

Believe it or not . . .



Tommy Carty . . . with that long delayed letter.

THE LETTER THAT GOT AWAY . . .

THE postman from Tuam didn't knock on Tommy Carty's hall door on the morning of Monday, March 9th . . . even though he should have been getting a letter from a friend.

For the letter, which was posted in Milltown two days earlier and addressed to Tommy at his home in Birmingham, three miles from Tuam, was well on its way to Downingtown, U.S.A. . . . instead of Birmingham, Tuam.

And for the next two weeks the envelope was ferried up and down the state of New York from Birmingham to Jamaica and on to Kennedy as some U.S. mailman tried in vain to locate a Tommy Carty.

Eventually it found its way into the New York Post Office return post section and was landed back in Ireland—and after a 6,000 mile trip was delivered safely to Tommy a month later.

Yesterday he told us "I was amazed when I got the letter covered with American post office stamps. Obviously it made quite a trip before finally returning to Tuam."



Paddy Brett and Tom Begley . . . with that fish.

THE FISH THAT DIDN'T

LIKE ALL seasoned anglers Tom Begley, from Milltown, has been spinning tall yarns for many a long day . . . but after his "two in one" catch last weekend he has a tale to cap them all.

For on Thursday evening, Tom, who was doing a spot of fishing in the Clare River a few hundred yards from his house, landed a huge 9 lb. pike which had earlier swallowed a fine 2 lb. trout.

Using a hand-made copper spoon, Tom played the pike for 20 minutes before he landed him. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the fine trout which the pike had breakfasted on.

"It happened once before but it is very rare to catch a pike with another fish," he said. "It certainly shows the damage that pike are doing in our fishing rivers."

Paddy Brett, from Tuam, who was fishing with Tom at the time, commented: "This was one of the biggest pike taken from the river in years and it shows the damage they are causing very clearly."

SQUARE . . .

the Urban Council. It was pointed out that the square was a most valuable amenity which the town had enjoyed for many years.

Instead of the by-pass, it was suggested that parking should be restricted to one side of Main Street on alternate periods.

TREE PLANTING IN TUAM

An appeal for a County Council tree planting programme for Gilmartin Road, Tuam, was made at the Town Commissioners meeting by Mr. Mike Kelly.

"Trees have already been planted along Athenry Road and I think it would be a big advantage to Gilmartin Road if similar planting was undertaken," he said.