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LAST WEEK WE SAID...

GALWAY STILL BACKS JACK

AND THIS WEEK:

JACK BACKED GALWAY

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Kilkerrin plans mini festival

KILKERRIN, one of North Galway's most ambitious little villages, is getting into the entertainment business in earnest this year—with its own mini festival.

The three-day affair from June 21st to 23rd is being organised primarily to provide a bit of midsummer entertainment for the local people and visitors to the area.

One of the highlights of the programme will be the opening of a folk exhibition in a temporary museum which will house hundreds of antiques of local importance.

The Midsummer Festival and Daon - Scoll (Folk School) is being organised by members of the Pilot Area Committee and is attracting considerable interest in the locality.

Particular emphasis is laid on sporting events and there will be a whole range of G.A.A. matches, athletics, angling, pony and donkey races, tug-o-war and scores of other competitions.

OPEN-AIR DANCING Night time entertainment in the festival village will include open-air dancing, song and music, barbecues, and public house sessions—with bonfires galore.

Fringe events will range from fancy dress parades for young and old to weight throwing and stock judging at a Macra Field evening.

Men behind the festival are chairman John Gibbons, secretary Michael Keane, and the ladies are Mrs. M. Martin, Mrs. Tom Cuddy and Mrs. Brian O'Higgins.

Few villages the size of Kilkerrin have ever attempted to mount such a large programme of events, but the organisers are confident that the festival from Midsummer's Night to Bonfire Night will be a complete success.

A spokesman for the committee said yesterday: "It is an ambitious undertaking but we believe that it will provide a few days of worth while entertainment for all of us."

Galway welcome for the new Ministers

Herald Special Report

CO. GALWAY'S two new men in the Jack Lynch administration are to be given triumphal home-coming receptions throughout the county during the next ten days.

Elaborate plans are now being made for the celebrations which will be held to honour Mr. Robert Molloy, new Minister for Local Government, and Mr. Michael F. Kitt, new Junior Minister for the Gaeltacht.

U.C.G. Professor to talk on Cancer Research

Professor Sean M. Lavelle, Director of the Department of Experimental Medicine, U.C.G., will represent the Medical Research Council of Ireland, the Irish Cancer Society and the Irish Association for Cancer Research at the 10th International Cancer Congress to be held in Houston, Texas, commencing on May 22nd.

The Congress is organised every four years by the Union of International Cancer Control with headquarters in Switzerland, and will be attended by delegates from 75 countries.

The purpose of the Congress is to review and debate the progress of research, and the programmes of cancer control and prevention throughout the world.

Professor Lavelle has been invited to present a paper on his experiments over the past three years on the "Effects of extracts of marine molluscs and related substances on growth of chemically induced tumours."

The Irish Cancer Society financed this study to the extent of £6,300.

C.I.E. UNDER FIRE FROM TUAM

O.C.I.E. bosses in Galway are under fire from Tuam for their failure to repaint the rusting railway bridge at the Athery Road entrance to the town. Tidy Towns Committee chairman Mr. Mike Kelly commented "It is a disgrace and I don't know how we can make any progress when an outfit like C.I.E. refuses to co-operate."

ARCHBISHOP TO GET ORDER OF MALTA CROSS

The Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr. Cunnane, will be honoured by the Order of Malta on Sunday next, when he will be presented with the Cross of Chaplain Conventual.

The cross, which will make him an honorary member of the Order, will be conferred on him by the Irish President of the Order, Mr. Noel Peart.

The ceremony will take place in the Cathedral after 12.30 Mass, which will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of the Order of Malta.



On his arrival in Tuam on Saturday night, Mr. Peart will be received by the Archbishop and given a civic reception by the Town Commissioners.

Addresses of welcome will be presented on behalf of the Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce, and a reception will be held in the Imperial Hotel.

On Sunday, Archbishop Cunnane will present First Aid certificates to cadet members of Tuam Order of Malta ambulance unit.

TUAM WANTS MAN ON DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Tuam is demanding representation on Galway's County Development Team — this week a request is being sent to County Manager Austin A. Sharkey asking for the co-option of a Tuam man on to the team.

The request comes from the Town Commissioners, who are dissatisfied that the county's second largest town has no representation on the industry hunting team.

BALLINASLOE FARM BLAZE

Ballinasloe fire brigade rushed to quell a big fire at the home of Mr. Paddy Madden, Deerpark, on Thursday night.

When the brigade arrived they found a shed in the yard ablaze. The contents included plumbing tools, car batteries, chairs and other furniture. The shed, which was felt covered, was completely destroyed as were most of the contents. At times the situation looked dangerous as two motor cars and two oil containers were in danger. Eventually the outbreak was got under control and no serious damage was caused to the adjoining dwellinghouse.

On the following night the brigade received a call that the Ahasragh grain mills were on fire but after the seven mile dash discovered it was a bogus alarm.

INDUSTRIAL SITE

TUAM Chamber of Commerce has been offered an 11-acre industrial site for £5,500, it was announced on Tuesday night. The site is on the Gardenfield side of the town and outline planning permission is now being sought.

SCHOOL BUS

Milltown N.S. is to get a new school bus service—it will serve families living on the Ballindine side of the town. Following representations made by Mr. John Donnellan, T.D., the new service has been sanctioned by the Dept. of Education. It will be introduced within the next few weeks.

MORE GARDAI

A request for an increase in the strength of the Garda force in Tuam has been made by the Town Commissioners.

£12,000 CAR PARK

The proposed £12,000 car park over the River Nanny at the end of Shop Street, Tuam, may yet get County Council approval.

TENNIS COURT

Roadstone Ltd. have agreed to re-surface the tennis court in the Palace grounds, Tuam, it was announced at Tuesday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Chamber had complained that the surface had not been properly laid.

SPARE THAT SQUARE...

RESIDENTS in Ballinasloe do not want the town's proposed new road routed on to St. Michael's Square.

This was the unanimous decision taken at a meeting of the Development Association on Friday night, and it was decided to co-inform

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 Birmingham, 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."

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 week-end 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."



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

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.

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.

ITALIAN ARTIST'S EXHIBITION

GALWAY goes international on the art scene again this week, when the Kenny Art Gallery at Salt-hill stages an exhibition of paintings by the Italian artist, Lydia Ricci-Barro.

The exhibition, which is sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute, Dublin, will be opened on Friday evening, 6.30, by Mr. Frank Forde, Professor of Romance Languages at U.C.G. Dr. Carlo Fredome, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, will also speak.

Born in the countryside near Venice, Lydia Ricci-Barro is descended from two generations of painters on her mother's side and has been interested in art from a very early age.

Last year she participated in an exhibition in New York of paintings by European artists, and she had a one-man show in Rome last December.

MARRIED to Dr. Giovanni Ricci, a professor of Neuro-psychiatry in the University of Rome, she has two daughters.

This is the artist's first show in Ireland.

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