

".....Indeed they have-times have changed! "'Nowadays no one would be content to spend Sunday playing a penny 25. And there was a time when not a Sunday would pass without a game in Jim Hughes' workshop on the Ballinakill Road. Jim was a monumental sculptor - a good one, too - and many a rubber was played on a headstone he would be putting on someone's grave a week or two later,. If you could play on the stone, as they used to say, you could play anywhere. There were no soft tricks going when you were playing with Jack Foyle, "The Rootch" Mack, Tim Bergin, Joe Strahan, Stephen Moore, "The Garry" or any of the others who played "on the Stone."

"Somehow, people were more lighthearted in the old days, and there was always some bit of "galary" going on. The town had some great characters --"The Pewcy McHugh, George Mills, Chris Cosgrove, Ned Brazil, Jimmy McHugh, Bill Haslam. You could hear "The Pewcy" laughing in Arles, and listening to the yarns and "quick ones" on the Corner on a Sunday was as good as a concert.

"Aye, and talking about concerts--there used to be some good ones in the Town Hall, Mick Cummins, Nicholas Harding, Mick Molloy, Fanny Kelly -- she was Paddy Lalor's mother--they were powerful actors.

"And Abbeyleix was always a great place for dances too. Quinn's Band was as good as you would hear anywhere and music was in those days. The Quinns - they lived down in Sweetview - were a very musical family. Jimmy Bergin was another great man for the music in those days. Of course, Abbeyleix was always a very musical town. It had three bands at one time. And it had the best Bandsmaster in Ireland - Tom Rafter.

"Emigration? There was always emigration from the town, and several lads went over to serve in the British Army during the '14-18 War. Jim Delaney from Ballymaddock was very highly decorated for bravery in the war. They say he would have got the Victoria Cross only he was an Irishman.

The carpet factory was a big loss to the town. It was where Bramley's Garage is now and it turned out the finest carpets in the world. Weren't all the carpets for the Titanic--the big ship that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912--made in Abbeyleix. The factory closed down a couple of years afterwards, and more's the pity. It would be a great factory to have now.

AN EXILES DREAM

By LAL DEEGAN

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(Sung to the air of "Cutting' the Corn in Creslough")

Tune - Cutting the Corn in Creslough

As I sit all alone in this city so gay I am dreaming of home and of friends far away;

And my thoughts take me back to the town of my birth---

God made it a treasure when He fashioned this earth.

There is wealth in the city-that's what I was told,

But contentment and peace are more precious than gold;

And to-night my sad dreaming brings tears on my cheeks,

'Cause I'm lonesome for Maytime in dear Abbeyleix.

All the scenes of my youth I can picture them still-

The fountains, the schoolhouse, the church on the hill;

And I hear the birds sing in the soft evening breeze.

As it blows through the groves on the blossoming trees.

My old home near the bridge in a vision divine-

The house I was born in in sweet Balladine;

And though long gone to Heaven my mother still speaks-

"Come back on home now, it's Maytime in dear Abbeyleix.

The sweet Vale of Avoca is grand to be sure;

But far sweeter to me is my own lovely Nore,

Where down through the woods it meanders along,

With the lilac in bloom and the thrush in full song,

I can picture it now as it winds past the mill,

And I see the Old Church, and my grand Bluebell Hill.

Though I've seen Kerry's lakes and its blue mountain peaks,

~~Somehow, somehow, somehow, somehow, somehow, somehow,~~

Still, my Heaven in Maytime is Dear Abbeyleix.

All my sadness and tears would be changed into smiles,

Could I ramble again in the grove near The Tiles;

Or go strolling once more where my heart's ever been--

Through the moorland and meadows down by the Gloreen.

Through fortune and fame we may find overseas,

Still there's no place like home when your mind's ill at ease.

So, for the peace and contentment each weary would seek

I'll go back the next Maytime to dear Abbeyleix.

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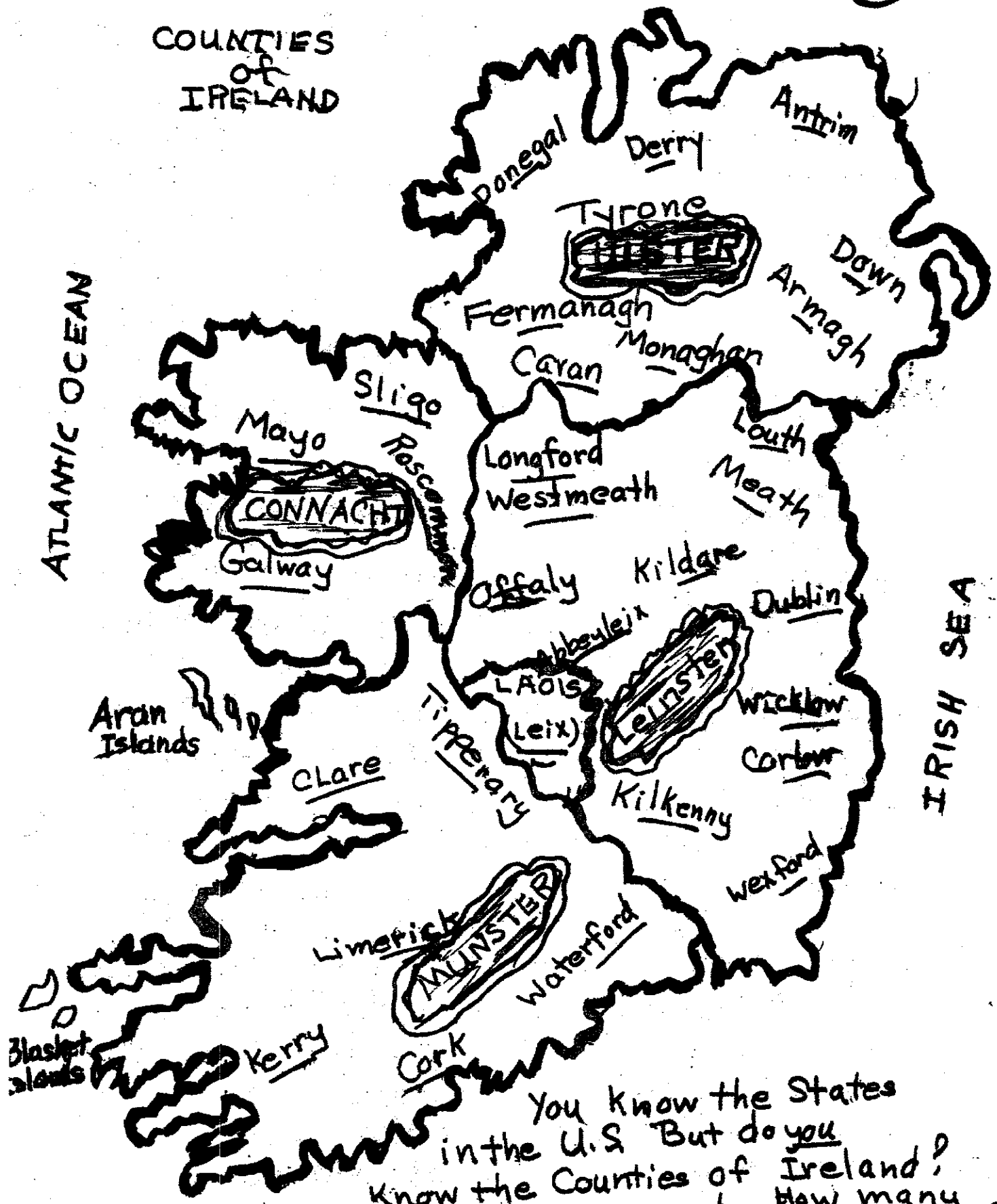
Bits of This and That

Bally-- townland	Cairn-- mound of stones
Currach-- flat bottomed boat	Derry-- oak tree, wood
Dun-- fort	Feis-- Gaelic (fesh) Festival
Rath-- the rampart of an earthen fort; also the whole structure	Sept-- clan
Slieve-- mountain	Tra-- beach

Dates to Forget or Remember

- 6,000 B.C. -- First settlement of Ireland by Mesolithic -- Middle Stone Age -- hunters
- 432 A.D. -- St. Patrick arrives in Ireland
- 795 A.D. -- First Viking raid in Ireland
- 841 A.D. -- Danes establish a settlement at Dublin
- 1,002 A.D. -- Brian Boru becomes High King of Ireland
- 1170 -- Norman Invasion led by Strongbow -- (Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke) (he was broke at the time. needed money)
- 1650 -- Cromwell in Ireland
- 1690 -- July 1 -- Battle of the Boyne
- 1921 -- Anglo-Irish Treaty signed

COUNTIES of IRELAND



You know the States
 in the U.S But do you
 know the Counties of Ireland?
 of course you do. How many
 are there?

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Raymond Fanning's
ancestors came in 1836
When did yours come?

Write in your mother's
maiden name.

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