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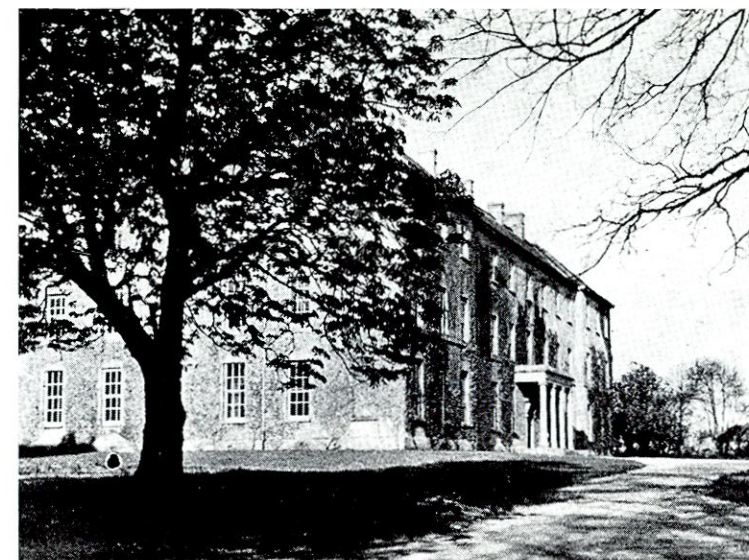
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*"Last Supper": by EVIE HONE: Stained glass window  
in the Chapel of the Jesuit Retreat House, Tullamore, Offaly.*



## Editorial

In view of the many developments of religious, national, social and cultural significance in recent years, it has been our aim in recent issues of the Annual to present the activities of the College against this general background, and to show the extent to which such developments are reflected in the life of the College.

At a time when so much attention is being given to regional planning in various spheres, we feel that it is of interest to include in the Annual a feature on some cultural aspects of the Limerick Region. It is natural that our College, situated as it is in the heart of the Limerick Region, should reflect the interests of that Region. As will be seen from the figures given in the Report of the Prefect of Studies, while

our pupils are drawn from all over the country, a considerable proportion (23.5 per cent.) come from the Limerick Region. In any educational establishment, it is, of course, desirable that local patriotism should be cultivated, together with the broader interests of the country as a whole.

It is desirable, too, especially in these times when the outlook is more international, not to lose sight of wider horizons. We have here in Mungret College a long tradition of missionary service, particularly through the Apostolic School. We still have in our midst young men who are preparing for work as priests in dioceses in the U.S.A., South Africa, Australia and other countries and it is to be hoped that such links with various countries overseas will be maintained.





Mungret College

Among the anniversary occasions which occur this year, there are some to which we should like to refer here. We join in congratulating the Redemptorist Fathers on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick. We also extend our good wishes to the Society of St. Columban (Maynooth Mission to China) on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee (1918-'68).

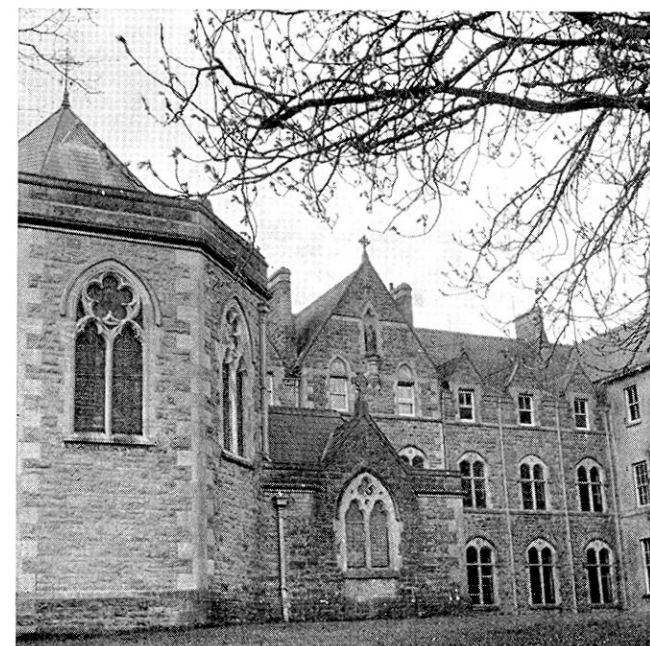
As last year's Mungret Annual was published in September, and the 1968 Annual comes out in June, this year's number covers a shorter period. It deals with school activities only up to the Easter vacation; but it includes the Report of the Annual General Meeting of the Mungret Union, which was held

shortly after Easter. Other news of Past Students is to be found in the special news sheet the *Mungret Eagle*, of which issues appeared at Christmas and Easter.

We again express thanks to Father Rector for his generosity, encouragement and advice in connection with the production of the Annual, to all the members of the Community for their co-operation, and especially to Mr. Godfrey O'Donnell, who acted as business assistant. We also wish to record our appreciation of the work of Mr. R. O'Keeffe and associates of the Irish Pictorial Engraving Co., Ltd., Dublin, in the making of blocks; and of Mr. J. A. O'Donovan and staff of the Limerick Leader Ltd. in the printing and production.



A view of the new East Block







# The Ardagh Chalice

Discovered 100 years ago (Sept., 1868)  
by a young farmer while digging potatoes  
in a rath at Reerasta, near the village of Ardagh, Co. Limerick.

*Date : early 8th century A.D. Silver. 7" high.*

*"The chalice is beyond question one of the masterpieces of its time."\**  
(Dr. A. T. Lucas, Director, National Museum of Ireland).

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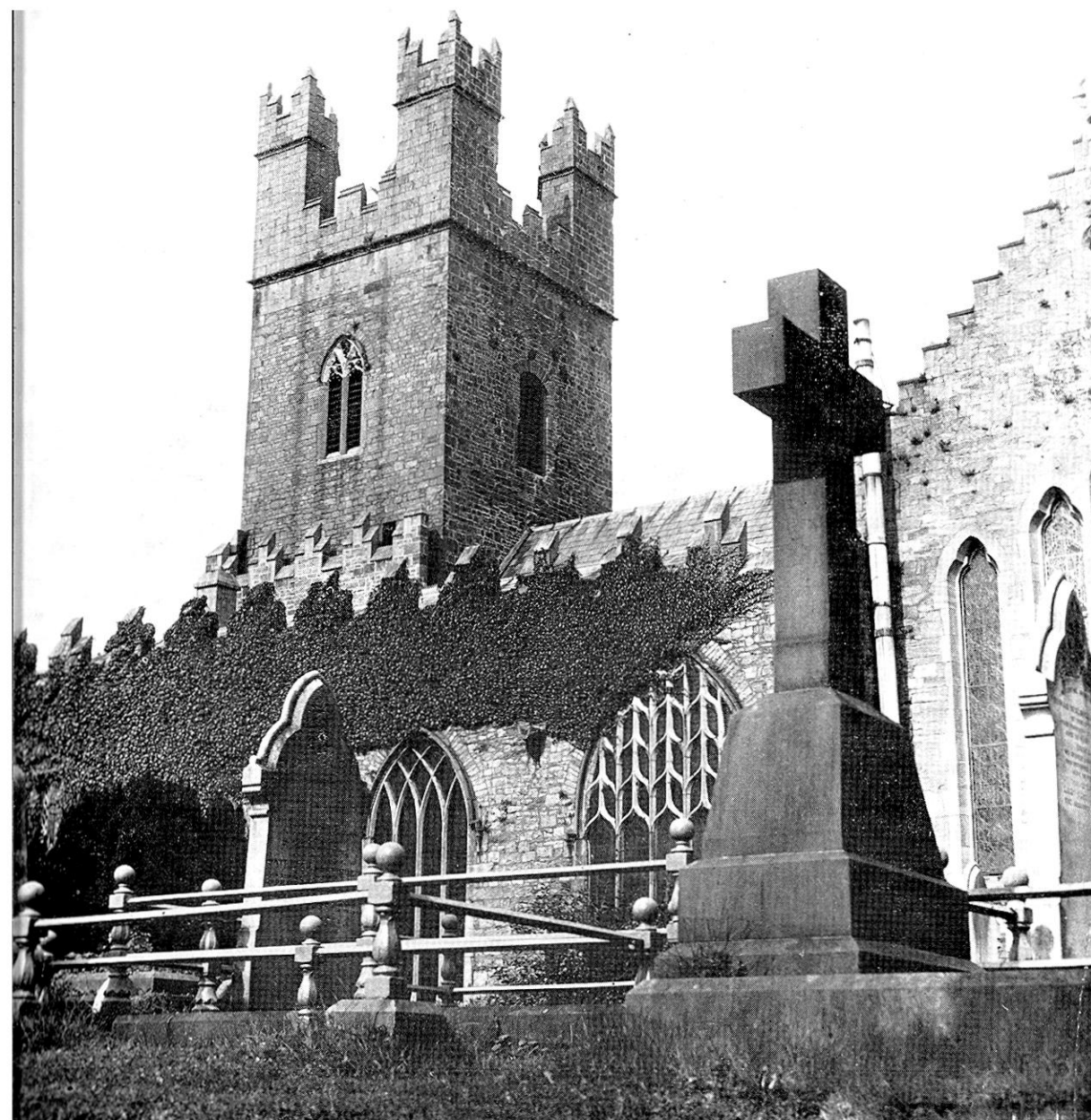
ARDAGH CHALICE

(Block by courtesy of the Thomond Archaeological Society)

ABOVE : DETAILS OF BASE

(Photo : National Museum of Ireland)

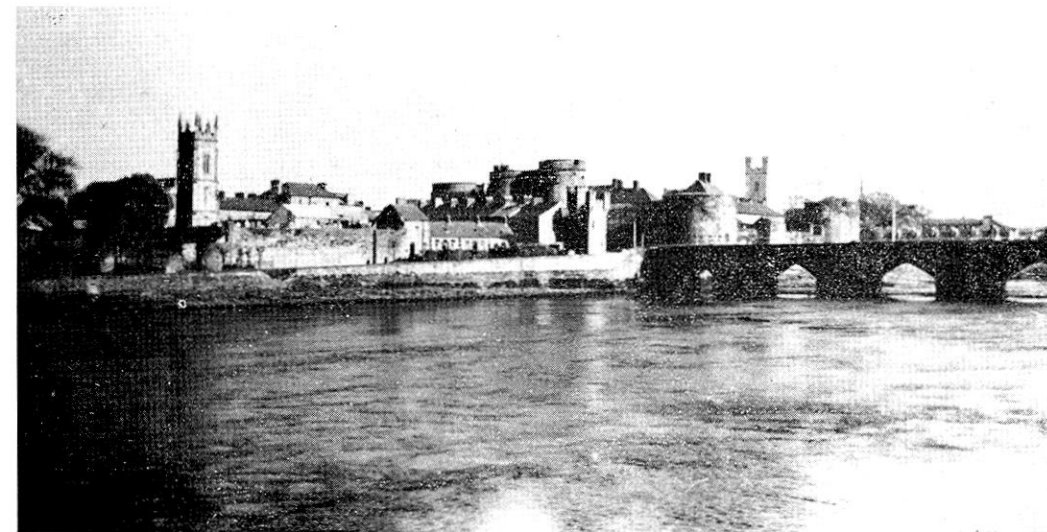




*Bord Fáilte*

St. Mary's Cathedral, LIMERICK

The 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral is being celebrated this year.



A view of Limerick near Thomond Bridge

**NORTH MUNSTER STUDIES : ESSAYS IN COMMEMORATION OF  
MONSIGNOR MICHAEL MOLONEY.** Edited by ETIENNE RYNNE.  
THOMOND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, LIMERICK, 1967. pp. 533

It is fitting that the late Monsignor Moloney, who had such a wide and profound understanding of Irish history, should be commemorated by a volume which covers a wide area of knowledge in a scholarly manner. In all, thirty-seven distinguished contributors deal with as many subjects — ranging from archaeology through history to folklore.

To comment on thirty-seven contributions would be impossible in a short review. The reviewer can only draw the reader's attention to a few of those essays which he himself found particularly interesting. Among these may be listed "Brian Boruma, King of Ireland" — a twenty-page contribution by Fr. John Ryan, written with a characteristically light touch which cannot

conceal the author's unique grasp of early medieval Irish history; "The Plundering and Burning of Churches in Ireland, 7th to 16th Century" by Dr. A. T. Lucas — a very well documented account of church burnings deliberately perpetrated century after century by Irish, by Norse, both pagan and Christian, by Anglo-Normans and by English or by combinations of Irish and Norse and Irish and Norman; the clue to the burnings and plunderings of churches and monastic buildings lying, in Dr. Lucas' view, in the custom of sanctuary; "The Siege of Limerick, 1690" by Dr. Simms; and "Irish Soldiers of the '45" by Dr. Hayes-McCoy. Finally, there is an essay by Dr. Robert Cussen which will have a wide appeal for the general reader, and



especially for Limerick readers — “Caleb Powell, High Sheriff of County Limerick, 1858, Sums Up His Grand Jury.” The essay presents Powell’s memoranda on each of his Grand Jurors. It is an interesting document, dealing with names long associated with Limerick city and county — the O’Gradys, O’Briens, Roches, Gubbins, Lloyds, Bourkes, Sheehys and Lyons, to mention family-names still happily surviving; and the Masseys, Delmeges, Maunsells and Friends, who have left but their name. The Friends, probably the least familiar of these names, were Cromwellian settlers who settled in Boskell, Co. Limerick. Towards the end of the 18th century Boskell was occupied by Benjamin Friend, who had an iron leg which many thought the softest part of him. During the 19th century the family lands passed to the Roses of Ardhru House (“Rose’s Avenue”), Limerick, and they, in turn, in the 20th century, gave way to the Ryans and other native families, who had kept their grip on holdings in the area through two centuries of misfortune. Thus the land reverted again to its native owners.

The wide range of subjects covered in “North Munster Studies” has made it almost impossible to link together the various topics treated; there is a lack of chronological order in the placing of the historical essays (Brian Boruma, for example, is squeezed in between two contributions on the eighteenth century); and individual readers may be disappointed by the absence of any treatment of the Limerick area for the 15th and 16th centuries. Such criticisms however may seem captious in view of the overall impressiveness of so large a work and the generally high standard evinced in the contributions. It contains much material of interest to the serious student of Irish history and archaeology, and much enlightening information for the general reader.

T.M.



## St. Brendan the Navigator

One of last year’s biggest news stories was the attempt by a Breton and a Nova Scotian to sail from Ireland to Canada in (what they were pleased to call) a currach. The would-be voyagers had hoped to prove that St. Brendan had sailed to America fourteen centuries ago.

The reason they failed was that they simply had no knowledge, evidently, of the type of vessel used by the Irish mariner-monks. Certainly, St. Brendan and his fellows would have been horrified at the suggestion of crossing the Atlantic in a canoe.

Irish sailors, from very early times, journeyed back and forth across the Irish Sea and the English Channel. Indeed, many authorities hold that the Gaeil, the last Celts to colonise the country, sailed directly from the coast of Spain; that invasion took place about a century before Christ. Of one thing we may be certain: such a voyage was not made in canoes.

In fact, Irish mariners — especially the sailor-monks — ranged so widely and so fearlessly that it has been suggested that it was they who gave the Vikings their early knowledge of ship-building. After all, Irishmen reached Iceland, Scandinavia and even Lapland centuries before the Vikings reached Ireland. Iceland was, of course, first discovered by the Irish — and settled by them.

Nobody calls more attention to this latter fact than the Icelanders themselves, who claim to be part Irish and show tremendous interest in Celtic studies. Our sailor-monks, sailing far beyond the Hebrides, recorded icebergs and the Aurora Borealis.

Obviously, a much more sophisticated vessel was used for such voyages than Capt. Louis Lourmais or his companion realised when they attempted to follow in Brendan’s wake in their canoe!

## Folktales of the Irish Countryside

by Kevin Danaher

MERCIER PRESS, 1967.

Once upon a time, people used to amuse *themselves*, you know — and the night was often too short for those past generations. The reason why is indicated by the 40 folktales Limerickman Kevin Danaher, a Mungret College past-student, heard as a child.

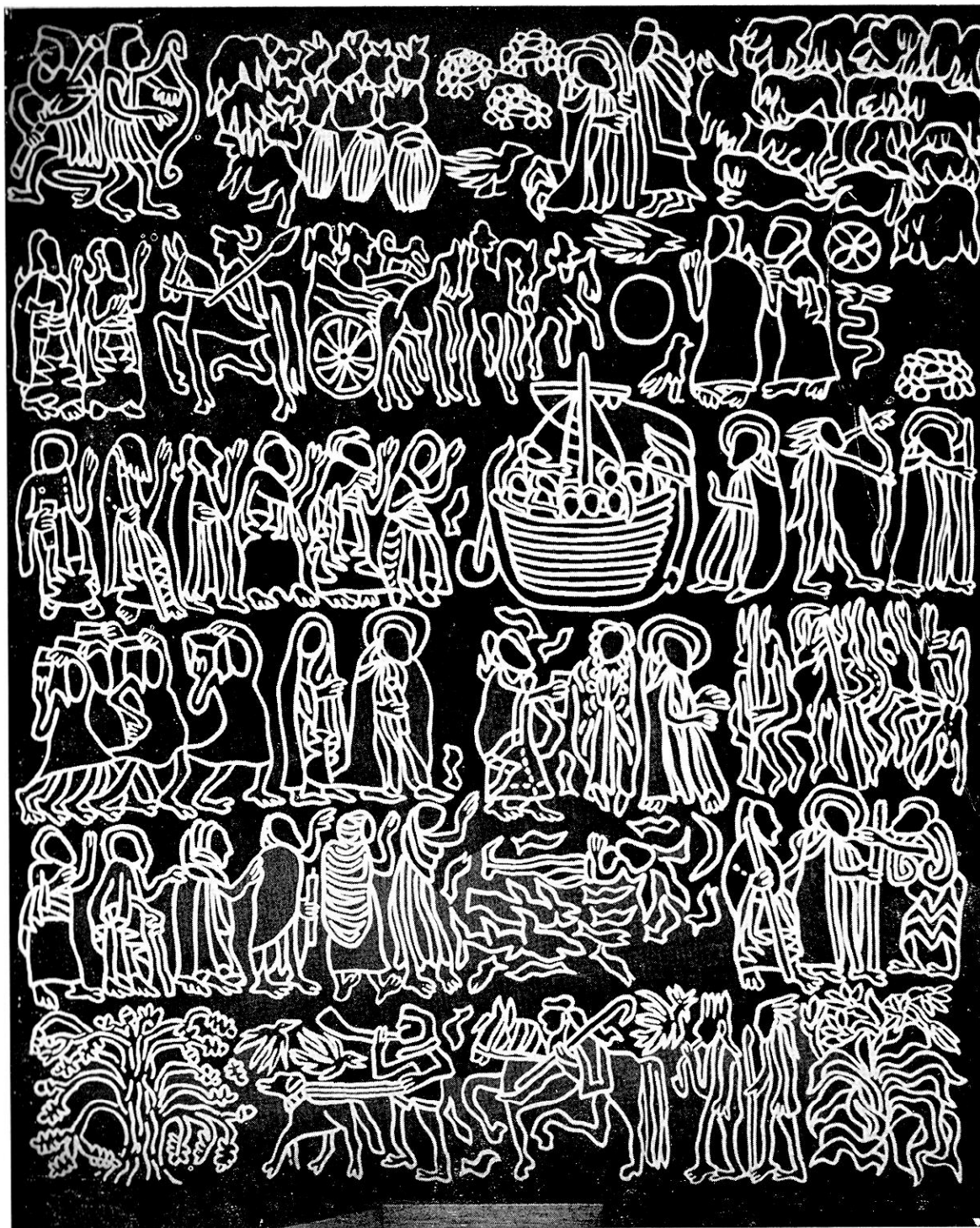
Some 26 of these are international — folkstories are, perhaps, the most cosmopolitan feature of Irish culture. This collection, with its very useful introduction and notes, should assist in dispelling the regrettably common notion that such books are merely a contribution to the children’s Christmas literary market. But anyone — children included — with the smallest spark of “soul” will enjoy this book.

It is also a scientist’s book: the folklorist deals with the study of man. Social history here links arms with social anthropology, with exteriorations of deep psychological forces. Perhaps a few myths seem somewhat trite? From such as these, a philosopher will one day sift out “the germinal ideas and fundamental data of humanity’s moral experience” — (Maritain).

The title (while valid) might have been more definite. I would have liked more notes, especially on the Irish language background. But it would be unfair to demand such in a popular book of this kind. Surely I ought to be satisfied with the immense enjoyment the stories themselves afforded me?

—C. T. Ó C.





The story of St. Brendan the Navigator.

Tapestry designed by Louis le Brocquy.

Woven by Tabard Frères & Soeurs, Aubusson (Creuse), France, 1963-'64.

Commissioned by P. J. Carroll and Company, Ltd., Dundalk & Dublin.

### Roman galley

We know that the early Irish vessels must have been quite big, for when the Roman Empire was breaking up, our forefathers raided from Wales to the Alps, taking home captives and booty. In 404, Niall of the Nine Hostages was killed in a naval engagement with a Roman fleet off the Isle of Wight. So much for canoes!

Early Irish vessels must have been some thing like those of the Romans. We tend to forget that the Romans possessed the greatest sea-power the world had seen up to medieval-times. They passed this knowledge on to the Celts of Gaul and Spain, some of whom (the Veneti, for instance) were renowned as mariners already.

The Roman warship was a galley — man did not come to rely almost completely on sail-power until the 13th century or thereabouts. It has as many as three banks of oars, but with only a very small beam in the bows. Irish vessels would not have risen so high above the water, our seas being much rougher than those of the Mediterranean, but they would probably have retained the high bow so characteristic of the later Viking raiders.

Brendan's ship was said to have carried 60 men. Adamnan's "Life of Columcille" is full of references to the sea and to sea-faring; it mentions nine different types of vessel. Viking sagas tell us that the Irish monks reached America in such boats and were settled with their followers when the Norsemen arrived in their longboats.

### Saga heroes

It is interesting to note that among the saga heroes there are obvious Irish names: Njal (Niall), Kormak (Cormac), Kjartan (Cartan). But the question arises — if the Irish had been such fine seamen, how was it that they had little or no defence against the Viking raiders? Possibly there is some truth in the answer that, having accepted Christianity, our forefathers gave up piracy.

Much more likely is the fact that the Norse supremacy was due to their being the first people to adequately harness the winds. It is probably significant that their descendants, the crusading Normans, brought things a step farther.

Some Irish monks, such as Bro. Fidelis, sailed to the East. We know almost nothing of Fidelis the man; he was just one of the many who "journeyed for Christ." We do know, however, that he contributed much to the geographical knowledge of the western world during the Dark Ages.

### Geography book

Bro. Fidelis set foot in the Holy Land three centuries before the First Crusade; at that time, it was not realised that one could reach Palestine by sea. Sailing down the Nile, he made an exact measurement of the base of one of the pyramids, then sailed into the Red Sea through the already ancient Roman canal. He satisfied himself as to the exact location of the Crossing of Moses but, unfortunately, could go no further as his sailors grew overanxious.

Fidelis made this journey into Africa in the middle of the eighth century, that it more than six centuries before Vasco da Gama sailed round the continent. The great Irish geographer, Abbot Dicuil, listened when Fidelis gave an account of his explorations to Suibhne, abbot of one of the many Irish monasteries flourishing in the Frankish Empire.

Dicuil was well established in the court of Charlemagne and was doubtless head of the palace school. His geography, *Liber de Mensura Orbis Terrae*, in which he made use of Fidelis' accounts, dates from about 825. This, as Dr. Ludwig Bieler has stated, was "the best book on geography (written) during the early Middle Ages."

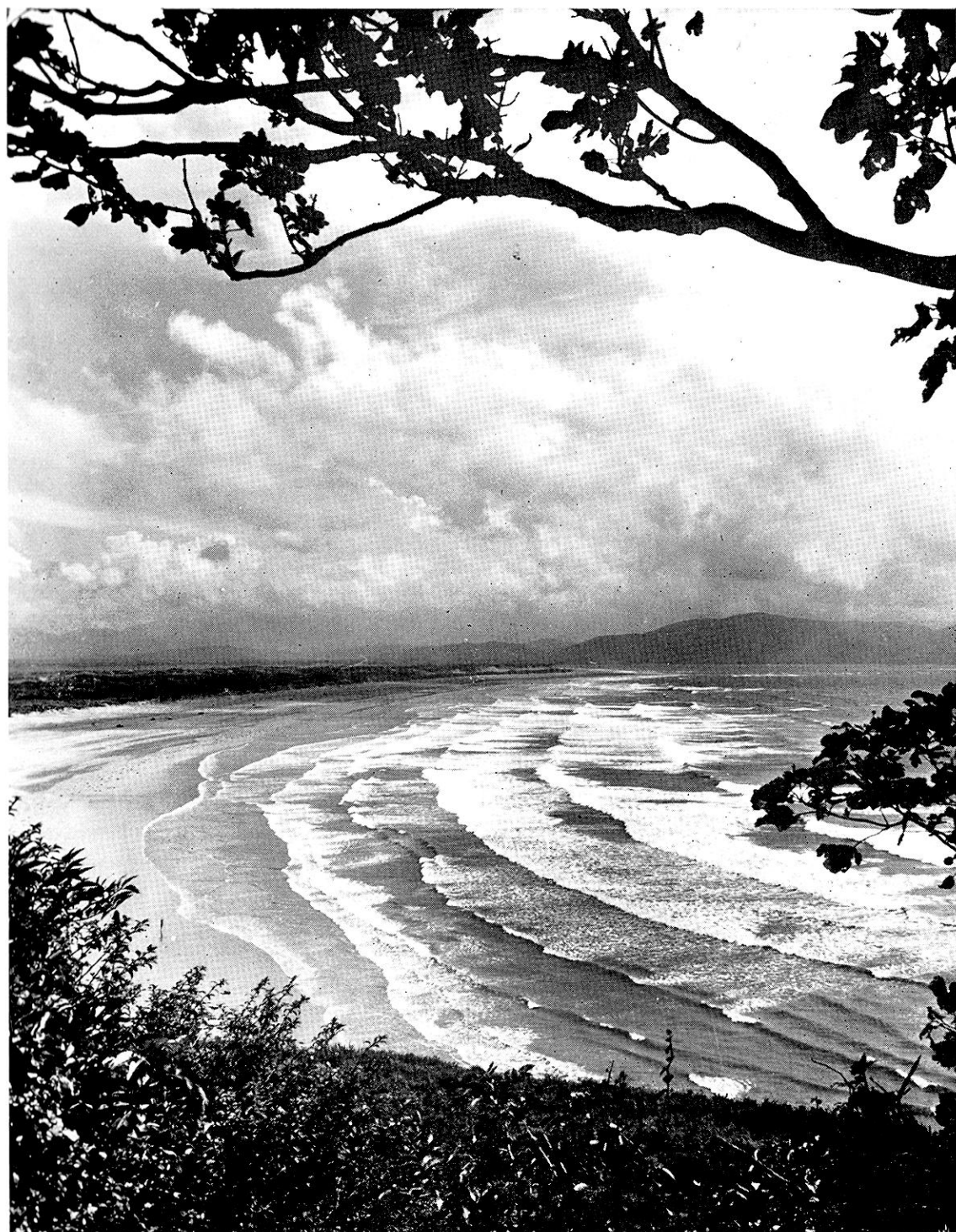
In it is contained the earliest record of the European discovery of Iceland, a thorough description of Ireland and Britain and such interesting asides as the habits of sea-birds in the Faeroe Islands.

Dicuil preserved and made known the geographical literature of the Romans from Pliny down to Isadore. In the section on north-west Europe, he adds in details of his own observation, for he seems to have lived in quite a few island monasteries.

And in his personal records and in those such as Fidelis' encounter with a man-eating lion or some unknown clerics' finding the sea frozen one day's journey north of Iceland, Dicuil recreates for us the excitement, the terror and the awe of those early Irish explorers.

C. T. O CEIRIN





*Photo*

INCH STRAND, CO. KERRY.  
Some of the scenes for the film of Synge's "Playboy of the  
Western World" were taken in this vicinity.

*Bord Fáilte*



*Photo*

The River Blackwater near Fermoy

*Bord Fáilte*





*Photo*

Cormac's Chapel, Rock of Cashel.

*Bord Fáilte*



The Rock of Cashel

## **CORMAC'S CHAPEL**

*An interesting essay by Liam de Paor, M.A., M.R.I.A., entitled "Cormac's Chapel: the beginnings of Irish Romanesque," is to be found in NORTH MUNSTER STUDIES, published by the Thomond Archaeological Society in 1967.*



*Photo*

Doorway, Dysert O'Dea Church, Co. Clare.

*Bord Fáilte*

Top (right): Round Tower, Inis Cathaigh (Scattery Island), Shannon Estuary.

Below (left): High Cross at Dysert O'Dea, Co. Clare.

Below (right): Gallarus Oratory, Dingle, Co. Kerry.

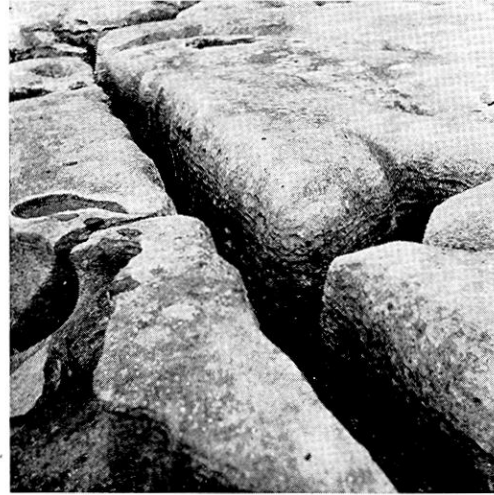




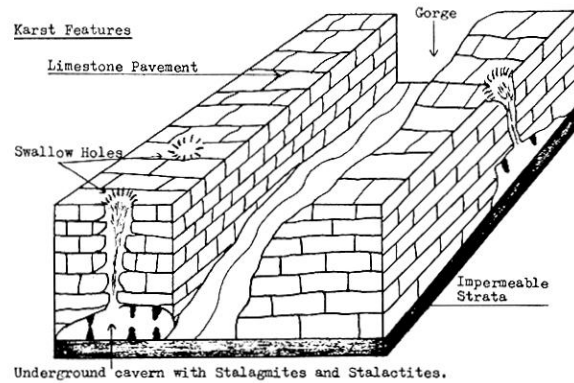
IN THE BURREN, NORTH CO. CLARE.  
ROCK FORMATION



"Gryke"



"Clint"



See "The Burren, Co. Clare" (Holiday Information Folder MWII, issued by the Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.).

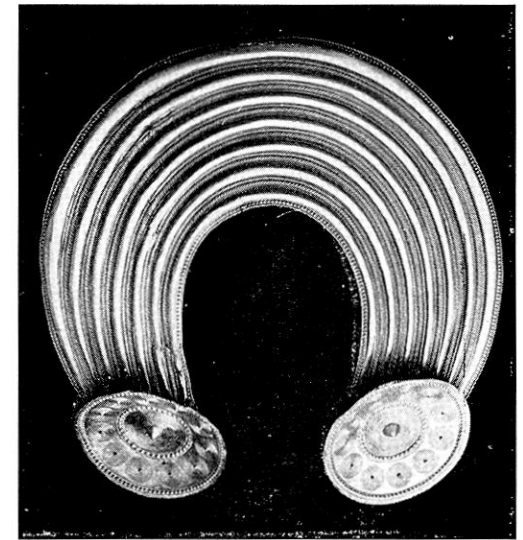
Right : Mitchelstown Caves.



See "The Caves of Ireland" by J. C. Coleman, Anvil Books, Tralee, 1965.



Dolmen in the Burren country,  
North Co. Clare.



Gold Gorget from Gleninsheen  
in the Burren country.  
(Photo : National Museum of Ireland)

## ÓR AS NA CREAGA

Ar an 17/1/1934, nuair a bhí an tUas Diarmuid Ó Glasáin\* ar chuaird ins an mBoireann, i gContae an Chláir, agus é sa tóir ar choiníní i nGleann Uinsín, in aice le Baile Uí Bheacháin, casadh fear óg air darb ainm Pádraig Ó Conalláin, a bhí ina chónaí ann.

Dúirt an fear seo leis gur aimsigh sé "rud ait" dhá bhliain roimhe sin. B'é tuairim a uncail gur phíosa de shean-chófra a bhí ann, agus nár cheart é a choimeád sa teach. Ansin thóg an fear scornán órga (a gold gorget or collar) amach ó chúl sceiche ag bun fhalla in aice a thigh.

Fén am sin is beag go raibh an dorchadas ann, agus bhí sé ro-dhéanach chun an áit ina d'aimsigh sé an scornán a iniúcadh. Dá bhrí sin thug an tUas Ó Glasáin leis é, agus chuir sé scéala láithreach chuig an Dochtúir Mahr, Coimeádaí Sean-Iarsmaí Éireannacha san Iarsmalann Náisiúnta.

Tháinig an Dr. Mahr go hInis ar an 19ú lá agus thóg se an scornán fén a chúram. Dhein siad mion-scrúdú ar an áit in ar aimsíodh é ar dtús. Scoilt a bhí san ionad sin, le cois charraige, de chineál atá dúchasach don mBoireann. Do réir dealraimh cuireadh an scornán i bhfolach ag bun na

carraige, os rud é go raibh sé sáite comh fada isteach agus ab fhéidir i ngág an-chaol, agus go raibh sciollán tanai cothrom dingithe os a chomhair amach. Tré sheans amháin a d'fhéach an Conallánach isteach sa scoilt, de bhrí go raibh a mhadra ar thóir choinín sa pholl. Iniúcadh an ionad go rí-mhaith ach níor fritheadh a thuilleadh.

Cé go raibh an scornán caite ar leataobh ar feadh dhá bhliain, bhí sé slán agus bail an-mhaith air. Bhí sé fillte beagán ar an dtaobh istigh mar bhrúigh an duine a chuir i bhfolach ro-theann ina an scoilt chaol é, agus cuireadh ding nó lug ar bhocóid an taoibh seo; bhí an bhocóid eile (an ceann is faide amach sa scoilt) slán.

Tá an áit in ar aimsíodh an scornán i lár dúthaigh an-iargúlta atá lán de iarsmaí ársa den ré réamh-Chríostaí. Is é seo ceantar creagach an Bhoirinn féin. Deirtear go ndúirt Ireton fén cheantar seo nach raibh le fáil ann "a dhóthain adhmaid chun fear a chrochadh, a dhóthain uisce chun fear a bháthadh, a dhóthain chré chun fear a chur." Is cinnte go raibh an fhírinne aige. Ach mar sin féin is dócha go raibh líonra maith daoine in a gcónaí ansin sa tsean-aimsir.

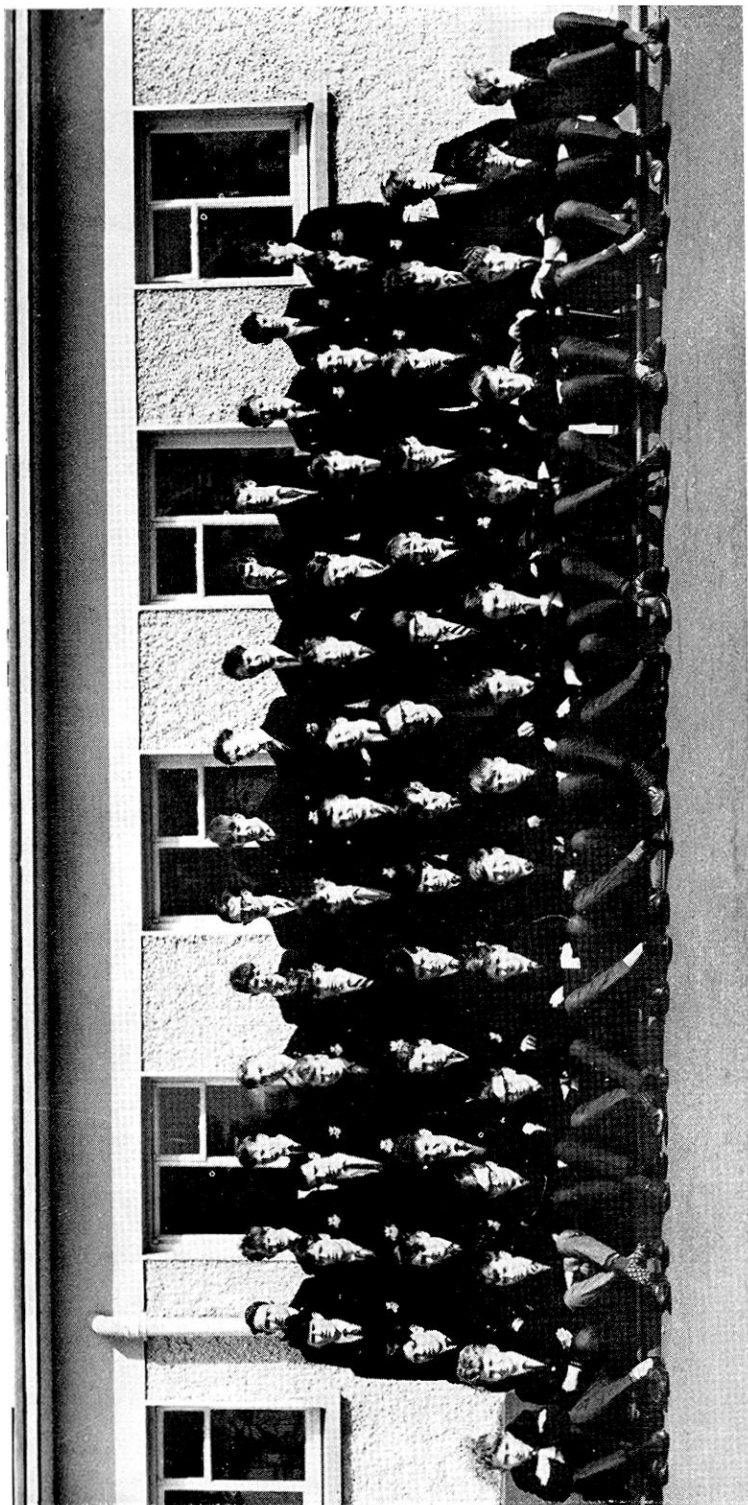
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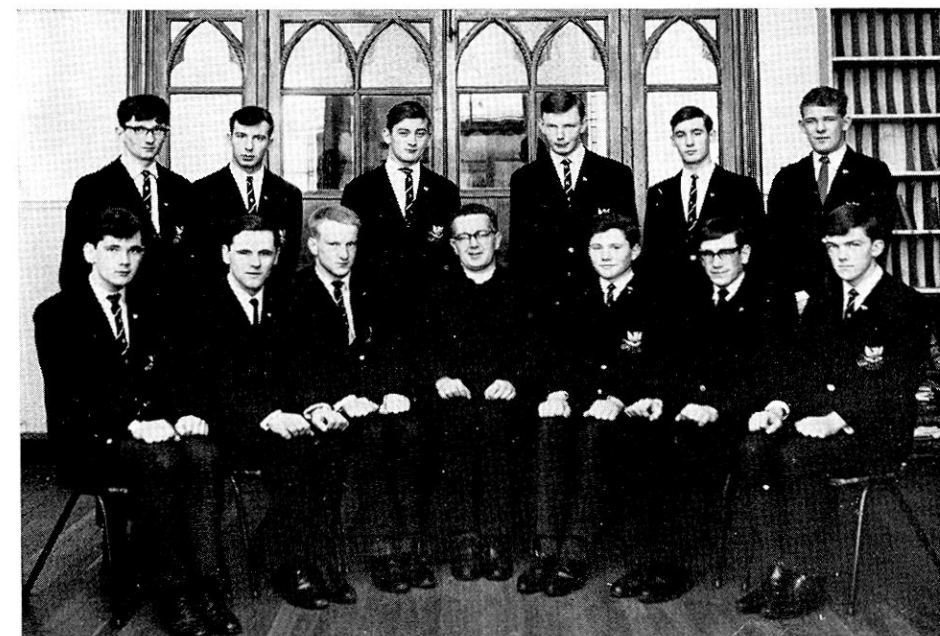
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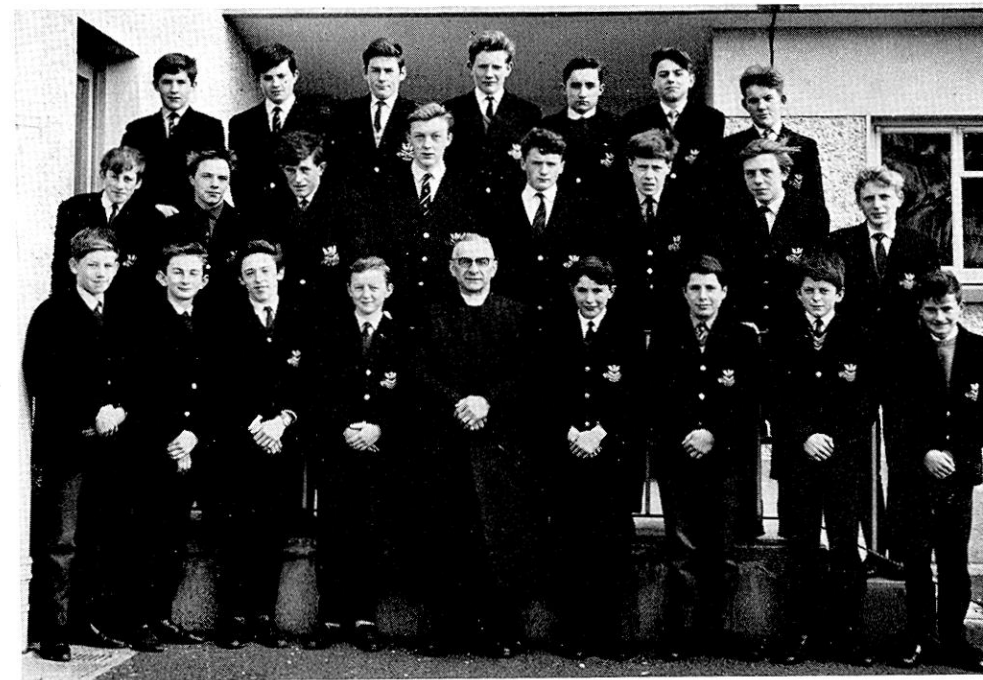
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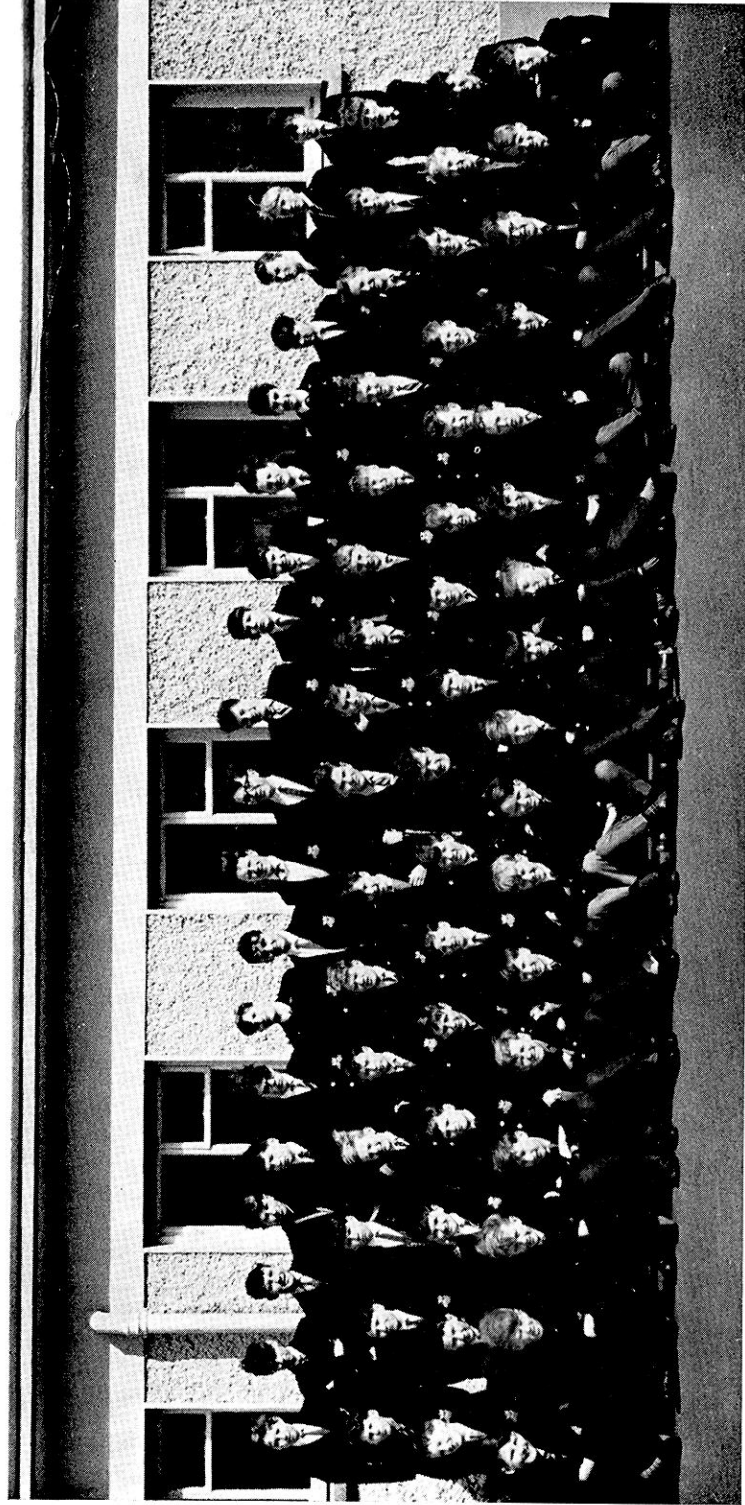
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## CLASS LEADERS



Standing: J. Cox, T. O'Neill, M. Lyons, R. Ryan, R. O'Toole.  
Seated: P. Brogan, B. McGrath, Rev. Fr. S. Timoney, S.J.; J. Bowen, T. Nolan.

## Prefect of Studies - Report

### Geographical distribution:

For interest sake, I give here the geographical distribution of Mungret secondary-school students for the year 1967-1968:—

Cork ... ..	35
Limerick (boarders, 28; day-boys, 24)	52
Tipperary ... ..	19
Mayo ... ..	18
Dublin ... ..	17
Clare ... ..	12
Galway ... ..	12
Kerry ... ..	11
Other countries (Kuwait, 5; U.S., 4; Bermuda 1)	10
Waterford ... ..	6
Meath ... ..	5
Wicklow ... ..	5

Offaly ... ..	4
Roscommon ... ..	4
Donegal ... ..	3
Kildare ... ..	2
Carlow ... ..	1
Leitrim ... ..	1
Monaghan ... ..	1
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Westmeath ... ..	1
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It will be noted that in the number of boarders Cork is ahead of Limerick and that Mayo retains its high place although it is geographically remote from Mungret. New pockets of students are coming to us from Leinster counties, but we have few (understandably) from Ulster.

### Entrance age:

Looking through the age-distribution of our classes (whose average size this year is a little over 22), I find that on average the boys are slightly young. We do not wish to take boys who are not already 12 years old. Our five-year course here — three years to Intermediate and two to Leaving — means that boys who come to us younger than 12½ years old are leaving at an age (17 to 17½) which is too young for post-secondary education.

### Advanced certificate:

There is a reasonable prospect of another year being added to secondary education within the next four years. This year will come after Leaving Certificate so as to enable a boy to study for an Advanced Certificate after he has selected a group of subjects. This will entail a certain amount of specialisation, but nothing approaching that prevalent in Great Britain — a specialisation which has faced mounting criticism there over the last twelve months.

### State Grants for Higher Education:

The Minister for Education, Mr. Brian Lenihan, on 19th April, 1968, revealed details of the student grant scheme for higher education. This scheme operates on a combination of student ability and family income. For the moment, it is restricted to students who attain four or more honours in the Leaving Certificate examination; grants are awarded on a sliding scale related to the family income, distance from a centre of higher education and the number of children in the family.

Maximum grants are available for all families with an income of less than £1,200 per annum; no grants are payable to families of over £2,600 per annum. The maximum grant payable is £300 per annum for each child qualifying under the scheme, and the minimum grant is £25.

### University entrance:

With reference to University *entrance*, two honours in Leaving Certificate in subjects recognised for Matriculation are a permanent requirement now, and, in addition, places are limited in the Architecture, Engineering and Social Science faculties (for Architecture a modern continental language is compulsory).

### Intermediate honours:

Next year, 1969, will also see an increase in the honours qualifying mark in the Intermediate Certificate from 60% to 65% — a rather surprising step in view of the canvassing quite recently of a system of grades.

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

All prospective pupils must sit for an entrance examination. The examination for the school year beginning September, 1969, will be held in January. Applications should be made in good time. A scholarship of fifty pounds per annum is awarded on the results.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul : Conference of St. Nessan.

## *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

### CONFERENCE OF ST. NESSAN

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, S.J.

PRESIDENT: B. Adams.

VICE-PRESIDENT: K. Power.

SECRETARY: Con McNamara.

TREASURER: J. Deighan.

#### Report:

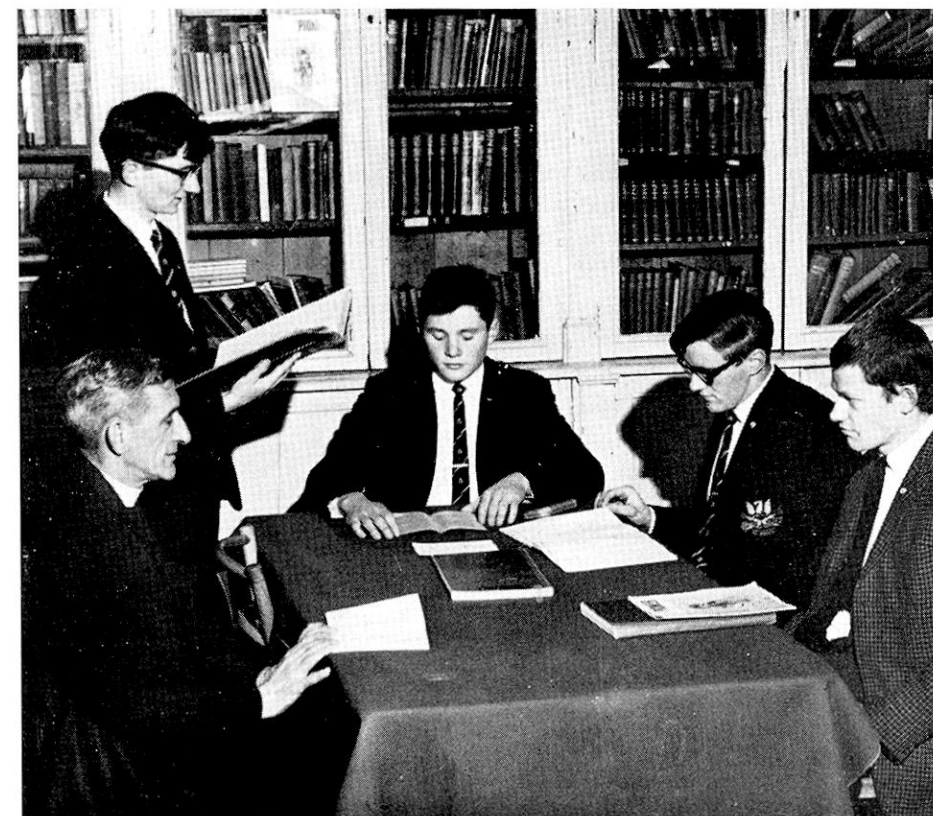
This Conference of 28 Senior boys met weekly during the term. The main external work was the visitation of two old invalid men each week, bringing them meals and firewood, and also supplying them with a radio. There is little poverty in the immediate vicinity of the College, and opportunities of helping others have been limited. But with a get-together of the Junior Conferences of Limerick city and the pooling of

endeavour and resources, it is hoped that the work of the Conference will expand in the coming year.

The Vatican Council has stressed the dignity of the human person, and that every man should have ready access to everything necessary for leading a life truly human, such as food, clothing and shelter. We must therefore regard him as another self, always helping him whether old, abandoned or hungry. This ideal must always be kept before the minds of the Brothers so that both now, and later when they leave school, they will play a still greater part in the Senior Conferences in their home districts.

The boys are to be thanked for their generous contributions to the funds of the Conference and for collecting clothes, books and the like for the Limerick Boys' Club.

—CON McNAMARA, Secretary.



Fr. A. Ennis, S.J., with members of Pioneer Council.

## *Pioneer Total Abstinence Association*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Ennis, S.J.

PRESIDENT: Con McNamara.

SECRETARY: John Deighan.

TREASURER: Pat Callaghan.

COUNCILLOR: Frank Phillips.

This year's Working Council got off to a flying start. Fortnightly meetings were held in the Masters' Parlour. On each Monday night the Working Council were present in a classroom, where they interviewed and instructed new applicants.

On the 10th December, 1967, a public reception was held in the Boys' Chapel for those wishing to become Pioneers. Rev. Fr. Spiritual Director carried out the ceremony.

Each year the Pioneers in the College attend the Annual Regional Rally. This year, however, due to unavoidable circumstances, the Rally was not held, to the disappointment of many.

The members of the Council wish to express their thanks to the Spiritual Director and to all the Pioneers in the College for their work during the year in promoting the ideals of the Pioneer Association.

J. DEIGHAN.



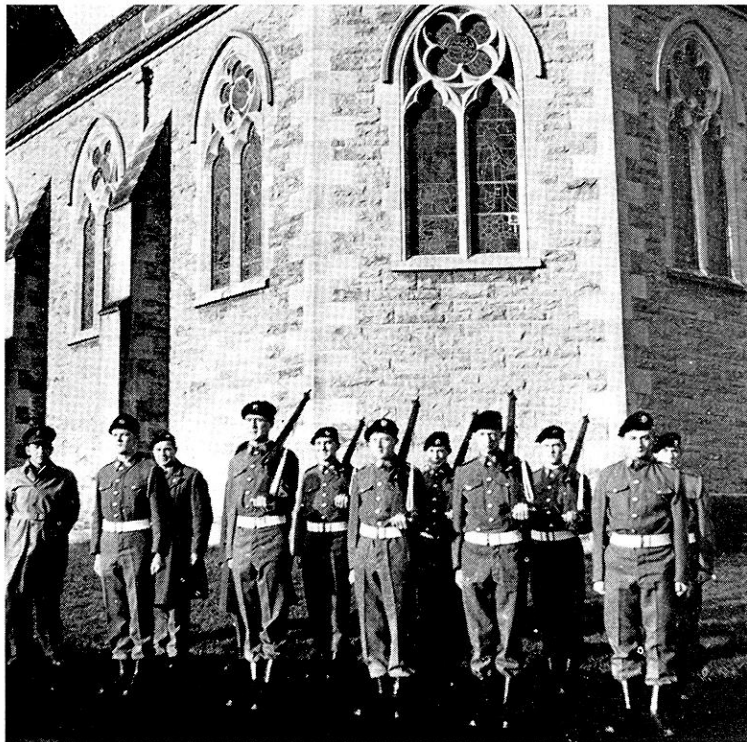
# Sodality Notes

We are glad to tell old Sodalists that all goes well in the Sodality. As in other years we have a number of Sixth Year boys who have made a perpetual consecration to Our Lady in the Sodality, and many in Fifth Year who have joined for one year. We meet weekly in the East Room, and in our discussions we try to clarify our ideas on prayer, personal holiness, and personal responsibility. There is however one problem which seems to be peculiar to our type of Sodality. We received a letter early this year from another Boarding-School Sodality, seeking information and advice about external work. This lack of external apostolic

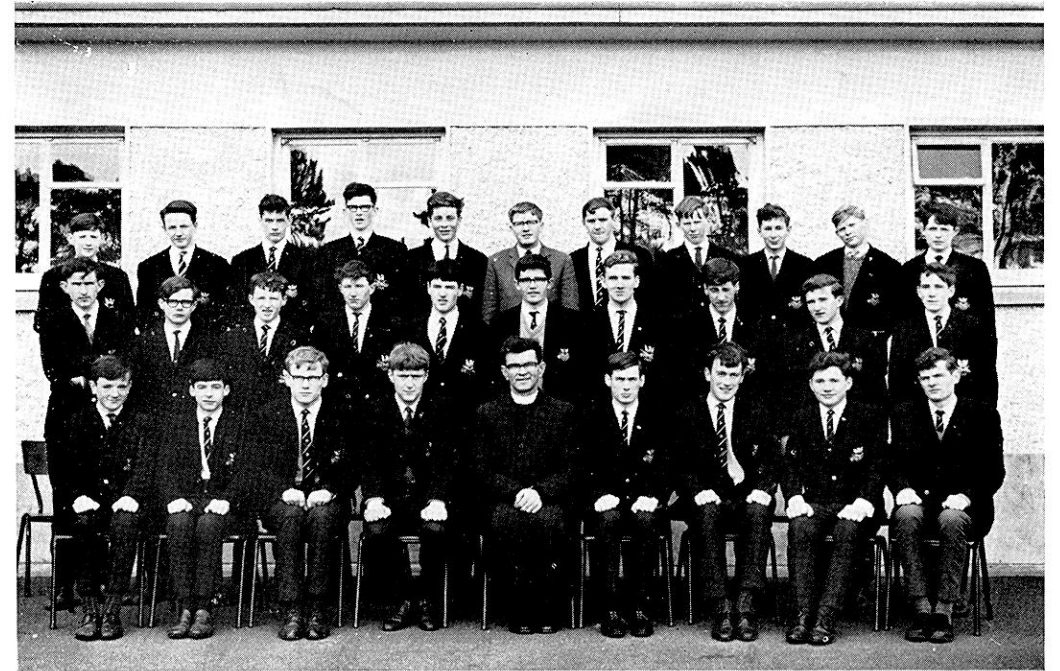
activity is a problem which confronts all boarding-school Sodalities.

The school time-table, the distance from towns makes actual apostolic work difficult. If any of you have any suggestions to make on this matter we would be very glad to hear from you. For some little time we did send Sodalists to do work for the Little Sisters of the Assumption, but that lasted too short a time. External work can be challenging and is always helpful towards increasing apostolic spirit.

HARRY CASEY,  
TURLOUGH BROSNAH.



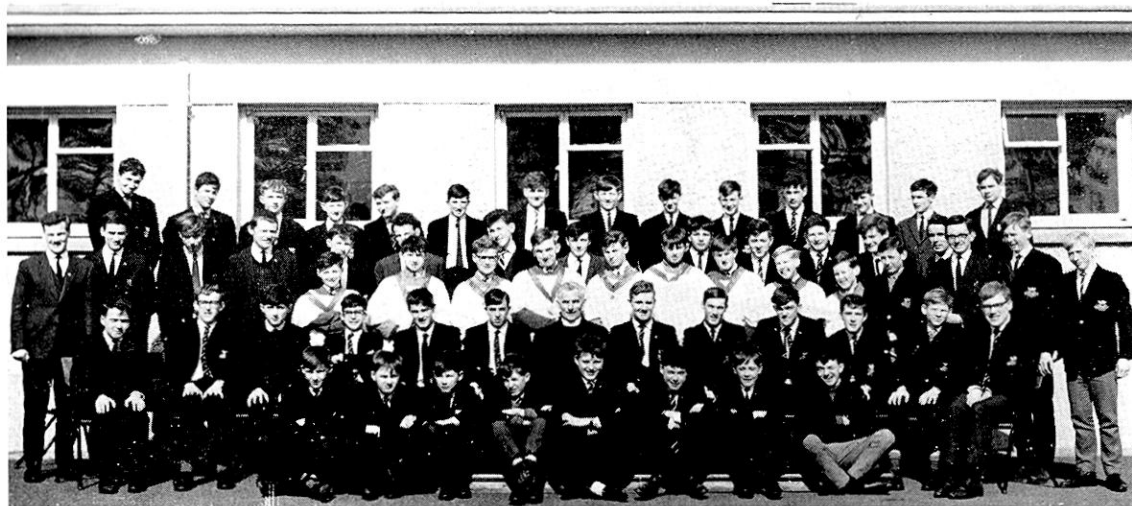
St. Patrick's Day: Guard of Honour, F.C.A.



Fr. K. McDowell, S.J., with Sodality Group.



Fr. K. McDowell, S.J., with Apostleship of Prayer Group.



Fr. P. Kelly, S.J., with the Altar Servers :  
Sodality of St. John Berchmans, S.J.

## *Sodality of St. John Berchmans, S.J. For Altar Servers*

*Director:* Fr. P. Kelly, S.J.

*Officials:* Karl Roche, Peter Brogan, John McLaughlin, John Perrem, John Lyden, David Moran, Billy Lewis, Tommy O'Donnell, John Hurley, Maurice Spillane.

During the year 26 new members came to us, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of the Instructors. We are drawing near to our ideal — when every boy will know how to serve at the altar, and have had practical experience of doing so. Our numbers are now 129.

We had a Benediction team from each of the Grammar classes, and the team to be photographed had to be selected by the toss of a coin, so little difference was between them in excellence of their work. You can see who won. The Senior teams, however, still possess a dignity of their very own in its excellence.

During the holidays a steady stream of our servers proved their worth during the darkness and cold of Christmas time, and not alone in summer's heat and in the joys of Easter's freshness. Added to the hum of bicycle tyres was the chug-chug of a scooter to tell us of their approach.

Brothers are strong in our servers: the Bolands, Peter and Brian; the O'Flynn's, Brian and Kevin; the Ryans, John and Paddy; the Foleys, John and Tom; the Phelans, John and Anthony; and Dermot Purcell, John Noonan and Gabriel Cronin, all deserve mention in despatches. Mr. Deane, with his usual untiring kindness, watched over them in their altar and other activities while they were so joyfully with us.

It was a good year, thank God; may the other years be as good or better.



Fr. P. Kelly, S.J., and Benediction Group.



Rev. G. O'Donnell, S.J., with Choir Group.





Assembly Hall

# First Club Debating Society

CHAIRMAN: Fr. K. FitzGerald, S.J.

SECRETARY: Finian Gallagher.

The Society opened with a membership of 43.

The first meeting of the Society was held on the 26th October. Fr. FitzGerald formally opened the meeting and welcomed all new members. The motion was: *That America should leave Vietnam.*

**Government:** R. Hurley, J. Carroll, K. Power.

**Opposition:** B. O'Flynn, L. Fenton, C. McNamara.

The motion, when put to the house, was unanimously defeated.

The second meeting of the Society was held on the 25th of November. The motion was: *That the Arabs have more right to Israel than the Jews.*

**Government:** J. Deighan, D. Hewson, D. Carroll.

**Opposition:** F. Gallagher, J. Ryan, W. Moloney.

The motion when put to a vote was defeated.

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## 2nd CLUB DEBATING SOCIETY

Average attendance at Second Club debates during the year was about 48%. Given the competition from TV., this is not a bad percentage; but one should like to see it much higher. In a world becoming increasingly communication-conscious, training in public speaking has acquired even greater importance than it had in the past.

Almost every Saturday night during the year, members of Second Club were engaged in some debating activity. The activity was of three kinds: the usual type of formal debate, with two teams arguing out a set motion; a type of impromptu exercise where speakers names were drawn out of a hat, together with mini-motions — in this case the speaker was given five minutes to prepare the motion and was then asked to speak on it for five minutes; and, finally, there were special sessions where members who had prepared a short exercise from Shakespeare or a poem were asked to declaim it to the audience who, in turn, had the opportunity to suggest improvements in diction, emphasis, and general presentation. These varied activities seem to have been eagerly availed of by the members of the society, and a notable improvement in presentation was remarked on.

This year for the first time, Second Club took part in debates with other schools. We had two debates with Glenstal, on a home and away basis, and one with Pallaskenry. All three proved most enjoyable.

Finally, a special word of thanks and praise to the society's two very competent officials, the President, John O'Donovan, and the Secretary, John Daly.

The next meeting 12th December, was a debate between Poetry and Syntax. The motion was: *That Ireland should be proud of her politicians.* Motion lost by a slight majority.

**Government:** V. Moran, C. McCormick, J. O'Donovan.

**Opposition:** K. O'Rourke, J. Daly, T. Nolan.

For the following five debates, the procedure was altered slightly. They took the form of discussions rather than actual debates and they were popular with all members. The following is a list of the speakers, and the topics chosen:—

N. FitzGibbon: *This Permissive Age*; H. Casey: 1916. M. Dwyer: *Racism*. B. O'Flynn: *United Nations*.

## 3rd CLUB DEBATING SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: Fr. P. Meagher.

SECRETARY: Louis Kirwan.

The vast majority of Third Club enrolled in the debating society, but relatively few took an active part in our debates and discussions. This lack of active interest can be explained by the competition which we have to face from the many other clubs, societies and hobbies which have their own attractiveness. We of the debating society are delighted that so many different interests are being catered for.

One noticeable development or evolution has been the spontaneous change-over from the formal debate to the open discussion. This open discussion, of course, provides greater opportunities for *ex tempore* speaking. We are wondering, however, whether the formal debate does not demand a more planned, precise and polished form of speaking. In this period of flux all we can do is experiment and judge by results.

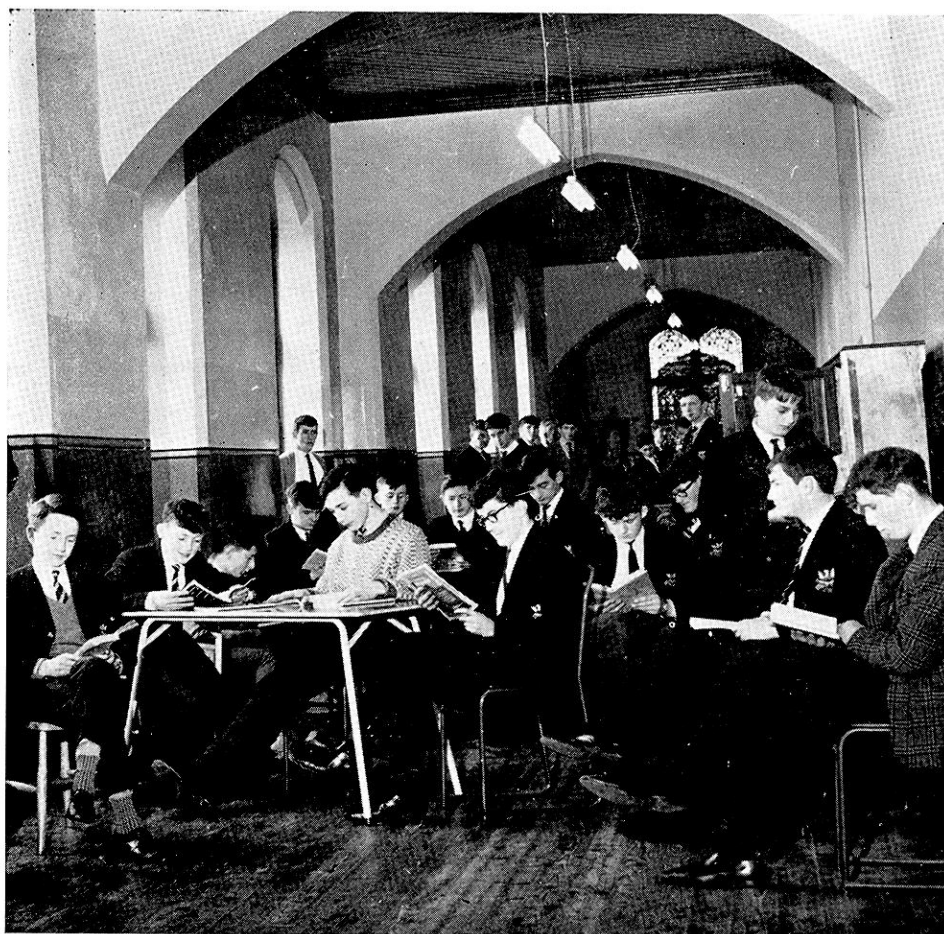
The second year members who made consistently good contributions were: B. O'Connell, J. Fitzgibbon, D. Creane and C. Ducker. Impressive among the first years were: J. Hurley, B. M. Murphy, Jos. Murphy, J. Brosnan, F. Ryan, R. Daly.

The next debate was also a discussion, with two speakers giving their conflicting views on the same topic, *Vietnam*. The speakers were D. Hewson (in favour of Vietnam) and C. McCormick (against Vietnam).

At the time of going to press, the Medal Debate has yet to be held, also a debate by 5th Year against a College to be chosen.

Thanks are due to all the members who contributed so much during the year, the most prominent being: Messrs. O'Flynn, Ryan, Hurley, Carroll, Conroy, Donovan, Moran, Hewson, Albericci, McNamara and McCormick.

—F. GALLAGHER.



## Libraries

- (a) 2nd Club, 2nd Club and Specials Library.
- (b) 1st and 2nd Club Corridor Library.
- (c) 3rd Club Library.
- (d) The Study Library and Reference Section.
- (e) The Specials Library.

The year of the great changes — and of the vast new opportunities for reading — is a good summary of our reading world in 1967-'68. New spaces — including two

'silent' reading rooms — were opened up with the migration of the 1st and 2nd Clubs to the 2nd floor corridor — leaving the 3rd Club to enjoy the Elysian plains of their own corridor all by themselves. There in the former 1st Club Library they set up their new H.Q. for their reading and for their more silent—or if such a description astonishes you overmuch — for their other less noisy activities.

A repetition of the 3rd Club Prefect's generosity of last year brought us another twenty *Vision Books* and a vista of paper backs, both fiction and non-fiction — all

eagerly welcomed. Now that we have a full set of *Knowledge*, his purse will be plucked for other magazine subscriptions. The Hobbies, Handcrafts sections received help with a dozen new handbooks on these subjects. The fiction section is steadily increasing, and while there is a constant wear and tear — calling for repair and replacement — the books are being read and not carelessly used.

The First Prefect, with his usual kind and wise generosity, gave help to all libraries. His own fiction section has grown to include a sound collection of good modern paperbacks. The Libraries are highly efficient and helpful to all clients. The help of the First Prefect in the additions to the non-fiction and Reference Section of the Study Library has been immense. Our *Time-Life* volumes of their Nature-Science-Travel and Historical series have nearly reached the 100th volume, an achievement, I feel, in school libraries, for such attractive modern and relatively expensive books.

With full sets of *Understanding Science* and *Knowledge* magazines already acquired, some new magazines are on their way.

The intelligent use of the reference section of the library during study is increasing. The sets of dictionaries — graded from elementary to practical to scholarly in Latin, French, Irish and English, and the specialist dictionaries in Science and kindred subjects are constantly in use; likewise our copy of *Chamber's Encyclopaedia* (1966 edition), all 15 volumes of it.

The greatest expense of the last year was in getting — by the co-operation of all fund holders in the house, mainly Fr. Rector — a full set of *Collier's Reference Encyclopaedia* in 24 volumes. As a standard, sensible, really up-to-date comprehensive work it is ideal for serious students, and its use by them is the only antidote to the quaking feeling which its cost has left with us.

The illustrated Historical, Geographical and General sections are constantly in use by the Intermediate students. The joy all school librarians must feel with so many outstanding modern publications for young people coming off the presses regularly is balanced by the sadness evidenced by a

contrast between the greatness of such opportunities and the smallness of our money accounts.

Reading solves one of the essential problems of youth today. From their side it satisfies their thirst for information and in books they can re-live — vicariously — the lives of the authors; and from other points of view — not the main one, but worth considering nevertheless — it keeps them quiet. We are all — readers and library staff — pleased and proud of the response of the readers of our libraries to the efforts made to interest, encourage and guide them.

The English literature, Poetry and Literary Criticism sections, though small, are showing promise and are being used discriminatingly. Mr. Michael Gallagher, S.J. — while with us from his lecturing at the university — was good enough to aid us with his advice and experience.

Fr. O'Meara must be thanked for his most generous presentations — especially for his *Readers' Digest Atlas* and the 3-volume encyclopaedia-dictionary — perhaps the four most used books in the reference library.

Our 'Careers' section is growing — and while the books are not confined to Irish interests — due to lack of publications in that field, they can be re-aligned by the new *Irish Independent* "Guide to Careers." Our half-a-dozen copies of that book are constantly in readers' hands.

Our sub-section on the Modern arts — with the help and advice of Mr. O Ceirin, and the Cinema and Visual Arts Section with the advice of Mr. O'Donnell, S.J., have acquired some of the modern classics on Film-making and Films; and the *Larousse* set of encyclopaedias (8 volumes in the new paper-back editions) have brought a fine comprehensive work to our shelves. The use of these volumes on Astronomy, Pre-historic Art and Earth History is not wearing them out prematurely, but several students have nourished their interests at such well-springs.

The Prefect of Studies was called upon as usual for his annual distribution of funds. Last year the English fiction section, mainly paper backs, was strengthened and expanded with his aid. This year his funds were directed towards the new illustrated educa-

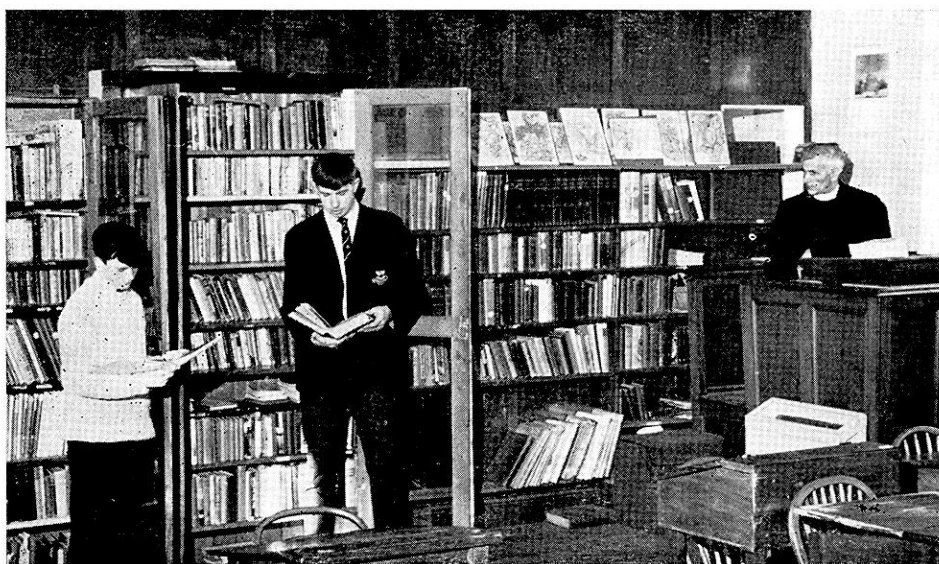


tional publications for young students, on History, Travel, Science and General Knowledge. The books he presented are a most colourful, interesting, and very much used section of the library for the Intermediate students.

There are many whose kind help and co-operation — readers, officials, the Prefects of the School and others — made possible the good library sources we now have. It

is indeed a community success and an undertaking of whose fruits we are, and please God, shall be proud.

The kind help and advice of Mr. Doyle and the County Library staff was available, as always, and helped us considerably. Their volumes — coming and going — have come to mark periods of high interest among the readers.



Study Library.

## Dramatics

Entertainment and expertise were very much to the fore at our Christmas Show this year. Fifth Year combined with the Specials to put on a one-act social comedy by Sean O'Casey — *A Pound on Demand*. Third Club members of Grammar Year presented *The Trial of Toad*, adapted from Kenneth Grahame's classic *The Wind in the Willows*. And the best of our singing talent performed in the final of our Talent Contest.

*A POUND ON DEMAND*: This play is a situation comedy which definitely demands great versatility from its cast to make it come across. Though not one of O'Casey's greatest by any manner of means, it certainly offers parts that need more than average basic acting ability and technique. This we had. John Perrem as "Jerry" and Gerry Fricker as "Sammy" were wonderfully imaginative and vivid in the leading roles of the two drunks out on the "dole." O'Casey makes his quiet social comment when our two heroes enter a suburban post office bent on inveigling £1 from the post-mistress on the basis of a stolen savings book. Here they come up against the efficiency and impersonalism of the modern girl worker, beautifully done by Michael Creane. There follows an upper-class thrust of indifference skilfully made by Paul Albericci, acting as an elderly lady. Finally comes the law, the guardian of propriety and property, in the person of Michael Conroy, to throw out our poor, helpless unemployed workers into cold, exterior darkness. And without even the solace of the pound on demand which might at least help drown their immediate sorrows!

*THE TRIAL OF TOAD*: This was an amusing piece with some strong characterisation, a fact

which augurs well for our Drama Club in the years ahead. Particularly outstanding were Harry Moffit as Mrs. H. Hedgehog, Brendan McGrath as Mr. Snail, John Fitz-Gibbon as Mr. Beaver, and Roger Morley in the part of P. C. Cock. Billy Lewis was delightfully offhand as Defence Counsel, and J. M. O'Mahony persuasive as Prosecutor. Clerk of the Court Peter O'Flaherty and Judge Gerry Keaney gave a good legal atmosphere to the proceedings. The supporting cast of K. Finn, P. McCarthy, J. Hanrahan, B. Hanrahan, M. Whyte, R. Pratt, P. O'Malley and P. Wright balanced off things well.

*THE TALENT CONTEST*: In previous years there had been a variety spot on the show. But this year saw organized an Official Talent Contest, with semi-finals and final, and worthwhile prizes. All this provided useful stage experience to people who would not otherwise have obtained it.

Musically, the bias was toward ballad and pop, and happy to say, the standard was high, particularly on the night of the final. Pat Browne, Des O'Flynn, Pat Davis, Pat Riordan, Dave Carroll, Richard Hurley, Joe Dalton and John Boyle performed quite professionally.

Finally, a grateful word of thanks to the backroom boys without whom the show literally could not have gone on: to Anthony Murphy, who designed the sets and did an admirable job as stage manager; to Cathal MacHale, who looked after lighting, and to Ray Brennan, Steven Moran, John Roden and William Flynn, who helped in various capacities. And a special word of thanks to our make-up experts, Mr. and Mrs. C. Byrne, and Fr. P. Kelly, S.J.

## CineForum

"The medium, or process of our time — electric technology — is reshaping and restructuring patterns of social interdependence

and every aspect of our personal life. It is forcing us to reconsider and re-evaluate practically every thought, every action, and

every institution formerly taken for granted. Everything is changing — you, your family, your neighbourhood, your education, your job, your government, your relation to 'the others.' And they're changing dramatically."

Thus, does Professor Marshall McLuhan of Fordham University sum up the tremendous influence of mass media on our world of today. We no longer live in a world affected by the printed word of book, review, magazine, or newspaper. We now have to contend with radio, TV, and films too. Put in its most basic and pragmatic form, these are all wonderful media for propaganda, for selling a particular point of view. We witness this from day to day, watching the TV. reports on Vietnam and international reaction. World War II saw the Nazis use film to great effect for just this purpose. Goebbels, Minister for Propaganda, was a great believer in this means of communication. The film of Russian Sergei Eisenstein *Battleship Potemkin* he praised as an ideal model and urged German film-makers to glorify the Nazi "revolution" by similar films. Yet it was undoubtedly Lenin who first realised the power of the medium when he said: "The cinema is for us the most important instrument of all the arts."

Renaissance Europe came up with an answer which aimed at helping man to use and control the power of the printed word — literary education. And this is still very much with us today. And it must be added that this is not a merely negative instrument guarding us in ultimate complacency. It really does help develop our every potential for living life to the full in the best Christian sense in society.

Yet, there is no doubt that the new forms of communication, especially cinema and television, demand a new form of education. The impact of these electric media, their influence on our culture and civilization is unquestionable. Their power for good or bad is magnified far beyond the scope of the printed word. Our attitude in this country leaves a lot to be desired. Far too often cinema and television are considered to be nothing more than means of mere entertainment: means of relaxation not to be taken seriously.

"Certainly, cinema is entertainment. It is also — and inescapably — a means to education and culture. Even a film that is mere entertainment educates and influences culture because it implies some attitude to

life, it communicates background pre-suppositions, interpretations of history and of current affairs. The impact of cinema and TV cannot be escaped and therefore it must be controlled. But it can only be truly controlled in the minds, imaginations and hearts of the audiences. Hence education."

—*VISION*, Summer, 1965: article by Fr. J. Kelly, S.J., (to whom I am indebted for many of the ideas presented here).

In our own small way, we have tried to initiate such a programme. The need had been felt for some time past. And so, after Christmas, as a logical extension to the scope of our normal film shows, *CineForum* — a film appreciation group — was created. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Year were eligible for membership. Choice of the year's programme of films was dictated by a wish to project an above-average selection of ordinary, common-or-garden-type English and American movies, as the following list will show:—

*Key Largo* (John Huston).  
*The Big Country* (William Wyler).  
*Moving Target* (Jack Smight).  
*Behold A Pale Horse* (Fred Zinneman).  
*Hoodlum Priest* (Irvin Kershner).  
*Merill's Marauders* (Samuel Fuller).  
*The Best of Enemies* (Guy Hamilton).  
*The Ipcress File* (Sidney J. Furie).  
*I Confess* (Alfred Hitchcock).  
*Red River* (Howard Hawks).  
*Tunes of Glory* (Ronald Neame).  
*Sapphire* (Basil Dearden).  
*The Maltese Falcon* (John Huston).  
*Charade* (Stanley Donen).

Discussions followed the projection of films in the second term. It was heartening to see the large numbers in attendance. Story-line, technique and point-of-view were slowly unravelled. Most had something to contribute and many of the critiques were succinct and well-expressed. Supplementary to this, we tried to have a weekly meeting with a more technical bias. Education was the order of the day. Film strips on technique and aesthetics were shown. We even had two film extracts: one from John Ford's classic western *Stagecoach*, and the other, the famous steps sequence from Eisenstein's *Battleship Potemkin* (recently shown on RTE). Again, discussion followed and then a re-showing. A small reference library is in the making.

This has been a small beginning, but an encouraging one. Interest is definitely there.

## Music

Limerick is usually favoured with a great variety of musical events, and a number of these were attended by Mungret students during the school year.

The first was on the occasion of the return visit of the famous Bamberg Symphony Orchestra to Limerick. For Fritz Reiger, the conductor, this was a first appearance here. The programme included Symphony No. 36 in C ("The Linz") by Mozart; Symphonic Poem "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss, and Symphony No. 7 in A, Opus 92 by Beethoven. The feeling put into Strauss's work captured the attention and appreciation of the students present. It was brilliantly performed and showed Strauss's astonishing ingenuity in the handling of the orchestra.

Two nights later in this weekend of music the R.T.E. Symphony Orchestra performed Symphony No. 28 in C by Mozart and Symphony No. 7 in D minor by Dvorak. The soloist Tamas Vasary, especially in the final movement (The Allegro Vivace) of Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, gave an exhilarating display of his mastery of the piano. The youthfulness of both conductor and soloist made a special appeal to the young listeners.

To widen their interest in the musical field Mungret students attended the dress re-

hearsals of *La Boheme* and *La Traviata*, performed by the Limerick Choral and Operatic Society. These were attended mostly by the young school-going opera lovers. International guest artistes played the leading roles and displayed their wide experience in the realm of opera.

The youth of Limerick were given, and took, the opportunity to prove themselves as talented performers too. The Municipal School of Music Orchestra topped the bill with *Trepak*, a Russian dance by Morand, Polka from the opera *Schwanda*, the Bag-piper, and Mozart's Allegro in C (Church Sonata No. 12). A few of the musicians here played in this orchestra and so Mungret students turned out in support of their colleagues in this Junior Concert.

The major outing of the year was to the Irish National Opera's performance of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* in the Crescent Hall. Veronica McSweeney, that talented young Irish musician, was unanimously acclaimed for her brilliant, lively production and piano accompanying. Peter McBrien, with his natural charm and voice, was the perfect Don Giovanni. This was a fine finale to our musical year and we hope such a standard will be maintained during the coming season.

D. DOLAN.

## Tour of Dreams

by JOHN HURLEY (3rd Club)

*I've often thought of wandering  
 The ways and paths of dreams,  
 I'd saddle up my dreamhorse  
 And go where'er she deems;  
 I'd ride up to the heavens  
 And play with my favourite star,  
 I'd ride to Mount Olympus  
 To gods in time afar;*

*I'd ride along the freedom  
 Of blue unclouded seas,  
 I'd rest awhile, beside the Nile,  
 'Neath the weeping willow trees.  
 I'd ride my horse of mystery  
 Whatever way she'd deem,  
 But once again I'd wake up  
 To find it all a dream.*



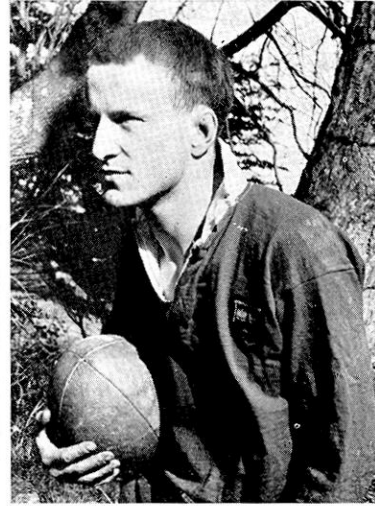


Munster XV: K. ROCHE

## Representative



Munster Swimming:  
M. McGRORY



Munster XV: T. LOWRY



Munster XV: P. CONNOLLY



Limerick Cross-Country Team:  
P. HORAN

## Honours



Munster XV: B ADAMS

### 1st XV



Back Row: B. Adams, J. Mullen, D. Dwyer, P. Connolly, P. Horan, E. Barron,  
C. McNamara, H. Casey.  
Front Row: M. Lyons, K. Harrington, F. Gallagher, T. Lowry, T. McKaigney,  
K. Roche, T. Cooke.

### 2nd XV



Back Row: M. Conroy, M. Hogan, P. Kelly, T. Brosnan, J. Fitzgibbon, J. Curran,  
R. Kennedy, P. Riordan.  
Middle Row: J. Carroll, T. Madden, M. Gilmore, W. Moloney, C. Nash, P. Byrne,  
D. Murphy.  
On Ground: M. Creane, T. Donovan, B. Hughes, A. Lavelle.



Members of the Past XV.



Hertford Grammar School XV.



Brian O'Brien shows them how.



Jubilant Under 15s.

## SENIOR RUGBY, 1967-'68

The season 1967-'68 proved rather unhappy for the 1st XV but entirely successful for the 2nds.

In a year that produced no outstanding side, the Mungret 1st XV looked a likely Cup prospect from the start. Narrow defeats by Rainey, the Ulster champions, and by Rockwell, the Munster champions, emphasised the team's potential. The foot and mouth epidemic, however, brought an end to fixtures as from mid-November and upset team construction. Still, high hopes were entertained by the members of the team for their first round Cup game with Rockwell at Tipperary.

The story of the Cup game with Rockwell is too well-known to need much comment. Leading 8-3 at half-time and looking much the better team, the Mungret XV, facing into a gale force wind, handed over the initiative to their opponents and seemed content to try to hold on to their lead. They paid the penalty. With ten minutes to go, they found themselves being led 9-8 by Rockwell. At that stage, they reasserted their supremacy once more and camped in their opponents' half, but it was too late. The final whistle saw them beaten 9-8. A bitter and disappointing experience for the whole team.

The City Cup defeat by a drop goal to nil, after again having the better of the game, proved almost as great a disappointment. The school had held the City Cup for three years, and had previously held on to it with depleted teams. This year, playing at full strength, it was lost; and it was poor consolation to the team to learn a week later that their conquerors, St. Munchin's, were the new Munster champions.

To pinpoint the causes of failure is an unrewarding task. Two factors were, however, much commented on during the year and they have, perhaps, a bearing on the overall record of the team: 1, A lack of thrust and inventiveness near the opponents' line, a kind of line-shyness; 2, Despite the presence of some outstanding players, a lack of complete team-unity and sustained

team effort. In every important game there were intervals of decreased effort, rest-intervals, during which the opposition scored decisively. This was probably the decisive factor, since sustained effort is *the* basic requirement in a successful Cup team.

We were delighted to have as visitors to us during the year, Rainey Endowed School from Ulster, and St. Mary's from Leinster — both before Christmas; and during the second term, a 5th year team from Clongowes, and Hertford Grammar School from England.

On the Interprovincial scene, four members of the 1st XV were honoured by the province: Pádraig Connolly (prop-forward) against Connacht; Brian Adams (wing) against Ulster; Tony Lowry (lock-forward) against Connacht and Ulster; and Karl Roche, full-back against Connacht and Leinster, and centre against Ulster. All four acquitted themselves well.

### The 2nd XV:

This year again we were fortunate to have a large number of enthusiastic players to hand. The overflow from the 1st XV formed, indeed, a very competent team. Under the capable and ardent guidance of Mr. O'Donnell, S.J., they enjoyed an almost unbroken run of successes — defeating teams from Rockwell and Belvedere, as well as from local schools. Crescent, one of the few teams to defeat them, they met in the final of the Limerick Schools' Shield and were convincing winners. The final score, 12-0, reflected their superiority. Although much of the credit for final victory must go to the 6th year members on the team, still sufficient promise was evinced by 5th and 4th year representatives to raise hopes for next year's 1st XV.

The 2nds success, along with that of the Under 15s in their City Cup, did much to restore morale which had taken a buffeting from the defeats of Seniors and Juniors in the Munster Cup. In rugby, as in so much else, nothing succeeds like success.



## J. C. T.



Back Row: S. Moran, D. O'Connell, S. Bruton, J. Buvens, M. Brassil, O. Carroll, P. Lowry, J. Murphy, R. Orpen.

Front Row: F. Lydon, P. Hunt, J. Cox, T. Nolan, Jn. McMahon, Jn. McLoughlin, L. McEntee.

## Junior Rugby

Our team played many matches during the year. Peculiarly enough, we won those matches which most people thought we would lose, and did badly in other matches when the strain of having to win made our players nervous. This certainly happened in the Munster Cup match. Our team had been hit by injuries, but we think that we would have won if we had played as well as we played in friendly matches. Unfortunately, the importance of winning at Thomond Park made our players over-eager and nervous, and although we spent

most of the second half in the enemy "25", we were not able to translate territorial advantage into scores, and we made our exit. We enjoyed our rugby. We hope that next year's junior team will enjoy their rugby as much as we did, and we imagine they will. We also think that they have a very good chance of winning the coveted Munster Cup. We wish them every success.

TOM NOLAN.

JOHN COX.

## UNDER 15s



Back Row: B. Hanrahan, T. Fitzgibbon, J. Jeiter, R. Morley, B. O'Connell, R. Ryan, P. Dwyer, D. Doyle, R. O'Toole.

Front Row: J. Hanrahan, D. Hanrahan, M. Brassil, D. Kilroy, P. Hunt, L. McEntee, F. Lydon.

## UNDER 14s

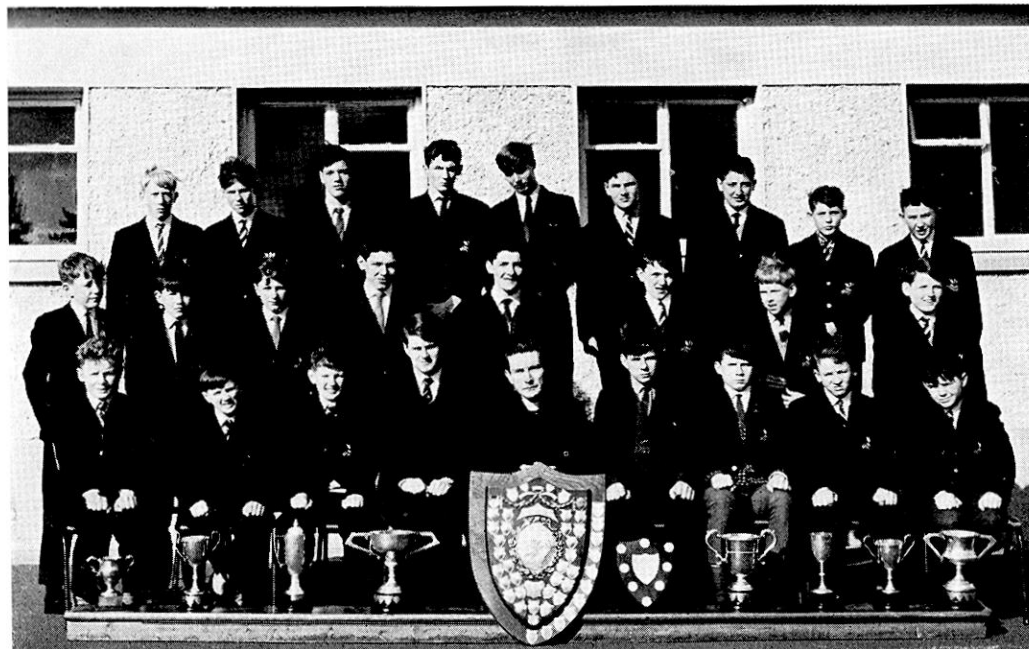


Back Row: B. B. Murphy, H. Moffitt, G. Barrett, T. O'Neill, P. Lyons, C. Ducker, T. Leen, R. O'Toole, P. Duffy.

Middle Row: C. Smith, M. Conway, K. McGrory, M. Whyte, Jn. Fitzgibbon, J. Normoyle, R. Duffy.

On Ground: J. Foley, P. McCarthy, H. Leen, B. F. Murphy.

## SWIMMING CLUB



Back Row: P. O'Malley, W. O'Brien-Moran, J. Buvens, T. Nolan, P. Hunt, T. O'Neill, L. Carlino, H. Leen, J. Foley.

Middle: P. Duffy, R. Duffy, L. Prendergast, R. Orpen, M. Harty, M. Conway, M. Spillane, T. Leen.

Front T. O'Donnell, M. Croome-Carroll, P. Dalton, M. McGrory, Fr. E. Cantillon, S.J.; D. McGrory, K. McGrory, R. Rumley, C. Smith.

### SWIMMING NOTES

At the Munster Schools' and Under-Age Championships held in Cork last October our swimmers emerged champions in fifteen of the events, setting new records in all four squadron races and in three of the individual events. In these, the McGrory brothers, Martin, Kieran and Damien, were prominent. Others to return praiseworthy performances were: Peter Hunt (who though eligible also for the under-fourteen section swam in the winning Senior Medley Squad), Brian Adams, Russell Orpen, Chip Buvens, Paddy Duffy.

In February, Summerhill College, Sligo, the Connacht champions, provided an interesting contest. There were some very close finishes, particularly in the under-sixteen section — eventually the Mungret squad came out on top. The under-thirteens, who won their section of the competition, included Richard Duffy, Harry and Tommy Leen, Paddy Dalton, Liam Prendergast, and Jim Foley. We are particularly grateful to Summerhill for having undertaken the tiring journey from Sligo in order to make the competition possible. Later in the year

we competed against Marian College and Gormanston. Both of these proved too good for us, but we had some consolation in the fact that we won seven of the twelve individual events in the former, and five out of ten in the latter.

In the early part of the season Martin McGrory was selected for the Munster team against the Combined Irish Universities. He put up a very creditable performance in winning the men's 200 yards Breaststroke.

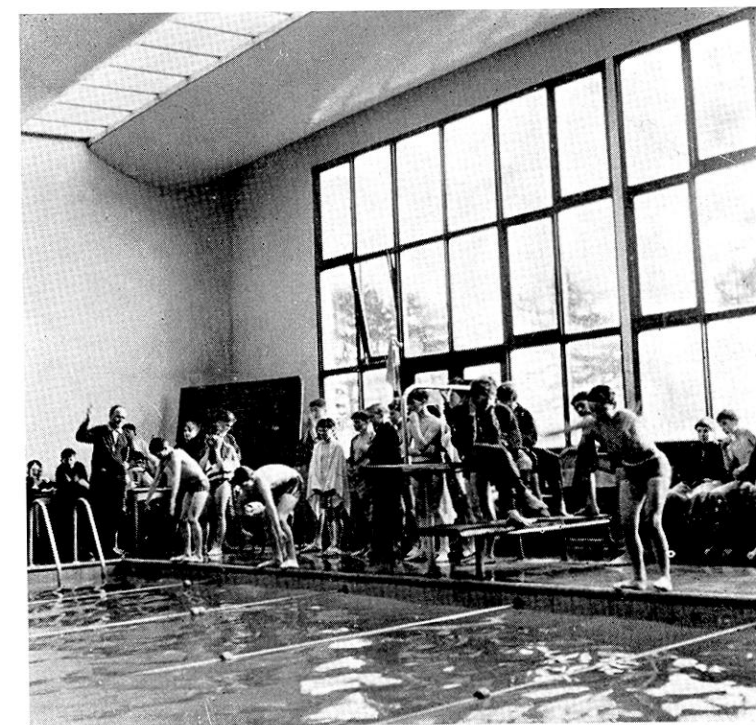
Three of our swimmers have qualified for the finals of the Irish Age Group Championships — Liam Prendergast (in the under-thirteen Breaststroke), Damien McGrory (in the under-fifteen Backstroke), and Kieran McGrory (in the Butterfly).

In other inter-schools' competitions, we retained the Galvin Trophy against Gonzaga College, and narrowly lost to Clongowes in the inter-schools' Shield. In these competitions some of the newcomers to our squad were: Michael Croom-Carroll, Michael Conway, Larry Carlino, Roy Rumley, Paul O'Malley, Michael Harty, Niall O'Brien-Moran, and Ciaran Smith.

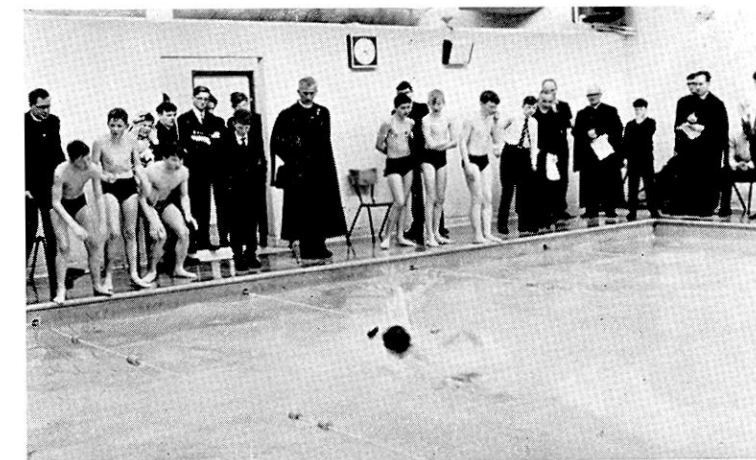
During the Easter holidays a successful training course was held at Mungret for forty young swimmers from the southern part of the province. The success of the course was largely due to Mr. George Gibney of Guinness S.C., who conducted the training sessions, to Mr. Eddie Champion and his helpers for their organisation, to Fr. McDowell who gave practical instruction on land-conditioning, and not least to Fr. Minister, Bro. Bailey and Bro. Brady who looked after the catering end of affairs to the satisfaction of all.

Our special thanks to Bro. Doyle, who looked after the service of the swimming pool during the year and provided us with encouragement in the form of extra calories — and less chlorine — for our training sessions during the winter months.

We express our gratitude also to the many others who gave of their time to act as judges and timekeepers during the galas, and for their interest and encouragement.



At the Swimming Gala with Gonzaga College, held at Mungret.







Loosening-up exercises.

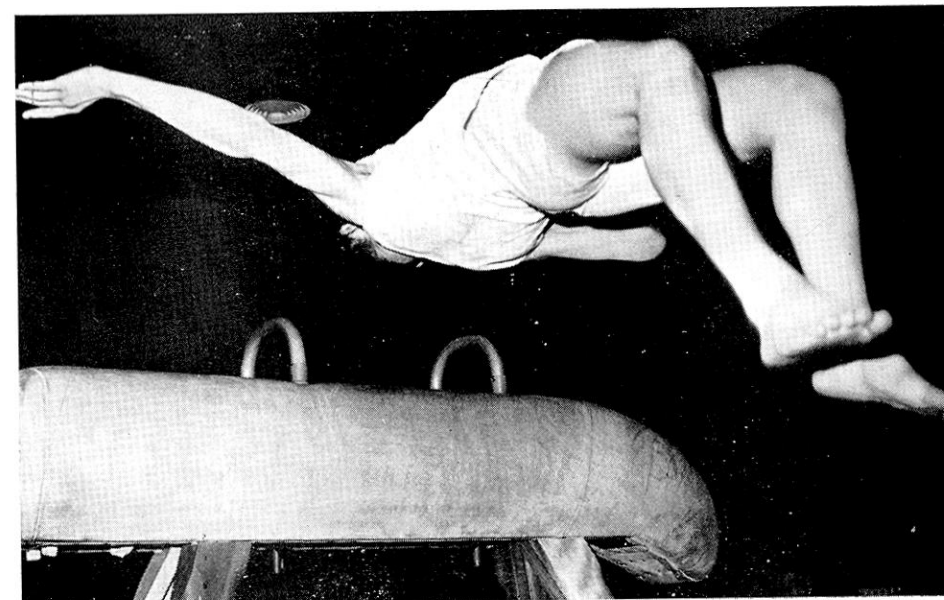
## Physical Education

The "New Look" Physical Education continues to prosper here in Mungret. It was feared when the novelty had worn off boys might lose interest in the new form of "P.T." Such was not the case. Physical Education is designed, among other things, to give boys poise, to teach them how to use their body, to fit them for any recreational activity which they may desire to take up. Some emphasis is placed on Gymnastics. The work in the gym can be made interesting and boys do participate in it with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Even the very timid and self-conscious boy does learn much and this increases his self-confidence. In gymnastics the boy is helped by his companions to do well whatever he is capable of doing. This results in a spirit of friendship and cheerfulness.

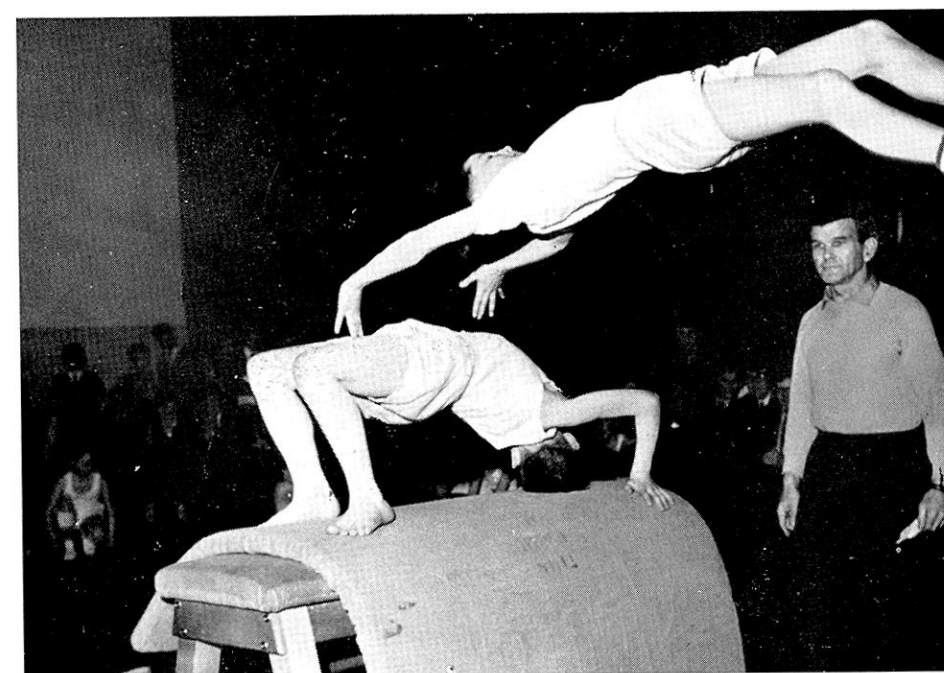
Before Easter some thirty boys gave a very impressive display of gymnastics. The excellence of the performance and the cheerfulness of the participants augurs well for the future of Physical Education in Mungret.



J. Dalton—Back somersault.



D. O'Halloran—forward somersault.

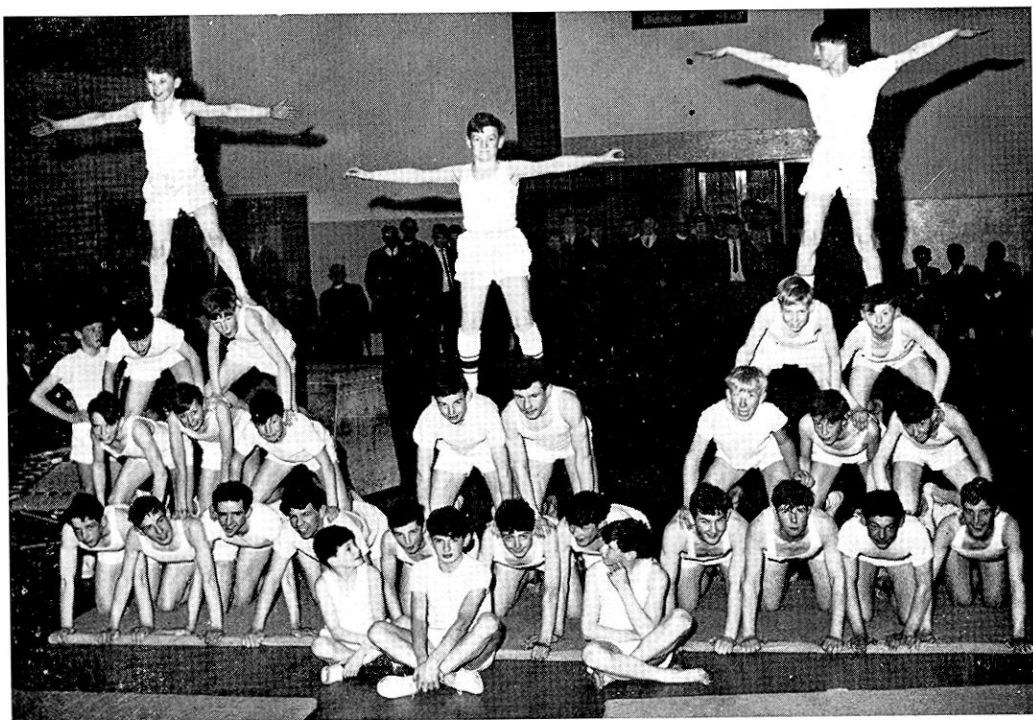


M. Croome-Carroll doing somersault over R. Daly, under the vigilant eye of their Instructor (Fr. K. McDowell, S.J.)

## CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM



Back Row: G. O'Brien, G. Cummins, N. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Malley, T. Toner, A. Conlon, L. Baldwin, T. Flynn. Front: J. O'Connor, G. McMahon, Jn. Fitzgerald, P. Horan, P. O'Flaherty, P. O'Malley, T. Horan.



P.E. Tableau.



In the Hobbies Room—a disarmament conference?



Visit to Cement Factory by 4th and 5th Year Commerce Group.

## HOBBIES

*Director:* Fr. P. Kelly, S.J.

*Officials:* Gerard O'Brien, Noel Ruigrok, John Hurley.

The early days of the school year were busy ones in the Hobbies Room. Each of our five large tables had to be strictly divided, and even any extra space was well used. The fruits of such activity were many and colourful. In the plastics line, ocean liners 'stately gliding,' and galleons 'dipping thro' the Isthmus,' stood side by side with the most modern of 'bristly' warships of all sizes. The 'planes, ever in a majority, as befits modern strategy, range from the large flying-boats and fighter jets to the members of the large bomb and passenger carriers, down to the 'work-horse' helicopter. A relatively new skill, which caught the interest of many, was the colouring and painting of the models.

The 'flyers' and the motor boat owners

— in Balsa wood — are always steadily in evidence on the work-tables; and the trial runs in the swimming pool of the new hulls can be as exciting as a gala.

The cars were well made, and though fewer than the 'planes, the finished models were among the most attractive from our production lines.

Modelling in local materials had nearly every boy busy on a model crib at Christmas time, and some were beautiful.

You may ask why so much encouragement of this branch of learning. It is an excellent introduction to the life of our school, and to their new friends, for its new junior members. Also, the ability that abides somewhere in a boy's fingers can fruitfully be joined to his interests and imagination to produce some tangible evidence of his own successes in that line. To be able to organise and assemble patiently the multitudinous parts of a model — and colour it — is a lesson in many welcome traits — patience, industry, manual dexterity — and is, besides, a good way of quietly spending a wet evening.

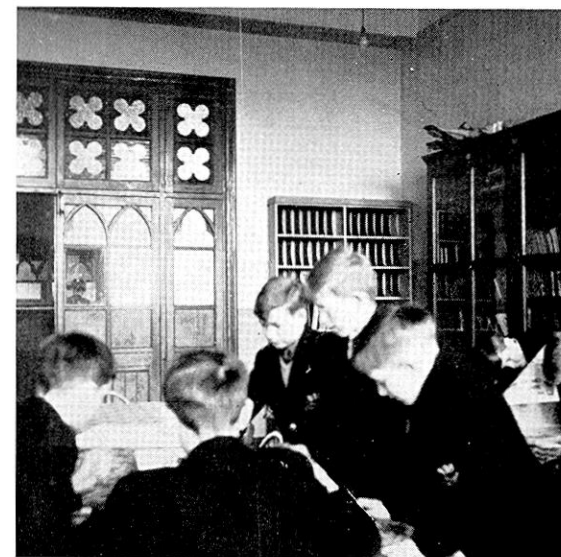




"Flying Column" of our Altar Servers from the neighbourhood at vacation time.



Work in progress at Tobar Phadraig, on the lands of our neighbour, Mr. Hayes.



3rd Club Library.



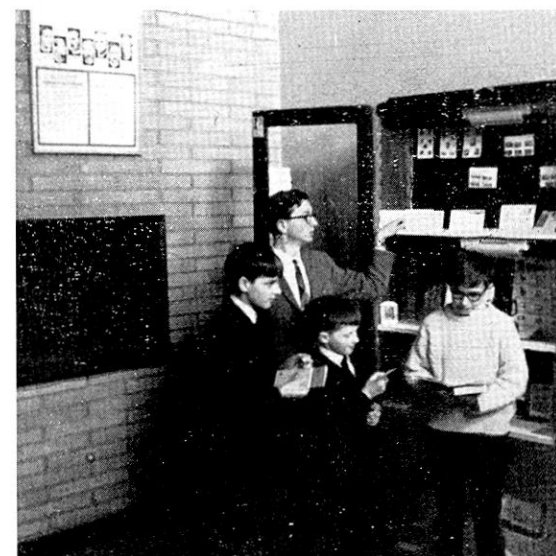
Mrs. O'Brien and pupils in the Music Room.



A recent Captain of the House, Pierce Wall (centre) who is now at U.C.D., is seen here on a visit to Mungret together with Fr. Eric Guiry, S.J. (left) and Rev. Ronan Geary, S.J. (right) who were Prefects at Mungret in recent years, and are now at Milltown Park, Dublin.



Fr. R. Coyne, S.J., with Tom McGrath (left) and David Coughlan (right), two of our Novices from Emo, Portlaoise, who spent some busy weeks with us at Mungret during the second term.



Museum Group (left to right): J. Daly, J. Gordon, R. Daly, J. Dwyer.



RTE Inter-Schools Question Time: Team from Mungret which reached semi-final (left to right): D. Hewson (Capt.), S. Bruton, J. Bowen, C. McCormick.



His Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Dr. McGeough, his Lordship the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, and Very Rev. Fr. Rector (in doorway, left to right) with students of the Apostolic School, Mungret College.  
(See Mission Society report)



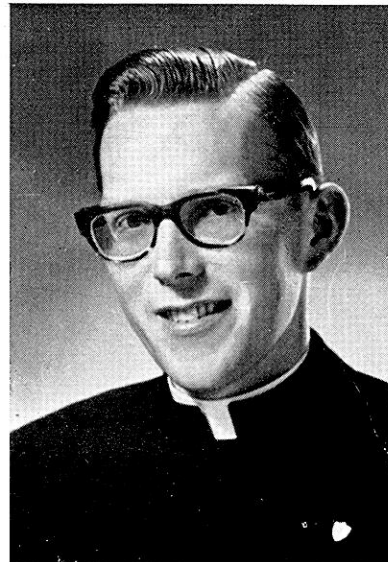
#### SPECIAL CLASS

Front row: M. Power, T. Lavin, Fr. P. Kelly, S.J.; Fr. A. Ennis, S.J.; Fr. E. FitzGerald, S.J.; R. Kelly, J. O'Connor.  
Middle row: S. McNamee, J. Kelly, P. Davis, D. Magner, P. Browne, J. Byrne, J. Morgan, P. O'Callaghan.  
Back row: C. McHale, P. McGlanaghy, S. O'Brien, J. Boland, F. Phillips, T. Toner.





FR. K. BURKE

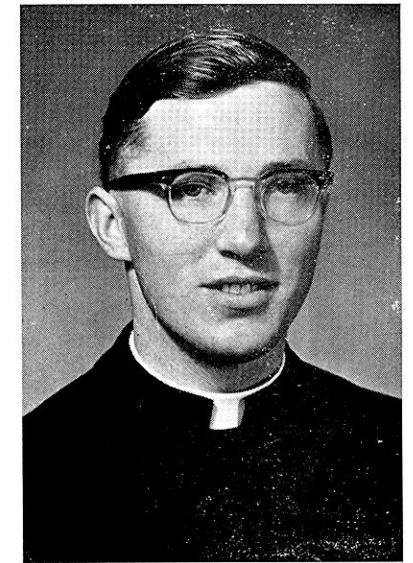


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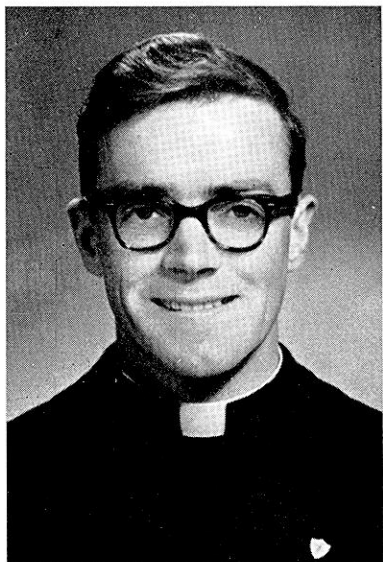
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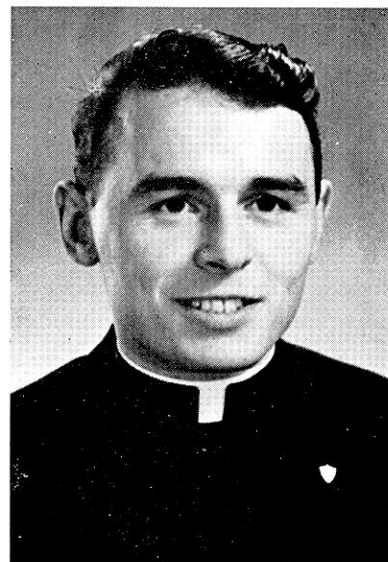
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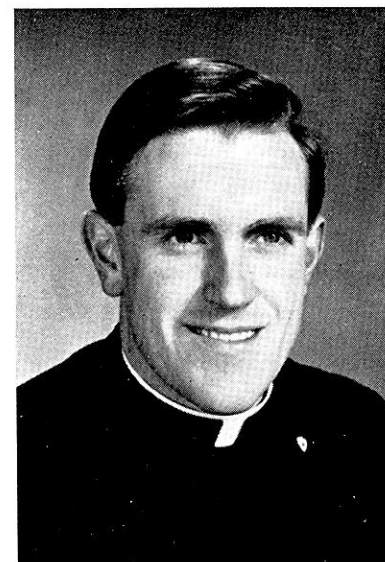
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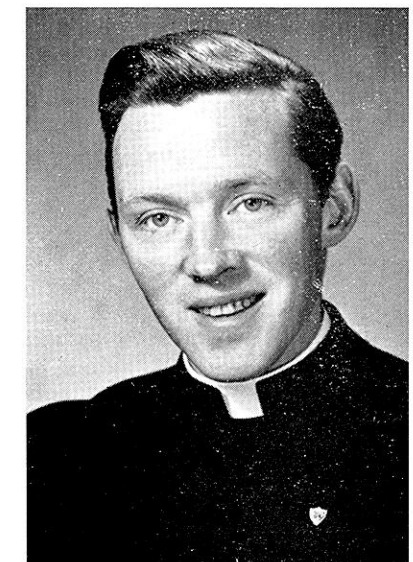
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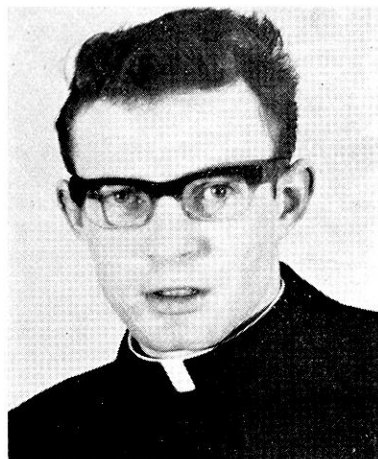
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FR. F. DEASY



FR. M. DOLAN



FR. P. FAHY



FR. J. O'LEARY



Social Service Group (Apostolic School) with Rev. Fr. Morrissey, S.J. (front row, right), and Rev. Bro. Brady, S.J. (front row, left)

## Book Review

**THE RED LACQUERED GATE**  
by William E. Barrett  
Sheed & Ward, New York. 1967.

At last, the book that needed to be written: the story of Bishop Edward Galvin, and as a backdrop the story of the growth of the Society of St. Columban, "The Maynooth Mission to China."

Mr. Barrett not only gives us the details of Bishop Galvin's life, but as a necessary aid to understanding the gigantic work of the Society's first Bishop, he works in quietly the story of 20th century China. What a story, and what fearless men and women they were to achieve so much in so short a time and in such incredible circumstances. Putting it briefly, the priests and nuns of Ireland, fired by a faith whose enthusiasm nothing could daunt, went to China and in the first decade (1920-'30) faced banditry, looting, destruction, hairbreadth escapes and imprisonment ended by ransom. In the second decade, expansion, first held up by enormous floods, was slowed by the Sino-Japanese War, with its attendant bombings and restrictions on apostolic work. In the third decade came the World War II and subsequent Communist take-over. Yet, in those years, Bishop Galvin and his co-workers sustained all with a heroism that must surely make him rank as Ireland's most outstanding apostle of modern times in the Far East, and place him beside that other giant of Ireland's apostolic work, Bishop Shanahan, C.S.Sp., whose work in Africa has been unparalleled. To sum up, in Bishop Galvin's own words (page 393): "We never had years of normality, so we didn't know what was normal for China."

Two well-known members of the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. had this to say of

him (page 391) — His Eminence Cardinal Spellman met him in 1953 and said of him: "He was a living saint. What more can you say!" The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen sought to sum him up: "He is not a man who can be written great, he has to be seen great. I wonder if anyone in a lifetime has had such spiritual filiation. There are few founders who have had such progeny in their generation."

It will be recalled that when Fr. Edward Galvin came back to Ireland after the Easter Rising, his purpose was to persuade the clergy and people of Ireland that an enormous opportunity awaited the Irish nation of spiritual expansion in China — an expansion that would surpass in its ruggedness and achievement all that St. Columban and his co-missionaries had accomplished. To his undying memory that has been done, and today the Society of St. Columban, denied access to China, seeks to further the work of the Church elsewhere in the Far East and more recently in South America, while at home, Rev. Fr. Blowick could speak for the nationwide effort of priests and people behind our National Missionary Society when he said at the laying of the cornerstone of the modern "Dalgan" in 1938: "The lamps which burn before the tabernacles in China, Korea, Burma, and the Philippines, have been lighted by the pennies of our people."

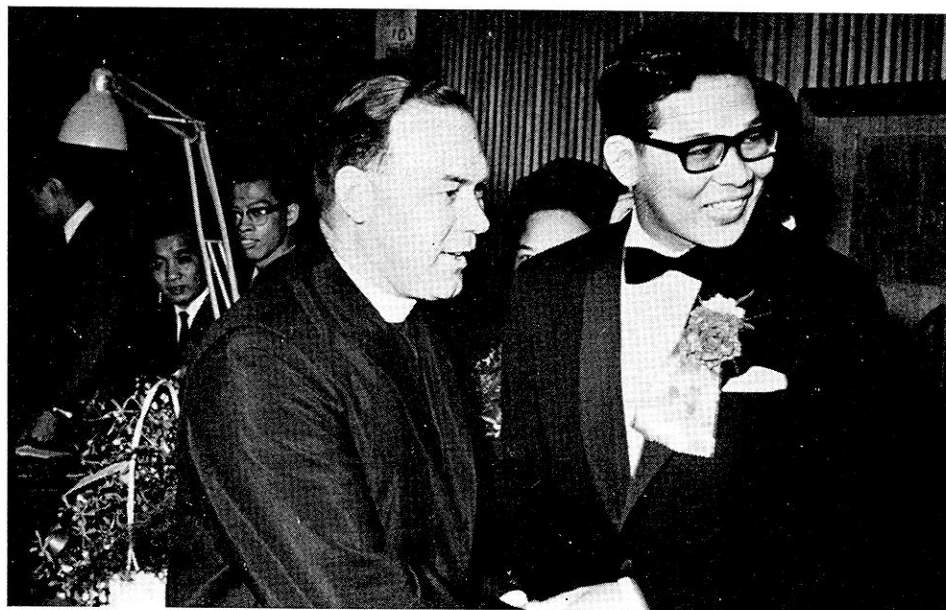
Congratulations to "Dalgan" and its men on their Golden Jubilee, 1918-'68. May the Society of St. Columban grow from strength to strength towards its centenary and beyond it.

—M. O'M.





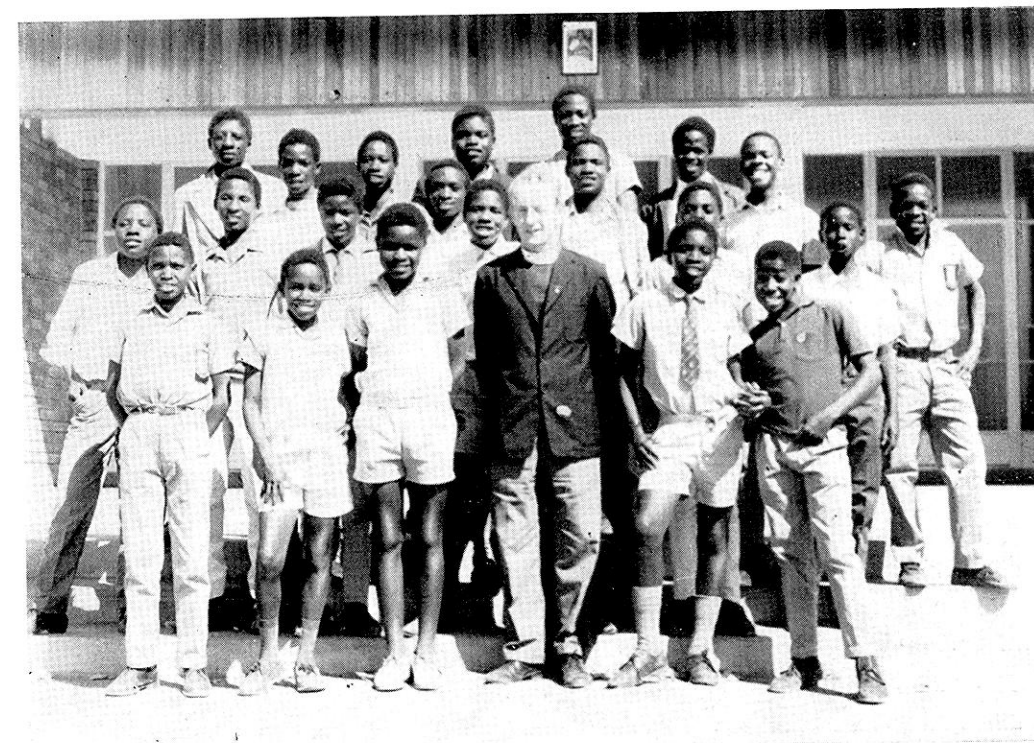
Most Rev. Dr. Corboy, S.J., Bishop of Monze, Zambia, giving Confirmation, assisted by Fr. Frank O'Neill, S.J. (Mungret 1942-'48).



Very Rev. J. Tarpey, S.J., who was at Mungret 1937-'42, and is now Rector at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is seen here with Chinese friends at a wedding reception.



The Zambian Minister for Education, accompanied by Very Rev. M. Kelly, S.J., Principal, Canisius College, Chikuni, Zambia, at opening of New Hall, July, 1967.



Group of newly baptised boys at Canisius College, Chikuni, Zambia, with Fr. J. O'Holohan, S.J., June 1967.

# The Mission Society

*Director:* Rev. G. O'Donnell, S.J.  
*President:* Richard Hurley.  
*Vice-President:* Seamus Boland.

*Secretary:* Anthony Murphy.  
*Treasurer:* Seamus Bruton.  
*Assistants:* Michael Creane, John Daly.

The inaugural talk of the Society this year was given by a past First Prefect of the School, Fr. John O'Holohan, S.J., who is now working in Zambia. Much inspired by his conference, the boys undertook to raise £50 for equipment badly needed on the Mission; and before he returned to Zambia the Committee were able to present him with a first instalment of £30. Also, mainly through Fr. O'Holohan's agency, closer and more realistic links have been set up between Mission and School, through an exchange of letters, photos and tapes.

Another striking witness of the mission apostolate was Bishop Hayes, O.D.C., from

Sicuani, Peru. He showed us a film of the work carried on in his diocese and completed the picture in a short, good-humoured speech.

Shortly before the end of second term we were honoured by the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Most Rev. Dr. McGeough, and Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick. Both addressed us on the missionary contribution made by Irish men (some of them Past Mungret) to the world apostolate.

Finally, thanks must go to all who helped organize, and to those who contributed generously to the Missions during the year.



Rev. Godfrey O'Donnell, S.J., and members of the Mission Society.

## SCHOOL DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

- 8th. We're back late, due to alterations . . . no one complains.
- 9th. We note big changes in Community. New Lab. is almost ready. And the Philosophers are gone.
- 11th. Classes. Back to the old routine . . . new routines for the new boys.
- 17th. Senior Rugby season off to a good start with a 3-0 victory over Young Munster. Sing-song for 1st Club after tea.
- 20th. Retreat begins at 8 p.m. Last words at 7.59 latest.
- 24th. Retreat ends. "Hello, long time no speak." Play Day.
- 25th. Barbers in attendance . . . "Hmmm, I think we could take a little more off there, and there, and there . . ."
- 27th. Mass for Dedication of Studies. Celebrated.
- 30th. Our first weekly exam., Maths. 2nd Club Debate on "Hippies."

### OCTOBER

- 1st. A bad start for the month. Rain, rain, rain.
- 5th. Rhetoric dancing classes have commenced, under the baton of Mrs. Twomey.
- 8th. Talent Competition in the Hall in aid of the Mission Society. A great night's entertainment.
- 13th. Masters' Reports. No comment.
- 14th. Fr. M. Hurley, S.J., visited us and spoke on Ecumenism.
- 15th. Under-16 Debate against Glenstal on Irish Language. We won.
- 16th. "We're in the Army now" — new recruits and veterans attend this year's first gathering of the F.C.A.
- 17th. Camera Club now well under way, with Mr. O'Donnell.
- 21st. A week to Hallowe'en. Everyone seems to be counting the days. Not that we don't like Mungret, of course!
- 22nd. Under-15s beat Rockwell, and Under-13s beat Crescent. Well done!
- 26th. First Club Debate on Vietnam.
- 28th. Rainey Endowed School, the Ulster Cup holders, visited us and defeated our Seniors 6-0 in an exciting game. And after the match it is Hallowe'en and home!

### NOVEMBER

- 1st. Break over: school refills with smiling faces.
- 4th. For those interested in music: the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra play in town.
- 6th. Bishop Hayes of Sequani, Peru, addressed us today.
- 9th. Limerick vanquished Cork at Thomond Park with the help of our 4 stalwarts.
- 12th. Fr. O'Holohan of St. Canisius' College, Zambia, gave us a splendid illustrated mission talk.

- 14th. X-ray Unit at the College today.
- 22nd. Good advice from Fr. Kearns, S.J., talking on films and TV.
- 23rd. Munster v. Connaught in Limerick. Congratulations to T. Lowry, P. Connolly and K. Roche, B. Adams, our inter-provincials.
- 25th. First Club Debate tonight on the Middle East.
- 26th. Past v. Present. We put the past behind us with a 14-6 victory!

### DECEMBER

- 1st. Travelling for outside activities, matches, etc., cancelled because of Foot and Mouth epidemic.
- 4th. In our Soccer league final, Richard Hurley's team, Celtic, beat Rangers 2-1.
- 8th. Play Day. Today we had Mass in the Hall, with Sodality Reception, the hymns being sung to a guitar accompaniment provided by a group of the boys.
- 9th. Film on Grand National, and a special one on Glasgow Celtic: a fabulous show!
- 12th. Carol-singing in the Chapel makes us realise how close the holidays are.
- 15th. Old people from St. Nicholas' Home attend the 5th Year and 3rd Club plays. Thrown in for good measure was a talent competition, featuring Pat Browne and 'Jerusalem.'
- 16th. Goodbye, Mungret! 1 p.m. brings freedom.

### JANUARY, 1968

- 11th. We see those old faces again . . .
- 12th. To make the change less sudden, we celebrate our return with that splendid film, "Tunes of Glory."
- 14th. Return visit by Fr. Crowe, S.J., our former Prefect of Studies, but no study reports this time.
- 17th. Our Seniors beat Crescent 6-0; while Belvedere came here — by jet to Shannon — to lose 6-3 to our Juniors.
- 20th. Two Novices, Messrs. Coughlan and McGrath in our midst.
- 22nd. Visit from Fr. Provincial today.
- 24th. Flu is causing a bit of a stir at the moment. Everybody rushing to bed at 9.15 every night. Good!
- 28th. Seniors (sporting their new jerseys) beat Garbally 12-0.
- 29th. Film, "Behold a Pale Horse." Afterwards, first meeting of our Cine-Forum, under Mr. O'Donnell.

### FEBRUARY

- 8th. Song contest for the Cup. The winner was Richard Hurley with his song, "We Are Here Today."
- 11th. Cup day. "It's a long way to Tipperary," especially if you lose the match. Our Seniors shook up Rockwell, but finally went under 9-8.



- 18th. Mr. M. P. Gallagher, S.J., lecturer in English in U.C.D., came to give us a couple of talks on University life.  
 22nd. Special Class have their day out in Killarney.  
 24th. Mr. Gallagher, S.J., last year's 3rd Club Prefect, paid us a visit. Our opera-lovers went to town to see "Don Giovanni."  
 25th. Swimming gala: Mungret v. Summerhill. Mungret won the day.

### MARCH

- 1st. Where is that Rugby ball? Wild search for missing Cup-match ball — happily, it is 'found' safely.  
 2nd. Under-15s beat Crescent 17-8 in semi-final of their City Cup.  
 5th. News of Mr. MacMahon's engagement: wedding bells ring in our ears!  
 7th. Hard luck to our Juniors, beaten 9-3 by Glenstal in Munster Cup.  
 9th. First Club, teams and various officials go to international in Dublin. Also included are two 3rd-Clubbers for their outstanding part in studies.

- 10th. 2nd Seniors advance, beating St. Munchin's 8-3 in semi-final of City Shield.  
 16th. Home leaves for many at 9 p.m.  
 17th. F.C.A. salute in Church at Mass. Afterwards, National and College flags are raised in honour of St. Patrick. And all before breakfast . . .!  
 23rd. Congrats. to Tony Lowry, Brian Adams and Karl Roche on playing for Munster today. Congrats. also to our Poetry Quiz team, who beat all-comers tonight on the Radio Eireann Schools' Quiz.  
 24th. Our swimmers today win the "Galvin Cup" from Gonzaga.  
 25th. Half-day today for School photos — cheese, please!  
 27th. Hurrah, Under-15s win City Cup, beating St. Munchin's 10-8.  
 28th. Paul Horan second in Limerick Cross-Country Championship.  
 30th. Peter Brogan's brother, Barry, rides into second place in the Grand National.

## Exchanges

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

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The news of the death of Mr. Donogh O'Malley, Minister for Education, on 10th March, 1968, in the midst of his active work, and at a comparatively early age, came as a great shock to everyone. The late Mr. O'Malley, during his short period of office, had been responsible for far-reaching changes in the structure of education in Ireland. The universal expression of mourning at his death, by the citizens of his native city of Limerick and of the country at large, was a measure of the general appreciation of those qualities which the late Mr. O'Malley combined, of devotion to the interests of his local community together with dedication to the wider service of the nation. We renew our expression of sympathy towards his widow and family in their bereavement. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



## MUNGRET COLLEGE UNION

COMMITTEE AND GUESTS AT THE DINNER DANCE, CRUISE'S HOTEL, LIMERICK, NOVEMBER, 1967



Standing—M. Murphy, T. McInerney, T. Lane, F. Wall, M. Mitchell, B. Miller, Fr. A. Ennis, D. Hurley, J. Molloy, T. Crowley.  
Sitting: Fr. J. O'Connell, T. O'Connor, Chairman; H's Worship the Mayor, Ald G. E. Russell; Very Rev. J. Kerr, Rector, B. Hurley, N. Galligan, J. O'Riordan.

## MUNGRET COLLEGE UNION



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Branch Officers are ex officio members of  
Council.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner took place in the College on the Saturday before Low Sunday (April 20th). There were 27 at the Meeting and 45 at the Dinner. The minutes and reports were read and adopted. Some again held that the Members' subscription should be raised to £1. As no proposal to this effect had been submitted, the Chair ruled that it was out of order to propose it now.

Letters of good wishes were read from Very Rev. Fr. Barry, Provincial, and from Very Rev. Fr. Hughes, who were unable to accept the invitations from the Union.

The following items are culled from the Secretary's report:—

The Union had enabled a mother and her invalid child to go to Lourdes.

The Secretary had been prevented from going to the Annual Dinner of the London Branch by the restrictions due to the cattle disease.

Only about a dozen attended the Annual Retreat in Milltown Park, instead of the thirty or forty who could have filled the Retreat House.

The elections then took place and the members outlined above were chosen. Bryan Hurley's election to the Presidency was welcomed by all. He was invested with the Chain of Office by Eddie Daly, who retired after a successful year. The new President thanked him in the name of all and presented him with a beautiful medallion of the College crest. He then gave us an assurance of his own best efforts for the Union during the coming year. At his request a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. Donogh O'Malley, late Minister of Education, and in sympathy with his wife and children.

The Treasurer (Austin Fanning) thanked Fr. Kerr, the Rector, in the name of the

Union for his great support and his kindness to the Union, for giving the use of the College for the occasion, and for offering accommodation for the night.

Among the chief items of other business, Christy O'Sullivan proposed that the Union should have a Novena of Masses offered for the repose of the souls of John Hurley, Gerry O'Connor, Matt Kennedy and David Coyle. All heartily agreed. Later a collection was made and the stipend handed to Fr. Kerr.

A message was read from Fr. Morrissey, the First Prefect, asking the Union's consideration and advice about a projected Rugby tour in England for the Mungret XV. The response was immediate. Five notable members spoke very strongly in favour of helping the boys. There was wholehearted agreement that "we back the enterprise and tell Fr. Morrissey to go ahead."

Following a suggestion of Tom Lane's, the members of the Union agreed to present to the College a dual-purpose golfing net and a golfing mat. The presentation was duly made and was greatly appreciated by both community and boys.

The highlight of the occasion was the presence of Fr. Pat Coffey, who came from Birmingham as the guest of the Union. There was real heart in the welcome he received. The excellence of the dinner and company may be gauged from the stream of reminiscence and anecdote that it released. Fr. Rector's speech, especially his words about the younger generation's many praiseworthy attitudes, such as intolerance of sham, and of a life spent merely in money-making; and their estimate of their elders, were listened to with engrossed attention.

Some stayed the night and had a little golf next day.

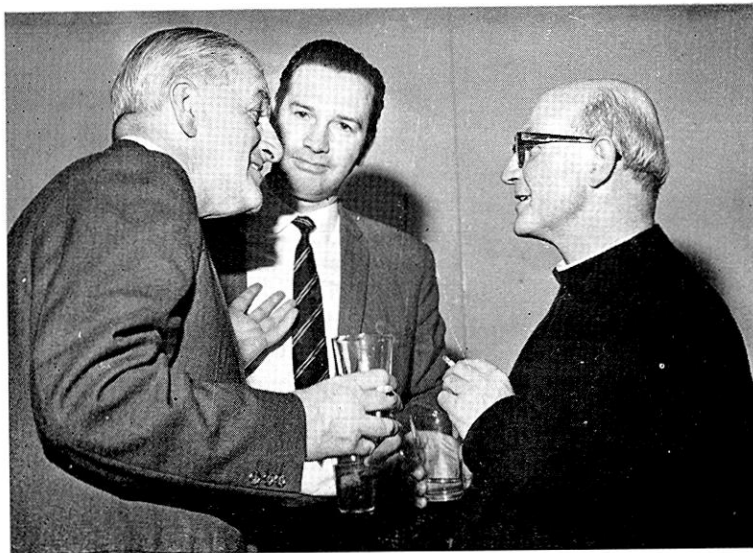
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## MUNGRET COLLEGE UNION



MR. BRYAN HURLEY  
President of the Union.





At the Union Dinner in the College during the Easter vacation (Sat., 20th April, 1968).

Above:

L. Hanrahan, B. McMahon,  
Fr. Rector.

Centre:

Rev. P. Coffey, S.J.

Below:

P. Nutley, T. McInerney, P. Butler.



Group taken on the occasion of the Union function at the College during the Easter vacation (week-end Saturday-Sunday, 20-21 April, 1968): J. Callanan, Fr. Rector, P. Crowley, P. Nutley, Fr. Coffey, P. Butler, Fr. Ennis, F. Corry.



Left: Fr. John O'Connell, C.C. (Hon. Secretary, Southern Branch).

Below: Fr. Ennis and Bryan Hurley.



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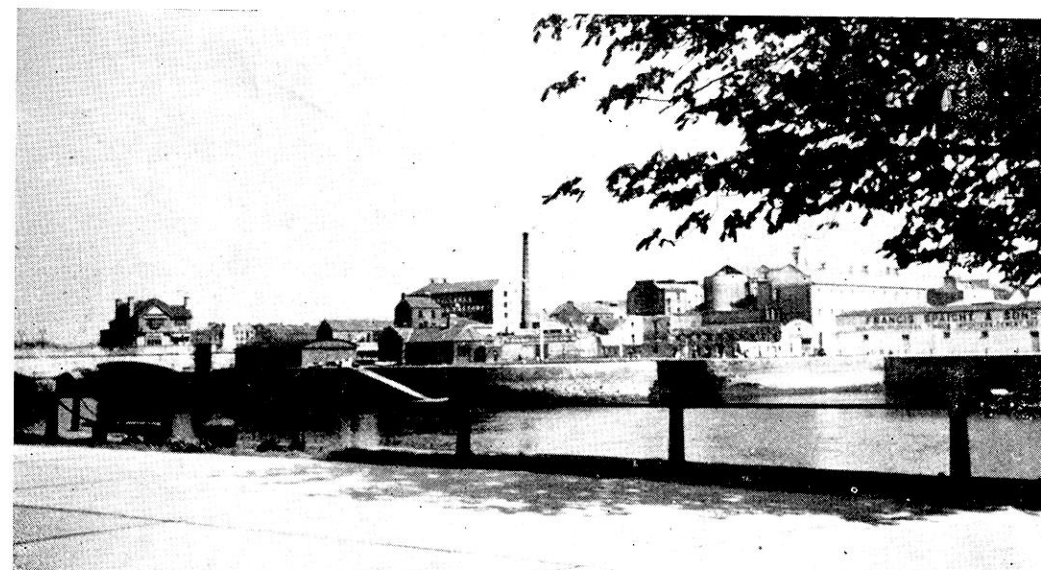
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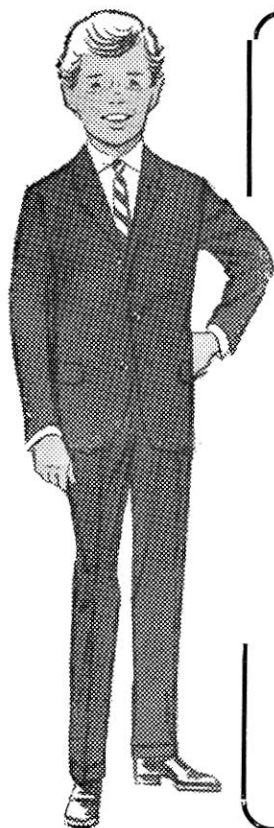
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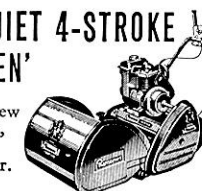
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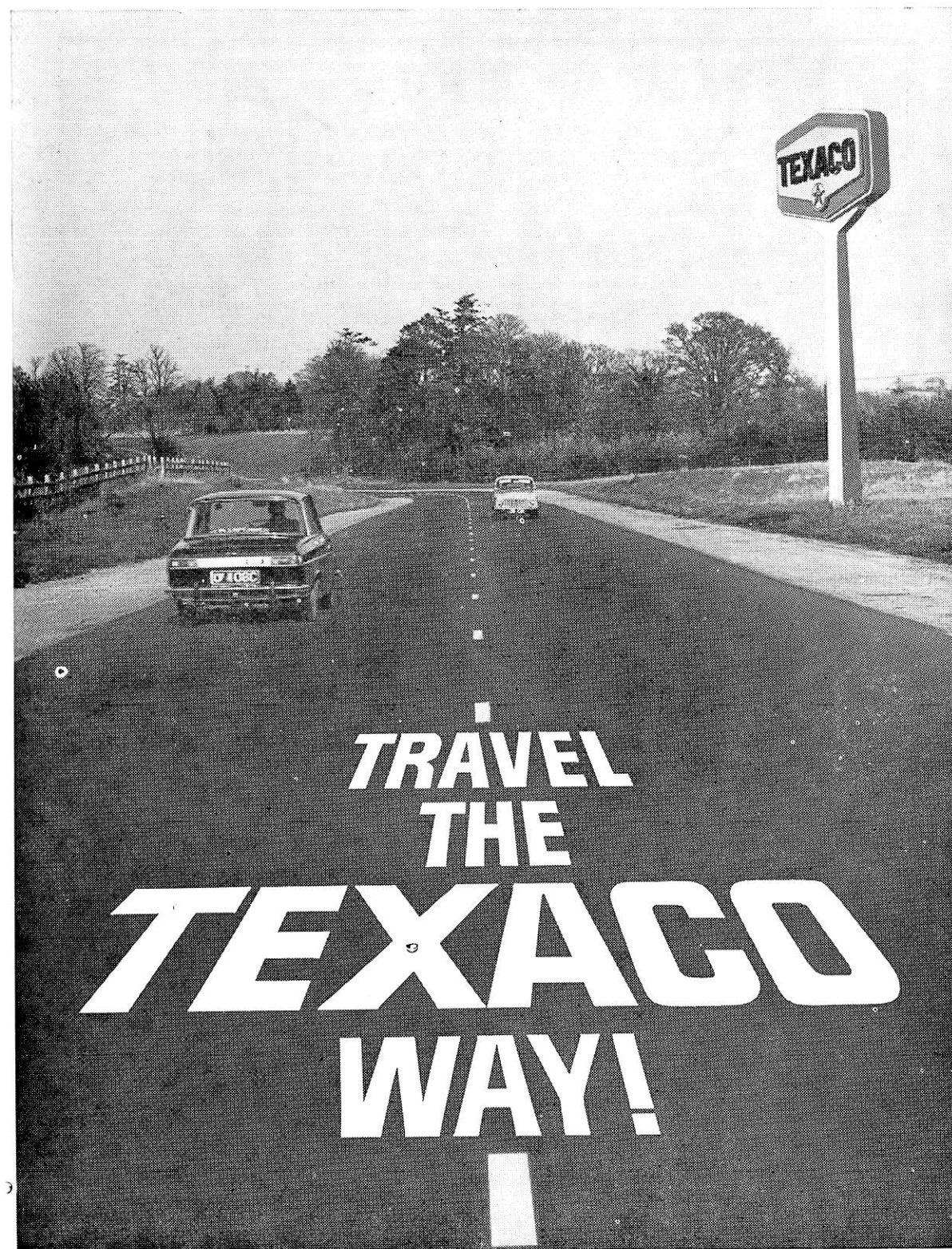
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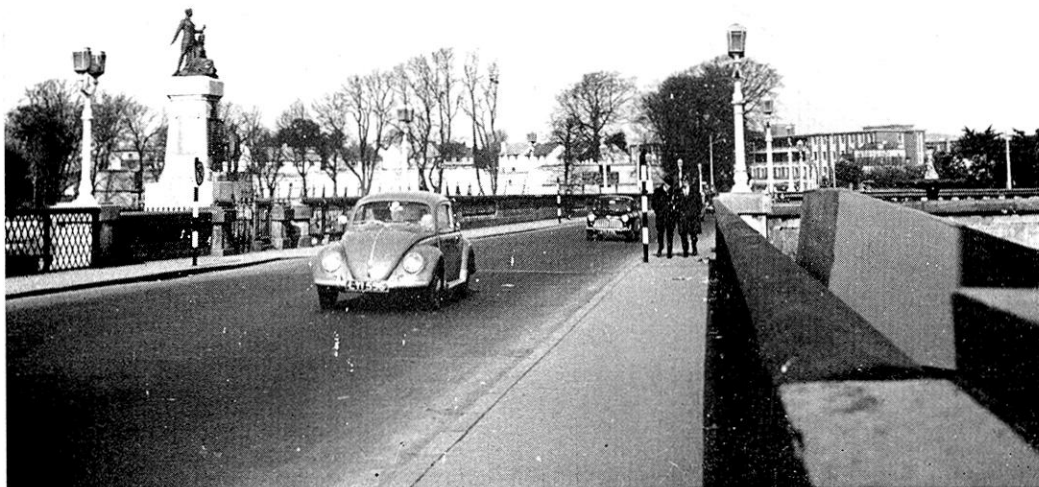
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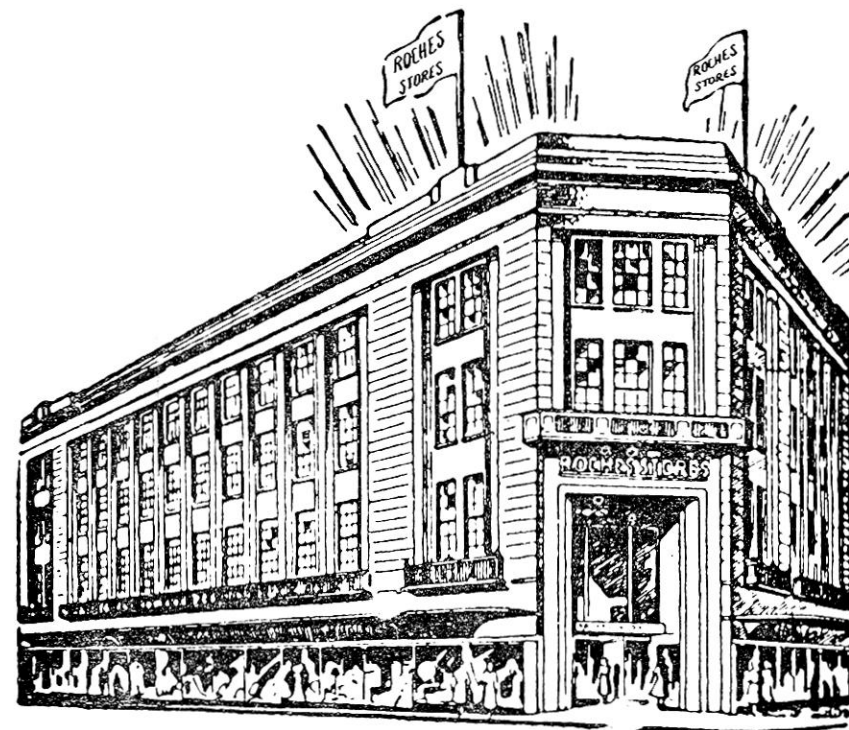
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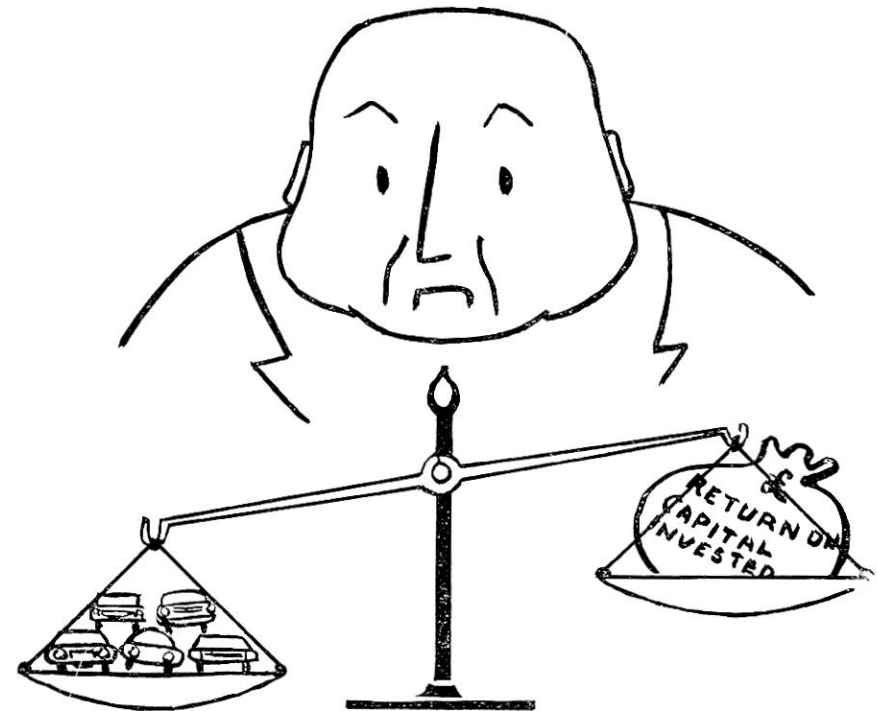


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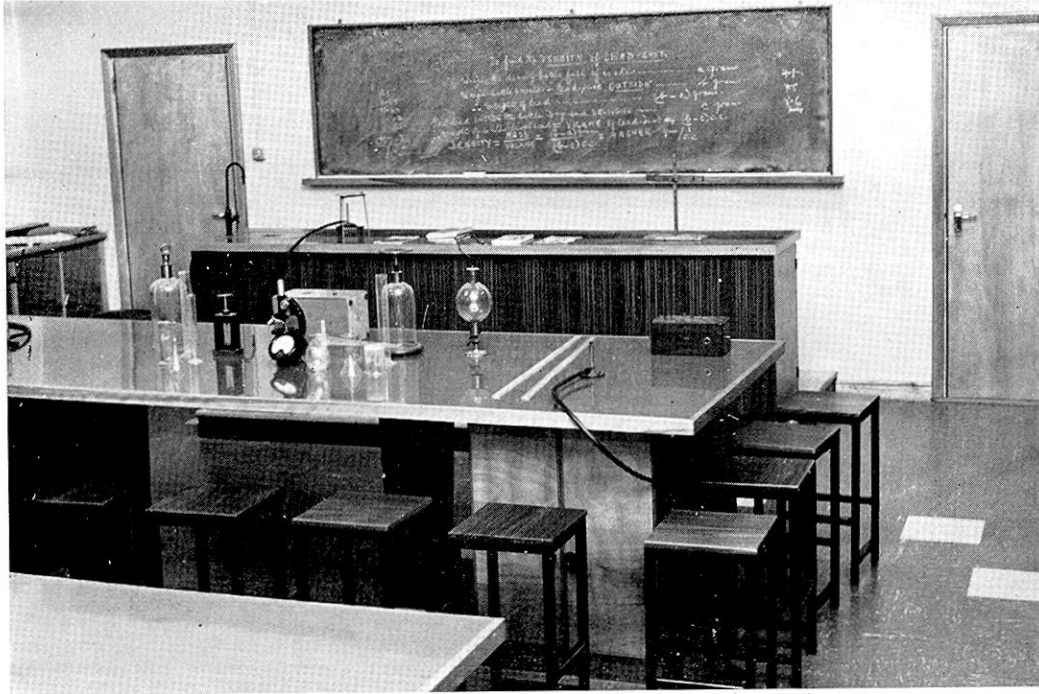
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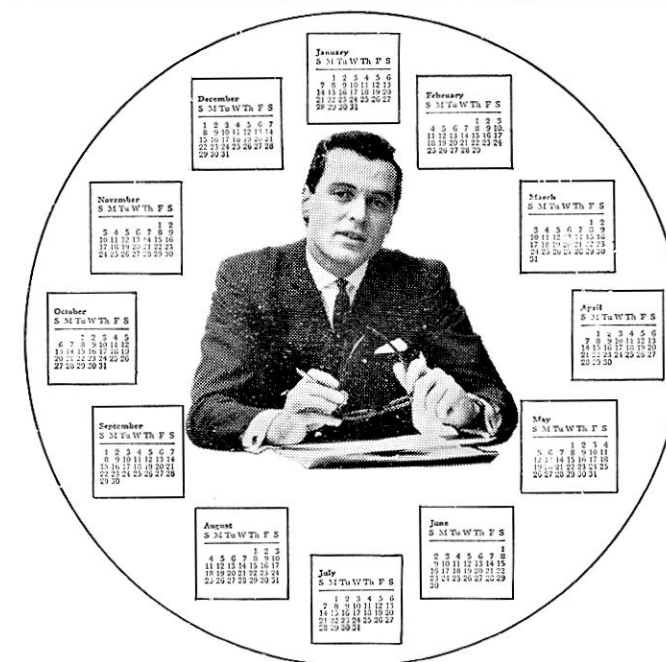
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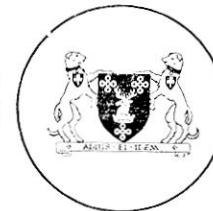


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