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Is This the Final Edition?

You are now reading what may be the last edition of the ROSCREA REVIEW. The future of the Review is in your hands and in the final analysis you, the members of the Union, will decide.

The ROSCREA REVIEW has been financed for many years by a small number of dedicated past students through Bankers' Orders and cash subscriptions, and in these times of escalating costs it is becoming increasingly difficult for this small group to continue to carry the burden of publishing and distributing what has become a vital and we think essential link in keeping you informed of the affairs of the Union and from our experience we can confidently say draws together the past students of Roscrea, the

present students of the College and the members of the Cistercian community.

Fifteen hundred copies of the Review are distributed at regular intervals during the year to the four corners of Ireland and to many parts of the world. The whole effort is made worthwhile when, as happens regularly, the General Secretary receives a letter from past students in America, Australia or some other part of the world expressing thanks for maintaining this link with Roscrea.

Your Central Committee are strongly of the opinion that it would be a very sad day for all past students if we were to be deprived of this very important and vital line of communication. We are fighting desperately to save the ROSCREA REVIEW, you can

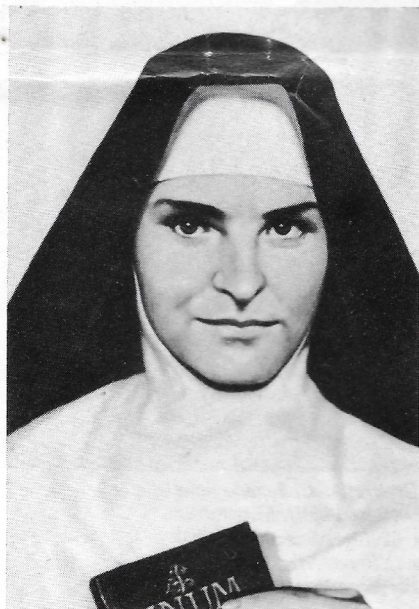
help us.

Under the Chairmanship of the President of the Union, Mr. Noel Windle, your Central Committee met on the 27th March, 1983, at the college, to organise a fund raising programme. This programme will be administered through the various Union branches and we are appealing to you to support your Branch Chairman and Committee. We are confident that you will respond to our appeal in a positive way by helping to share the financial burden and in so doing assure the future of the ROSCREA REVIEW.

N.B. This is further emphasised in the President's Letter inside.

Blessed Maria Gabriella (1914-1939)

**CISTERCIAN NUN
WOMAN OF UNITY
BEATIFIED ON
JANUARY 25th 1983**



Maria Sagheddu was born in Dorgali in Sardinia in 1914, the fifth of eight children. Her father was a shepherd and died while she was a child, thus leaving to the mother, Caterina, the task of bringing up the children. The home was a traditional pious Catholic household, and the family had to work hard to make a living.

During the early years of her life Maria was not notable for piety. In fact some of her neighbours recalled that she had been somewhat remiss in her duties at times, and while she was regular in going to Sunday Mass, she was not so about receiving the Sacraments and about prayer. If her mother told her to go to Benediction, the girl would as likely as not reply "Go yourself".

When she was eighteen, Maria's sister died. She was emotionally close to this sister and the death led to a conversion experience. We do not know the details of this, but certain it is that henceforth Maria started going to daily Mass and communion and gave herself to long periods of prayer. She took part in good works in the village, a thing she had hitherto declined to do, and taught the small children their catechism. The Pastor became her spiritual guide and two years later Maria told him she wished to become a nun. He directed her to the convent of Grottaferatta, a Cistercian convent near Rome and she

entered there in 1935.

At this time the Abbess of the monastery was a close friend of the Abbe Couturier, a French priest who was a great apostle of Church Unity and in particular of prayer for Unity. Couturier pointed out that actual Unity could be a very long way off, but we can all pray now for this great intention, prayed for by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Sr. Gabriella as she now was, took up this idea enthusiastically and after her profession decided to offer her life to God for this intention, taking the words of Jesus literally about laying down your life for your friends.

She made the offering and soon afterwards contracted TB, and spent almost a year in a sanatorium. Despite this and all the medical aid she got, the disease could not be stopped and she died in 1939, aged just 25.

After her death, word of it and of her piety spread and gradually her cult began and grew. Her cause was introduced at Rome in 1953 and now she has been declared Blessed.

Her holiness lay in doing what she could. She could not work for Unity so she prayed for it; she knew little of the causes of disunity but she knew what God's will was and this was the beacon light of her short life. This is her message to us: "Do what you can, where you are . . . pray and do God's will and that will bring Unity sooner than anything".

Retreat for Past Pupils

Begins with High Mass in the Abbey Church at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, 29th May. Programme and meals as usual in the Guest House. The Retreat Master will be Fr. Peter Garvey. Concludes after Vespers — about 6.30 p.m.

The Central Committee will meet after the Retreat on Sunday 29th May at 7.00 p.m. sharp.

School Events

Half-term break: Thursday, 19th May until Sunday, 22nd May. *Broadcast of the Students' Mass on R.T.E.* 8th and 12th May, at 10.30 a.m. Triangular Sports: Wednesday, May 4th in Rockwell. Leinster Sports: Sth. Leinster: Jnr. 10th May; Snr. 14th May. Tullamore. Finals: Belfield, Jnrs. 25th May; Snrs. 28th May. *Sports Day:* Sunday, 5th June.

All Ireland Sports at Belfield, Saturday, 4th June.

Intermediate and Leaving Cert. exams begin on Wednesday, 8th June.

SOCIAL SCENE

South Tipperary: The social scene for the Union in late 1982 and early 1983 was an unqualified success, thanks to some hard working committees. It started off with the South Tipperary outing where Kevin Dwan and his officers requisitioned the Thurles Golf Club for their occasion. Then someone got the bright idea to run a Buffet. This involved enormous work and clever organisation, because the preparation of various dishes was undertaken by the friends and families of the officers. Mrs. Lucy Dwan and family played a vital part in this organisation.

The function itself provided not only food for the body in marvellous variety and at a most reasonable cost but also musical and dancing entertainment. Liam Dwan and his friends from Athlone provided much of the musical entertainment. But as the night wore on he had many voluntary assistants. The committee paid their way well and were able to make a handsome donation to a local

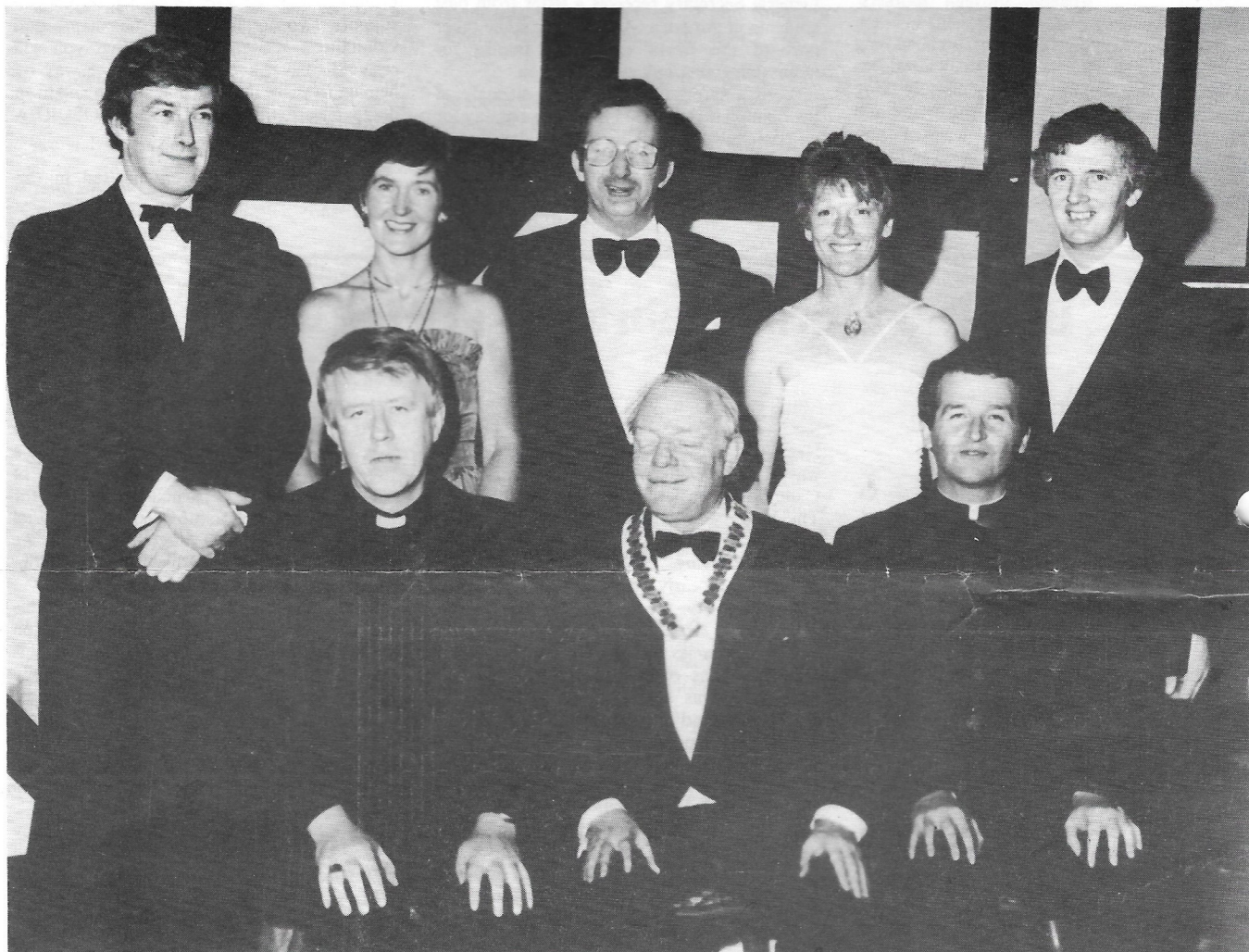
childrens' hospital. Much of the surplus food was given to an equally worthy cause.

But such generosity should not surprise us with South Tipperary, they have been noted for their concern for others from earliest days of the Union, when a Burse for a clerical student was provided each year.

May the spirit of joy and generosity continue to flourish.

South East: The South East came next under the leadership of Pat O'Shea and John Comerford who took a leaf from the South Tipperary book and decided to run a Buffet in the Kytlers Inn which has recently been acquired by Ned Comerford. There was a strong contingent from Dublin as usual but they missed the amenities of the New Park Hotel which has been a feature of the Kilkenny function for so long.

This branch has always a strong "paren-



Group pictured at the annual dinner of the South East Branch of the Cistercian College, Roscrea, P.P.U. in Kytlers Inn. Seated (from left): Most Rev. Dr. Forristal (Past Pupil), Mr. Noel Windle (President P.P.U.), Father Kevin Daly, O.CIST., Cistercian College, Roscrea. Behind: Mr. John Comerford, Thomastown (Treasurer), Mrs. Margaret O'Shea, Mr. Pat O'Shea (Chairman), Ms. Joan Moynihan and Mr. John Keogh, Threecastles (Vice-Chairman).

presence". The committee makes a point of inviting not only parents of Past Pupils but also those of current students from the area as well.

South Western Branch: Donal McCarthy, Chairman of the S.W. Branch, and Dr. Cuimin Doyle were the hosts for one of the most enjoyable functions of the Union. It was held on Saturday, 12th February, at the Innishannon Hotel, where Brian McCarthy and his wife, Aine, preside.

To this lovely setting on the banks of the Bandon River gathered a goodly representation of C.C.R. men and their wives, there was a group from Dublin, another from Thurles, and various parts of Cork and Kerry were represented.

President Noel Windle was accompanied by Rom Massey and his wife, Peggy, and he had also Past President, Frank Lynch, as moral support. Past President, Conor O'Flynn, one of the finest and most hard working Presidents of recent years, was also present with his wife, Mary. Charlie McCarthy who claimed to be the oldest Past Pupil present was also with them.

Needless to say, it was a delightful meal, Innishannon is justly famous for its cuisine. The crowd was small, about the usual Cork average, but there were a number of new faces of people moving from other parts of the country to jobs in the Cork area. Gerry Malone now an Engineer in Cork was there, so was the Solicitor, Jimmy Molloy present, and Dr. Cathal Bredin recently back from America was there. Sean McCarthy and all his family were there from Enniscorthy. Kevin and Lucy Dwan had been highjacked in Thurles en route by the Dublin Brigade . . . It was a delightful crowd, and they sang and danced into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Fr. Dermot who is General Secretary said Mass for the early risers about 12.30 p.m. More than half the guests stayed in the hotel overnight. On return from Mass there was an invitation from Donal McCarthy to stay for lunch. The night out was becoming a weekend. As one man summed it up: "it is only once a year that the Old Boys of Roscrea become Young Boys once again". Long may it last.

Dublin Branch: The Elm & Oak room of Jury's Hotel saw 130 pastmen and their guests assembled for the 53rd renewal of the Dublin Branch Dinner. Guests of honour were Fr. Peter, College President, Noel Windle, President of the P.P.U., District Justice Seamus Mahon, President, Clongowes P.P.U., J. Kenneth O'Brien, President Newbridge P.P.U., and Eddie Ryan, President Bray P.P.U. The Chairman of the Dublin Branch, Nick O'Connor presided and in proposing the toast of the College acknowledged the deep debt of gratitude owed by all pastmen to the Cistercian Order. He also paid tribute to the college staff and the achievements of the College and Students during 1982. Replying, Fr. Peter highlighted the winning of the Gael Linn Irish Debate in 1982, it being the first time a school outside the Gaeltacht had been successful in this national contest — as the most noteworthy achievement of the year: he thanked the pastmen for the support which he found to be generously given at all times and looked forward to its continuance which was so essential to the work carried out by the

College staff.

Union President, Noel Windle proposing the toast of the Dublin Branch, mentioned the Union General Secretary, Fr. Dermot had sent his apologies for his inability to be present and thanked the Rev. Gen. Secretary for his telephone message of good wishes. He noted the presence of 8 former presidents — Tom Hogan, John Dunne, Denis Crowley, Seamus Sherry, Peter Walsh, Gerry Bates, Padraig Mulcahy, John F. Walsh and Frank Lynch epitomising the continuing affection and allegiance which Roscrea pastmen felt for their old college.

Vivian Lavan replied on behalf of the Branch. Gus Martin proposed the toast of the guests, with a humorous intermixing of Union allegiances and Sean Murphy flew the West Cork flag in his witty reply.

Running commentary and entertainment was provided, in customary fashion, by the Massey/McMahon ensemble and a thoroughly enjoyable evening of renewals of old school friendship and exchanges of news continued well into the wee hours.

The Midland Branch Function: This was held at the Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule, which is on the banks of the Royal Canal, not too far from Longford.

To be President of the Roscrea Union, or a close follower of its various social functions, you need *stamina*. The Dublin "Stag Dinner" was held on Friday 28th January and according to some accounts was still in progress between 5 and 6 a.m. on Saturday 29th. Abbeyshrule Dinner Dance was on that night at 8 p.m. sharp. Fair dues to Noel Windle and some of his friends from Dublin, they were there right on time — as fresh as daisies!

Eugene Garvey, Chairman of the Midland Branch was host for the evening and was ably assisted by Johnny Dolan and Paul Wrafter. There was a good gathering of young Pastmen, but the old reliables were there in force; Dr. Jackie McNamara, Past President of the Union and his family, the Connellan brothers, Michael and Pat, Eamon Ryan and

others. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coughlan represented the College Staff, and Fr. Kevin Daly the Community.

The guest of honour was the President of the Union, Mr. Noel Windle, sustained and supported by Rom Massey and Dr. Joe Daly, now accompanied by their wives.

It seems to have been "a whale of a night" and the Editor has had difficulties in finding out who exactly was there, or even how many! But we did glean the following information: apart from those already mentioned above, Richard Mellott was there and his cousin Gerard, John Scott of Templemore, Richard Roche of Clara, John Lovell, Kevin Daly, Sean Loughnane, Kevin and David Canavan, Frank Lynam, and there were two Byrnes whose christian names we missed, all accompanied by partners permanent or otherwise.

It was a great night. Anthony Bennett's "stories" were missed this year, but he is probably entertaining some group of Pastmen in Singapore or Hong Kong with the same ones. God be with you Tony.

Fr. Kevin represented monks and in a few well chosen words recalled the long and sound Traditions of the Midlands. He paid special tribute to those who had laid the foundations of the Branch and formed its traditions, especially the former Presidents, Dr. Jackie McNamara and Tom Haugh.

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During a visit to Australia not so long ago, Fr. Tom Bowden P.P. of Clough, Co. Kilkenny, had an impressive gathering of Past Students in Tarrawarra Abbey near Melbourne.

Present were Frs. Tom Murray, Jim English, Eddie Sherry and members of the Community, Abbot Kevin O'Farrell, Fr. Cronan Sherry (since visited by his brothers Seamus and Barney), Fr. Finbarr Lenihan, Fr. Andy Fennessy, and Fr. Owen Palmer. A photograph in this issue shows some of the group.

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L. to r.: Fr. Cronan Sherry, Fr. Tom Bowden, Fr. Finbarr Lenihan, Fr. Jim English, Abbot Kevin O'Farrell, Fr. Tom Murray.

Limerick-Clare Branch

There follows a complete list of the registered members of the Cistercian College Union in the Limerick/Clare Branch. The Central Committee of the Union would like to contact at least eight men from this area who would be willing to form the nucleus of a viable committee for this oldest Branch of the Union. Please contact the General Secretary or the President of the Union:- Mr. Noel Windle, "The Moorings", 64 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the Central Committee of the Roscrea Past Pupils Union I would like to say a sincere thank you for the honour you have bestowed on me by electing me to be your President for the next two years. I am very appreciative of your trust and confidence.

In a community as closely knit as our own, our Union achievements are very well known to other school Unions in the country and our achievements are the envy of most.

Central Committee are continuously examining our function with a view to expanding our activities and bringing the Union closer to the more recent Past. Past students of the College, not Members of the Union, should make themselves known to their local Branch Chairman and join the Union or write for application forms to the General Secretary of the Union, Rev. Fr. Dermot O Colmain O.Cist., at the College. In mentioning Fr. Dermot it gives me an opportunity to express our deep appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment which in no small measure is responsible for the furtherance and development of our Union over the last decade or so. We are very grateful to you, Fr. Dermot, for your enormous input which is sincerely appreciated by all of us, and for your friendship.

I would now like to alert you to a very serious problem concerning our Union. The problem is lack of money.

Union revenue is derived from two sources:-

- (1) Subscriptions received towards the quarterly issue of the Roscrea Review;
- (2) Subscriptions received from new members.

The total funds receivable from these sources is only a fraction of the resources necessary to cover the running costs of your Union. For example, the cost to print the

"Roscrea Review" quarterly and post to our 1,600 members is IR£3,200 annually. The cost of printing and postage has soared in recent years and the problem is that subscriptions received to offset these increases have not kept pace. Your President is encouraged by the views expressed concerning the state of our finances by the members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Union held in the College on the 4th October 1982. The members were of the opinion and in no doubt that the "Roscrea Review" must continue to issue — it being the link between the Past, the Present, the College and the Monastery.

I am, therefore, pledging my Presidency to putting the finances of our Union in order to insure that it has a sound financial base. With your help and working together for the same purpose during my term as President I will also commit my energies to re-establishing the dormant Branches of our Union. Immediately the Winter issue of the Review is circulated to our Union members I will be writing to the Chairman and Secretaries of each Branch to arrange an informal meeting which I will attend for the purpose of putting before your Branch members the recommendation of Central Committee, which is to boost Union funds by way of annual subscription to the Review fund to ensure that your Union is able to pay its way in the future. Otherwise Union activity will come to a halt unless there is an immediate injection of capital into central funds.

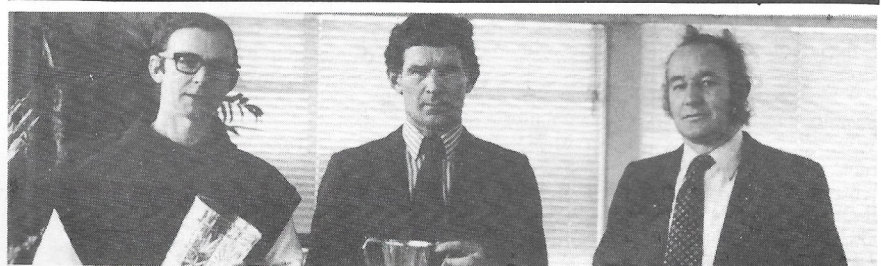
There is no room for complacency now. I look forward very much to working with our members with enthusiasm at Branch level and at Central Committee in the name of our beloved "Roscrea Union" to make certain that our goal is achieved.

Union Gold Medal

The Medal for 1982 was won by Aidan Bergin.

Obituaries

Mr. Ted Heffernan, 1926, Ard na Croise, Thurles.
 Mr. Tom Kinierons, 1946, 8 Plassey Ave., Limerick.



Last time out! Winners of the Abbot's Cup — 1st, John Buckley, Roscrea; 2nd, Fr. Peter Garvey; 3rd, Hugh O'Donnell, C.C.R., Teaching Staff

NEWS ABOUT PAST STUDENTS

John Woods, 1966, formerly of Swinford, Co. Mayo, is a Partner with Stokes Kennedy Crowley in their Computer Service Division.

Ken Forde, 1966, who comes from Castlebar, but now lives and works in New York, is a Consultant in Industrial Relations Psychology.

Joe Hayes, 1967, formerly Fethard, Co. Tipperary, is First Secretary in the Irish Embassy in Moscow.

Jim O'Flanagan, 1966, works with AIB at Bankcentre H.Q. in Dublin.

Jim Coffey, 1965, is a Director and shareholder in his own company, Hospital Enterprises, based in Glasnevin.

John McHugh and **Bart Scanlan**, both 1966, are in the Gardai in Dublin. John is attached to the Crime Squad and Bart works with the Special Branch in Dublin Castle.

Frank Buckley, 1966, originally from Rhode, Co. Offaly, now runs his own construction company in Dublin.

Eddie O'Donovan, 1966, is a tax consultant and partner with Craig Gardiner in Dublin.

Denis Sampson, 1965, originally from Whitegate, Co. Clare is now in Canada, where he teaches English Literature at a University near Montreal.

Michael McNulty, 1965, runs his own accountancy firm in Terenure.

Peter Murray, 1966, having worked for some years in Genoa, now works in Canada with an international shipping company.

Dr. Cathal Bredin, 1960, has returned from America to take an appointment in the Regional Hospital, Wilton, Cork. He specialises in respiratory diseases. He is a brother of Dr. Hugh Bredin of Galway.

James Molloy, 1962, came to Roscrea from Fethard. He now lives in Oyster Haven, Co. Cork. He is a Solicitor by profession. How is it that we always associate Jimmy with West Cork, never Tipperary?

Seamus Gallagher, 1965, a native of Wexford, is a keen yachtsman. He recently took part in the Sydney to Hobart race in Australia. While there he met up with the brothers Phil and Jack Guiney — both in great form. One lives in Melbourne and the other in Sydney.

Michael P. Houlihan, 1958, of Ennis, has

been elected President of the Incorporated Law Society.

Brendan Hyland, 1969, formerly of Freshford, Co. Kilkenny, has bought the law practice of Michael Duigan in Roscrea. Michael, one of the most staunch supporters of the North Tipperary branch of the Union left the College in 1926.

Tim Maher of Annegrove, Roscrea, one of the Hon. Treasurers of the Union has added another son to his family.

Fr. Peter Dempsey, O.F.M.Cap., 1925, has retired from the Chair of Applied Psychology, U.C.G. He was the Department's first Professor and a member of the Southern Region I.M.I. Committee for nearly twenty years.

Brendan Coughlan, 1972, from Ballycotton is engaged to Patricia Smiddy of Tralee. Brendan is teaching in Limerick, and has his B.Sc., H.Dip., and Dip. in Computer Sc. His brother Kieran is also teaching and is already married.

Ciaran McMahon, 1976, was recently married to Margaret Mason of Scarrif, Co. Clare. They now live in Greystones.

Vivian Lavañ 1962, has been called to the Inner Bar at the Four Courts.

William Silke, 1948, of Galway, is at present working on his Masters of Education thesis on Computer Science — good luck Billy!

Benedict Connolly, 1939, won the Ploughing Championship for 1982. He lives in Kenagh, Co. Longford.

Tom Mellott, 1948, found his Union tie in tatters, so he got in touch. Not to be confused with the western branch of the Claiñ Tom came from Clontarf, Dublin. He is now settled in Clifton Cres., Belfast.

Noel Forde, 1970, formerly from Castlebar, visited the College recently. He now lives in Canada, and would like contemporaries to note that his address is 2422 4th Ave. Nth., Calgary, Alberta. It is just about 3,200 miles from Toronto, but if you come from the other side, from Vancouver it is only 800 miles over the Rockies.

Tom Maher, 1960, of Tullamore, is president of the local Lions Club. Recently he got a soccer ball signed by some of the star footballers of Italy. It is to be raffled and the proceeds donated to charity. He even had the Italian Ambassador present the ball to the Club — we have a picture from the paper to prove it.

Paul Dodd, 1975, of Bray, Co. Wicklow is engaged to Helen O'Toole. They hope to marry in summer 1983.

Gerard McCarthy, 1955, formerly of Midleton. He is a Manager in the Bank of Ireland and he has recently been transferred to Charleville. At the last A.G.M. of the South Western Branch he was elected to the office of Chairman of the Branch to succeed his cousin Donal McCarthy.

Gerry Malone, 1962, a native of Edenderry is now an Engineer living in Kildare, Ovens, Co. Cork.

Very Rev. Denis Foley, 1948, a native of Newport, Co. Tipperary, was a strong supporter of the South Tipperary Branch, will now be missed since his recent appointment as Parish Priest of Walkinstown, Dublin.

Rev. Br. Joseph Farrell, 1949, from Curraghroe, Longford, taught for five years in Crumlin, and he is now Master of Novices in the South African Province of the Christian Brothers, based in Capetown.

Richard Spring, 1968, a native of Tralee, is Leader of the Labour Party, and Tanaiste in the present Government. So much has been written about him recently that there is no need to comment. We wish him well in his responsible position.

Other noteworthy Pastmen in the Present Government are, **Senator Jim Ryan**, the brothers **David** and **Niall Andrews**, **Thomas W. Enright**, and most recently in the Fianna Fail party, **Michael Nolan**.

During the past year the following completed their degrees in U.C.D. Paul Irwin and Owen Sherry — Medicine; Martin Fitzgerald, Jack Kennedy, Brendan Phelan, got their B.Comm., the two latter are doing further studies for Accountancy; Dermot Dean, Niall Gleeson, John McHugh, Noel Scott got their B.C.L.

Fr. Michael Campion, 1968, a native of Rathdowney was transferred to Goshforth, Newcastle upon Tyne during the year. He calls it the home of rugby in the north of England. One of the first pleasant duties he had to perform there was to preach at the Silver Jubilee Mass of **Fr. Martin Deegan**, 1951. The latter is in St. Mary's, Hexham, Northumberland.

Peadar Cox, 1957, from Martinstown, Co. Kildare, is now a Yoga Instructor in Cork.