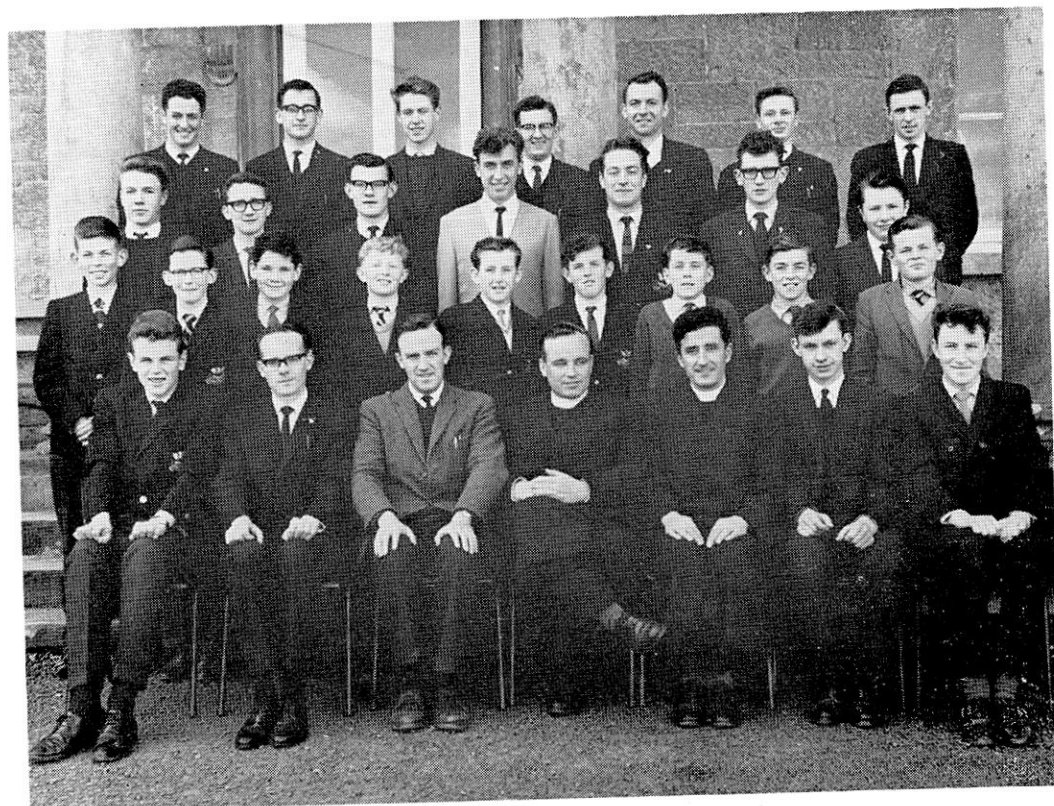
The Choir 1963-64

THIS year we were fortunate in having two organists, John Murphy and Pat Aikens. Without their help it would have been impossible to continue with both the House Choir and the Apostolics' Choir. John Murphy did all the work with the Apostolics' Choir. The House Choir added to their usual repertoire a four part Mass (Kitson) and a unison Mass (Terry). Ave

Verum (Elgar). Ecce Panis Angelorum in four parts, Tantum Ergo (four part Palestrina) and some other smaller pieces.

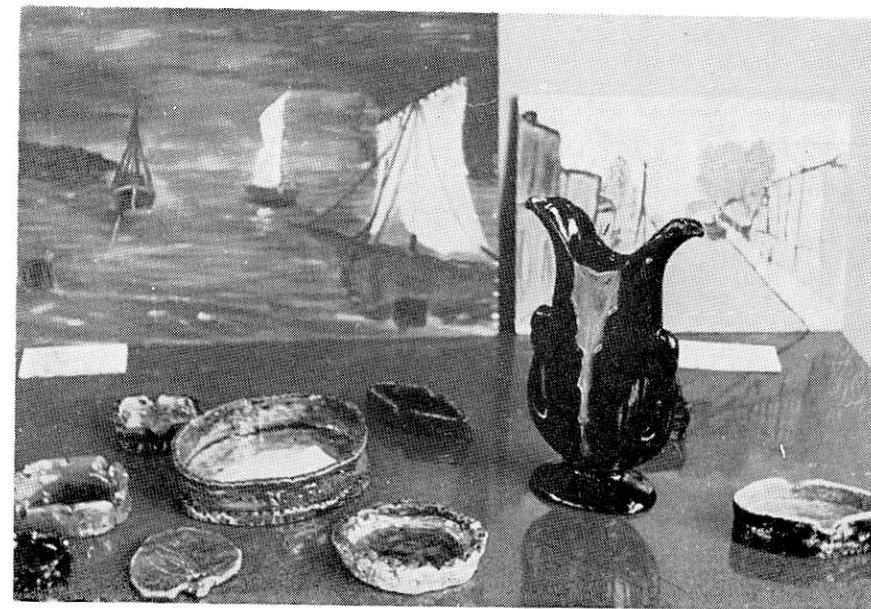
The Choir deserve great praise for its work and we look forward to a more ambitious programme in the coming year.

We had the usual outing in May—a welcome day-off, and an added reward for many practices.



THE CHOIR

Back Row: N. Hallinan, J. Honeyands, A. Lombard, T. Kane, D. Winston, D. Cassidy, F. McGlynn.
Third Row: K. Mulkere, J. O'Flynn, E. McDaid, J. Carlino, D. Chambers, P. Malone, J. Pentony.
Second Row: J. FitzGibbon, R. Hurley, K. Power, D. Carroll, P. Byrne, P. Brogan, J. O'Connor, A. Lavelle, P. Horan.
Seated: P. FitzGibbon, P. Aikens, J. Murphy, Rev. Father P. Crowe, S.J., Rev. R. Geary, S.J., M. Wolohan, M. Headen.



THE ART CLUB

DURING the past year the Art Club continued its work in the Hobbies Room under the stage. Unfortunately, the opportunity of holding an exhibition of work done during the first term was missed, and so the best paintings were carried off home before they could be seen and studied by the public.

Almost all the work was done in oils in last year's tradition, each one being left to follow his own inclinations as regards subject matter, size and colours. Needless to say, there was no shortage of advice when it happened that any member ran into difficulties.

During the second term, certain doubts arose about the suitability of oils for our type of club. While they undoubtedly give a more satisfying finished picture, particularly to a beginner, and they make repainting or correcting an easy task, the problems of uncleanable brushes, multi-coloured hands, painted clothes, and the difficulty found in renewing supplies at short notice, caused a lot of inconvenience as the year rolled on. The latter difficulty eventually made us resort to charcoal, chalk and cardboard before the second term had ended,

and the results were sufficiently encouraging to suggest that we might attempt a wider range of materials during the coming year.

THE POTTERY CLUB

THIS year the Pottery Club got off to an early start, and during the year the boys produced many pieces.

The finished piece is the fruit of a long process: the clay must be broken down in water, sieved, dried, modelled, biscuit-fired, glazed and glaze-fired. If a mould is to be made, the shape must be carefully planned and executed, and the plaster of paris then poured over it. By means of the plaster mould, many replicas can be made, but even then each cast must go through the process from biscuit-firing to glaze-firing.

One would think that, with such variety in this art, we could cater for a large group, but we found by experience that the Club worked best when the number was not more than eight at a time.

The members developed a confident knowledge of the essentials, a foundation on which they can build by reading and further practice.

JOTTINGS

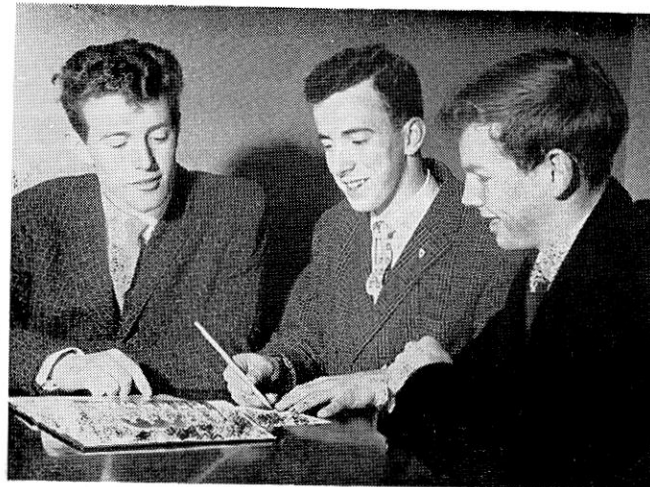
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*Written contributions from Richard Cooke, Philip O'Kennedy and David Hill.
Photographs by Pat Aikens, Evaristus O'Neill, Roger FitzGerald, Alex White.
Drawings by Alex White.*

THE DIARYISTS

Diaryists—so us they call:

D for Diary—we write it all,
I for inquisitive—it's our job you see,
A for arty—what we try to be,
R for rarities—we thrive on them,
Y for years—we fill them all in,
I for ink—we use it by the bottle,
S for statistics—your very throat they'd throttle,
T for thinkers—we have to use the mind,
S for stories—which are not hard to find;
After reading this, our alphabet and poem
We trust thro' our diary you'll wish to roam.



D. HILL, P. O'KENNEDY, R. COOKE

SEPT.

- 5—Back we come again. Our sympathies (?) to the new nurse.
The flowers add to the scenery.
"Some are Prefects, some are not,
Most are back upon the dot,
But John (C) and Mike (F) are late, I fear
And it's back to Mungret for another year."
6—*Lectio Brevis*. Our congratulations to the new Prefects. Film to settle in the new boys: "Confessions of a Counter-Spy."

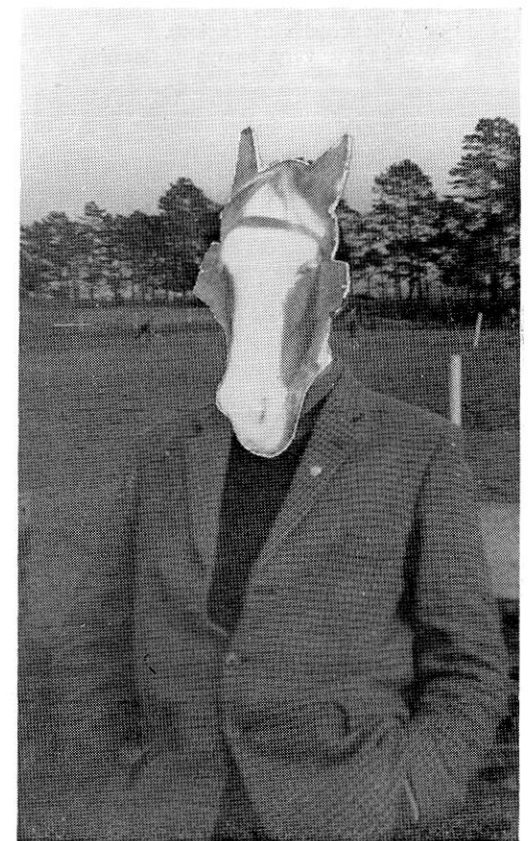
"Many new faces are seen in the Hall,
They don't look happy at all at all;
They're lonely for home and counting to see
How long till Christmas and the gaily decked tree.
In the lay-school Henry holds the reins,
We wish him a year without many pains;
Dermot and Pat begin to rule
Over the Apostolic School."

- 7—We hear that the biggest number ever is



Behind bars in Mungret?
Well, not quite . . .
John and Roger outside
the Hobbies room

Mr. Ed in Mungret



- on the College Roll. Also talk of plans for a Swimming Pool—some wonder if it is only a glorified "pipe" dream!
8—Many thanks for another film: "The Great Impostor."
9—Some 'foxers' experiment but the new nurse 'cops on' surprisingly quickly.
12—The Annual Retreat begins to-night after the customary half-day. Who is it that says it is easier to meditate up a tree?
13—Silence, Silence, everywhere,
Not as much as a sneeze;
Not even a sound in the corridor,
Save only that of the breeze!
15—Philosophers beginning to get worried in the silence.
16—The retreat ended this morning with the usual cheering and town leave. Film: "I Aim at the Stars."
17—Today everybody was deeply shocked to learn of the tragic death of Anthony Devane, one of our day-boys. We tender our sincere sympathy to his family and assure them of our continued prayers for him. He will be missed very much, but we will not forget him.
19—Philosophers' Retreat begins.
21—Study begins in earnest.
22—All-Ireland. Dublin beats Galway.
25—S.C.T. beat Crescent 6-3. Not bad for a start.
28—Philosophers are off retreat.
First weekly exam. Whew, what a day,
No exam, no exam, I'm glad to say,
No maths for us this happy day,
You see we are in Rhetoric
And for exams we're far too slick.

OCT.

- 3—The tailor gave us the pleasure of a visit today. Some may need a little extra.
- 5—The Rhetoric boys got a little surprise today in the form of an Irish exam. After all they're really beyond that stage now—Ahem!
- 6—Seniors win annual trophy from Our Lady's Club, Galway.
- 7—Mass of the Holy Spirit today for a successful school year. Father Rector preached a sermon.
- 9—Play-day. Our Seniors are narrowly beaten by Rockwell in the first round of the Bowen Shield (3-8). Juniors also go down. Film—"Inn of the Sixth Happiness."
- 11—Father Fennelly from Australia is visiting us and is impressed by various improvements.
- 12—That was a fine jump, Cecil. With a jump like that you should win the Grand National—but the library table is not Beecher's Brook.
- 13—Munchins beat our Seniors 6-3 in a friendly.
- 14—Though the day was wet spirits were high And Mr. O'Brien gave vent to a sigh, He was taking a busload of First Club or more For Ardnacrusha to explore. We had a very enjoyable evening.



"The name again, please?"
"Ringo"!

- 15—The Apostolics presented Brother Murphy with a 'Parker 45' for his birthday.
- 16—Seniors won their Bowen Shield match 9-3.
- 19—Rumour hath it that the new swimming pool will soon be under way.
- 23—Play-day in honour of St. Ignatius. Both seniors and juniors go under to C.B.C.
- 25—We had a very interesting talk and films on the Missions tonight.
- 27—Seniors won trophy by beating Wanderers (Galway) 8-5.
- 28—It's started—it's started—it's started. What? THE POOL.
- 31—Hallowe'en at last. Parcels arrive. Nuts galore. Half-day. Film—"The Angry Silence."

LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION

Using a special life-size dummy, Mr. J. Glynn and Mr. J. Hurley explain the mouth-to-mouth method of artificial respiration. This demonstration was the first of many given under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross Society.

NOV.

- 1—Play-day with town leaves.
- 3—Seniors went to Priory Park to be beaten 9-3 by The Crescent in the Bowen Shield.
- 4—Now we know who are "High-brow" and who are not. How did you like Madame Butterfly, C-L-K?
- 6—Today we had a play day in honour of Nurse Corrigan.
- 10—Rain—rain—rain. Games cancelled.
- 13—Congrats to Dickie Cooke on getting his interprovincial cap.
- 15—Senior Debate in new hall. Motion: That capital punishment be abolished completely. Government defeated by 26 votes to 24.
- 17—Past versus Present. 9 all draw. Match enjoyed by one and all.
- 20—Great surprise as we are told that school's interprovincial between Munster and Connaught is to be played here. Munster won despite inspired cheering of Connaught supporters.
- 22—After study we heard of the assassination of President J. F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas. The whole College was griefstricken at the tragic news. We tender our deepest sympathy to the family of a great President.



A new game ?

- 29—Our Lady's altar decorated for the beginning of the Novena in honour of the Immaculate Conception.



Helping hands (?) at the Swimming Pool site

The All Blacks work under the eye of Father Rector



DEC.

- 1—Seniors and juniors vanquished in Cork by Pres. Better luck next time.
- 2—P-t A-i-s received at long last a parcel containing his razor. This gave much joy to those who had been 'lending' him their's.
- 3—Play-day in honour of St. Francis Xavier and many thanks to Father O'Neill of the Crescent for an inspiring sermon. Town leave, feed and film. A young third-clubber was heard to ask why all Jesuit saints couldn't be celebrated in the same way.
- 5—Operation "Ejection" is the fashion in the Senior Playroom at the moment led by Usher Cecil, Mouse, Darby, Ass, Venus, Fuzzy, Wilma, Slug, etc.!
- 7—The Apostolics are practising hard for their Concert.
- 8—Play-day. 'To be or not to be' extract from tonight's film (Shakespeare of course). To be caught smoking or not to be; that is another question.
- 11—We went to see the Munster v. All Blacks

match at Thomond Park. Another victory for the Kiwi visitors (6-3) after an exciting match.

- 12—A visit from Bishop Corboy, S.J., on his way home from the Council. Much thanks to him for his interesting talk and slides of the Rhodesian Mission-fields.
- 14—R.K. exam. One bright answer: "Cardinal Newman was converted by reading an article by Cardinal Manning in the Dublin Opinion."
- 15—Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the Apostolics' Concert tonight.
- 17—Philosophers and Rhetoric having their brains tested.
- 19—Alarum within.
"So call the field to rest
And let's away,
To part the glories of this
Happy day."
Exeunt omnes.
(With due respects to W. Shakespeare).



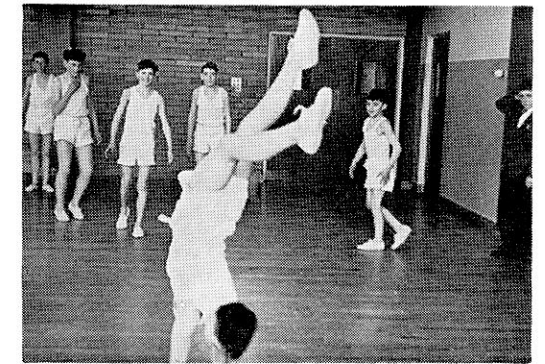
The All Blacks relax with Father Minister and the Nurse

JAN.

- 16—Lay boys return plus the Apostolics who 'missed the bus.'
- 17—"We scored only three points," said Slug *try-ingly*. "And missed the convert," said Cassius not "too" pointedly.
Film—"Warlock."
- 18—Film on Irish Sea Fisheries under the auspices of Bord Iascaigh Mhara. Monsignor Burke from the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia, showed slides to the school in the hall.
- 19—We beat Crescent 9-0 in a senior friendly.
- 20—Bilko is on TV.—Bilko is in Mungret. Both are very popular.
There was Physical Training class this morning for the first time. Groans were heard issuing from the Gym. as Poetry were in session.
- 25—Father Minister thinks it strange that P. O'Kennedy should be down after O'Sull in the morning.
- 26—A bus load of Pioneers went into the Limerick Diocesan Pioneer Rally in the Savoy today. Luckily enough they all arrived back cold sober.
- 28—Those doing the Leaving Cert signed on the dotted line today. It cost five bob more, so some are expecting better value. They may not be disappointed.
- 30—Rugby films galore as the Munster Cup campaign approaches.
- 31—Ovation for Susanne at 'Jackpot'.



Dermot and his men—before or after the meal?



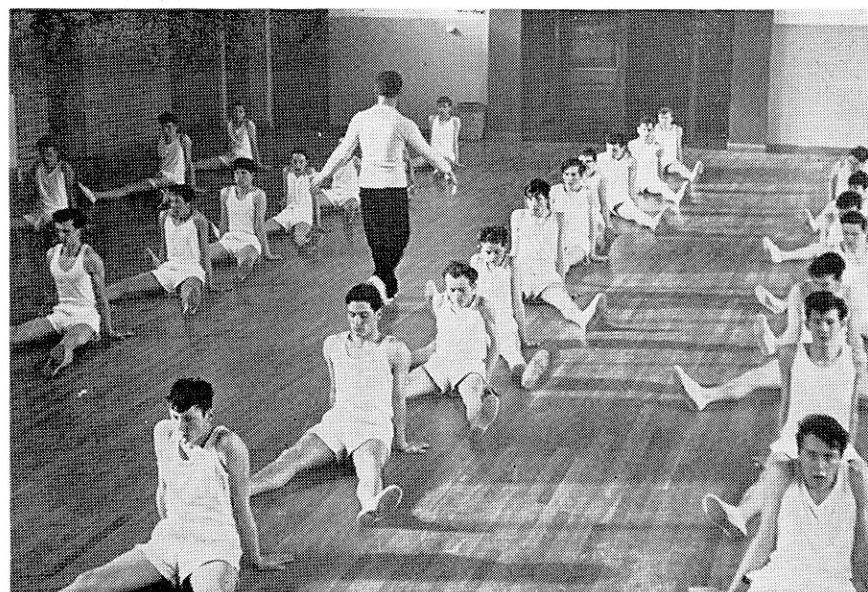
Limbering up before P.T. class

FEB.

- 4—We congratulate Father Minister on taking his final vows and for securing a play-day and film—"Sheriff of Fractured Jaw." No, not you, Derek.
Seniors beat Glen in a friendly.
- 6—Juniors made their exit in the Cup by going under to Waterpark 9-3 in Waterford. Waterpark eventually reached the final of the Cup.
- 7—Hopes were high as Father McL. fell ill before the English exam. However, they were soon dashed.
- 8—The English exam was postponed to later in the evening to enable us to watch England v. Ireland match on TV.
- 9—Seniors go under 5-3 to C.B.C. in a friendly.
- 10—The Philosophers have a play-day today instead of on March 7 in honour of St. Thomas Aquinas. They spent their day's outing in the Clare glens and all agree that it was absolutely great. This evening they had dinner in the parlour, and to round off a happy day they all adjourned to the 'Hut' for a sing-song.
- 11—Shrove Tuesday. Half-day — Pancakes — Films.
- 17—We all went into the City Theatre today to see "King of Kings."
- 19—Preparations de cheering for match against Munchins in the hall. No sore throats yet.
- 20—Seniors went down fighting 12-3 in Cup match against Munchins.
- 22—First Club travelled to Dublin by train to see Scotland defeat Ireland at Lansdowne Road. One and all agree it was a great day.
- 23—Film—"Merry Andrew." "Darby, you ain't Danny Kaye."
- 25—Time: 3 a.m. — Place: ?-? — All gather round to hear Cassius trounce Sonny Liston. Who was it that lost his 'roll' on the fight?

MARCH

- 1—Seniors went up to Dublin to play Gonzaga and had a very enjoyable time. Result of match: 3-3.
- 4—Lines composed a few miles above Mungret: "The glories of our games and sports, Are useful when we come to school; Yet answer there is none 'gainst Maths, Work lays its hand e'en on a fool." (Author unknown).
- 8—Seniors v. Gonzaga at home. When Gonzaga visited us today people on both teams must have learned a thing or two about boxing from yesterday's Welsh international.
- 12—Under 17's beat Glen in the City Cup. Nice try, Brian.
- 15—Noel Hallinan today discovered that the best way to stop a hurling ball was *not* to stand in front of it.
- 17—St. Patrick's Day. F.C.A. provide guard of honour at High Mass and are very impressive. Film: "Stop Over Tokyo." We hope Michael G. did not get homesick.
- 20—Juniors lose to Crescent 6-3 in City Cup.
- 22—Seniors show their paces today when they beat a fancied (and surprised) Crescent at Garryowen in the City Cup.
- 24—Vacation begins at 1 p.m. (a.m.) "Goodbye, goodbye, parting is such sweet sorrow, That I could say goodbye until it be tomorrow."

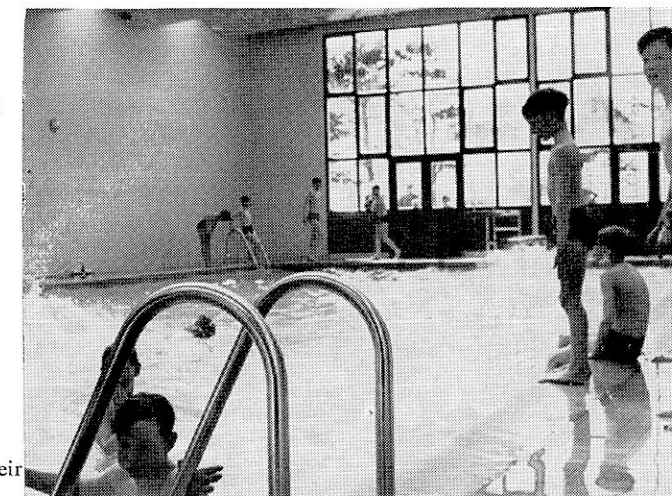


We've had it, Sir!

APRIL

- 7—Apostolics return, for last term of year. 'On Coming Back for the Last Time'
- I
As I today came in the gate
One thought my mind did dominate,
It was my dream five years ago,
Alas! to-day it was not so.
- II
Royal trees used line the avenue
But now unhidden the sky showed blue—
A Hall, a Pool and antennae,
Extensions new round Mungret lay.
- III
Through these open gates many have passed,
And now for me this time is the last;
May my thoughts oft linger in future years
On the old Alma Mater and its joys and tears.
- 8—All the rest (almost) return. . . . Swimming Pool almost ready!
Only 7 weeks between us and freedom
(for ever, eh?)
Yea, yea, yea!
- 9—For those whom it may concern: The Racket Anthem—
"I must go on the prowl now,
For always during the night
I hear something moving
With low sounds at the door
While I stand near a window
Upon the floorboards bare,
'Nix' (I hear), 'he's coming'—
Snore, snore, sno . . . re."

In use at last and much appreciated



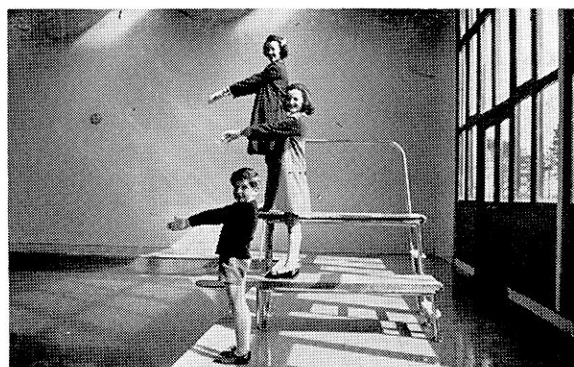
- 12—Silence reigned in 1st Club dorm,
From G.R. not a word,
Ozzie snored like a hog,
But H— never stirred.
"Silents" Please—as Sixth Year make their one-day Retreat.
- 13—Then there is the very sad story told about the little boy who shot both his parents—and pleaded for mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan.
- 14—New officers appointed in Apostolic School . . . Joe Quirke "takes over the bell"—we hope he'll turn up now and then at least.
- 15—Robert O'S. celebrates his first day working on Tennis Committee by using a ball of twine and breaking the new measure.
- 16—The S.C.T. took the field,
You should've heard the roar
When T.R. went over
For a very good score.
- 17—Half-day for Photographs.
- 18—Tremendous excitement as the new Swimming Pool is opened and 1st Club are given the honour of being first in for a dip.
- 19—U-17 City Shield—we lost, 3 nil. In sweltering heat we lend the Shield to Munchins for another year.
- 22—"If I find out who is humming I guarantee it will be his last tune," says P.M.A.
- 24—Because of the number of letters to the Editor from 'fans' we have decided to print the charts based on the top-selling 'pops' during the school year:
1. Blue Hawaii—Achill.
2. Hippy-Hippy Shake—P. T. class.
3. Walkin' back to happiness—Mungret.
4. Roll over Beethoven—Gerry (O'F).
5. O Doctor I'm in trouble—Foxyer.
6. The Guitar Man—Jack Car—
7. Tower of Strength—'Bull' K.
8. Sweets for my sweet—parcel for Ger. and Clem.
9. How do you do it?—Maths problem.
- 27—Syntax beginning to wonder if any of them will be able to pass the Inter this year!
- 30—All set for last month, then exams, then summer vac., then for most (the lucky ones!!!) Mungret again. . . .

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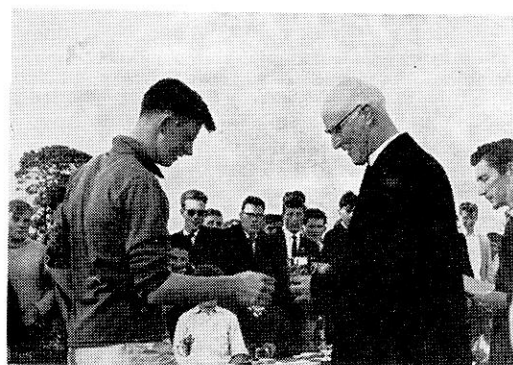




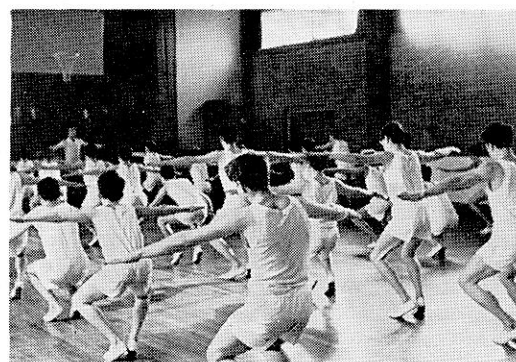
Brendan prepares for a solo flight



Photo] [Brian Hurley
Some young visitors think of taking a plunge



Very Rev. Father Provincial presents prizes at the House Sports (May 1963)



Probably just a beginners' class !



F.C.A. NOTES

Monday, 28th October—We began our weekly parades with only three men left in the College from last year. Congratulations to Anthony Davis and Tony O'Neill on their promotion to the rank of Corporal.

4th November—Thirteen more applicants were recruited and received their uniforms, thus bringing our numbers up to sixteen.

11th November—Lieut. McHale and C.Q.M.S. O'Mahony came out to see how the new recruits were progressing.

13th November—Our first Field Day was spent at Ballyclough. The Basics were firing the .22 rifles.

27th November—Field Day at Ballyclough. All were firing the .303. The results were quite good.

12th December—We had a Field Day at Ballyclough with our new training officer, Lieut. Fitzgerald. The shooting was good and prizes were given to those who obtained the first three places.

4th March—Another Field Day at Ballyclough. Ten more applicants were recruited, thus bringing our total number up to

twenty-six. The Basics were taught how to fire the .303.

17th March—At High Mass we provided the usual Guard of Honour, which was under the command of Corporal A. Davis and comprised the following: Corporal A. O'Neill, Privates J. Maher, D. Chambers, M. Gradwell, E. O'Neill and N. O'Regan. All had trained very hard for this event and it was gratifying to see that it was executed so efficiently and impressively. A Bugler was provided from Sarsfield Barracks for the occasion. We wish to record our gratitude to all who helped to make the ceremony such a success.

20th April—Usual Monday parade. We received news that Privates D. Chambers, M. Gradwell, E. O'Neill and B. Kearney were chosen to represent B Company in the Battalion shoot on Sunday, 26th.

22nd April—We had a Field Day in Ballyclough, where we received further training in firing the .303.

It now remains for us to have the experience of firing the Bren gun and grenade—which we hope to do on May 1st.

GAMES

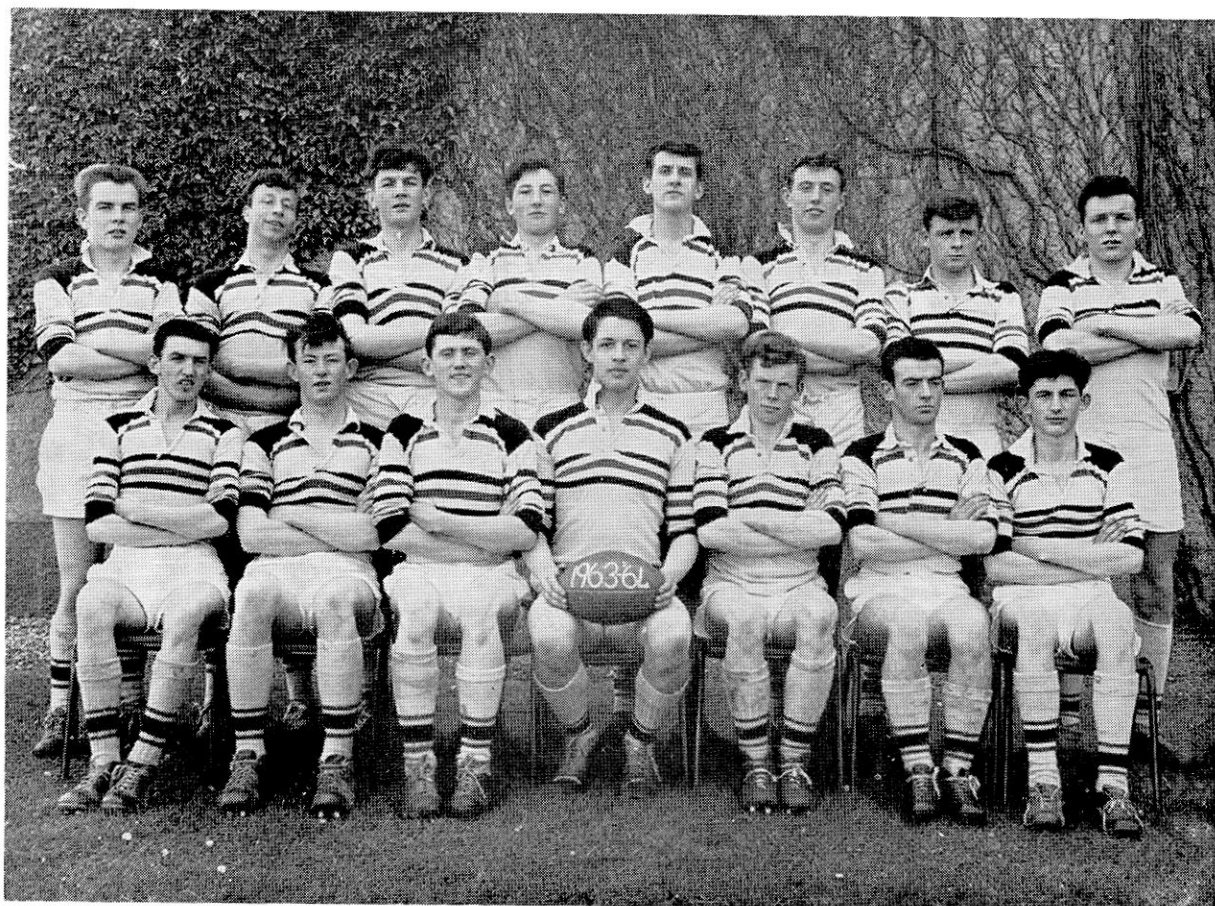
RUGBY

SENIOR RUGBY

THE regular House XV for the season was—Michael FitzGerald (full-back), Tom Ryan, Frank Malone, David O'Riordan and Roger FitzGerald (three-quarters), John Connolly and Dicky Cooke (halves), Brian Ward, Tom Sheehan, Tom Relihan, David Hill, Jim Maher, Tom Rowland, Henry Ward and Pat Lavelle (forwards). Others to represent the school on

occasion were Jack Hannigan, Alan Prim, John Quille, Stephen Lawless, Declan O'Callaghan, Brian Kearney, Noel Browne, Dan Chambers and Willie Stokes.

We had a fine pack this year—the weightiest we have fielded for many seasons. Though somewhat lacking in mobility, they won more of their share of the ball in the majority of



SENIOR CUP TEAM

Standing: T. Rowland, D. O'Riordan, M. FitzGerald, T. Relihan, J. Maher, D. Hill, B. Ward, T. Sheehan.
Seated: T. Ryan, R. FitzGerald, F. Malone, H. Ward (Capt.), R. Cooke, P. Lavelle, J. Connolly.



THE PAST TEAM

matches. With such a service to the backs it is surprising that our scoring average was so low. Though it is difficult to pinpoint the reason, it appeared that the three-quarters were lacking in determination and finish, for in one match after another we saw a plentiful supply of the ball being used to little effect. It was here that our main weakness lay. It was very much in evidence when we came to play the final of the Limerick Schools Cup. In this match the backs can be complimented for their spirited display, but lacking in penetration, they failed to score. The first match ended in a 3-3 draw, after we had held the lead until the closing stages. On this occasion it was wing-forward Tom Rowland who scored our try. In the replay there was no score up to the last quarter, when a try beside the posts virtually ended our hopes of bringing the Cup back to Mungret. In the last minute Dicky Cooke kicked a penalty, leaving the final score 5-3 in favour of St. Munchins.

A reliable place-kicker is an asset to any team. This year, though our regular kickers practised very hard, we had nobody on whom we could depend. There were many matches lost on this account. In our first Boewn Shield match against Rockwell several easy penalties and a convert under the posts failed to raise the flags. We drew our match against St. Munchins in the same competition, but once again the simplest of place kicks were missed. Similarly in the final of the City Cup, we lost chances in this department. There were many other matches decided by the odd penalty goal. A first-class place-kicker is rare enough, but a team without a dependable player for the easy kicks will hardly get there when the issue is a close one.

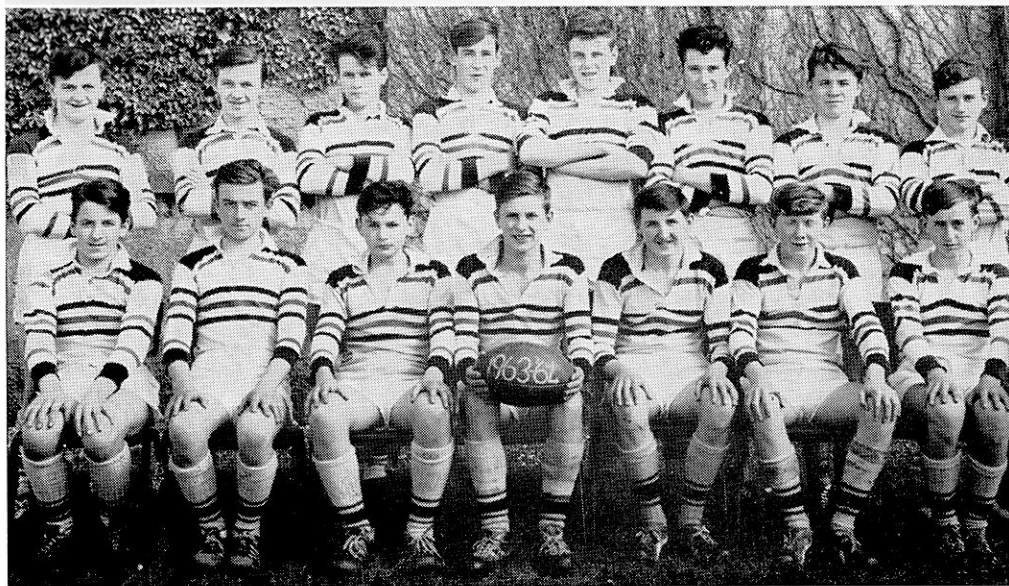
We travelled to Dublin on March 1st for our first fixture with Gonzaga College. It was a keenly contested match and the eventual result of a 3-3 draw was a fair representation of the play—a dropped goal to a penalty. The exceptional hospitality of our hosts contributed towards making this inaugural meeting of the two teams a most pleasant and memorable one. The return game at Mungret, on the following Sunday, failed to decide the issue, as it also resulted in a draw.

Our annual match with the Past, played on 17th November, ended in a draw, each side scoring 9 points. We were glad to renew acquaintance with so many of the recent past, some of whom travelled long distances to be with us. Eddie Owens, Garrett Barry, Pat Connor, Barry McHale, Cyril Perrott, Tom Stack, Charlie and Jack Reardon, Frank Gowan and many others of the not-so-recent past turned up for the occasion.

One of our final fixtures of the season was the decider of the Under-seventeen Shield. We had defeated Glenstal in the semi-final, but lost the final to St. Munchins by a dropped goal to nil.

Dicky Cooke played scrum-half for the Munster Schools team in all three Interprovincials. He was also selected to play in Wales against a Glamorgan Schools team, but was unable to turn out owing to injury.

Finally, we wish to thank the Second Seniors for their generous co-operation in all our practice matches. Without their help our team would not have been able to attain even the standard they did.



JUNIOR RUGBY TEAM

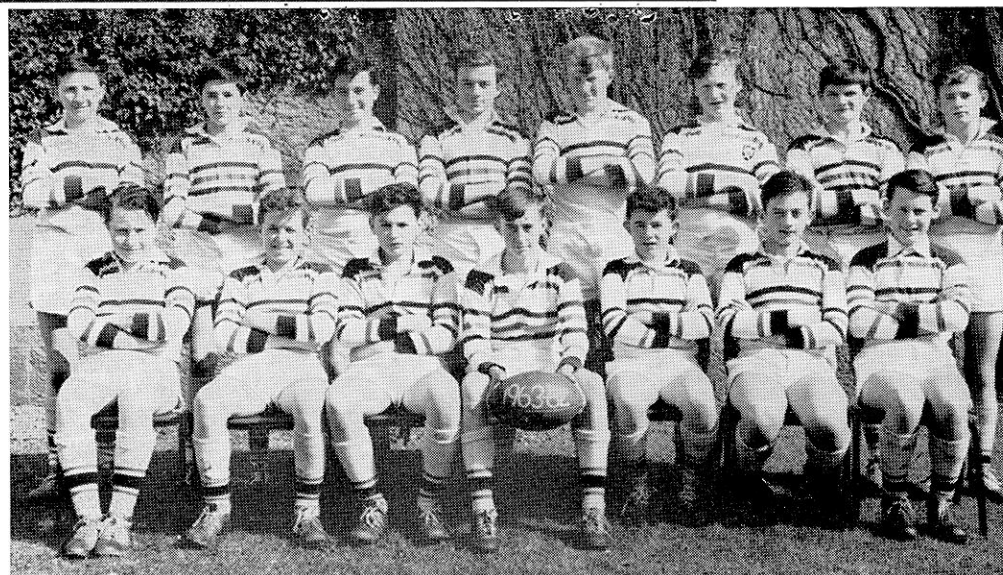
Standing: C. Ward, T. Quinn, D. O'Neill, B. Lavelle, P. FitzGibbon, R. Hand, R. O'Neill, O. Trainor.

Seated: S. Roche, D. Quinlan, J. Lynch, P. Wall (Capt.), B. Ryan, B. Punch, S. Dennison.

UNDER 15 RUGBY TEAM

Standing: J. O'Flynn, K. Dunne, J. Mullen, D. Quinlan, A. Lowry, F. Culhane, M. Hayes, F. Wall.

Seated: J. Pentony, J. Scanlon, J. Lynch, S. Dennison (Capt.), J. Quinlan, P. Connolly, D. Casey.



UNDER 14 RUGBY TEAM

Standing: L. McDonnell, W. Hearn, D. Casey, J. Mullen, T. Brosnan, M. Hayes, M. Dwyer, J. Ryan.

Seated: K. Roche, B. Adams, J. Scanlon, P. Connolly (Capt.), J. Quinlan, S. Lynch, P. Brogan.



JUNIOR RUGBY

THIS was a happy but not too successful year in Junior Rugby. All matches were played with great spirit and no little enjoyment and our cup of happiness would have been full had we managed to bring some trophy back to our College. But that was not to be. Our team was small in size, and though all played with great enthusiasm and abandon that was not able to make up for the lack of inches.

During the first term we were short some of our regulars due to injury and sickness. We played a number of friendly matches, with wins and losses breaking about even. One interesting little sidelight on the kind of rugby played is that in totalling our scores for and against we found that in both cases the figure passed the hundred. So there was some open rugby.

After Christmas we were at full strength. We began training for our match with Waterpark in the first round of the Munster Cup. The match was disappointing. Waterpark was much bigger and heavier than we and they rather dictated the play. Early on in the match they went ahead with a beautifully kicked penalty. We tried our best to cross their line but to no avail. Some time later they got another penalty and so the score at half-time was 6-0. For most of the second half it was a forward battle. All the forwards played very well but could not overcome the disadvantage of height and weight. Then Waterpark scored a try from an "up and under." Brendan Ryan got our score, a penalty, late in the second half. Final score: 9-3.

In the City Cup there was no reason for awe. We played Crescent in Mungret. The match ended in a scoreless draw after a lively game. The replay was at Crescent's ground. The day was wet and, stormy. Crescent played with the wind and opened the scoring with an easy penalty. We fought back but did not score until the last minute of actual playing time. This was a beautiful try, started by Tom Quinn, carried on by Raymond O'Neill and finished by Brendan Ryan. We played extra time. Crescent scored a very good try towards the end of this period, and so the game ended 6-3. Now that all is over we would like to thank Father McDowell for all he did for us, and also all those who came out so cheerfully to help us in our training.

UNDER FIFTEEN RUGBY

THIS year, as so often happens, the under 15 team was made up of junior and under 14 players. This meant that they never got really used to playing together as a team, and so had to rely very often on opportunist methods of scoring. The first match, played at Glenstal, re-

sulted in a 9-0 win. A blind side pass to winger K. Dunne gave us an early try, and this was followed up later by two excellent tries by J. O'Flynn.

The second term brought us a rehearsal for the City Cup match against St. Munchin's. On a very wet pitch at Corbally, we lost rather unluckily by 6-3. K. Dunne scored our only try by dribbling a loose ball over the line. After this we approached the Cup game optimistically, particularly as we had the advantage of playing on our own ground. Once again it was a very evenly contested match, but St. Munchin's eventually came out the winners by 8-5, chiefly through greater cohesion and keener following up. Our points came from a fine dribble and pick-up by F. Wall, the try being converted by P. Connolly.

Our only other match was that in which we played the Crescent at Mungret. As Crescent found themselves unable to field their full team, the match resulted in a rather easy win for us.

UNDER FOURTEEN RUGBY

THE season began in early November with a 6-0 win against C.B.C. at Cork. The match was played in appalling conditions, so that J. Quinlan's drop goal was a wonderful tonic. Our only other score was a try by J. Mullen. A week later we travelled to Glenstal, P. Brogan's try being the only score on either side. Later in the month we met our old rivals the Crescent in Mungret. A few minutes from the end we were losing by a goal to a drop goal (once again by J. Quinlan) when J. Scanlon at out-half went right through the Crescent defence, showing his usual vigour, to make the final score 6-5. The return match was played just before Christmas, and we celebrated with two tries from M. Hayes and another from K. Roche which he converted himself. Crescent did not score.

The second term saw the visit of C.B.C. to Mungret, eager no doubt to avenge their former defeat. At first a quick try by our hooker, V. Goodwin, made it look as though Mungret might win comfortably enough, but soon our visitors settled down and the score kept mounting evenly until the final minutes when a penalty drop goal by J. Quinlan left us the winners by 14-12. We had tries by S. Dennison and J. Mullen, one of which was converted by P. Connolly. Our next visitors, Glenstal, turned out to be an easier proposition. Tries by J. Mullen J. Quinlan, M. Hayes (twice), K. Roche and B. Adams added up to a total of 22-0, in which J. Quinlan and K. Roche converted their own tries in a truly democratic spirit.

We ended the season by once again defeating Crescent, this time 13-0 at Mungret, the feature of the match being three fine tries by lock-

forward M. Hayes, two of which were converted by P. Connolly.

Looking back on the season it would be hard to find fault with the record—played 7, won 7. Yet it must be admitted that the chief asset of the team was its strong, mobile pack, and that the basic skills of quick passing, low tackling and straight running were often neglected. Except for a shortage of some real speed in the back division, however, the prospects for next season's under 15 team looks promising.

THE UNDER THIRTEENS

ALTHOUGH the number of boys in the school who qualify for under 13 rugby is less than fifteen, an interesting experiment was tried out

during the season. A team was fielded which we hoped would give the Crescent under 13 team a good game. As it turned out we proved too strong for them and won easily. At the end of the season the experiment was tried again and this time a weaker team drew 3-3 with the Crescent in Limerick, our only score being a try by K. Power. In a third match a week later at Mungret a slightly weaker team lost to a keenly trained Crescent side, so that the series ended level.

It would seem from these games that a team made up of our under 13s and those who are under age but not on the under 14 team is of just about the right standard for this type of rugby, and perhaps next season it could be used as a training ground for some of our up-and-coming players who so often show a keenness for the game that should not be left unrewarded.

INTERPROVINCIAL



RICHARD COOKE

ATHLETICS

North Munster Sports

(at Glenstal, 6th and 13th May)

TROPHIES WON:

SENIOR CUP
LIMERICK SCHOOLS CUP (tie with Crescent)
ALL-ROUND CUP (tie with Crescent)

MEDALS—29

1st in Senior 440—R. FitzGerald.	2nd in Junior High Jump—P. Kirwan.
1st in Senior 880—R. FitzGerald.	3rd in Senior 440—D. Hill.
1st in Senior Mile—J. Deacon.	3rd in Senior Hurdles—R. Cooke.
1st in Senior High Jump—R. Cooke.	3rd in Senior 3 Miles—J. Deacon.
1st in Senior Javelin—T. Sheehan.	3rd in Senior Triple Jump—F. Malone.
1st in Junior High Jump—S. Dennison (Record).	3rd in Senior Discus—T. O'Brien.
2nd in Senior 880—R. Cooke.	3rd in Intermediate Hurdles—V. Becker.
2nd in Senior Relay—D. Hill, D. Chambers, N. Browne, F. Malone.	3rd in Intermediate 880—M. Keane.
2nd in Senior Javelin—F. Malone.	3rd in Junior Relay—S. Dennison, P. Kirwan, K. Roche, F. Tully.
2nd in Intermediate 880—B. Lavelle.	Sixteen have qualified for the Munster Championships to be held in Cork on Saturday, 23rd May.
2nd in Intermediate Relay—V. Becker, B. Ryan, S. Roche, J. McShane.	

Munster Sports

(Cork, 23rd May)

1st in Senior Javelin—T. Sheehan.

Tie for 2nd place in Junior High Jump—S. Dennison, Ph. Kirwan.

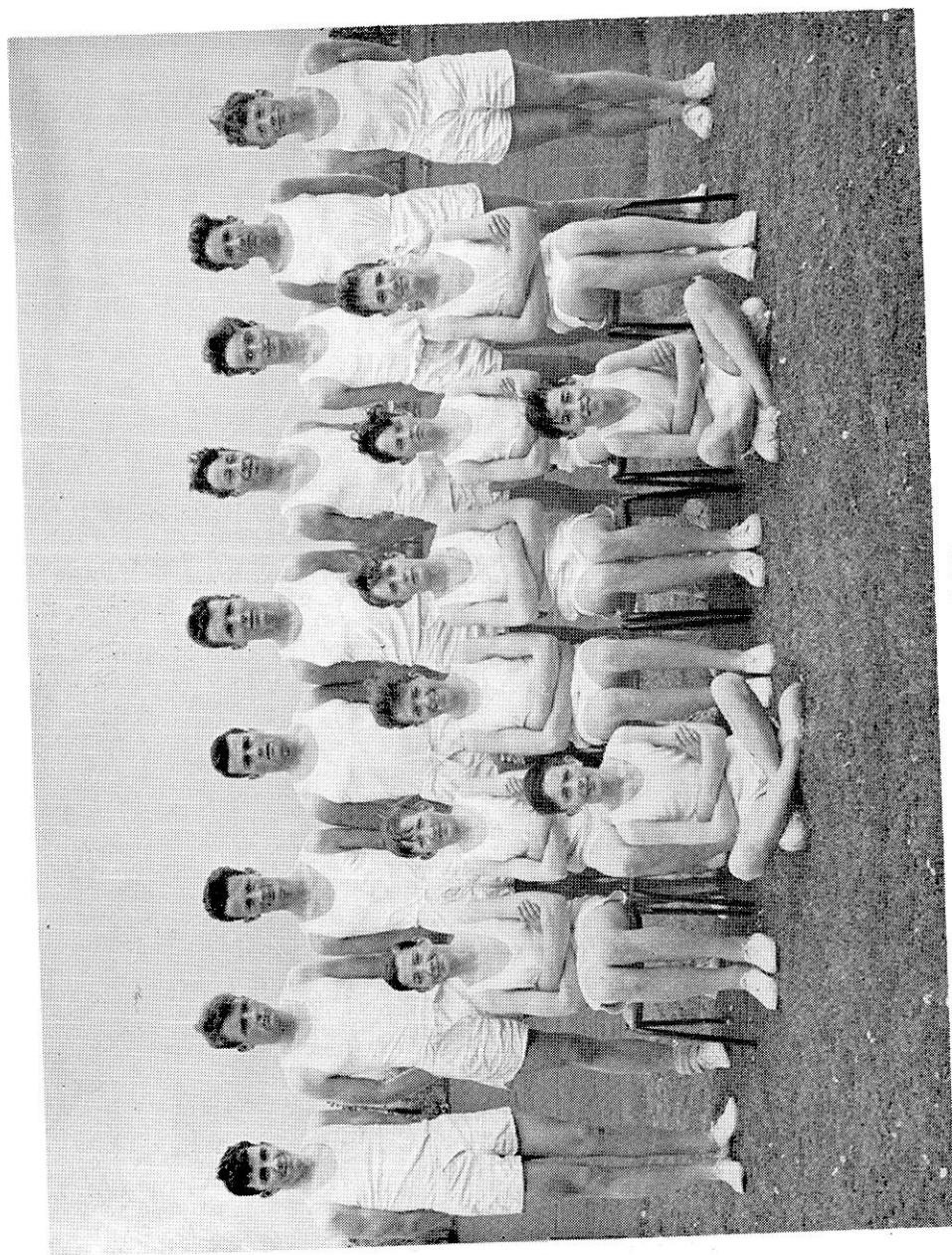
3rd in Senior 880—R. FitzGerald.

All-Ireland Sports

(Cork, 28th May)

FIRST IN SENIOR JAVELIN—Tom Sheehan.

Tie for 3rd place in Senior 880—Roger FitzGerald.



BASKETBALL

The winning League, composed of the three following teams:

Senior: T. Sheehan, B. Ward, A. Davis, D. O'Riordan, M. Hunt.

Intermediate: J. Donlon, M. O'Donnell, A. Crowley, V. Becker, J. Gaw (absent).

Junior: B. McMahon, M. Dwyer, J. Scanlon, F. Wall, P. Brogan, T. Haier, J. Glynn, A. Lavelle.

Late Vocations

The Apostolate of an Old Mungret Man

We asked PROFESSOR PATRICK F. FLOOD ('15) to give us some information about his work for the promotion of Late Vocations, for which he is well known in the U.S. This article is based on material which he kindly sent, with the idea (as he puts it himself) of 'encouraging apostolic endeavour by others.'

"What in the name of heaven are those men doing in this Latin class?" Professor Flood wondered, as he began his course in an evening school in New York. The appearance of mature men in his class, which usually attracted only youths working for college entrance, was, indeed, strange. The professor approached the group and asked a few questions.

"I hope to become a priest," explained one man. "I wanted to study for the priesthood when I was young, but I couldn't because my family needed the money I was making." "So did I," said another, "but my father became ill and needed my help just before I was to enter the seminary." Each man's story was that of a frustrated vocation that now would not be denied. Only a lack of Latin stood between the men and seminary life.

"Why don't you band together to encourage each other?" Professor Flood asked. They did just that—with his help, the St. Joseph Clerical Club was formed and incidentally, though he could hardly have realised it at the time, Pat Flood's long career of service to delayed vocations had started. That was way back in 1924, and to-day more than 300 priests are grateful witnesses to the value of this very real apostolate.

Patrick Flood is a Longford man—he was born at Granard in 1897. A few years after

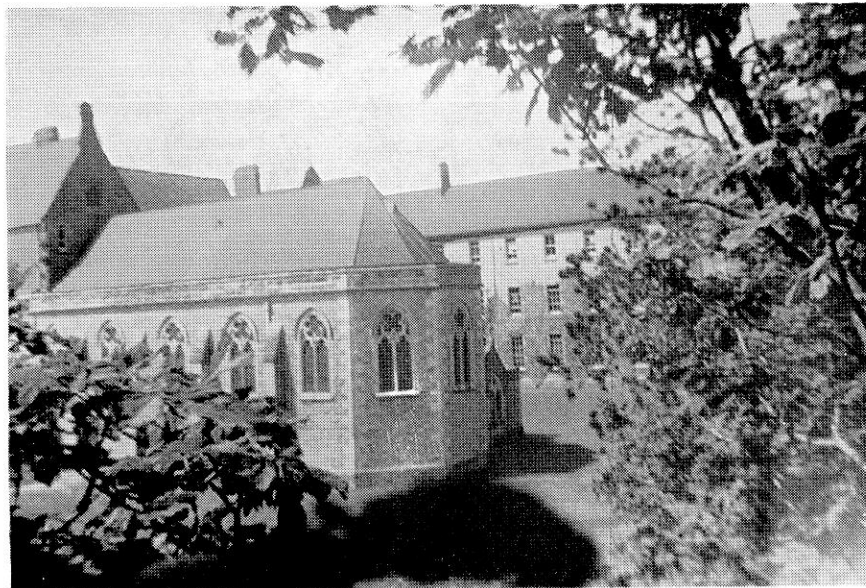
leaving Mungret he graduated from Fordham University, New York, and taught there for a while. Over the following years he was on the staff of a number of colleges in that city until, in 1955, he took a position at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, where he is at present the Registrar. That first contact we have mentioned with a late vocation group was repeated in 1933 and led to the formation of the St. Patrick Clerical Students Club. This time Professor Flood enlisted the help of a Jesuit as Spiritual Director and made sure that the organisation would stay alive even after his departure—the first club had lasted only as long as he was present.

More than two hundred members of the St. Patrick Club went on to study for the priesthood; forty strong they came to the meetings, and from every walk of life. Look at the list of members; what a cross-section of the community they represent! A judge, a doctor, a college president, a well-known orchestra leader, a policeman who had directed traffic at one of New York's busiest corners for many years, a postman, a jeweller, a mayor, a Wall Street broker; actors, plumbers, travel agents and many former servicemen. They and many like them, went on to become parish priests, directors of mission societies, monsignors, superiors of religious orders.

In 1959, under the patronage of the Bishop of Patterson, N.J., Professor Flood

established yet another group, the St. John the Baptist Late Vocations Society. In one year alone, thirteen have gone on from this group to seminary studies. And besides all this work of forming groups, the professor keeps sending out literature on the subject. His interest has served a growing demand. He would not wish to give the impression that he has been the only person active in this field; in fact there are other late vocation centres in America, with all of which he keeps in close contact. He is anxious to make known the real need for this apostolate—as he wrote recently in a letter to us: “Perhaps this article may result in the establishment of a Delayed Vocation movement in a place we least suspect.”

Despite the pressure of his normal professional work, his promotion of Late Vocations, his contacts with the Irish in America, Professor Flood still finds time and energy to have a very live interest in the progress of his old school and the affairs of the Union. Just at present he is very keen on forming closer links among the Past in America. In a letter dated April 23rd, 1964, he writes: “If you could put a note under the article, asking former Mungret students now resident in the U.S.—especially in New York State or New Jersey, or those who know of such—to get in touch with me at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, perhaps it would help. I hope some of my old schoolmates see my name and write to me.”



Extracts from Letters and Items of Interest about the Past

A Portrait of Christ made on Television

FATHER LAURENCE KEARNS (1925-28) has had many enthusiastic letters from people all over the country about the portrait of the Head of Christ which he drew during a television programme. We are happy to reproduce the portrait as well as the comments of “T.J.M.S.” in the *Irish Catholic* of March 5th, 1964. Father Larry’s work was on exhibition in Gill’s stand at the Dublin Spring Show and, for those who may be interested, full-size lithographic reproductions, framed in oak, may be obtained from The Committee, Manresa House, Dollymount, Dublin 3. Prayer-book size pictures are also available for a few pence.

Every night, right at the end of the Telefís Eireann programme, comes “Recollection”, a short talk given by a Priest or a Protestant clergyman.

How many people stay tuned in to this late offering? And how many, I wonder, watch it with interest and derive from it spiritual solace or inspiration?

I suspect that the numbers, comparatively speaking, are poor, but if many of the “Recollections” had the same polish, imaginative presentation and effective message as those recently presented by Reverend Father Laurence Kearns, S.J., the viewing audience would grow by leaps and bounds.

The idea of closing the nightly programme with a short talk given by a clergyman is one that was established in Independent TV and

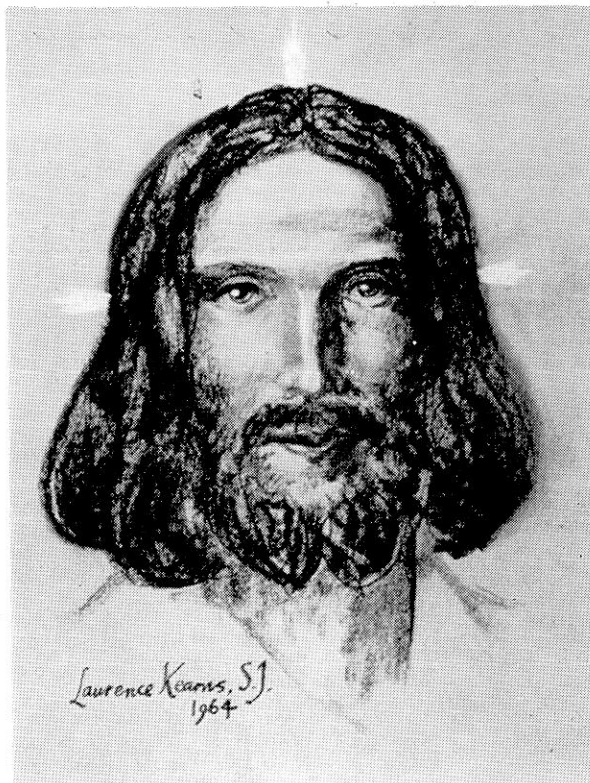
B.B.C. TV before Telefís Eireann came into existence. Not unnaturally the type of programme produced in each system tended to be the same. A clergyman sits down facing the camera and delivers his talk straight at his unseen audience. The basic in each case is a radio approach. The talk could be put over even if the TV screen were blank.

In general, the visual of the clergyman gives the TV presentation just that little extra piece of interest—but that is all. Otherwise it is pure radio technique. And at first sight it would seem that there was little else in the way of presentation that could be designed. But Father Kearns proved otherwise.

He appeared for his “Recollection” in front of an easel with a piece of charcoal in his hand and explained that he was going to try the impossible and knew in advance that he would not be successful. And with our attention roused he then proceeded to draw a representation of the face of Christ on his board. As he drew each feature, so he brought Christ nearer to us and, talking quietly and gently sketching, he used a visual to rivet our attention and to hold us while his gentle voice conveyed to us some sound and appealing thoughts. Father Kearns proved that a little imagination can transform any routine “programme” into something really worthwhile.

Not every priest can sketch as well as Father Kearns, but in future everybody who appears in “Recollection” will realise that sitting before and preaching into the camera are not enough. Something more in the line of a visual is needed. Meanwhile, our thanks and congratulations to Father Kearns for the valuable “break through” in the “Recollection” programme.

—“T.J.M.S.” in
The Irish Catholic



From the drawing made by Father L. Kearns, S.J.,
Manresa House, Dollymount, Dublin,
on the "Recollection" programme of Telefís Éireann,
February 26th and 27th, 1964.

A Tribute to Brother Murphy

With Bro. Murphy's reluctant permission we give an extract from a letter sent to him by FATHER WILLIE LANE (1941-46). The Editor believes that others of the Past will share in the sentiments expressed in the opening paragraph. Fr. Lane's address at present is: ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH, 8521 10TH AVENUE, S.E., EVERETT, WASHINGTON.

My brief visit to Mungret would have been enjoyable under any circumstances. Having the good fortune to meet you was indeed an unlooked-for bonus. I was delighted to see you looking so well and your memory of the boys and the doings of many years ago would do justice to one much younger in years than you yourself. It was good to see the place once again and to recall many of the happy times which we had, even in the trying days of the war years . . . in all that time you never left us without heat or light. Somehow you were always able to scrounge around and put everything in working order. There was not one student who did not quietly pay tribute to your great devotion to duty and the absolute generosity with which you gave yourself to your chosen vocation. Believe me, Brother, and I do not wish to test your humility, you were an inspiration to many of us during our stay in Mungret.

During my visit it was a treat to see the whole place looking so well. With your own long years of good maintenance now paying off, I am sure you are trying to groom someone else to carry on your fine work. The new addition is surely the result of long years of waiting and wanting, but now that it is there it is a credit to the architects and the builders and most of all to the administration who planned and prayed for the final reality. I am sure that it will be properly appreciated by the boys as it becomes part of the general programme by which Mungret strives to prepare all her graduates for a worthy place in the world.

This parish in which I am Pastor is a new one, founded only in 1957. As the founding "Father" I had the responsibility of choosing a site and beginning, literally 'from the ground up.' We now have a church and school at a cost of 500,000.00 dollars. Our people are very generous and by degrees we are paying our debts. This summer we have to have two new classrooms (they are now almost complete), and in September we will open bids for a new convent which will be in the neighbourhood of 135,000.00 dollars. All these temporal things sometimes invade our time too much. . . . That is why it is important that we have the constant fervent prayers of our friends. . . . I hope I will be in

yours in a most special way. Should any of the old gang be back in Mungret from my time there ('41-'46) be sure to give them my regards. As for the staff, I am not aware that any of my old teachers are there now, with the exception of Mr. O'Brien. If he is still there, bring to him my warmest personal greetings and good wishes.

Navy Chaplain

Rev. Fr. Roche, Superior of the Apostolic School, has kindly allowed us to give some of the following letter which he received from FATHER BRIAN KANE (1954-56). Fr. Kane's present address is: SAINT VICTOR'S CHURCH, 8634 HOLLOWAY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES 69, CALIFORNIA.

Greetings from sunny California! I was happy to see in the recent *Mungret Eagle* of the progress being made with the building programme at Mungret. It is sad to see that Nurse Corrigan has retired. She was kindness itself to me.

As I understand it, you like to hear of the activities of the "Past" when they write, and my career so far has indeed been interesting. From Mungret I came to Camarillo Seminary, California, for Theology and Ordination to the Priesthood. I had the privilege of saying one of my first Masses in our Chapel in Mungret.

For a short period I was Assistant Pastor at the famous old Mission of San Juan Capistrano. Then to Granada Hills for a year as Assistant Pastor and three years ago I came to Hollywood as Assistant to one of Mungret's famous Past, the Right Rev. Monsignor John J. Devlin (1915-18). He is the West Coast Director of the Legion of Decency and one of the advisors on Cardinal McIntyre's Council. Here, along with the usual duties of the Assistant, teaching school, instructing converts, etc., I have helped with the technical direction in making motion pictures, revising scripts, etc. I even have the questionable distinction of instructing and receiving one or two movie stars into the Church. For all that, Hollywood is just what you might expect it to be—a den of iniquity, even if we have some outstanding Catholics here.

In the very near future I will begin what may be considered a new career. I will be commissioned an Officer in the United States Navy and will be a Catholic Chaplain for some years to come.



Father Kingston (standing in centre) assists his Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. McCoy, W.F., during a ceremony in Oyo Diocese, Nigeria.

African Chief

During the year FATHER THOMAS KINGSTON, W.F. (1940-42) had an unusual distinction conferred on him; it is described in the news report that follows, taken from the "Irish Independent" of January 23rd.

In gratitude for his year's work among them, a Nigerian tribe has made an Irish missionary priest their Chief. He is Rev. Father Thomas Kingston, who comes from Bantry, Co. Cork, and he has been given the beads of a Yoruba Chief and the name "Chief Majeobaje."

Normally, a chieftaincy is conferred at the king's palace, accompanied by pagan ceremonies. This time, however, the ceremony took place at the parish church following Mass, celebrated by the chief-elect, and the confirmation of new converts.

There are about eight White Fathers working with Father Kingston in the Diocese of Oyo, where the Bishop is Most Rev. D. Owen McCoy, W.F., who comes from Ballina. His parish has 28 sub-stations and 16 primary schools.

Father Kingston, who was educated at Bantry C.B.S. and Mungret College, Limerick, was ordained in 1947 and left immediately for Nigeria. He came to his present station in Ilesha about six years ago.

The chieftaincy is an honorary title which entitles the holder to sit on tribal council meetings and to give his advice. He may also wear the insignia of a tribal chief.

We wrote to Fr. Kingston to ask about his work and the event described above, and he very kindly sent us the following:

I've been known in Ilesha since 1949 but I've been resident here for the past eight years. Ilesha parish is a large and far-flung one—some Outstations are fifty miles away. I am the Superior of the Mission and Parish Priest and also in charge of schools, 13 Primary and 3 Secondary Modern. I am continually on the move trying to make sure that all Catholics (we have about 15,000) will have a chance of the Sacraments at least once a month. We have churches in 33 centres and here in Ilesha have just completed a large one, seating 4,000. In the past four years we have also managed to build six smaller churches in the district.

I go to prison regularly (as visitor, please) because I am chaplain and 'official' visitor to the Federal prison. I test the beds and taste the food of the prisoners and send my reports to the Government.

One evening in June 1963 a group of ten Chiefs came to the Mission campus and handed me a small scroll in yellow parchment. Written on it were the words—I quote verbatim—"Reverend Father Thomas Christopher Kingston . . . the King wished you to accept a Chieftaincy. Title Chief Majeobaje of Ijeshaland". I scarcely knew what they meant. I told them I was ready to accept anything I could get for nothing!

Later that day the phone started ringing every two minutes and people started telling me that Radio Nigeria had published the news that I had been made a Chief.

The ceremony itself was performed by the King, accompanied by all his chiefs, at the entrance to the Church and after a High Mass at which I was the celebrant. The Bishop of the Diocese presided. Christians of all denominations, together with their pastors, came to the ceremony. It was a bit exciting when the King placed the two strings of red cowrie beads round my neck and the guns boomed.

You asked what events led up to the giving of the title . . . really there was nothing more than I've narrated. I just did my job no better than anyone else, or no worse.

Since I left Ireland immediately after my ordination in 1947 I've spent only seven days in the country and had no chance of calling back to the College. With love and gratitude to Mungret and the staff and students.

REV. THOMAS C. KINGSTON, W.F.,
Chief Majeobaje.

A Review

JOHN A. DOWLING (1937-38) is General Editor of the new guide-book for the Shannon Basin which appeared during the year; we give it an enthusiastic, if brief, welcome:

THE SHANNON GUIDE—A NAVIGATIONAL PILOT, FISHING AND TOURING GUIDE. (Produced and compiled for Irish Shell and B.P. Ltd. by Irish Editorial Services and Assignments, 6 Ashtown Grove, Navan Road, Dublin 7.) Editors: John A. Dowling, John Weaving (Navigation), Dom Roche (Research), Eric Erskine (Gazeteer). Design by Ray Carroll. Technical and Typographical Adviser: Ernest White. Dublin: The Earlsfort Press. Pp. 100. Price 12/6.

"There has, in recent years, been a great increase in interest in holidays afloat . . . The Shannon offers unrivalled opportunities for cruising and I am convinced that when these facilities and the wonderful scenery in the area become better known we shall see the numbers using the Shannon waterways growing substantially. This publication is an absolute 'must' for those interested in sailing or cruising holidays in the area. Nature has also generously endowed the Shannon basin with flora and fauna, and I am sure that anglers and naturalists will welcome this publication for the information it contains on these features." These words are taken from the short Preface contributed by the Minister for Transport and Power. We might go further by suggesting that "The Shannon Guide" will be welcomed by an even wider public; not only the botanist, the angler and the sailor but anyone interested in our greatest river and the people who live along its banks will find this production of absorbing interest.

A quick glance at the ground covered by the Guide will show how comprehensive is the treatment given to the River Shannon and its basin. First we are introduced to the tourist aspects of the river, and Desmond Fennell pens a vivid impression of the district near the source. The course of the Shannon, flora and fauna of the basin, fishing facilities, navigation and canal approaches, the river through history—all are treated, to be followed by detailed navigational instructions, with clear charts of the various stretches of the river. Many may find the Gazetteer—which follows, running to 51 pages—the most interesting half of the Guide. It has very full information on all localities in the basin. In an Appendix on the estuary Limerick City and places in the hinterlands North and South are also treated very fully.

One is inclined to use a number of favourable superlatives speaking about this new production: enough to say that it appears to us to be of a very high standard in its general lay-out, in illustration and content. For some—those who come to the area with the special interests we have mentioned—"The Shannon Guide" will be a friend that they would be unwise to ignore; for the general public it will be a most welcome addition to that growing volume of literature about our country, literature that is at once informative, clear and attractive.

Hotel Work in Switzerland

Early in the year we had a visit from LOUIS O'SULLIVAN (1957-60) who sent us the following letter shortly after his arrival at The Hotel Beau-Sejour, Chateau d'Oer, Switzerland.

I intended to write sooner to thank you for showing me around and for sending me the Mungret Eagle. It was great to go back to the College again and to meet someone who remembered you. I must say that Mungret has changed a lot in the few years since I left—the boys have everything now; I am sure they are proud of their school and they have reason to be.

I arrived here about a week ago. The first few days were bad but now I am into the way of living here. Having been in the place last year was a great help—but still it is not home. The district I am in is a winter resort and at the moment it is the middle of the season. The work is hard and the hours are long—twelve or more a day—but it is worth it for months as the experience is wonderful. There is very little to do here except work and sleep, not that we have much time for anything else.

I finish here at the end of March and then I hope to go to the Great Southern Hotel in Killarney. God speed the day. It will be great to be home again, there is no place like it! I would very much like to get the Mungret Annual this year; if it comes out before my return please let me know the cost and I will arrange to have it sent on to me from home.

U.C.L.

The letter which we reprint next appeared in the "Irish Independent" on Sept. 28th. It was written by GERARD O'CONNOR (1944-48) and in setting forth some of the arguments for a University at Limerick it recalls an important epoch in the story of Mungret College:

Sir—The articles by Dom Francis McHenry, O.S.B., in the *Irish Independent* of September 18 and 19 were of absorbing interest to the Limerick University Project Committee. The learned writer has shown from the start his sympathy with our efforts for a University with a comprehensive set of faculties. Some months ago he lectured to our Council on the matter contained in these articles. But there are other reasons. Here are some:

1—Limerick's is the only claim for a University before the Commission on Higher Education. It is fully documented. We gave oral evidence on our submitted statement at two full days' sessions of the Commission. It is the only claim because Limerick is the only centre where a University would be viable. We have one-sixth of the 84,000 secondary students of the State in our area. Official statistics show that the number of secondary students in proportion to population is highest in Limerick City and County, followed by Clare, Tipperary, Kerry and Cork in that order.

2—Limerick has two institutions of a university nature in full operation. The Mary Immaculate Training College, the only teachers' training college outside Dublin, 240 strong, is equivalent to a Liberal Arts College of the highest standing in its student body and teaching staff. The students are all undergraduates of N.U.I. The Teacher's Diploma gained by over 100 students each year confers exemption from the First Arts Degree examination. Thus, we have in effect over 300 students awaiting our Arts Faculty from this College alone. The Limerick Regional General and Maternity Hospitals, in addition to the specialist services, conduct post-graduate courses for the D.C.H., L.M. and F.R.C.S. Degrees. It is interesting to note that Cork is hoping to acquire an institution of this nature and equipment.

3—We have a background of University education. In 1882 Mungret College was formed by the Jesuits. It had the good luck to have in its community a group of brilliant French scholars, headed by the Comte de Maistre, S.J., who were forced into exile by the anti-clerical government of Jules Ferry. From the start, the College directed its studies to the full university degree course. It was the only College outside Dublin to do so, if we except the three Queen's

Colleges and Magee College, Derry. Bishop Butler had his seminarians for Limerick Diocese educated there. For 25 years the College described itself in its annual and its prospectus as University College, Mungret. This light of learning was extinguished by the Universities Act of 1908. The last rector of the faculty, Rev. Edward Cahill, S.J., fought valiantly for its life, even seeking affiliation with University College, Cork, which, as Queen's College, it had so often beaten in the number of Arts graduates and in distinctions gained.

Thus, in striving for University status, Limerick seeks restitution as well as justice.

GERARD O'CONNOR

"Ardeevin," North Circular Road,
Limerick.

Hand-Weaving Specialists

Among those present at the Union Dinner in the College were JOHN CROWE (1917-19) and his son JIM (1952-56) and we asked them to give us some idea of the work of their Weaving firm which has achieved great success in the short time since its foundation:

The Killaloe Weaving Company was founded about six years ago and now produces the lightest weight handwoven pure wool fabric made in Ireland. The project began with one loom and the directors are proud of the fact that they are now giving employment to between 70 and 80 people in the area, in their divided interests of hand-weaving and hand-knitting. 1964 saw the first collection of hand knits produced by home knitters in the Killaloe area.

The range of products at present includes pure wool gosomer stoles, scarves, headsquares, Crios's, knee rugs and other lightweight fabrics. And it is good to see an expanding export market—in America and Britain, Italy, Sweden, Denmark—in fact, at the end of last season the firm exported 'Coals to Newcastle' by fulfilling a big order for one of the leading firms in Australia.

All the products show in their shading the pronounced influence of Maureen Evans, who has been associated with the firm for the past few years as colour consultant and advisor. She is well-known to leading world firms for her excellent prediction in colour and fashion for the seasons, and makes frequent visits to the various markets abroad.

The Company aims at gradual expansion and the entry into still further foreign markets. The future looks good for this Irish exporting firm which has already achieved a high reputation abroad.

News from South Africa

Last year's Editor received the following letter from FATHER PATRICK QUIRKE (1952-54). He is working in Cape Province and gives some interesting information about his surroundings. Father Quirke is stationed at the Izeli Catholic Mission (P.O. Box 125), King William's Town.

It was very kind of you to let me have a copy of the *Mungret Annual*. I was really delighted to receive it. It was very interesting to read about the old Alma Mater and I can assure you that I recalled many nostalgic memories. I only spent two years at Mungret and I cannot say that I have been a very faithful past student. Yet there is something about Mungret that even now calls me back. It just shows that it is only when you are far away that you realise how much you have loved a person or a place.

Anyway, with God's help when I go home on holidays in 1967 I hope to have the privilege of saying Mass at the High Altar where I served Mass 10 years ago (it will be 13 years then). This is something that I look forward to now, especially that your Annual has established a new link with the Past and the Present.

Well, I am now a year and a half in South Africa and I must say that I like it very much. I was really worried coming out here. But it was all unfounded. There is as much danger if not more in any other country as there is in South Africa. I am on a native mission, and I find that they are a wonderful people to work with, although at times it is very difficult to understand them. After all I suppose that this is only seeing that they belong to a different culture. My biggest problem is the language, Xhosa. I am supposed to learn Afrikaans as well (that spoken by the coloureds and the Afrikaners). I have had a few chances to study Xhosa, so that at least I can know what the people are saying. My problem is how to answer. Of course I have a native catechist who interprets for sermons and instructions and also when necessary on visiting. I try to carry on the best I can on my own. They say it is the only way to learn.

My Bishop is very keen that those priests on native missions get an opportunity to learn the language. Already I have had two study periods, one of two weeks and one of three. Now I am supposed to be revising and putting into practice what I have learned. But one so quickly forgets and it is practically impossible to get down to the language and do your ordinary mission work as well. Just one of the problems of mission life.

The African is an institution in himself and I am often told by the older priests that it takes a lifetime to understand him and often a life-

time is not long enough. Many of the African customs are very unusual at first sight. For instance, when you are visiting in the morning you find the women spreading cowdung on the floors of their huts. They regard it as we would as a disinfectant. The huts, which are made of mud and are circular, have no chimneys. Yet fires are lit in them even on the hottest days. You can imagine how sore the smoke is on the eyes. Of course the women do all the work and the men like to sit around and watch and entertain visitors. They love talking and time means nothing to them. You say you are having an instruction at 10; you can be sure that most of them will turn up about 11. There is something of the Irish spirit in this aspect of their character!

They have many what we would call crazy customs, but there are very good reasons behind most of them and they are certainly one of the greatest ways of preserving tribal identity—which is most important, especially to the Amakhosa. Our main job is to try to christianise these pagan customs, following in the footsteps of our great apostle, St. Patrick.

A Practising Deacon

FATHER HUGH P. CLEAR (1944-50), who is at present doing graduate studies at Washington University, sent us some amusing information about his early career. A native of Limerick, City, he belongs to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

After completion of studies in Mungret College I went to St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California, where I was ordained in 1954. However, I was not ordained with my proper class in May—on account of my age I was deferred until November 1st of that year. In the meantime I was assigned—while yet a deacon—to my parish (St. Luke's, Temple City). I had the unusual distinction of being a practising deacon for two months prior to ordination: regularly preached, baptised and administered Holy Communion, gave convert instructions, etc. The parishioners, during that interval, called me "the expectant father!" I am proud to say that I was ordained to both Subdiaconate and Priesthood by a distinguished Mungret alumnus, Most Rev. Timothy J. Manning.

A Jubilarian in Texas

This summer RT. REV. MSGR. D. P. O'CONNELL (1906-11) celebrates the golden jubilee of his Ordination and we print some extracts from a tribute in a local (Galveston) paper. We are happy to do this for the added reason that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Hilda O'Connell, has been working extremely hard to ensure the success of the Garden Fête for our Building Fund.

If you ask anyone in Texas—and possibly the nation—who is “Father Dan”, there would be a resounding chorus: “He’s Galveston’s beloved priest, the Right Rev. Dan P. O’Connell, Rector of St. Mary’s Cathedral, who has shepherded his own flock and those of other denominations since his advent on the Island.” There is something dynamic about Father Dan, as he is universally called. There is no line of demarkation in his practices of the humanities and he goes his humble way, helping those who need his aid, cheering those who are laden with sorrow, doing his daily good turns in the service of the Lord. Added to his personal appeal, his inherent love of peoples of all faith, there is a delightful sense of humour which makes those who know him seek his friendship.

Willing to assist in every community project to promote the furtherance of Galveston’s educational, cultural and civic welfare, Father Dan is invariably the centre of any movement for betterment here. He has been a member of the Galveston Rotary Club for many years. He is also affiliated with the many Catholic organizations in the city and has been honoured on countless occasions. Father Dan speaks of his varied experiences here with a twinkle in his eye. His recount of an escapade with a burglar back in 1948, who in no uncertain terms demanded that he open the safe and give him the church collections which were in money bags in the vault, is amusing. Father Dan crawled out of bed, acting considerably more decrepid than in reality, and he lammed the intruder with all his might with a monk’s book-end, and he crumpled to the floor. Father Dazio, who likewise was in

the room, a former football player, added the finishing touches. And after it was all over the two priests voiced their sympathy for the robber, and declared, if they were on the jury, he would go “scott free.” Father Dan has been the delight of the scores of reporters who have served on the local newspapers throughout the years. Excellent copy at all times, with a treasure-house of memories and interests, Father Dan reflects the courageous spirit of the early pioneers which has made the Island so eminently distinctive.

The Restoration of an Abbey

We reprint here an extract from *Oibre*—the bulletin of the Commissioners of Public Works—which tells something of the part played by FATHER TOM EGAN (1924-26) in the work of Restoring Ballintubber Abbey.

“Ballintubber Abbey was founded for the Augustinians in 1216. The chancel and transepts of the church remained in continuous use even after the suppression of the monastery in the sixteenth century, but the nave, the domestic buildings and the cloister of the Abbey fell into ruin and became largely obscured by debris. The Rev. Thomas Egan, C.C., foresaw that the ruined portions could be excavated and presented to show the whole layout of the Abbey; it was on his initiative that the ruins were placed in the guardianship of the Commissioners in 1963 and works began in April of that year. A complete archaeological excavation of the site has been undertaken; when the full findings of the excavation have been analysed some interesting light will be shed on living conditions in the Abbey as well as on the form and construction of the buildings. Hundreds of fragments of the cloister, windows and doorways have been found and it is intended to reconstruct some of the cloister arcade and reinstate some of the other features. Throughout the work the Commissioners have been greatly indebted to Father Egan, who has given them every encouragement and co-operation in the work.”

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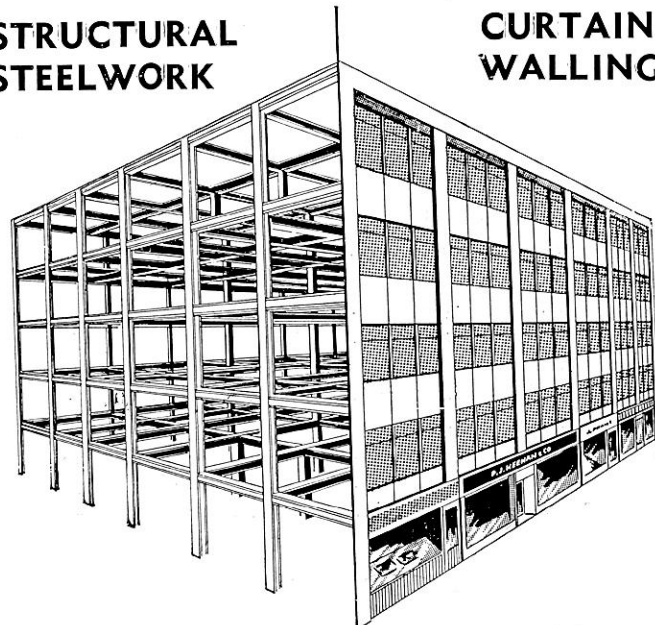
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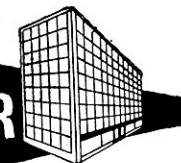
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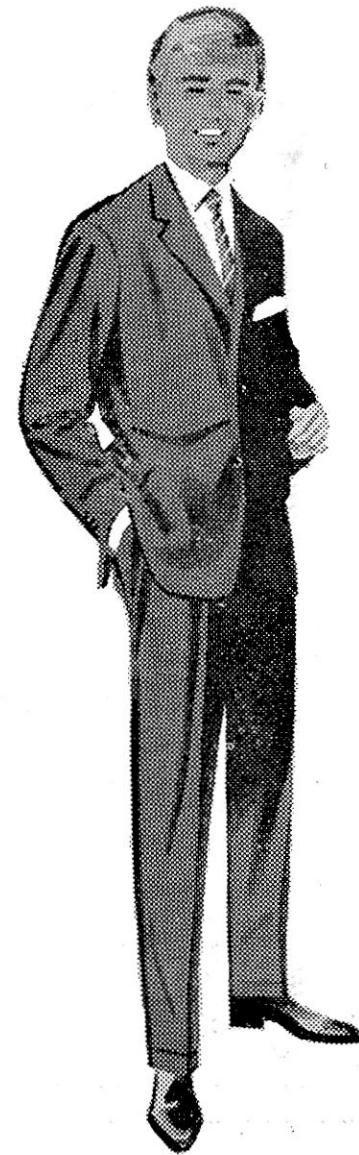
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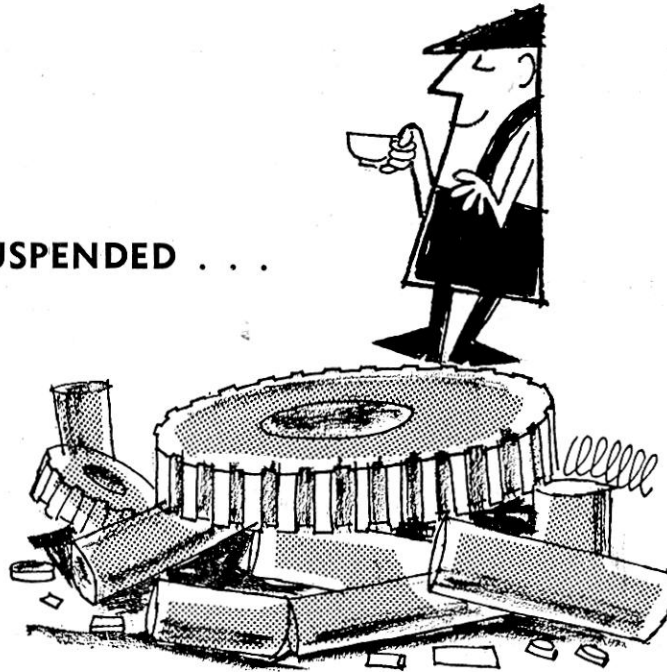
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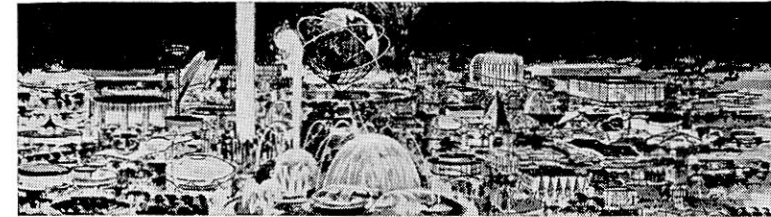


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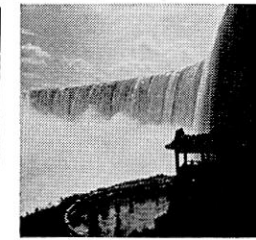
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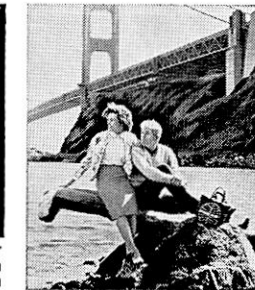
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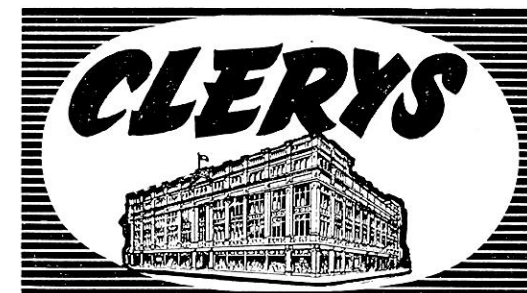
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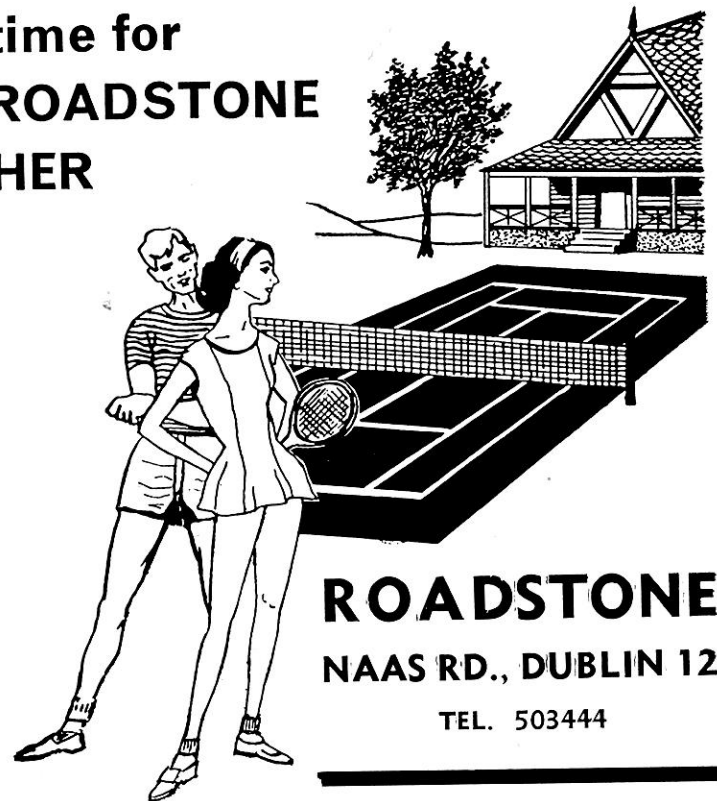
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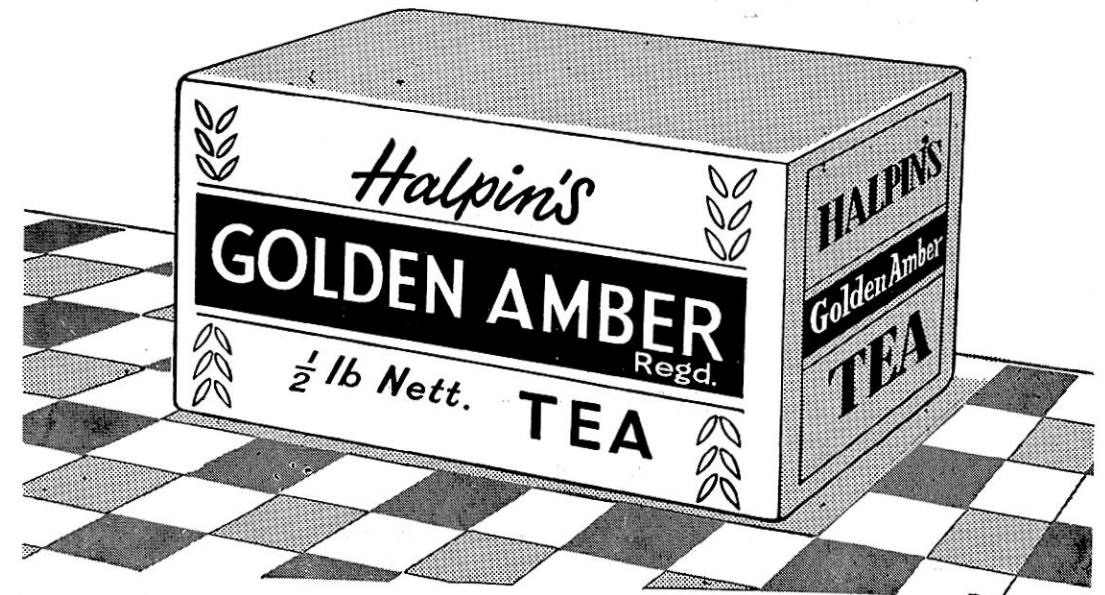
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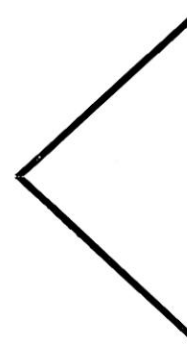
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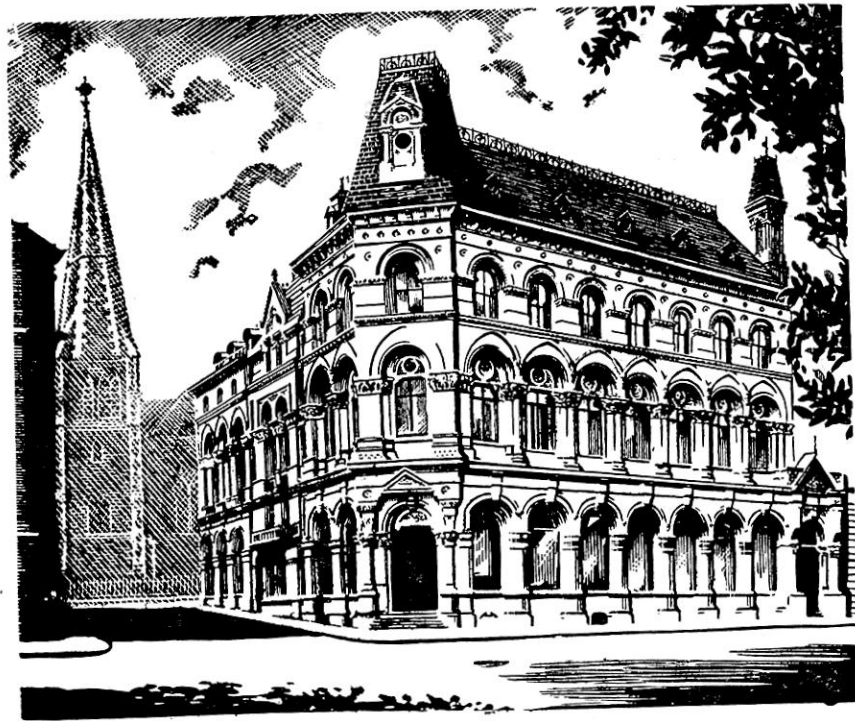
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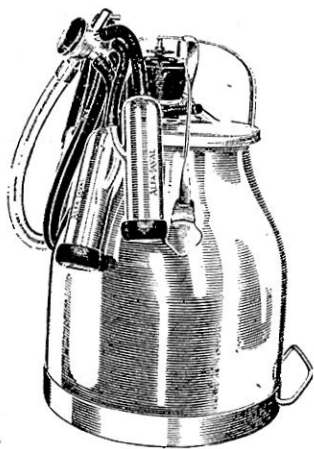
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