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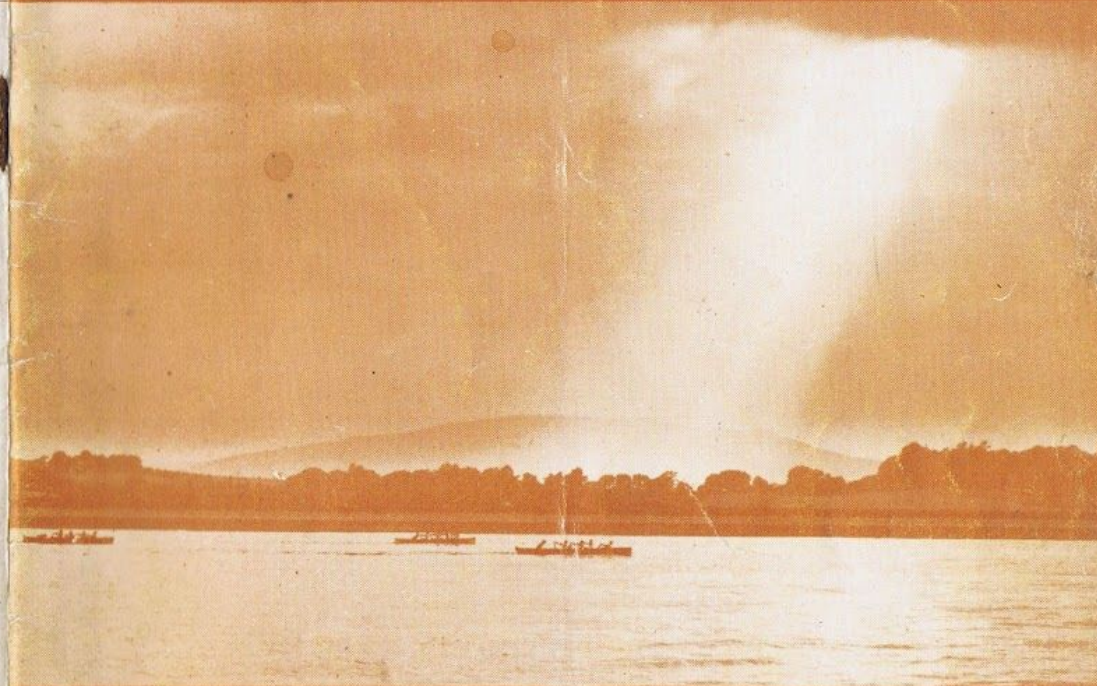


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REGATTA 83
FESTIVAL

July 23rd - August 7th

PROGRAMME

PRICE 50P.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

It is my pleasure, as Chairman of Wicklow Regatta Festival to present to you our programme of events.

My committee and I have tried to cater for all age groups. This would not be possible without the support received from the various clubs and organisations. This year, more than ever, we thank our sponsors for supporting us.

We would like to give a special welcome to the Maelgwn Male Voice Choir and we hope that they enjoy their visit to Wicklow as much as we enjoy having them here.

My position, as Chairman, has been made much easier by a very hardworking committee and I take this opportunity of thanking them.

I feel confident that you, the people of Wicklow, will support the festival and I look forward to seeing you all at all the events.

Bob Jackson, Chairman.

Wicklow Regatta Festival

1983

It is with pride and pleasure that we present the Wicklow Regatta Festival 1983. A Festival that has deep roots in Wicklow and the East coast of Ireland. A Festival that has, by the endeavours of many people and families down the years, kept its fire alight to make it one of Ireland's oldest local festivals surviving today. At a time when local community festivals are not only in vogue but are truly in abundance, with every village with its own festival running successfully, it is therefore all the more exciting to be part of a festival with so much tradition and history that is still as unique today as it has always been. In the early days of Wicklow Regatta, over 100 years ago, the Festival was based around seafaring activities, backed by entertainment activities alongside the waterfront. Down the decades these water-events have withstood the test of time and the changing trends and fashions of leisure-time activities. What has changed however is the population of Wicklow town and today people whose families stretch back through centuries of Wicklow tradition mix, and participate with, new, young families that are now a permanent part of the community.

From within a much enlarged and more mixed community our Wicklow Regatta Festival has been developed to cater for everyone, holding on to its traditional roots and beginnings, yet creating that unique festive atmosphere that has been the hallmark of the Wicklow Regattas down through the years. It is one of Ireland's most famous festivals. Let's keep it by taking part in it and enjoying it.

The Wicklow Regatta Festival. It's what living in Wicklow is all about!

DON'T FORGET

Regatta Queen Ball in the Grand Hotel on Wednesday, 27th July

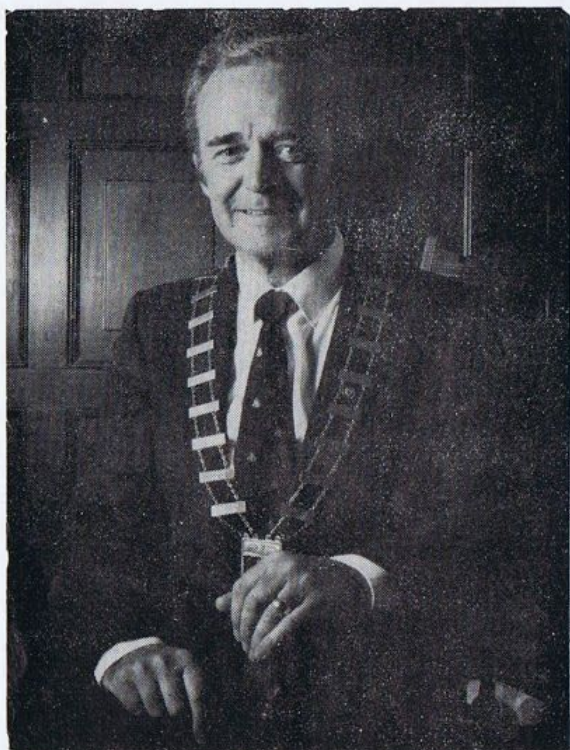
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday, 23rd July

- 10.00 a.m.** Red Cross Resuscitation Marathon at the De La Salle College (open to public).
Information Desk at Abbey Street.
Officers: Unit Officer, Phil Curley; Appointed Officers: Linda Mullins, Noeleen Bury, Marguerite Carey, Tom Dunne, Denis Nolan and Nigel Coffey.
Arrival of Welsh Choir in Market Square also Pipe Band, sponsored by Mr. Jim O'Neill, Plant Hire, Wicklow.
Lego Window Model Display, sponsored by Lego and Madden's Newsagents, Main Street. Guess the number of bricks? Entry forms available in Madden's Newsagents.
Wicklow Sailing Club — ISORA Wicklow/Holyhead Race.
- 3.00 p.m.** Junior Lightening Chess Tournament at Ozanam House.
Wicklow Bay Sea-Angling Club Boat Competition.
Officers: President, Matt Bolger; Chairman, Pat Hayes; Vice-Chairman, John Jameson; Secretary, Sean Byrne; Treasurer, Stan O'Reilly; Trophy Officer, Paul Clarke; Club Development Officer, Tom O'Reilly; Weighmaster, Mick Brophy; Recorder, Brian Ward.
- 9.00 p.m.** Reception for Welsh Choir at Rugby Club. The Regatta Committee wish to thank the Rugby Club for having the Welsh Choir and hosts at Ashtown Lane. (Members and friends only).
Wicklow Golf Club Captain's Prize.
Officers:
Ladies: President, Mrs. P. Kavanagh; Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Murphy; Captain, Miss N. Fitzpatrick; Vice-Captain, Mrs. H. W. Hopkins; Secretary, Mrs. J. Doyle; Secretary (Handicap), Mrs. L. Carroll.
Committee: Mrs. J. Furlong, Miss C. Sheridan, Dr. M. Liston and Mrs. J. T. Flood.
Men: President, Mr. J. T. Murphy; Captain, Mr. S. Connolly; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. E. Lynch; Acting Secretary: Mr. J. Kelly.
Committee: T. Broderick, L. Carroll, A. Earls, R. L. Fitzpatrick, E. Flannery, W. Kavanagh, D. J. Mooney, P. O'Rourke, L. J. Ryan and T. Shortall.
Wicklow Regatta Flag Collection to-day.

Sunday, 24th July

- Wicklow Swimming Club Races.
Ladies and Gent's Harbour Races.
Officers: President, James Finlay; Chairman, Vincent Byrne; Treasurer, Pat Byrne; Secretary, Pam Beacom; Assistant Secretary, Laurence Cullen; P.R.O., Pat Barry; Ladies Captain, Blaitthnaid Byrne; Men's Captain, Paul Smith.
Committee Members: Peter O'Reilly, Mick O'Reilly, Leslie Cleary, Terry Fox.
- 11 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.** Wicklow Sub-Aqua Club—the Clubhouse on the Sea-front will be open for a display of equipment and artifacts. Admission free of charge.
Officers: President, John King; Chairman, Ray Doyle; Secretary, Pierre Sillery; Treasurer, Gerry Doyle; Training Officer, Joe Quinn; Diving Officer, Albert Kerr; Equipment Officer, David Swail; Snorkling Officer, Simon Phelan; P.R.O., Michael Doyle.
Wicklow Regatta Flag Collection to-day.
- 3.00 p.m.** Grand Parade organised by Bob Jackson, Chairman, Wicklow Regatta Committee. The Parade is open to all individuals and organisations and is being sponsored by Sheridan, Colohan Insurances Ltd. and Stan and Marie O'Reilly, General Drapers, Main Street. The Parade starts at the Dominican Convent and finishes at the Murrough. The Festival will be officially opened by Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Minister for Labour. The Jaguar Owner's Club Run to Wicklow for Parade, sponsored by Sheane Oil Distributors Ltd.
M.G. Enthusiasts Car Run to Wicklow for Parade. Sponsored by Wicklow Glass and Glazing, South Quay.
Band Recital by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band (after Parade). Sponsored by John and Gay Conway.
Wicklow Golf Club — Captain's Prize. Presentation 10 p.m.
- 4.30 p.m.** Red Cross Display at Abbey Street (in charge of demonstration, Mrs. Phil Curley).
- 8.00 p.m.** Welsh Choir Concert in Fatima Hall, Dominican Convent (by kind permission of Mother Prioress and Community). Admission £2.00.
Master of Ceremonies Mr. Pat Byrne. After concert



Mr. Frank Conway

It is not too surprising that Frank Conway's life revolves around the sea. Carrying on the tradition of six generations of one of Wicklow's oldest and most famous sea-faring families comes quite naturally to Frank. All his ancestors down to his late father were sailors, owning their own schooners and carrying cargo to and from Wicklow, mainly in the Irish Sea and Europe. In 1948 however, Frank's father Mr. Robert F. Conway, due to health reasons gave up his ocean travels to take up the Harbour Master post in Wicklow. Times were bad then after the war and business in the port was almost non-existent. In 1950 came the Shamrock Fertilizer Factory to the North Quay and the new business of Conway Shipping was not only taking off but putting Wicklow harbour on the map also.

Meanwhile Frank Conway, having completed his earlier education at the De La Salle College, went to London to serve his apprenticeship in ship brokerage. In 1960 and now a qualified

member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and a married man of one year, Frank returned and joined the family business of Conway Shipping. Having an interest in local politics for many years previous Frank was co-opted on to Wicklow Urban District Council in the mid-sixties as a Fianna Fail Councillor. In 1974 was re-elected on an Independent Ticket and has been a member ever since. The chain of the Chairman's Office was bestowed upon Frank Conway in June of 1982 until June of 1983. During that year his contribution to environmental as well as social development within the Urban area of Wicklow has been enormous.

Privately, Frank Conway's life is also rather hectic. In 1967 he co-founded the 7th Wicklow Sea-Scouts of Ireland. In 1973 he became Assistant Commissioner for South Dublin area and in 1975 after a re-organisation of the scout movement regions, Frank Conway was made a Commissioner for St. Kevin's Region, an office which he held for five years. During all this time his dedication and work continued with the 7th Wicklow Sea-Scouts which he organised and ran until the mid-seventies. The results of his endeavours became obvious when in 1979 the Wicklow Scout Hall was officially opened by the late Canon Crinion. The Wicklow Troup currently organises and caters for between 70 and 120 boys from around the area. Ten adults form the committee under the unit leadership of Frank Conway.

The small amount of free time Frank has is usually spent with his family at sea. Sailing has been a great love of his since childhood and he has been sailing since he was at school. Consequently Frank Conway is a very experienced yachtsman and enjoys ocean cruising most weekends.

On the subject of Wicklow Regattas Frank says he was reared on them. He remembers the great Regatta of 1945 with its big Maritime Exhibition in the Assembly Hall. That year young Frances (now aged 10) was pictured at the Halpin Monument—"representing coming generations of sea captains"— as the photo caption reads, in the *Irish Times* picture parade. Frank was involved in the Regatta Committee from the mid-sixties until 1972 and now says he would like to see more help and support of the current Regatta Committee. (Thank you, Frank).

And the changes to the town since his childhood? For him the most important thing is that immigration has stopped. He is proud of the huge increase in both private and public housing in Wicklow in recent years. Probably the most obvious change locally is the development of the Murrough into an industrial area giving employment locally.

And the future? "Wicklow has a bright future when one considers how the present recession has hit other towns".

With men like Frank Conway, devoting a large part of their lives to the good of all sections of our community, it is no wonder that Wicklow has a bright future.

a reception for Welsh Choir will be held at St. Patrick's G.A.A. Premises at Dunbur. The Regatta Committee wish to thank St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club for having the Welsh Choir and hosts at their premises (members and friends only).

Rugby Club—Disco in the Grand Hotel from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Monday, 25th July

Exhibition of Paintings by Stanley Pettigrew in the Painter's Gallery, Bachelor's Walk. This exhibition will run until Monday, 8th August—10.00-12.30 p.m., 2.00-5.00 p.m. and 7.00-9.00 p.m.

- 8.45 p.m.** Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall.
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at O'Connor's Bar, Abbey Street.
- Talent Contest in Grand Hotel from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th July

- 7.00 p.m.** Wicklow Open Lightening Chess Tournament.
- 7.30 p.m.** Car Treasure Hunt, organised by Wicklow County Council and Eastern Health Board Social Club — Start and finish at Wicklow Rugby Club.
Officers: Chairperson, Bernie Hughes; Vice-Chairperson, Mick Doyle; Secretary, Eamon O'Sullivan; Treasurer, Frances Nicholls.
Committee: John Reidy, Bernie Rossiter, Nora Kenneally, Sandra Hannon, Adrienne O'Brien, Eamon Dillon, Jemma O'Flaherty, John O'Gorman.
- 9.00 p.m.** Wicklow Tourism Organisation — Traditional Irish Night.
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition in the Old Forge.

Wednesday, 27th July

Wicklow Golf Club Ladies Day—I.P.G.A. Tankard.

- 7.30 p.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club—Cruiser Racing.
Officers: President, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne; Commodore, Gerard Haughton; Rear Commodore (Sailing), Brendan Haughton; Rear Commodore (House), Stan Kiddle; Secretary, Nick Headley; Treasurer, John Headley.

7.30 p.m. Wicklow Swimming Club — Water Polo Comical Gala in the harbour.

7.30 p.m. Football Match—Nell's Angels versus Joe's Devils at Whitegates. In aid of Meals on Wheels.

10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Regatta Queen Ball in the Grand Hotel. Music by The Cantons. Admission by ticket only (including supper). Tickets £4.50 available from Earls Newsagent, Abbey Street.

Regatta Queen Competition is co-sponsored by Leo Doyle Studios; Miss Monica, Murphy, Beauty Salon; Mr. George Murray; John Richard, Hair Salon; Shine's Chemist, Fiat (Ireland) Ltd. and Bollarney Motors. The Queen will be crowned at the Regatta Ball by Miss Paula Wilson, Regatta Queen, 1982 and presented with the James E. Cox Trophy.

Thursday, 28th July

- 7.30 p.m.** Children's Bicycle Scramble at the Seafront. Organised by Vincent Byrne.
- 8.00 p.m.** Spaghetti Eating Competition at the Seafront after Bicycle Scramble. Sponsored by Eileen and Sandro Caveliere, Palma Grill.
- 9.00 p.m.** Over 25s in Grand Hotel. Music by the Birds. Organised by Wicklow Regatta Committee.
- 9.00 p.m.** Seisuin presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann at Boathouse.
Officers: Chairman, John Walsh; Vice-Chairman, Lar O'Toole; Secretary, Austin Lynch; Treasurer, Marian O'Marah; Delegate to County Board, Margaret Cullen; Auditor, Anne Lait.
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at the Grand Hotel.

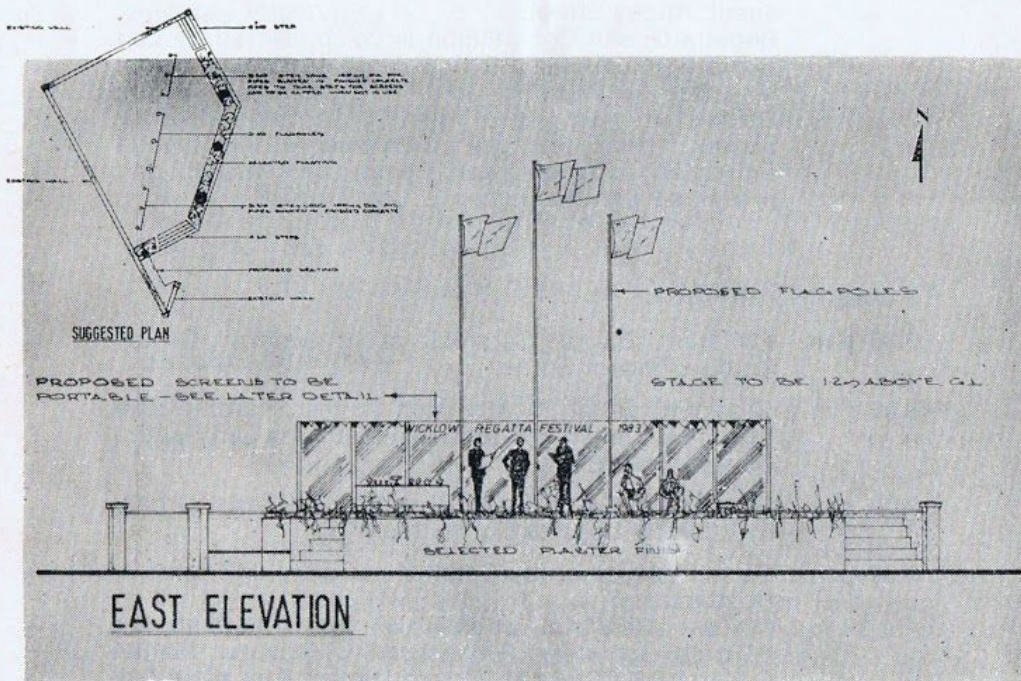
Friday, 29th July

- 7.30 p.m.** Brass Band Recital by Wicklow Brass Band at Bachelor's Walk.
- 8.00 to 11.30 p.m.** Juvenile Disco in St. Patrick's Clubhouse. Admission £1.50.
- 9.00 to 11.30 p.m.** Young At Heart Night in the Grand Hotel. Organised by Mrs. Jill Haughton. Music by the Kinnaird Family.

PROPOSED BANDSTAND AT 'COSY CORNER' SITE, LEITRIM PLACE, WICKLOW

Suggested Plan as put forward by Wicklow Regatta Committee.

Scale—1 : 100
Date—May '83
Drawn—E. C.



When Wicklow Regatta Committee met this year to draw up its Programme of Events it was felt when considering the Reviewing Stand for over the fortnight that a more permanent Bandstand/ Reviewing Stand would be a big asset to the town. With this in mind it was decided to initiate Plans towards this goal. Having considered a number of locations the Cosy Corner on the Murrough was proposed as a possible location for such a Bandstand. Eugene Copeland was asked if he would draw up plans. From Eugene's plans above it will be seen that the Bandstand can be constructed in three parts, the concrete base, removable backing and overhead canopy. As a permanent Bandstand/Reviewing Stand it is felt that such a structure would be of great benefit to many other organisations in the town.

Miss Regatta Festival Queen '82 — Paula Wilson, Ashford →



Saturday, 30th July

9 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Wicklow Sub-Aqua Club Sponsored Snorkel Swim between New Pier and Packet Pier. Sponsored by Mrs. Augustus Cullen.

11.00 a.m. Life-boat and Helicopter Exercise in Wicklow Bay. Subject to operation availability.
R.N.L.I. Wicklow Branch—Patrons: The Most Rev. Dermot Ryan, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland; The Most Rev. Henry McAdoo, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland.
Officers: President, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., M.Inst. Mun.E.; Chairman, Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Minister for Labour; Vice-Chairman, Rev. S. Pettigrew, M.A.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Michael W. Jones; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. Kevin Desmond; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Headley.

R.N.L.I. Flag Collection to-day.

Wicklow Golf Club—9-Holes Mixed Foursomes. Play as often as you like. (In aid of R.N.L.I.).

11.00 a.m. Children's Walking Treasure Hunt. Start and finish at Leitrim Lounge, The Murrough. Sponsored by Harrington Lait Auctioneers. Organised by Mrs. Anne Lait.

2.30 p.m. Children's Fancy Dress Parade. Starting at Car Park (opposite the Garda Station) and on to the Sea Front. Sponsored by Pat Byrne, Victualler, The Mall. Organised by Regatta Committee.

3.00 p.m. R.N.L.I. Ladies Guild Bazaar and Coffee Afternoon in the Assembly Hall.

6.00 to 9.30 p.m. Wicklow Bay Sea-Angling Club Rambler Competition for Cunningham Cup. Open—all angler's welcome. Anglers may fish any position on the beach. Weigh-in at 9.55 p.m. at car park on Sea Front (beside shelters). Presentation of prizes at 10.15 p.m.

7.30 p.m. Children's Disco in St. Patrick's G.A.A. Hall. Sponsored by B. Riley (Wicklow) Ltd., Bookbinders.

Children's Magic Show by Quentin Reynolds in St. Patrick's G.A.A. Hall. Sponsored by O'Reilly Bros. (Wicklow).

Grand Hotel Disco—D.J. Roy Doyle, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday, 31st July

11.30 a.m. Wicklow Swimming Club Races.

2.30 p.m. Pet Show at Bachelor's Walk. Judged by Mr. Ben Doyle, Arklow.

3.00 p.m. Wicklow Sailing Club. Cruiser Racing and Junior Racing.

3.00 p.m. Rock Concert at the Seafront. Organised by Colm Manifold.

Wicklow Golf Club — Open Regatta Competition — 18-holes, Men's Singles, Stableford.

4.00 p.m. Wicklow Swimming Club—Vartry Race.

7.30 p.m. Soap Box Derby at Dominican Convent. Sponsored by Bollarney Motors. Organised by Bob Jackson.

9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Wicklow Regatta Festival Disco in the Grand Hotel. Disco Dancing Competition. Sponsored by Madden's Newsagency

R.N.L.I. Flag Collection to-day.

Monday, 1st August

2.30 p.m. Wicklow Rowing Club Skiff Racing.
Officers: President, Mr. Tom Byrne, Clr.; Chairman, Sean Leonard; Secretary, Robert Dunne; Treasurer, Derek Dunne; P.R.O, Robert Doyle. Committee: Tommy Dunne, George O'Brien, Denis Vickers, Kevin Lynch, Toby Dunne, Kit Dunne, Pat Dunne, Tony Dunne, Robert Dunne, Snr., John Flynn, Jimmy Roche, Peter Duffy, Adrienne O'Brien, Pauline Harty, Valerie McCormack and Marie Divilly.

R.N.L.I. Flag Collection to-day.

Wicklow Golf Club — Open Mixed Foursomes. 9 holes. Play as often as you like.

8.45 p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall. In aid of Regatta Festival '83.

Talent Contest in Grand Hotel from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Wicklow Rowing Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1983

SKIFF - RACING COMMENCING 2.30

First Race :		
SCHOOLBOYS' RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
EILEEN, DUN LAOGHAIRE
DUNLEARY, DUN LAOGHAIRE
ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club'

This event is sponsored by

NORTH QUAY FISHERMEN PERPETUAL TROPHY

Second Race :		
LADIES RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
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M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
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ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
EILEEN, DUN LAOGHAIRE
DUNLEARY, DUN LAOGHAIRE
ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club'

This event is sponsored by

ANN AND GARRETT O'REILLY

Third Race :		
JUVENILE RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND

ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND	.....	.....
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND	.....	.....
MANTAN I, WICKLOW	.....	.....
MANTAN II, WICKLOW	.....	.....
STAR, WICKLOW	.....	.....
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES	.....	.....
VENTURER, BRAY	.....	.....
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY	.....	.....
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY	.....	.....
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY	.....	.....
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY	.....	.....
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE	.....	.....
EILEEN, DUN LAOGHAIRE	.....	.....
DUNLEARY, DUN LAOGHAIRE	.....	.....
ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE	.....	.....
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE	.....	.....
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB	.....	.....
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club'	.....	.....

This event is sponsored by

JAMES QUINN (PERPETUAL TROPHY)

Fourth Race :		
MINOR RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
DUNLEARY, DUN LAOGHAIRE
ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club'

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WICKLOW ROWING CLUB

Fifth Race :		
INTERMEDIATE RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW

SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
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ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
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ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club'

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THE GRAND HOTEL

Sixth Race :		
JUNIOR RACE		
Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
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ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
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SEVENTH RACE :

SENIOR ALL-IRELAND OPEN SKIFF RACE

Competitors :	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
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Regatta Fever

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Having moved to Wicklow Town in 1981 and being only vaguely aware of a local festival, I must admit that my wife and I did not attend any of the events. Our children paid a couple of visits to the amusements but that was our total contribution to the festival. Not knowing anyone in the town, our evenings were spent viewing the telly.

On reading reports in "The Wicklow People" about the Regatta Festival we began to realise that we had all missed out on something really good and I was determined not to let this happen the following year. When chatting to some new friends over the Christmas period we could see that for some families in this town the Regatta Festival is the highlight of the Summer season.

As soon as the Programme of Events appeared we purchased a copy and studied it intently. We decided to take part in as many of the events as possible. The first item on the Programme being an Exhibition of Paintings in the Painters Gallery, we spent a lovely hour viewing these before we moved to the Market Square where the whole place was decorated and everyone there in a festive mood. When the Welsh Choir arrived there was much jubilation and right there and then we got caught up in the Regatta Fever.

The next day we made sure we were at the ten o'clock Mass to hear the Choir sing. What an experience! Home for a quick lunch and off to the Grand Parade. Our kids really enjoyed this and so did we, as a matter of fact. The highlight of the Welsh visit for us was the Concert in the Fatima Hall that evening. We also enjoyed the singing in the Square and the beautiful holiday atmosphere.

On our way home that night we were all so excited about the whole thing and tried to plan our schedule for the following fortnight. Wicklow Regatta Radio kept us up to date with all the happenings and that week saw us at the Bicycle Scrambling, the Soap Box Derby, the Car Treasure Hunt and the Walking Race.

The Regatta Queen Ball was a fabulous night and so was the 'Over 25s' night. Saturday was Children's Day and our kids were so thrilled dressing up for the Fancy Dress Parade. There were so many children dressed up in so many different ways. There was no lack of imagination.

The second week proved as exciting as the first. On Sunday and Monday we watched the Swimming events and our kids made new friends and joined the Swimming Club. We lingered for a while at the Rock Concert and visited the Amusements once again.

We had heard about the Rowing on Monday but we hadn't expected such a great spectacle. The commentator kept us informed as to who was winning all the races and made it even more exciting. The town was alive with visitors for this very popular event.

We learned quite a lot about our new hometown by taking part in the Historical Walk . . . what an enjoyable evening. Another 'Over 25s' night, a Youth Disco for the kids, several 'Singing Pubs' for us and, of course, the Circus brought us nearer to the end of the Festival.

What a pity we hadn't known about the Airfix Models. We could have built something for this competition. We did enter a racing car which didn't come up to scratch but one of our dolls saved the day. There were so many other events on during the fortnight we just couldn't attend all of them but we tried to get to as many as possible.

The final Sunday came all too soon. We watched the Sponsored Swim at the pier and then headed for Keatingstown for the Family Picnic. The kids enjoyed the kite flying and the games. We had such a lovely time.

The Grand Finale Dance that night brought the whole fortnight to an end. We felt a little sad that it was over. We had made so many new friends that we now felt part of this community and this is why I have written this letter to you in the hope that others, new to our town, with a little effort and planning can get caught up in the Regatta Fever.

—Festival Supporter.



Wicklow Community Radio will sponsor, organise and operate a Wicklow Regatta Festival Centre located opposite the Garda Station in the Car Park at Church Street.

The Centre will be open each day of the Festival from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Staff will be available to advise on information, bookings, etc. for all the Festival activities.

The management of W.C.R. Radio would like to thank Castrol (Ire.) Ltd. for the use of their special caravan and also Mr. Kevin Desmond for his help and endeavours in this project.

Wicklow Community Radio on 1512 AM - 198.4 metres medium wave broadcasting from 7.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. every day.

Tuesday, 2nd August

- 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.** Historical Walk of Wicklow. Starts at Billy Byrne Monument. Research compiled by Mr. Lar O'Toole and Mr. Matt Murphy.
- 7.30 p.m.** Jackie and Sean will entertain you at Fitzwilliam Square (outside Track One).
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition in Fitzpatrick's Bar.
- 9.30 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.** Over 25s Dance in the Grand Hotel. Music by Sun-lights. Organised by the De La Salle Ladies Committee.

Wednesday, 3rd August

- 7.30 p.m.** Regatta Mini Marathon. Starts at the Big Tree. Over 16 years only.
- 7.30 p.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club—Cruiser Racing.
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at the Bridge Tavern.
- 9.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.** Wicklow Musical Society Social Evening in the Grand Hotel.
Officers: Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Murray; Secretary, Miss Catriona Vickers; Treasurer, Miss Phyllis Whyte; P.R.O., Mrs. Noeleen Shortall.

Thursday, 4th August

- 7.00 p.m.** Walking Treasure Hunt. Sponsored by C.B.S. Records and organised by Joe Roberts and Eugene Copeland.
- 8.00 p.m.** Wicklow Swimming Club—Vartry Swim (Open).
- 8.00 p.m.** Regatta Poker Classic in Strabreaga Hotel. £10 per head. 50 participants. £350 prize money. Organised by Billy Rutledge and Joe Roberts.
- 9.00 to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at Ros Duin.
- 9.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.** Over 25s Dance in the Grand Hotel. Music by Sun-lights. Special appearance of Mr. Jay Byrne. Waltzing and Jiving Competitions. Sponsored by John and Nora Wallace, Mallard Restaurant.

Friday, 5th August

- Fossetts Circus at 4.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
- 7.00 p.m.** Wicklow Town Ladies Soccer Team. Match at White-gates.

- 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.** Best Dressed Doll Competition. Please bring dolls to the offices of Messrs. Harrington, Lait, Wentworth Place, Wicklow. Results Saturday afternoon.

- 7.00 p.m.** St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club presents . . .
FOOTBALL: Repeat of 1969 Senior Football Championship Final when St. Patrick's beat Ashford.
HURLING: The 1972 team that won the Junior Hurling Championship have challenged the 1983 team to test their skills.
Officers: President, Mr. Nick Lawlor; Vice-President, George Henry; Chairman, Aidan Doyle; Vice-Chairman, Nick Crennan; Secretary, Brian Finnegan; Assistant Secretary, Oliver Hassett; Treasurer, Gerry Farrell; Assistant Treasurer, Ronnie Phillips; Registrar, Michael Hagan; Assistant Registrar, Ann O'Brien; P.R.O. Eamonn Sheridan; Youth Officer, Hugh O'Brien; Development Officer, Harry Leonard.

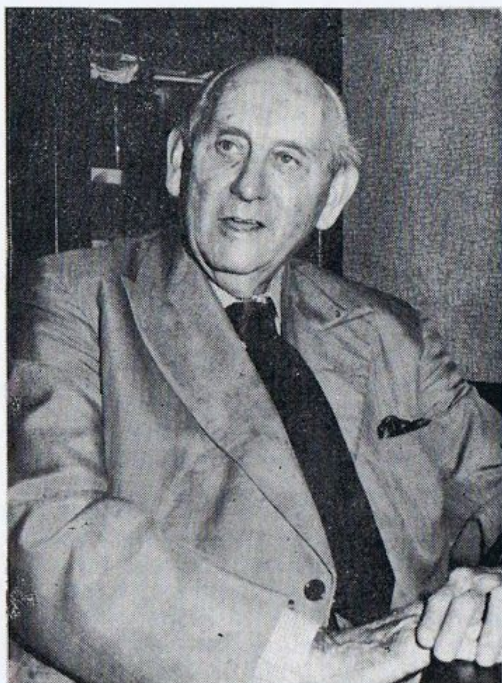
- 8.00 p.m.** Wicklow Table Tennis Club Regatta Competition in the Grand Hotel. Mixed Doubles. Entrance fee £2.00 per couple. Sponsored by Veba Ltd.
Officers: Chairman, Anthony Nolan; Vice-Chairman, George Plant; Secretary, Mary de Courcey; P.R.O., Des Davitt; Treasurer, Barbara McMahon. Members: Paul Quinn and John Collins.

Wicklow Golf Club—Lady Captain's Prize. Presentation 10.00 p.m. Social.

- 10 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.** St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club Social, organised by the Ladies Committee.

Saturday, 6th August

- 2.30 p.m.** Best Air-Fir Model. Sponsored by Nolan's Shoe Shop, Fitzwilliam Square.
- Best Model of a Racing Car. Sponsored by Bob Jackson, Bollarney.
- Best Dressed Doll. Sponsored by Pearl Jackson, Bollarney.
- Best Lego Display. Sponsored by Lego and Mad-den's Newsagents.
- Lego Competition (Lego to be assembled in hall). Sponsored by Mark Jackson, Ashford.



Mr. J. T. O'Byrne

By LEO DOYLE

Almost every community or society has, within the annals of its history, a number of individual characters who, by their word or deed, have contributed, in some way, to the development of that community, thereby earning their place in that history, to be remembered with emotions of one kind or another and their memory to be carried down from generation to generation.

Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne is to Wicklow town and county one of its most eminent history makers and is known to one and all, outside his family, simply as J.T. He was the County Engineer from 1939 until his retirement in 1964. During that time many fine architectural and engineering works were carried out under his design and specification. Locally, in Wicklow town, a most obvious monument is the Parnell Bridge (footbridge) built in 1946 and named because that year was the centenary of the birth of Parnell. The cost of replacing the old wooden bridge that had become unsafe was £1500.00. Other works include Newrath Bridge, near Hunters, and Ashford Bridge which replaced the old narrow metal bridge which was there from 1860 and many others.

The area of social development also will remember J.T. with respect. Having demolished almost 300 dwellings in Wicklow around 1932, as Assistant County Engineer, as being unfit for habitation the first 150 Wicklow houses were under way immediately and today Mr. O'Byrne says the Wicklow housing programme to date deserves the highest praise.

Throughout his career Mr. O'Byrne commanded the highest respect from all who worked with him. A conscientious, hardworking, brilliant architect and engineer he was motivated almost totally by a sensitive and caring social conscience and a deep feeling towards the people of Wicklow and their environment. He remembers, with sadness, thousands of Irish men queuing up at the Northwall to board the troopships to fight in the First World War. Another dark memory when reservists were called up and the parting with their wives and families at Wicklow station. One of J.T. O'Byrne's strongest memories goes back to the thirties and the poverty that prevailed in our town. That memory is now almost blotted out by the social and economical development of Wicklow, a programme which he himself was instrumental in initiating.

Born in the heart of Wicklow town, in the Bridge Hotel (now Bridge Tavern), J. T. O'Byrne received his early education at the Dominican Convent. Later he went to Limerick, Clongowes and finally to U.C.D. to take his degrees in Architecture and Engineering. Other than the time spent away during his education and a short period afterwards at Carlow County Council, Mr. O'Byrne has lived most part of his eventful life here in Wicklow, along with his wife, an Enniscorthy lady (Furlong), whom he married in 1930.

A man who has a deep love for the sea and very much involved in sailing and a founder of the Wicklow Sailing Club, J.T. has also been involved for many years in the Wicklow Regatta. He remembers, with affection, Regattas of many years past. His great love and lively interest in people has and will continue to activate his interest not only in our present Regattas but in the social and environmental issues affecting our community for many years to come. On March 17th 1983 Mr. J. T. O'Byrne was made the Grand Master of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, an honour befitting one of our finest citizens. We salute Mr. J. T. O'Byrne in his 84th year. We salute his endeavours, his talents, his qualities and his achievements. We wish himself and Mrs. O'Byrne many years of continued happiness and contentment and we thank him for his continued participation and service to the Wicklow Regatta and the community.

**AMUSEMENTS ON THE MURROUGH EACH EVENING AT 7.30
p.m. AND ON SUNDAYS AT 2.30 p.m.**



Mrs. Ann Hollingsworth, winner of the 1982 Voice of Wicklow Contest, receiving the Maelgwn Shield from Bob Jackson, Chairman.

**WICKLOW REGATTA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE '83
REGATTA PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST**

1st Prize: For Regatta Print of the Year. Winner receives a trophy, voucher for equipment and picture will form part of the front cover of next year's Regatta Programme.

(A) Best Regatta Portrait. (B) Best Regatta Scene.
1st Prize in each category: Trophy and voucher.
(C) Funniest Regatta Scene. (D) Best Regatta Sports Picture.

Entry Requirements

All entries must be black and white photographs at least 6" x 4" in size. All entrants must be members of the Wicklow Camera Club.

Judging will take place early October and will form part of an exhibition by Wicklow Camera Club of photographs depicting the 1983 Wicklow Regatta Festival. The judges will be selected from outside the area and will be suitably qualified.

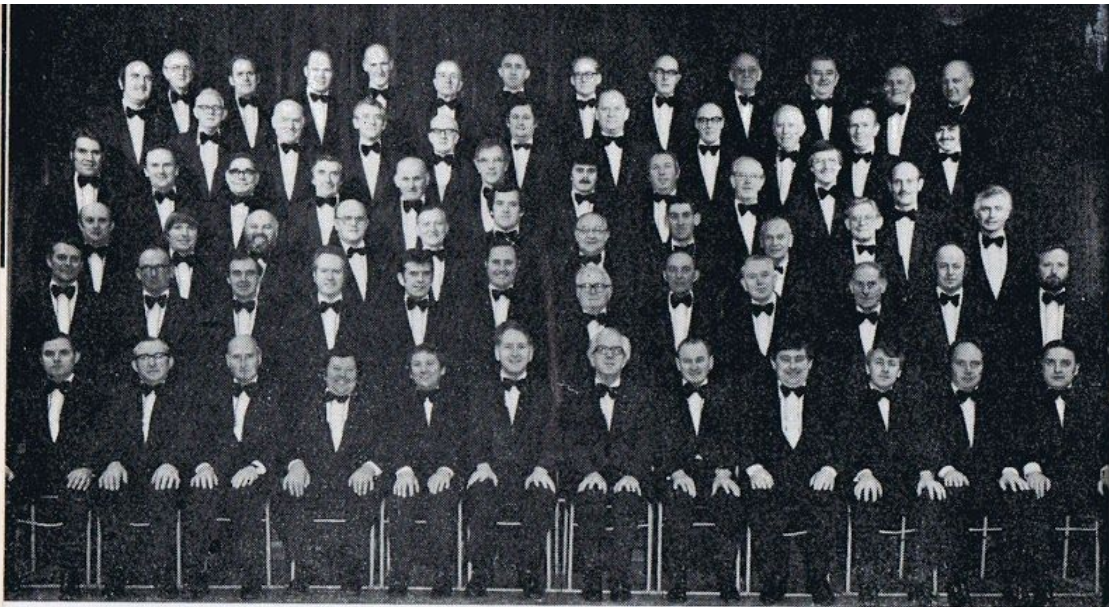
Wicklow Camera Club Officers: Chairman, Alan O'Brien, Vice-Chairman, Tim Thornton.

- 7.30 p.m.** Bridge Tournament at Wicklow Golf Club. Sponsored by Wicklow Regatta Festival Committee.
- 8.30 to 11.30 p.m.** Juvenile Disco in St. Patrick's G.A.A. Clubhouse. Admission £1.50.
- 9 p.m to 12.00 p.m.** Irish Cabaret Night in the Grand Hotel. Music by Mick Cullen Ceili Band. Organised by Regatta Festival Committee.

Sunday, 7th August

- 11.30 a.m.** Wicklow Swimming Club Races.
- 2.00 p.m.** Sponsored Swim by Wicklow Swimming Club for Spina Bifida Association at the pier.
- 3.00 p.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club—Cruiser and Juvenile Racing.
- 3.00 p.m.** A Family Picnic will be held at Keatingstown by kind permission of Mr. Ned Dickenson. Come along and bring your picnic and fun games will be provided for all the children (weather permitting). Sponsored by Eileen and Sandro Cavaliere, Palma Grill. Bring along your kites for the kite competitions. Prizes for best home-made kite, sponsored by Web Alarms. Prizes for bought kites, sponsored by Regatta Committee.
- Wicklow Golf Club—De La Salle Competition.** Men's Singles, 18 holes Strokes. Presentation 10 p.m.
- 7.45 p.m.** St. Patrick's Camogie and Hurling Fancy Dress Match. Music in the Clubhouse. Officers: Chairperson, Mary Gaule; Secretary, Dorcas Kavanagh; Assistant Secretary, Kay Carolan, Treasurer, Fiona Davis; P.R.O. Dawn Lambert.
- 10.00 p.m. 2.00 a.m.** GRAND FINALE DANCE in the Grand Hotel, organised by Wicklow Regatta Committee. Music by the Cantons. Admission £4.00 (including Supper). Tickets available from Earl's Newsagency, Abbey Street.

Results of Singing Pubs Competition, sponsored by Clarke, Delahunt & Co. (1980) Ltd., Auctioneers, will be announced at the dance.



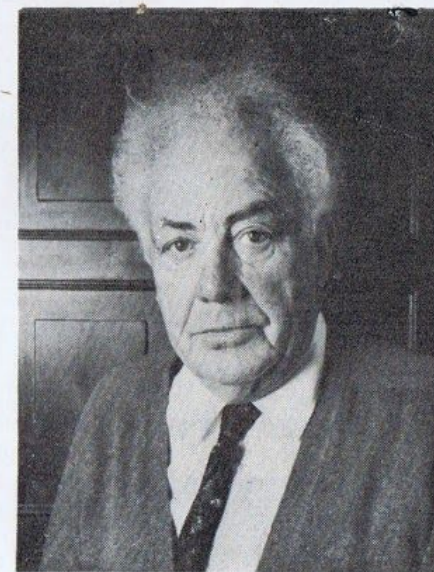
A Feeling of Wales in Wicklow Regatta

It has now become so much part of the Wicklow Regatta Festival that without the annual visit of the Maelgwn Male Voice Choir from North Wales our local festival would not be quite the same. From the moment this eighty strong band of musical creation sets foot in Wicklow town there is no doubt that the Wicklow Regatta Festival really is under way for another year.

It is therefore with excitement, warmth, friendship and pleasure that the 1983 Regatta Committee and the people of Wicklow welcome the Maelgwn Male Voice choir to Wicklow and the 1983 Regatta Festival.

The wealth of their musical talent is matched only by the warmth and richness of their personalities. Their short stay amongst us will, as usual, capture the hearts of everybody, young and old, who either meet them or are exposed to their music, which is a unique experience in itself. It is living music with a foundation as individual as the culture that it represents. It is music that is sweet and gentle yet powerful and sensitive. The Maelgwn Male Voice Choir, in concert at the Fatima Hall, Wicklow has become one of the musical and entertainment highlights of the Wicklow Regatta Festivals and it is with anticipation that all their friends in Wicklow await their arrival this year.

Why not visit the beautiful **Mount Usher Gardens,**
Ashford—only 4 miles from Wicklow town.



Mr. Michael Bowles

(The Chief Judge of the Voice of Wicklow Contest)

One of Ireland's most eminent men of music, Mr. Michael Bowles who lives in Dunbur Upper, once again is the Chief Judge in the Voice of Wicklow Contest in which the winner receives the coveted Maelgwn Shield as well as a cash prize.

Michael, who was Musical Director of Radio Eireann from 1940-1949, has many musical distinctions to his credit in many parts of the world. Here at home he was responsible for initiating the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra in 1942. In 1950 Michael Bowles became Musical Director of the New Zealand National Orchestra and later he went on to be a visiting Professor of Indiana University as well as Musical Director of Indianapolis Philharmonic Society.

In 1970 Michael Bowles returned to Ireland and took up residence in West Cork. In 1980 he became Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In recent weeks Mr. Bowles was made an Honorary Member of the Royal Dublin Society. Commenting on the Voice of Wicklow Contest, Michael says that he was very impressed by the sporting spirit of the contestants last year and of course apart from the prizes the honour of the winner appearing in concert with this splendid Welsh Choir is a prize in itself.

The Voice of Wicklow Contest judges are Mr. Michael Bowles and Miss Mary Sheridan, well known soprano.

