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The Irish Tourist Association has emphasised continually the importance to the tourist industry of the home market, constituting, as it does, a very considerable factor in the national economy.

In these days of stress and international strife we look with confidence to strengthened and solidified support from our home holiday-makers. At least sixty per cent. of the money expended on holidays in Ireland in the past has come from the pockets of our own people and there is no reason to doubt that, in the light of new adjustments to new conditions this source of supply will continue to be prolific. Add to this the substantial annual expenditure, by our own nationals touring abroad, which will now naturally be diverted to home resorts, thus offsetting the anticipated loss of revenue from tourist traffic entering the country.

These sources, together with the normal annual increase noticeable in recent years—through the growth of the holiday habit, and particularly with the enactment of "holidays with pay" measures—confirm us in the belief that Irish Tourism must and will maintain a foremost position in the industrial economy of the country.

Assured of the home market, which we value above all others, the Irish Tourist Association realises that the overseas market, though reduced, is by no means closed. New and special efforts will be directed to the attraction of accessible potential visitors from overseas and to these Ireland's advantages for Sport and peaceful holidays will make an even stronger appeal than ever.

The Irish Tourist Association has made a careful survey of Irish tourist prospects with due regard to all the drawbacks of the present situation, and without any blind optimism, scare, or similar emotions which obscure the true delineations. In the light of such careful examination, we are convinced that there is no cause for panic or pessimism.

A determination on the part of all concerned in the industry to plan and prepare for 1940 will be a big contribution towards security and continuity. Our holiday traffic has become a major industry giving widespread employment to many classes of workers, and the maintenance of this industry in a flourishing condition is a matter of national concern. Its members must follow up the exhortation of An Taoiseach in his recent broadcast to the nation that in such times of stress as we now experience, "each one should go about his ordinary work and do it a little better."

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Be ready for the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Tourist Association in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin on Wednesday, 18th October at 11 o'clock. See page 11 of this number of Irish Travel for further details.
With An Irish Pack

By STANISLAUS LYNCH

Author of "Rhymes of an Irish Huntsman."

Few pursuits in life are so conducive to the preservation of one's sanity as a good day with hounds. Politics, Finance and the daily ration of personal worries are forgotten when one's horse cocks his ears to the opening note of a hound in an Irish Woodland. Around one the faces of the riders are tense—the hope that they will soon see a brown shadow streak away from the woodside and point his mask for the far-off hills.

Variety.
Quite a number of those present are visitors from overseas. Some of them come annually, lured by Ireland's hospitality and the unsurpassed excellence of her sporting fare. Here one has no Leicestershire cut-and-hinds in endless succession, no Pennsylvanian flights of timber, or Australian barbed-wire monstrosities; no, one meets an endless variety of natural obstacles. Variety is the keynote of Ireland's menu: stone-walls, single-banks, double-banks, hedges, bog-drains, rivers and gaps ensure that the term "sameness" can never be applied to our Irish countryside.

Inexpensive.
Others of these visitors may be having their first sample of Irish sport and they will be agreeably surprised to find that, in spite of these difficult times, excellent hunting does not necessarily entail any very great expense. There are no three guinea Saturday Caps in Ireland. Indeed, the usual Cap-money collected at most Irish Meets is half-a-crown. With the more fashionable packs the Cap is accordingly higher but the maximum for non-subscribing visitors is one pound. Subscriptions for the season are as low as three pounds with several two-days-a-week packs; of course, with the bigger establishments, annual subscriptions range up to fifty pounds. There are several private packs and an endless array of foot-hound packs where Cap-money and subscriptions do not exist or are merely optional.

Horses.
If visitors wish to purchase their hunters here well, who has not heard of Ballsbridge Bargains? The same applies to Ireland in general. Any farmer's son will be glad to sell his horse and although it is our Irish trait to ask plenty at the outset, we are easy to deal with eventually; and if there is still some difficulty towards the conclusion of the deal, a good "luck-penny" soon overcomes it. If horses are to be hired there are numerous reputable riding schools and livery establishments in the cities and bigger provincial towns, which provide safe cross-country conveyances at very reasonable charges. If you are hunting with the smaller provincial packs a farmer's son may lend you a horse that will do your heart good. Invariably, the honorarium will
### Irish Hunts, Masters, Secretaries, Fees, etc.

#### FOXHOUNDS

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<td>Avondhu (30)</td>
<td>Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Lismore.</td>
<td>Wed. Sat.</td>
<td>Mr. T. O’Brian</td>
<td>Mr. C. E. Murray, M.R.C.V.S., Dunskeen House, Fermoy.</td>
<td>£6.00; cap, 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>By arrangement</td>
<td>Stand House, Fermoy.</td>
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<td>Ballymasd (20)</td>
<td>Oldcastle, Castlepollard.</td>
<td>Thur. Fri.</td>
<td>Miss A. Usher</td>
<td>Mr. A. Hane, Ballymasd, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.</td>
<td>Minimum sub. £4.00; cap, 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>By arrangement</td>
<td>Moynagh, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.</td>
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<td>Bre (35)</td>
<td>Emo.</td>
<td>Wed. Sat.</td>
<td>Mr. R. A. Dear</td>
<td>Mr. J. Murnagh, Davidstown, Emo.</td>
<td>Sub. £3.00; cap, 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>Apply Hon. Sec.</td>
<td>Coolhawn.</td>
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<td>Carlow (50)</td>
<td>Carlow, Tullow, Dungarvan.</td>
<td>Thur. Sat.</td>
<td>Mrs. W. Hall</td>
<td>Mr. O. H. A. Ronayne, Dungarvan, Co. Carlow.</td>
<td>£6.00; 5a. cap</td>
<td>15s. cap per day</td>
<td>Moyston, Carlow. Tel. Carlow 17.</td>
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<td>Carbery (40)</td>
<td>Bandon, Coadalanty, Kinsale.</td>
<td>Thur. Sun.</td>
<td>Mr. P. J. O’Driscoll</td>
<td>Mr. C. O’Driscoll, M.R.C.V.S., Kilbarry, Bandon.</td>
<td>£5.00; cap for non-members.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for field money.</td>
<td>Blackrock, Mallow, Co. Cork.</td>
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<td>Co. Waterford (28)</td>
<td>Shillelagh, Carnew.</td>
<td>Mon. Fri.</td>
<td>Mr. D. D. Dayne</td>
<td>Mr. J. M. O’Leary, Hawesmore, Castlehill.</td>
<td>£15.00 min.; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>10s. cap per day</td>
<td>Kilbeggan, Co. Offaly.</td>
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<td>Duhallow (15)</td>
<td>Mallow, Buttevant, Charleville, Doneraile.</td>
<td>Thur.-weekly</td>
<td>Mr. G. Almonde and Mrs. Livingstone-Minnion</td>
<td>Mr. J. A. Lewis, Derrynane, Ballinacurra, Ballymacelligott.</td>
<td>£10.00; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for first three days after which sub. is expected.</td>
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<td>East Galway (25)</td>
<td>Ballinasloe, Eyrecourt, Portumna.</td>
<td>Mon. Thu.</td>
<td>Miss O’Rorke</td>
<td>Mr. A. D. Cossy, Loughrea.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for members.</td>
<td>£5.00; cap, 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>Craughwell, Co. Galway.</td>
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<td>Galway Co. (The Blazers) (20)</td>
<td>Galway, Athlone, Longbrough, Tuam.</td>
<td>Mon., Fri.</td>
<td>Mr. J. H. de Brinckhead, Ardeetr, Waterford.</td>
<td>Mr. T. R. Hunt, Rockingham, Kilshar.</td>
<td>£5.00; cap, 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for three days after which sub. is expected.</td>
<td>A. H. Connell, Kilkenny.</td>
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<td>Cauhill (16)</td>
<td>Waterford, Tramore.</td>
<td>Thur. Thurs.</td>
<td>Mr. W. L. Hal Dare, Thur.</td>
<td>Mr. W. L. Hall, Perus, Co. Wexford.</td>
<td>£20.00; 2s. 6d. cap for non-members</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for field money.</td>
<td>Liskey, Ballymasd.</td>
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<td>Island (25)</td>
<td>Gorey, Enniscorthy, Farns.</td>
<td>Mon. Wed. Fri. and Sat.</td>
<td>Capt. A. W. Higgins, Kilbah, Co. Kilbeggan.</td>
<td>Capt. A. W. Higgins, Rockgarrig, Kilbeggan.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for a week; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for first three days after which sub. is expected.</td>
<td>A. H. Connell, Kilkenny.</td>
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<td>Killar (45)</td>
<td>Dublin, Naas.</td>
<td>Tues. Thurs.</td>
<td>Michael McCallum, M.C.</td>
<td>Michael McCallum, Kells George, Coachford, Co. Kilkenny.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for a week; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day for field money.</td>
<td>Mount Juliet, Thomastown.</td>
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<td>Kilkenny (50)</td>
<td>Kilkenny, Thomastown, Waterford.</td>
<td>Mon. Wed. Fri.</td>
<td>Major McCullin, M.C.</td>
<td>Major McCullin, Kells George, Coachford, Co. Kilkenny.</td>
<td>£5.00; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>25s. per day</td>
<td>Mount Juliet, Thomastown.</td>
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<td>Kilkenny (North) (25)</td>
<td>Kilkenny, Freshford, Ballyragget.</td>
<td>Tues. Thur.</td>
<td>Mr. R. C. Prior Wandesford and the Marquis of Kilkenny.</td>
<td>Mr. R. C. Prior, Ballyragget House, Ballyragget.</td>
<td>£5.00; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
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<td>Limarick Co. (25)</td>
<td>Limerick, Croom, Adare, Radulalee, Killallock.</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Mr. J. Alexander</td>
<td>Mr. Edward Leamy, County Club, Limerick.</td>
<td>£20.00; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
<td>£20.00 per day for field money.</td>
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<td>Lough (50)</td>
<td>Dundon, Dromid.</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Capt. A. R. B. Filgate.</td>
<td>Major B. Shirley, Lough Pea, Cartrickmackern.</td>
<td>£15.00 per day for field money.</td>
<td>£15.00 per day for two days a week; 2s. 6d.</td>
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<td>Meath (50)</td>
<td>Dublin, Navan, Dunboyne.</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Mrs. A. H. Connell and Major Shirley.</td>
<td>Colonel A. Carr, Knockmar, Drumree.</td>
<td>£15.00 per day for two days a week; 2s. 6d.</td>
<td>£20.00 per day for field money.</td>
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<td>Muskerry (20)</td>
<td>Cork, Macroom.</td>
<td>Wed. Sat.</td>
<td>Capt. A. H. Herynby and Sir George Colthurst, Bart.</td>
<td>Capt. E. N. Mahony, Shounagh Lodge, M. Sl. A. Hill.</td>
<td>£10.00; 2s. 6d. cap.</td>
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<td>Ormond (25)</td>
<td>Berr, Clonbeggan, Nenagh.</td>
<td>Tues. Fri.</td>
<td>Miss M. Matherson and Mr. G. S. Webb</td>
<td>Miss C. Hickie, Slievor, Borriskeen.</td>
<td>£6.00; 2s. 6d.</td>
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<td>Queen’s Co. (25)</td>
<td>Abbeyfeale, Maryborough, Athy.</td>
<td>Tues. Fri.</td>
<td>A Committee</td>
<td>Mr. T. S. Myler, Ballycoolin, Stradbally, and Major Hamilton.</td>
<td>No fixed sub.; 25s. cap.</td>
<td>£10.00 per day</td>
<td>Moyne, Thurrow.</td>
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<td>Scarneen (Black and Tan) (20)</td>
<td>Kilmallock, Knockleng, Tipperary.</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Mr. J. J. Ryan and Mr. J. C. Thompson</td>
<td>Mr. J. C. Ryan, Emily House, Emily, Co. Limerick, and Mr. A. P. Harris.</td>
<td>£10; 2a. 6d. cap; non-members, 10a. cap.</td>
<td>10s. per day to associates, to neighbouring packs.</td>
<td>Scarneen, Kilmallock.</td>
<td>Harris, Kilmallock.</td>
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<td>South Union (23)</td>
<td>Cork, Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Kinsale.</td>
<td>Tues. Fri.</td>
<td>Major Morgan and Mr. C. A. Love.</td>
<td>Mr. R. H. Dorman, Balles Castle, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.</td>
<td>£5; cap. 2a. 6d.</td>
<td>10s. per day ...</td>
<td>Kilnagley, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.</td>
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<td>Tipperary (45)</td>
<td>Fethard, Clanmel, Cashel, Cahir.</td>
<td>Two a week</td>
<td>A Committee</td>
<td>Mr. Alex Smith, Dundas, Cahir.</td>
<td>£15 15s. sub; £10 10s. two months; £7 7s. one month; cap. 2a. 6d.</td>
<td>Non-subscribers £1 per day.</td>
<td>Tullamaine, Fethard.</td>
<td>Holycross, Thurles.</td>
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<td>Waterford (40)</td>
<td>Waterford, Tramore, Passage, Carrick-on-Suir, Dungarvan.</td>
<td>Tues. Sat.</td>
<td>Mr. R. R. Strong, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.</td>
<td>£5 minimum; £10 to qualify for membership of the Hunt; non-members 2a. 6d. cap; non-subscribers 10s.</td>
<td>£10. 10s. per day, or by arrangement</td>
<td>10s. per day ...</td>
<td>Seafield, Ballymahan, Co. Waterford. Tel. Kilmaclthomas 9.</td>
<td>Seafield, Ballymahan, Co. Waterford.</td>
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<td>Westmeath, Sth. (35)</td>
<td>Wexford, New Ross.</td>
<td>Tues. Fri.</td>
<td>Mr. T. A. Colfer, Rosbercon Castle, New Ross.</td>
<td>£8 8s. minimum; 5a. 6d. cap; non-subscribers 10s.</td>
<td>First month, £4 4s.</td>
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<td>Antrim, Mid. (21)</td>
<td>Ballymena, Antrim, Sandalstown, Ballymena.</td>
<td>Wed. Fri.</td>
<td>Mr. R. Morton, Oranmore, Ballymena.</td>
<td>Mr. L. J. Woodside, Ardrum, Ballymena.</td>
<td>£5 5s.; 2a. 6d. cap ...</td>
<td>Cap 5s.</td>
<td>Ballymena, Ballymena.</td>
<td>J. Stevens, Castle Street, Ballymena.</td>
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<td>Boyle (16)</td>
<td>Boyle, Caragh-on-Strabo, Shafton, Elphin.</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Miss M. Kieran and Mr. R. E. Gilburt</td>
<td>Mr. W. H. White, V.S., Gothic Lodge, Boyle</td>
<td>£3 3s.; cap. 2a. 6d.</td>
<td>By arrangement</td>
<td>Riversdale, Knockvicar, Boyle.</td>
<td>Apply to Kilmurry.</td>
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<td>County Cavan</td>
<td>Cavan</td>
<td>Thurs. Sat.</td>
<td>Mr. J. McKieman and Mr. E. Flood</td>
<td>R. S. Blake, 5, Main Street, Cavan.</td>
<td>£3 3s.; cap. 2a. 6d.</td>
<td>By arrangement</td>
<td>Apply Hon. Sec.</td>
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<td>Cloonmel (12)</td>
<td>Cloonmel, Cashel, Fethard, Cahir.</td>
<td>Tues. Fri.</td>
<td>Mr. M. McCarthy, Curraghlea, Cloonmel.</td>
<td>Mr. J. Kennedy, Derrygarragh, Cahir, and Mr. J. O'Dwyer, Kilmany.</td>
<td>£2 2s.; cap. 2a. ...</td>
<td>Cap 2a.</td>
<td>Channel</td>
<td>M. McCarthy, Gortavil, Cloonmel.</td>
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<td>Clare (18)</td>
<td>Ennis, Newmarket</td>
<td>Mon. Thurs.</td>
<td>Mr. J. P. Quinn</td>
<td>Mr. J. O'Mara, Beech Lawn, Ennis.</td>
<td>£3 3s.; cap. 2a. 6d.</td>
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be left entirely to yourself, and you may have a day on his raw-looking four-year-old that will be, in the long years ahead, one of life's most pleasant and cherished Irish memories. And what more pleasant memories could one wish to retain than the happiness around this quiet woodland?

"A-Hunting."

The solemn silence of the wood itself is soon disturbed by the crackle of twigs, as hounds push onwards in search of their quarry. A blackbird's noisy proclamation informs the wood-inhabitants of the advent of these dappled invaders. The cheery voice of the huntsman echoes from the very heart of the wood as he encourages his charges.

On the outskirts, horses champ their bits impatiently. Forelegs paw the ground, as though their highly-strung owners are convinced that making mud-pies is the only obvious outlet for equine energy, while awaiting the head-freedom that Tally-ho will bring. A well-bred youngster, with a red ribbon of warning tied on his tail, is prancing about restlessly as though the ground was red-hot underfoot.

A hound whimpers: timorously almost. His next note is more confident. Another whimper: one can sense he is running! And then he shatters the silence in real earnest with a deep-throated note of conviction. The Huntsman's voice cheers encouragement to his charges: "Hark to Rallywood! Hark to him, my beauties!" The quiet snap of twigs gives place to a determined onslaught as hounds crash through the undergrowth, hurrying to Rallywood's assistance. A horn twangs merrily. As though in answer to its summons a second hound speaks: A third, a fourth; soon the whole pack crash into an ecstasy of music.

Horses lose all interest in making mud-pies as they listen to the happenings in the wood. A brown shadow slips away at the upper corner: stops a moment, takes bearings, makes a decision, and acts upon it instantly. He glides deliberately past the whipper-in who stands motionless on outpost duty. This is no startled cub who would scuttle-back to cover at the sight of a horseman! He is an old campaigner who is a firm believer in making a good decision and sticking to it. He is an old hill-fox who has found safety before in his far-off refuge and he is determined to repeat the process.

The Whipper-in waits until this venerable customer is well on his way and then electrifies the countryside with a rousing Tally-ho!

That soul-stirring war-cry is like the voice of Hunting Ireland challenging all and sundry to tackle the variety of her fences: one feels some glorious exhilaration when one rushes to accept the challenge.
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AN AUTUMN VISIT TO AN IRISH FARMSTEAD

DOWN ON THE FARM

Threshing and Other Things

By SEAN HEALY

My arrival in the wide, stone-cobbled farm yard was the signal for a vigorous greeting by a salvo of barks from two collies, a cocker spaniel and a touch-looking Kerry Blue.

It was Threshing Day. The large mill groaned a shrill protest as the loosened sheaves were fed into the revolving drums. Grain dust filled the air with a pungent odour and many shirt-sleeved helpers went about their tasks in a manner that, to the mere observer, looked casual.

The Irish farmer usually hires a complete threshing plant for a number of days, the neighbours always rallying around to give a helping hand during the great event. On this farm, however, they hired only the actual mill, the motive power being supplied by an engine which was permanently installed in a near-by power house.

The sequence of operations is something like this. The loaders fork the sheaves to the top of the mill where the strings that bind them are cut, the loose sheaves being then fed between rollers.

We may judge what happens within by the results at the output end. Here the separated grain is collected into sacks, and the useful straw, which is pushed out steadily by an odd sort of rocker movement, is collected on forks and stacked under a shed or built into a rick.

Country Lore.

Not all my time was spent in watching this autumnal farm event. On this, my first visit to an Irish farm, I wanted to learn as much as I could. The folk I met were friendly and very willing to talk and so, for two whole weeks, I moved about, watching this and that and asking reasonably intelligent questions.

The whole idea of farming is based on a series of life processes. On the farm the mistakes of this year may take a twelve-month to rectify: in this, more than all places, one must live and learn.

Grass Seeds.

On my last evening at the farm, I wandered into an old unpainted barn. Standing in the corner were several wash-tubs of grass seed and I let hundreds of these tiny little grains trickle through my fingers: as my mind slipped on a season or two I could visualise the rolling acres of fresh green grass with roots gripping the earth, drawing up water and richness that the cattle and sheep might live.

Farming may have its hard moments, but a farm is the one place where you can see life moving onwards in its own mysterious and natural way.
The dog keeps a watchful eye for rabbits.

SOME AUTUMN SCENES FROM THE IRISH COUNTRYSIDE

Above—Harvesting in Mayo, just beside the farmstead. Loose stone walls as shown in the background are a feature of the West of Ireland.

Below—Binding the golden sheaves. The dog keeps a watchful eye for rabbits.

"She is a rich and rare land.  
O! she's a fresh and fair land  
She is a dear and rare land—  
This native land of mine."
[Thomas Davis]
Right—
A West of Ireland interpretation of "The Spirit of Autumn."

Below—
An Autumn scene near Dundalk, in County Louth.
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**IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

**Photo Competition, 1939**

£50 IN PRIZES

The IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION is offering £50 in Prizes through the "Irish Travel" Photographic Competition, this summer.

The prizes will be awarded as follows—

1. First Prize ... £10 (one award).
2. Second Prize ... Four awards of £5 each.
3. Third Prize ... Twenty awards of £1 each.

These twenty-five (25) cash awards will be given to the senders of the twenty-five best photographs of Irish interest submitted.

The winning entries need not necessarily be the best from a purely technical point of view, but will be those most suited to the public interest of the Irish Tourism Association, depicting characteristic aspects of Irish Life—Landscape, Customs, Antiquities and kindred scenes.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.**

1. Each entry must be accompanied with his entry, or batch of entries, a signed coupon from ONE of the following issues of Irish Travel—July, August, September, October (1939).
2. The closing date is October 31st, 1939.
3. Photos entered may be of any size or taken by any make of camera; it is not necessary to enter negatives, but all entries are accepted only on condition that the entrants are properly prepared in the event of being awarded one of the prizes, to relinquish the complete copyright and negative, in its stead.
4. Entries will not be returned unless accompanied by a sufficient fee to cover postage and registration.
5. Address all entries to: THE GENERAL MANAGER, IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION, 14 UPPER O'CONNELL STREET, DUBLIN.

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**ENTRY COUPON**

I wish to enter above Competition according to the conditions set out, and I shall accept as final the decision of the judges appointed by the I.T.A. in connection with the Competition.

Name ____________________________
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OF INTEREST TO HOTELS

Annual General Meeting :: A Library for Guests :: The Log Fire

Annual General Meeting of the Irish Tourist Association.

ARRANGEMENTS are now in hands for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Tourist Association on the 18th of October in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, at 2 p.m. Invitations to members will be issued in due course, together with railway vouchers and copies of the Agenda.

A record attendance is expected. All members of the I.T.A. are earnestly urged to come and contribute to the discussions on matters arising from the present international situation and of grave importance to the Tourist industry in Ireland. Members are asked to give special consideration beforehand to such problems as affect their particular circumstances so that they may be in a position to make concrete and constructive proposals at the meeting. This would ensure its being not only a valuable clearing house for the solution of present problems and queries but also a well equipped gathering for the planning of a course of action for 1940.

The Association wants to have the active co-operation of all members, and particularly of hotels, guest houses and boarding houses, whose successful experience of previous seasons will throw much light on whatever difficulties may arise in the future.

New I.T.A. President.

Mr. Fred Moran of Moran’s Hotel, Dublin has been nominated by the Directors to be President of the Irish Tourist Association for 1939-40.

Mr. Moran is a well-known figure in hotel circles has long been prominent in Tourism development in this country. His father, the late Senator James Moran, was the first President of the Irish Tourist Association 1925-29.

A Library for Guests.

A holiday-maker recently returned from the West of Ireland has written us to express his appreciation of the splendid little library which catered for guests staying in the hotel of his choice. This is an age of reading and most guests on holiday have been accustomed to the service of public libraries in their home towns. On a dull day, or when one’s own

THE IRISH RED CROSS.

An Irish Red Cross Society (Cumann Croise Deirge na hEireann) similar to the National Red Cross Societies of other countries has been established. It is an autonomous body with powers to accept the affiliation of bodies engaged in similar humanitarian work and the President of Ireland—Dr. Douglas Hyde—is President of the Society. The objects are threefold—

1. To furnish voluntary aid to sick and wounded of arms in time of war.
2. To furnish relief to prisoners of war in time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world.
3. To furnish voluntary aid to men and women of the British and other forces in foreign countries in case of sickness, wounds or distress in time of peace or war.

The Society is an organisation of voluntary workers and reading has been used up, one likes to think that the hotel library can be called upon to furnish something suited to the mood and taste. And it is quite inexpensive for the hotelier to gather together, bit by bit, a small but varied stock of light reading—periodicals, cheap editions of well-known works, “thrillers,” etc.—upon which the guest at a loose end may draw. Our correspondent writes that many of the guests added their quota to the collection, while all of them made use of and enjoyed it.

Other such inexpensive but valuable little services which are well appreciated by holiday guests include the provision of Playing Cards (a couple of packs), and games for dull evenings, such as chess, darts and quoits.

The Log Fire.

Log fires are a prominent and very picturesque feature in many Irish hotels and visitors to this country have frequently commented upon their attractiveness. There is an old belief among many woodsmen that every colour and tint to which a tree is exposed during its life glows in the fireplace when that tree burns upon the hearth. Perhaps this is why log fires of local wood become so fascinating—because the visitor can feel, even if it be sub-consciously, that he is getting all the local colour of the countryside from the fire at his comfortable chair.

Good Cooking.

While we heartily agree that good cooking is the height of sophistication, that it is an art and should be studied and approached with the fervour and enthusiasm of an artist we cannot forget that the first and chief class of foods are milk, eggs, fruit and green vegetables—all of which Ireland is fortunate to possess in luxurious abundance.


“IT WAS NEVER TO ME,” written by Charles J. O’Malley and published (at $2.50) by Bruce Humphries of Boston, opens with an account of Ireland in the post-famine years. The author tells how, shortly after his sixteenth birthday, he left Ireland for America and there are many pages retelling his adventures in the U.S. and his subsequent travels in foreign lands.

is entirely dependent on voluntary subscription. Funds are urgently needed and may be addressed to any member of the Central Council or to the Chairman (C. J. MacAnley, M.B., Vice-Chairman (Hon. W. E. Wylie) or the Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. E. Connolly) at 20 Merrion Square, Dublin.
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CROSSHAVEN (Cork).

CROSSMOLINA (Mayo).

DOWNINGS (Donegal).

DINGLE (Kerry).

DROGHEDA (Louth).

COURTOWN HARBOUR (Wexford).

COBH (Cork).

CORK CITY.

CLONMEL (Tipperary).

CLONMANY (Donegal).

CLONE (Kerry).

CLONE A (Waterford).

CENTRAL B. W; Day 12/6; Week 72/6.

ABBOTSFORD (Private), Llur; B. 30; Day 16/6; Week 84/6.

BENNER'S; B. 21; Day 14/6; Week 84/6.

T. G. STUDDERT. Clifden House; B. 8; Day 11/6; Week 84/6.

BAYVIEW; B. 11; Day 7/6 to 10/-; Week 78/6.

ORMONDE; B. 39; Day 15/6; Week 100/6.

WINDSOR, MacCurtain St.; B. 30; Day 13/6; Week 70/6.

METROPOL, MacCurtain St.; B. 100; Day 17/-; Week 84/6.

EUROPEAN; B. 12; Day 12/6; Week 84/6.

VoESTBOURNE: B. 20; Day 12/6; Week 84/6.

IIOSKING'S, Princes St.; B. 15; Day 9/-; Week 50/-.

THE RETREAT; B. 4; Day 9/-; Week 50/-.

O'DONOVAN'S; B. 12; Day fr. 12/6; Week 70/6.

JOYCE'S (late Lyden's); B. 17; Day 10/-; Week 63/6.

LA VELLE'S, Main St.; B. 10; Day 10/-; Week 63/6.

ROCK GLEN; B. 12; Day 15/6; Week 94/6.

IVY (Private); B. 10; Day 12/6; Week 70/6.

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WICKLOW. Wicklow St.; B. 45; Day 17/-.

WYNN'S, Lr. Abbey St.; B. 75; Oay 17/6; Week 105/6.

IMPERIAL; B. 33; Day 12/6; Week 70/6.

PORT-NA-MIAGH; B. 34; Day 13/-; Week 70/6.

DOLPHIN, Essex St.; B. 20; Day 18/6.

DELAHUNTY'S, 26 Northbrook Road; B. 6'; Day 8/-; Week 63/6.

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OUGHTERARD (Galway).
ANGLES; B. 15; Day 9/-; Week fr. 60/-.
CONNELLY'S; B. 8; Day 12/-; Week 75/-.
COY'S; B. 15; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
GAY'S; B. 9; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
GRANT'S; B. 16; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
HAY'S; B. 12; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
KENYON; B. 40; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
MORRIS; B. 14; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
ROKES; B. 9; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
SALTILL (Galway).
DOWNS; B. 9; Day 9/-; Week 60/-.
ELIZABETH (Private); B. 10; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
ERIN; B. 15; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
FLETCHER; B. 16; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
FORD; B. 12; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
FRAZIER; B. 10; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
HADDON; B. 9; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
KENNY; B. 10; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
LITTLE; B. 7; Day 8/-; Week 52/-.
MORRIS; B. 14; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
MURDOCH; B. 16; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
PERCY; B. 14; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
PORTER'S; B. 15; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
ROE'S; B. 9; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
ROSEMARY; B. 14; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
ROTHESAY; B. 10; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
SHANDY; B. 8; Day 6/-; Week 32/-.
SPARKS; B. 9; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
SYLVIA; B. 15; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
THOMAS; B. 8; Day 6/-; Week 32/-.
TOURISTS; B. 12; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
WATERFORD (Waterford).
CHURCH; B. 10; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
COffY; B. 10; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
GREEN; B. 10; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
HAYES; B. 10; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
MURPHY; B. 7; Day 9/-; Week 54/-.
TIPPERARY (Tipperary).
GRAND; B. 18; Day 15/-; Week 84/-.
ROCKSBY (Dublin).
GRAND; B. 16; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
HURLEY'S; B. 7; Day 7/-; Week 40/-.
KERRY (Kerry).
GRAND; B. 16; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
KENEDY; B. 7; Day 9/-; Week 54/-.
LENNOX; B. 12; Day 6/-; Week 36/-.
TOURISTS; B. 12; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
WALKER; B. 3; Day 15/-; Week 75/-.
WILLS; B. 15; Day 11/-; Week 60/-.
WYATT; B. 20; Day 10/-; Week 60/-.
WESTPORT (Mayo).
GRAND; B. 16; Day 12/-; Week 60/-.
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