

## Kilmore Celebrate Hall Centenary



Bro. Smyth re-opened the hall and the Rev. W. Murphy dedicated it. The Scripture reading was read by W. Bro. N. Hood, D.G.M. I., County Grand Master of Armagh, after which Bros. Smyth, Molineaux, Watson, McCusker and Williams wished the Lodge every success in the next hundred years.

During the course of the Sovereign Grand Master's address 17 service medals were presented to the Sir Knts. of Kilmore, Dove of Peace R.B.P. 1144.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the District Master of No. 8 District and was seconded by Bro. T. McShane. Later all present were entertained to tea in the hall.

In the evening the Brethren of the Lodge met and spent a social hour together. A day to remember was brought to a close around 11.30 p.m. by the singing of the National Anthem.

On May 4 the brethren of Kilmore L.O.L. 237 celebrated the centenary of their Orange Hall.

They assembled at Ellise Bridge, accompanied by their guests who included the Rt. Wor. Grand Master of Ireland, Rev. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Knt. James Molineaux, M.P., Sovereign Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter, Bro. Ken Watson, Grand Master of the Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland; R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, Grand Secretary, Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, and Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P. for Upper Bann.

The Brethren paraded to the hall with Bands and Drums and visiting brethren. A re-dedication and re-opening of the hall took place. The W. Master Bro. Stanley Beckett welcomed all visitors and friends and asked Bro. A. McShane to take the chair and conduct the proceedings.

# ARMALITE OR BALLOT BOX — THE CHOICE

He recalled that in December 1983 at Grand Lodge he asked, "What happens when the Sinn Fein replaces S.D.L.P.? Will Jim Prior refuse to accept the ballot box as it suits him?" His successor Douglas Hurd is faced with that problem.

### THE REAL NETTLE

Behind it however the real nettle had to be grasped. The legacy of Merlin Rees had to be rejected. "He politicised P.I.R.A. This legacy must be refused for the good of democracy. If fascists were banned in England and English footballers are banned in Europe then Sinn Fein as long

as it grows on violence cannot be given credibility by the abuse of the ballot box."

Bro. Smyth declared that a free nation dare not allow freedom to be used as a chain to enslave it. Forty years after the defeat of Nazism had we forgotten how democracy was used to destroy freedom?

In this context the logic of the Presbyterian minister, lauded though it was by the BBC "Sunday Sequence," must be examined. "To refuse to recognise Sinn Fein as a political party until they forego the armalite is not to deny the verdict of the ballot. If that reasoning is correct — and some apparently think it is — will they then support

**PEOPLE** might now see a little clearer now why some politicians had maintained a consistent stand against "power sharing" and proportionality in politics declared the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A. in his address to the half-yearly meeting of Grand Lodge in Londonderry on June 12.

Unionist parties if they take up the armalite also?"

To engage in generalized condemnation of violence was

not enough. It only played into the hands of those who speak of the violence of institutions. Has the State not God-given

authority to protect its citizens and their property from anarchists and others?

"From this Grand Lodge I speak plainly," said the Grand Master. "We take a fundamentally different position theologically from Roman Catholicism. We also differ politically from those who espouse Irish Nationalism. Nevertheless it is our hope and desire to live at peace with our neighbours whatever their basic theology on politics. We hope they in turn will manifest a similar hope and work with us for peace and reconstruction in our community. A first step would be to stop murdering our friends under any pretext and stop excusing bloody deeds as accidents of war.

### "IMPLACABLE HATRED"

"If they do not and they continue to find support from over 30% of the Roman Catholic people then we have no choice but to recognise their implacable hatred and assure them that their efforts will not succeed in defeating us. Rather they will only stimulate a great resolve to resist them. The watch cry is still 'No Surrender'."

In his introductory remarks Bro. Smyth said they met in the historic city of Londonderry "at a time fraught with problems and pressures similar to those forced by our forefathers who maintained and developed this city."

## WHERE LIES THE TRUTH?

"IRISH NEWS" . . . July 1

"The Republic's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Peter Barry, urged the British Government to re-route some Orange parades, it was claimed yesterday.

"SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon told the 'Irish News' 'I have no doubt that pressure came from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to have the parades re-routed, so that the Catholic population would be no longer subjected to violence and intimidation'."

"BELFAST TELEGRAPH" . . . July 1

"The Secretary of State, Mr. Hurd, denied today that the Republic's Foreign Minister, Mr. Peter Barry, had exerted pressure to bring about bans and re-routing of loyalist parades" . . .



Orange leaders parading to Whiterock Orange Hall, West Belfast, on Saturday June 29. Centre in front row are W. Bro. John McCrea, Grand Master of Belfast County G.L.O.L. and R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Grand Secretary G.L.O.L. — See Page 7.

# Tyrone G.R.A.P.C. Says Thanks For 61 Years Faithful Service

County Tyrone Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter held their installation of officers for 1985 in Newtownsaville Orange Hall.

The installation officer was the outgoing County Grand Master W. Bro. Uriah Brush, who was assisted by M.W. Bro. Ken S. Watson, Grand Master of Ireland R.A.P.C., M.W. Bro. W. Murdie, Grand Registrar of Ireland R.A.P.C., W. Bro. R.H. Watson, County Grand Master Co. Antrim R.A.P.C. and W. Bro. T. R. Reid, Co. Grand Master of Co. Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge.

## INSTALLATION

The new County Grand Master elect W. Bro. Allan Rainey was duly installed followed by the County Grand Officer W. Bro. J. A. Emery Deputy Co. Grand Master, W. Bro. Alexander Reid, Deputy Co. Grand Lay Chaplain, W. Bro. W. Cummings, Co. Grand Registrar, W. Bro. R. Hill, Co. Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. R. Deans, Deputy Co. Grand Registrar, W. Bro. J. Hunter, Deputy Co. Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. R. Mulligan, 1st Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. S. Glasgow, 2nd Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. B. Mulligan, Inner Guard.

After the installation a special social evening was held



The newly instaled officers of County Tyrone Grand R.A.P.C. and their visiting guests, after the ceremony in Newtownsaville Orange Hall. Back Row l. to r.: W. Bro. A. Reid, Co. Grand Lay Chaplain; W. Bro. W. Cummings, Co. Grand Registrar; W. Bro. R. Mulligan, Co. Grand Lecturer; W. Bro. R. Hill, Co. Grand Treasurer; W. Bro. S. Glasgow, Co. Grand Lecturer; W. Bro. J. Hunter, Deputy Co. Grand Treasurer; W. Bro. B. Mulligan, Inner Guard; W. Bro. R. Deans, Deputy Co. Grand Registrar. Front Row l. to r.: W. Bro. R. H. Watson, Co. Grand Master of Antrim; M.W. Bro. K. Watson, Grand Master of Ireland; W. Bro. J. Emery, Deputy Co. Grand Master; R.W. Bro. A. Rainey, Co. Grand Master; R.W. Bro. U. Brush, Past Co. Grand Master of Tyrone, and M.W. Bro. W. Murdie, Grand Registrar of Ireland.

in the nearby Greenmount Lodge Guest House to pay tribute to the Past Co. Grand Master, W. Bro. Uriah Brush.

## "SHINING LIGHT"

The chairman, W. Bro. James Emery, Deputy County Grand Master paid tribute to W. Bro. Brush "as a shining light in our midst, one who stood for our Institution with a firm and steadfast loyalty, quiet, soft spoken and much



The Grand Master of the Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Kenneth Watson (right) presenting R. W. Bro. Uriah Brush, outgoing Co. Grand Master of County Tyrone R.A.P.C. with a Table Lamp of Tyrone Crystal for his services to the Institution for many years in the County.

respected by the many who know him.

"His Faith has always been sound, his hopes have always been towards his God and his love is extended to all."

W. Bro. Emery continued "For sixty-one years Uriah has graced our County with dignity and distinction being a regular worshipper in his beloved Aughnacloy Presbyterian Church where as an elder he continues his zeal for his Maker.

"In all he has run the race, finished the course, kept the faith, feared God, loved the brotherhood, honoured the Sovereign.

"Tonight this County is most grateful to a loyal brother and a true Christian gentleman."

The chairman then called on M.W. Grand Master Bro. Ken

Watson to present W. Bro. Brush with a table lamp made by Tyrone Crystal with the insignia of the Institution suitably engraved.

W. Bro. Allan Rainey, C.G.M. presented him with his Past Masters Jewel and Certificate, and Mrs. Rainey presented Mrs. Brush with two matching candlesticks, also of Tyrone Crystal.

W. Bro. Brush suitably replied by thanking the County for honouring him, and spoke of all the happy times he had during his years in office at Private District, County and Grand Chapter levels.

Various toasts were proposed and replied to, and entertainment was provided by the Misses Mulligan and Patterson, with Miss Rainey at the organ.



The W.M. and other officers of R.B.P. No. 94 following their installation in Killaloo Orange Hall. Photo: Sir Knight A. Crawford, R.B.P. No. 94.



Sir Knt. Robert Baird receives his jewel from Sir Knt. Robert Ferris, seen here with Sir Knts. Noel Leslie, Chaplain; Ivan Montgomery, W.M., William McClay and Alan Lindsay, Registrar. Photo: Sir Knt. A. Crawford, R.B.P. No. 94.



Sir Knt. Alex Goligher is presented with his medal by Sir Knt. Robert Ferris, in the presence of Sir Knts. Ivan Montgomery, R.B.P. No. 94; William McClay, C.G.R., and Alan Lindsay, W.M. No. 2 District. Photo: Sir Knt. A. Crawford, R.B.P. No. 94.

## Members Honoured

The Wor. Master, Officers and Sir Knights of R.B.P. 94 honoured two long service members who between them have completed 111 years of active membership of the Royal Black Institution.

Sir Knight A. Baird who was initiated into the Preceptory some 63 years ago and Sir Knight Alex Goligher some 48 years ago, were present to receive their jewels at Killaloo Orange Hall.

The Wor. Master, Sir Knt. Ivan Montgomery said the Preceptory was honoured to have as brethren Sir Knts. Baird and Goligher, and expressed congratulations to them on attaining the first of the new long service jewels in Killaloo and wished them many happy years to be able to wear them with pride.

Sir Knt. Robert Ferris, No. 2 District Lecturer and County Grand Director of Ceremonies said that it was both a privilege and a pleasure to be asked to make the presentations, as he knew both Sir Knights personally and knew of the service they have given over the years, not only to their own Preceptory but to other Preceptories throughout the District.

Sir Knt. Baird and Sir Knt. Goligher said in reply how

great an honour it was to have been presented with the jewels and recalled some of the happy memories they had since being initiated into the Royal Black Institution at Killaloo many years ago.

All the Sir Knights present joined in wishing both Sir Knights every blessing and hoped they would enjoy continued health to wear their long service jewels with pride and distinction for many years to come.

After the presentation the Wor. Master said that the Installation of Officers had been held over to this meeting and thanked the Sir Knights for being in attendance. A special word of welcome was extended to Sir Knt. Ferris, Sir Knt. William McClay, County Grand Registrar and Sir Knt. John Simpson, R.B.P. 143 (Fawney), after which the Wor. Master declared all offices vacant and requested Sir Knt. McClay to conduct the Installation. This he did in his usual efficient manner, ably assisted by the other visiting Sir Knights.

A vote of thanks to these Sir Knights was passed by acclamation and conveyed to them by the Wor. Master, Sir Knt. Montgomery.

## Bessbrook Hall

Bessbrook District LOL's £60,000 scheme in restoring the 100-year-old Bessbrook Town Hall is progressing well and brethren in the South Armagh village are hopeful the work will be completed by next Spring.

The work carried out with the support and approval of the Architectural Heritage Society involves the erection of a complete new roof for the spacious building and complete interior refurbishing.

With the contractors due to finish on the roof within a few weeks attention will focus on the inside of the magnificent Mourne granite building, where extensive plumbing, masonry, decorating and electrical work has to be carried out.

The Hall, known to many as The Institute, was purchased by Bessbrook District LOL No. 11 from Bessbrook Spinning Company in 1968. It was erected by the Richardson family, who brought the textile industry to Bessbrook in the mid-19th century and has served as a community centre for people in the village.

The Bessbrook Orangemen have sought to maintain the character of the Hall and their ambitious restoration programme should be fulfilled within the next year.

Help in financing the work has come from their brethren in other parts of Northern Ireland and to date almost £7,000 has been received in generous donations from approximately 450 lodges throughout the Province. This generosity has been sincerely appreciated by the Bessbrook lodges.

A considerable amount of money has also been raised by the brethren and loyalists in the Bessbrook area through direct donations and fund-raising events and with grants available more than half of the

projected costs have now been met.

The building has a large assembly hall with accommodation for 700 and the adjoining rooms over two storeys provide the space for recreation and leisurely pursuits.

The centenary year of Bessbrook Town Hall commences on October 5 next and it is planned to have a celebratory re-opening event next summer

Bessbrook, the smallest of the 11 Orange districts in Co. Armagh, has four lodges with a combined membership of around 180. Affiliated organisations are a Black Preceptory with 80 members, a Junior Orange lodge with 25 members, an Apprentice Boys' branch, and three bands — the championship-playing Bessbrook Crimson Arrow Pipe Band, Bessbrook True Blues' Flute, and Divernagh Accordion Band.

The District lodge administers its Orange Halls at Bessbrook and Divernagh: the Town Hall, and the former Masonic Hall, which is presently being converted into two dwelling houses with the help of a Housing Executive grant.

A 20-member Management Committee meets fortnightly to control the affairs of the Bessbrook property and workmen will shortly be recruited to carry out internal refurbishing work in the Town Hall under the Government's A.C.E. scheme.

The Bessbrook district officers are: WDM — Bro. Winston McCormick; DDM — Bro. Thomas Moorehead; Sec. — Bro. William Kennedy; Treasurer — Bro. John King; Management Committee: Chairman — Bro. C. R. Morrow; Sec. — Bro. Derek Livingston; Treasurer — Bro. Danny Kennedy (District Councillor).

## Group Plans to Undermine No. 1 Place in UK

In a strongly worded statement, the South Belfast Ulster Unionist M.P., Rev. Martin Smyth, has hit out at the use of British taxpayers money by an Anglo-Irish group to undermine Northern Ireland's status as part of the United Kingdom.

The "Anglo-Irish Encounter Group" was set up in 1982 by the British and Irish governments with the purpose of "promoting greater understanding" between Britain and Ireland.

### UNITED IRELAND THINK TANK

But Mr. Smyth says that the group is acting as a think-tank and a front group for those who wish to see a United Ireland.

"Encounter was given £17,000 of taxpayers money in 1983/84, and £20,000 in 1984/85, and this year it has £24,000 to spend. These sums came from the Foreign Office Account, and have clearly been used to destroy Northern Ireland as part of the UK," he said.

"Encounter held three conferences in London and Dublin in 1984 and 1985 at which academics and others discussed ways of fudging the essential issues at stake in the debate about Ulster's right to be British.

"It is unfortunate that it took £61,000 worth of British taxpayers money to find out what they could have discovered after five minutes in Ulster—that we will not be duped, bullied or cajoled into a United Ireland."

Mr. Smyth went on to say that part of the aims of Encounter was to brainwash British schoolchildren and university students into the idea that "Northern Ireland does not exist."

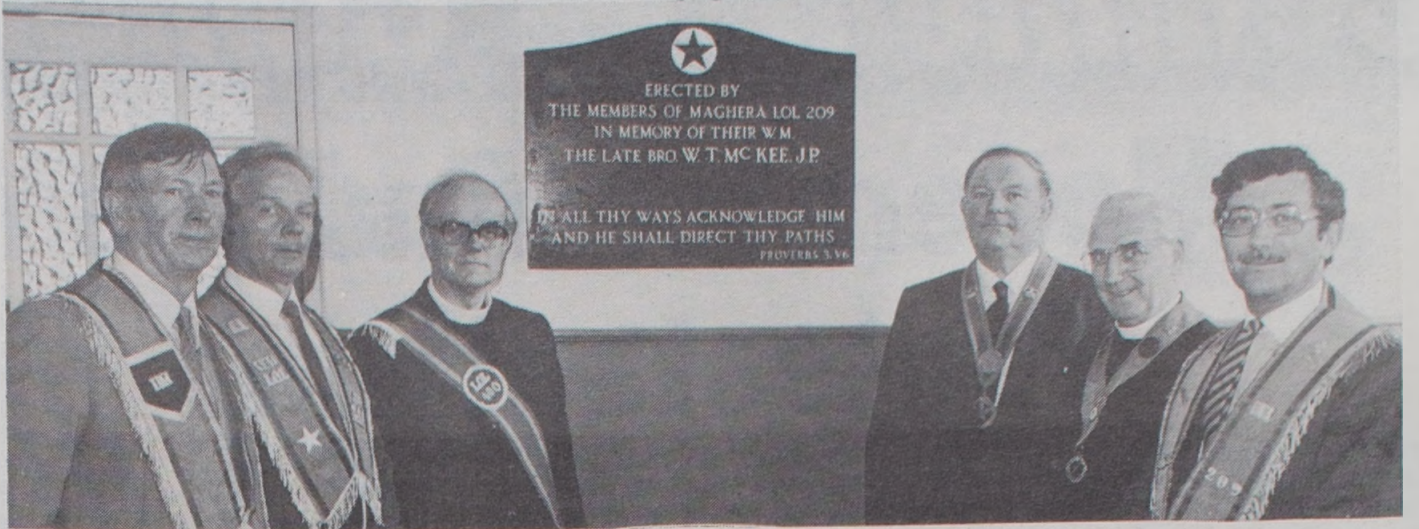
He cited as justification for this the fact that a daughter of Irish Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald who lectures at a British University, and who is also involved in Encounter, is promoting the idea of "Irish studies" being taught as A level and University subjects.

### CREEPING CENSORSHIP

"What we have here is a process of creeping censorship—a united Ireland is the only way—and the fact that one million Unionists and a third of Roman Catholics oppose this can be overlooked."

W. Bro. Elliott Young, W.D.M., presents a cheque for £300 to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., donated by Newtownards District L.O.L. No. 4 towards the Ghana Appeal. Photo: "Newtownards Chronicle."

## Maghera Memorial to Bro. W. T. McKee



Rt. Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., Co. Grand Master, unveiled a memorial tablet to the memory of the late Bro. William T. McKee, J.P., at a recent service in Maghera Orange Hall.

At the time of his demise Bro. McKee was W.M. of Maghera

L.O.L. No. 209, and had just relinquished the post of W.D.M. of Castledawson District LOL No. 1. He was also closely associated with Maghera Junior Orange Lodge.

The service was conducted

by Bro. Rev. Warren Porter, B.D., District Chaplain, who also gave a very challenging address.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Dickinson, Grand Chaplain of

the City of Derry Grand Orange Lodge, read the portion of Scripture, and led in prayer.

Mrs. Norma Brown was the soloist and the organist Mr. Stephen Linton. The offering was in aid of the McCrea Memorial Trust Fund.

## KILLALOO PRESENTATION

The Wor. Master, Officers and brethren of Killaloo True Blues L.O.L. 621 held their Installation of Officers for 1985, when their meeting opened in Ritual form.

The Wor. Master welcomed all brethren to the meeting, especially a number of visiting brethren from Donemana, Castleterg and Raphoe, Co. Donegal.

After the Installation a vote of thanks was conveyed by the Wor. Master to warm applause from all the brethren present.

Everyone having enjoyed a delightful supper the Wor.

Master said that not only had the brethren of Killaloo met for their Installation of Officers, but to present a number of 50 year jewels and certificates to some very hardworking and active members of the lodge. The Wor. Master referred to Bros. Alex Goligher, Fed Heaney and Tommy Reid and Bro. Robert Black (who unfortunately was unable to be present) who were initiated into Killaloo True Blues L.O.L. 621 more than 50 years ago.

He outlined the various offices these brethren had fulfilled over the years and said

that the brethren of L.O.L. 621 had been very fortunate to have brethren of the calibre of the four members throughout this period. He said he always found these brethren very willing to do what was asked and they had always been ready to use their experience in their own particular way. He wished them Gods' richest blessing for continued good health in the coming years and called upon Bro. Robert Ferris, City of Londonderry Grand Treasurer, to make the presentations.

Wor. Bro. Ferris paid tribute to the brethren, stating that if

any deserved any reward for active membership of the Loyal Orange Institution these brethren who were receiving these jewels thoroughly deserved such an honour.

The three brethren expressed their sincere thanks to the Lodge for the presentations and stated they would like to continue as long as they lived to be members of such a good Lodge and fine organisation.

After the presentations the brethren enjoyed a very happy time with stories, singing and musical items by a number of the brethren. The usual toasts were made and responded to by various officers.



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## Junior LOL Formed at Seymour Hill



events since their formation. On Easter Tuesday, accompanied by Upper Falls Protestant Boys Flute Band, they attended the demonstration in Carrickfergus.

Shortly after this, the Lodge entered four teams in Sandy Row District seven-a-side soccer tournament, three of which reached the finals.

On Sunday 5th May, Lodge members attended their first Church parade to Dunmurry Free Presbyterian Church, where they were presented with a Holy Bible by Rev. William Beattie, who also preached.

Officers of the Lodge wish to thank brethren and friends for their loyal support and would welcome any boys between 8 and 17 from Lisburn, Lambeg, Derriagh, Dunmurry, Finaghy, Milltown and Ballyskeagh, who wish to become members of the Junior Orange Association of Ireland.

Friday, 5th April (Good Friday) was a red letter day for the officers and members of Seymour Hill J.L.O.L. 246.

The Lodge Warrant had previously been issued by Sandy Row Junior District to four officers from Sandy Row Senior Lodges who reside in the Seymour Hill Estate.

The inauguration ceremony took place in Derriagh Orange Hall, with the initiation of almost 40 candidates by the District Master Bro. A. Miller.

He also conducted the election and installation of officers, assisted by other District officers. Bros. J. McCrea, Junior Grand Master and T. Ross, Belfast Junior County Master were also in attendance. Thanks were expressed to Bro. G. McMaster for the excellent arrangements he made for the ceremony.

Seymour Hill Juniors have participated in three important

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## Moderator And His Protestantism

An Orangeman, past Grand Master of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge, the Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Robert Dickinson, was installed as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, at its most impressive Opening Meeting on Monday, 3 June, in the Assembly Hall, Belfast. The week before he had conferred on him the Doctor of Divinity degree of the Church's Union Theological College.

Dr. Dickinson declared himself unhesitatingly an apologist for New Testament, and Reformation, Biblical theology. His Moderatorial address was a precise and pungent reiteration of his evangelicalism.

Because of the strong Protestant stand he took part in some radio and television interviews in which the interviewers probed his attitudes to Church Unity generally and Roman Catholicism particularly, he came out of the encounters leaving no-one in any doubt as to where he stands on the subjects. He is a realist who

recognises that the church situation here pleads for neighbourliness, but denies the need for any more than that now. Beliefs and principles are not to be denied in the present state of religion in the country.

His answers to questions about the compatibility of Moderatorship and membership of the Orange Institution were an explanation of the place and purpose of the Order and a defence of it. He found no incompatibility. On the contrary he saw the Institution as an extension of his ministry.

We wish our brother well in his year of office. He is well prepared mentally and physically for whatever the future holds for him. We may be sure that he will stand firm for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints. Of one other thing we can be certain, the Moderator is going to have a most eventful year at home and abroad in the highest office in his church. Our prayerful good wishes to him include his wife who will be with him in so much he has to do.

## The Lessons of Sportsmanship

Politically and economically the Province is not in good shape, but in sport it has reached unexpected heights. It is amazing that a small geographical area like ours can make a sizable impact on many sporting activities. That it does so at such a time as this is the more surprising.

The fact that irrespective of religious denomination and political affiliation we are at one in our pride and pleasure at the achievements of our sporting heroes is the evidence that the people of this divided country are not divided in everything. The great win of Barry McGuigan, which made him the Featherweight Champion of the World, brought joy to us all. His performance against one of the greatest ever world champions Eusebio Padrosa, caused experienced boxing commentators to describe it as the best fight they had ever seen.

An endearing young man he is everyone's favourite. He has a sensitivity to the feelings of others and a thoughtful approach to life which is not always to be found among sportsmen who are the idols

of the crowds. His win and that of Denis Taylor, in the World Snooker Championship, will be remembered for a very long time. And there is Norman Whiteside, the twenty year old, already an established professional footballer, who scored the vital goal for Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final. Talented and competitive Norman has enhanced the reputation of a little place which has produced such soccer giants as George Best and Pat Jennings. With Joey Dunlop, motor-cycle ace these men display those easily recognisable Ulster qualities of commonsense, friendliness, humour and humility. The performances of our International soccer team have been more than creditable when it is appreciated that the manager has never more than a pool of about fifteen players from which to draw.

The International Rugby Union team's winning of the Triple Crown this year was most pleasing to us, for Ulstermen were well represented in the side.

Whilst some sports are divisive in the Province it is only fair to say that most others have the other and better effect.

## Sinn Fein in Council

The debate continues on the attitudes to Sinn Fein as they attend in Council to represent those who elected them to office. The local government situation promises to be rowdy as the Unionists campaign against the Sinn Feiners and the SDLP accommodates to them.

Opinions are being voiced by people without party affiliation that while the position of Sinn Fein is incredible — the use of the armalite and the ballot box together, when peaceful politics and terrorism can never be compatible — it should be heard when it is the voice of the ten per cent who voted for its candidates to give them political status. Better, it is argued, to have Sinn Fein politically involved and facing the challenge to put its policies to the electorate.

That viewpoint was clearly expressed in a debate in the General Assembly by a Belfast minister when it was suggested that Sinn Fein, willing to serve in Council, might influence the Provos to abandon the weaponry of terror.

The contention repeated subsequently in radio and television interviews had little sympathy from the very many people, Protestants and Roman Catholics, who are shocked that those who believe that political change can come through the gun and the bomb can also be "legislators" in a society which has suffered so much at their hands.

Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., described the attempt to include Sinn Fein in democratic procedures as genteel drawing room nonsense. He argued that there must be no association with murderers by politicians who have real regard for the democratic process.

The attempts of Sinn Feiners, like Adams and Morrison, to justify the killing of Ulster men and women are assaults on the minds of decent citizens. The refusal to accept the reality that the Provos will not win the war they wage against society is the reason why it continues. It will stop when the IRA is defeated, as it must be, by the security forces in both states of Ireland and rejected by those who support them now.

It will not be beaten while present security policies, clearly inadequate, are pursued. It has been apparent since the present "Troubles" began that there is something less than total commitment to the eradication of terrorism in the Province. It is hard to believe that the terrorists could stand against the might of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland if there was a top level determination to remove them from the scene.

## Grand Lodge Meets in Londonderry

The Grand Lodge of Ireland had its 12 June half-yearly meeting in the Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall, Londonderry.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.D., M.P., M.P.A., presided, assisted in the Deputy Chair by Right Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee, Grand Master of County Londonderry Grand Lodge.

The devotions were by Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., in which prayer was said for the recovery to health of Most Wor. Bro. Richard Roberts, Imperial President and Grand Master of England, very ill in a Liverpool hospital.

The newly installed Moderator of the General Assembly, Wor. Bro. the Right Rev. Dr.

Robert Dickinson, was in attendance.

There was the customary recognition of the work and worth of several brethren who had died since the December meeting of Grand Lodge and silence was kept in their memory.

Many important matters relevant to the state of the Institution, the Faith and the Country were discussed, and certain decisions were taken.

The Twelfth Resolutions for 1985 were received through Central Committee and passed for publication and distribution. They appear elsewhere in

this issue of the Standard.

The Grand Secretary introduced a most attractively produced booklet titled, "Here We Stand: A Brief Outline of Orange Principles." Written by W. Bro. the Rev. W. W. Porter, B.A., it contains short, most readable articles on "Through Faith Alone," "Freedom Under God," "Redemption is Complete," "The One Mediator," "The Fear of God," "Our Protestant Heritage," "The Bible," "Honour the King," and "Christian and Catholic."

Published by Grand Lodge at 25p a copy the booklet has the purpose "That one of the articles be read each month at the Lodge meeting."

The Grand Lodge having been welcomed to the city by Right Wor. Bro. R. J. Fleming, Grand Master of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge, it was hospitably entertained to an excellent dinner.

At this social reception the chairman was Bro. Fleming and the Grand Master gave his after-dinner address in reply to the Toast of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, proposed by Right Wor. Bro. A. E. Lee.

On resumption of business reports were received from County Lodges and the Junior Grand Lodge, and the session concluded at 5.30 p.m.

It was followed by the half-yearly meeting of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society when the Grand Master presided and the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., reported on the work of the Society and the steady progress it is making in its essential main task of caring for the widows and orphans of deceased brethren.

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Irish Church — A thick return has been presented to Parliament giving particulars of every parish in Ireland. The general result is that there were at the last census 693,357 members of the Established Church in Ireland — men, women and children — and 596,820 Protestant Dissenters; and that the gross income of the bishoprics, dignitaries and livings of the Established Church in Ireland amounts to 586,428 £, and the net income to 448,942 £.

From the "Irish Times," May 31, 1864.

## An Ulster — American Link

Ulster has connections with many of the nations of the world and especially the United States of America.

The words of the U.S. national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner" were written by an American lawyer, Francis Scott Key, in 1814. The tune, however, was not an American composition but was borrowed from Britain. The exact origin of the tune is not absolutely certain but it is commonly thought to have been composed by an Englishman called John Smith for the Anacreontic Society in London. It is, however, certain that the tune had an Ulster connection.

It is found in a little 18th century book of melodies without words, and it is entitled "Royal Inniskillings." The book was inscribed inside with the name of William Brown of the 6th or Inniskilling Dragoons, lying at Romford. The details of the inscription fix the date at 1797. This proves that the tune was associated with a famous Ulster regiment before it was associated with the U.S. national anthem.

It is, therefore, possible that the tune was originally written by Smith and then adopted as an Ulster martial tune or alternatively that it was originally an Ulster tune which was subsequently adapted by Smith. Further research may yet settle the matter but Ulster can certainly claim a link with the American anthem.

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# STANDARD BEARER

## SDLP Alliance With Sinn Fein

One of the astounding side effects of the success of Sinn Fein in the recent elections for the 26 local authorities in Northern Ireland has been the immediate line-up with them of

the SDLP people who also got elected. In one Council after another where this was found necessary to counter Unionist objections to sitting at the same table with Sinn Feiners the

Sinn Fein members were not alone in their attitude to Unionist solidarity. The SDLP who state vehemently that they totally oppose the Provisional IRA and those who associate with them in acts of terrorism are not slow to signify that when the chips are down they are as united as can be. This was clearly evident in Craigavon Borough

Council as reports in the media indicate. The Unionists — Official and DUP — moved their chairs away from the table in protest at the presence of the two Sinn Fein men who were elected to the Council — at the loss of an SDLP seat and the overthrow of senior SDLP Alderman Paddy Crilly who had the honour of serving as Deputy Mayor in the outgoing Council.

But when the crunch came at the first meeting to elect a Mayor the SDLP, evidently oblivious to the injury the Sinn Fein campaign had done to Mr. Crilly and the loss of a seat,

took their place in support of the Sinn Fein men who were ejected by the RUC when they refused to go out after the Council had declared them, as it were, *persona non grata*.



## History is Repeated

The pattern emanating from Craigavon was repeated elsewhere in a number of other Councils where the SDLP and the Workers Party sprang to the defence of the Sinn Feiners. They emphasised that they abhorred the terrorism of the Provisional IRA, whose mouthpiece the Sinn Fein organisation unashamedly is, but the abhorrence ended there and with a show of abject hypocrisy the SDLP and the Workers Party filed in as friends of the Sinn Feiners and used the occasion here and there to lambast the Official Unionists and the DUP for their action in raising constitutional arguments.

The SDLP have little to commend themselves, for have they not abstained from serving their country and their constituents in the Assembly at Stormont? Their record is no

better than the policy adopted by Eamon De Valera in the early 1920's by refusing to take their seats in the Dublin Parliament, leaving the administration of the new State, then known as Saorstát Éireann, to the Imperial — orientated Party led by Mr. William Cosgrave. It was around 1927 that the "Long Shadow," as "Dev" was nicknamed, chose to lead his fellow parliamentarians into Leinster House. So we see that history is repeating itself in the adoption of a policy of abstention, though we are not likely to see the SDLP eventually climbing the hill to our Parliament House. They are more interested in traipsing through Newry, Dundalk and Drogheda en route to Dublin where they hope to convince the world of the "wrongs" their constituents are suffering in this corner of Ireland. Even in Dublin the tale of woe is said to be wearing rather thin.

## Strip Searches — The Facts

One of the complaints which has been put forward with persistence by the anti-Unionist, anti-British elements in Ulster concerns the question of the strip searching of women in Northern Ireland's womens prison at Armagh. For some years

people such as Father Faul of Dungannon and his comrade-in-arms, Father Raymond Murray of Armagh, have been very vocal in protesting about the "indignity" of women having to undergo strip search-

ing procedures while these ladies are guests of Her Majesty the Queen. This campaign, enunciated by priests and politicians, has been pursued with both persistence and vigour, not only in the British Isles but also abroad, especially in the United States of America, where it is hoped to gain the active support of not only the House of Representatives and Senate, but also the extremely articulate Irish-American elements. Now the Northern Ireland Office have

produced a booklet whose cover has the simple title: "Armagh Prison. Strip Searching. The Facts." Therein it is plainly stated that there is no foundation for statements or suggestions that the search procedures at Armagh are different from those which have been "routinely used for many years in women's prisons in Great Britain under a similar Prison Rule." "In fact the procedures are carried out in Northern Ireland in the same way," the booklet states.

Under the heading "What does strip searching amount to?" the booklet points out that the search is carried out in privacy in the reception area of the prison with just two women officers present. The prisoner enters an enclosed cubicle, the front of which is covered by a shoulder-high curtain and in a room which is always heated. The statement goes on to outline how a prisoner is strip searched is made clear that at no time does a prisoner have to stand about naked.

## Human Dignity Respected - NIO

The NIO makes clear that the prisoner removes her clothing and passes each item out to one of the women officers for searching. While the prisoner is in the curtained cubicle she can put on a prison-made top and skirt or, if she prefers, a freshly-laundered sheet. When the clothes have been searched the curtain is drawn back and the officer observes the prisoner briefly in

the cubicle to ensure that she has not hidden anything on her person. Some women prisoners choose not to make use of either the top and skirt or the sheet, nor is the search or any part of it seen by other prisoners or members of staff other than those directly involved. The whole of the search procedure takes only a few minutes, says the booklet, and "Male officers are never present during the

searches." The publication of the booklet was announced in the House of Commons by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Mr. Nicholas Scott, in reply to a question by Mr. William Powell, M.P., Corby. Quoting a sentence in the booklet the Minister gave reassurance that the searches "are conducted sensitively and with due regard to considerations of human dignity." So

why the continued campaigning over strip searching? Surely in the light of the information given in the booklet and the Minister's reassurance those who make protest ought to turn their thoughts to another aspect of the matter. Such as why these women come to be in prison in the first case... Didn't Pope John have something to say about criminality at Drogheda several years ago?

## Per Ardua Ad Astra ...

During some very late Spring cleaning operations the writer came across a faded cutting from the "Irish Times" dated May 30, 1964. Here it is as it appeared that day:

### "Many new jobs at Aldergrove R.A.F. station"

Aldergrove R.A.F. station will become the biggest aircraft-servicing depot in the United Kingdom, according to present plans for expanding the maintenance unit there after the departure of R.A.F. personnel.

Group-Capt. W. L. Clarke, who will become commanding officer of the air station next Monday, stated at a press conference, yesterday, that 400 workers were needed in addition to the six hundred already employed there, and men with special skills such as instrument and electrical fitters, radio technicians, airframe fitters and engine experts would be needed. In addition an apprentice training scheme is to be inaugurated.

Control of air traffic at Belfast Civilian Airport, which now occupies a large part of the aerodrome, is to be handed over by the R.A.F. to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, on Monday."

How many of us remember the RAF planes flying over Northern Ireland? How many remember the outcry which went up when it was announced that Northern Ireland was no longer to be an RAF base, and the point made strongly, if unavailingly, that Northern Ireland provided several land-

ing places for Royal Air Force planes during the last war. Was it not at Lough Erne that Catalinas took off to track down the German battleship "Bismark" and led to her being sunk in an epic naval battle? It was argued officially at the time the RAF were withdrawn from

Ulster that the Battle of the Atlantic had been won and there was no further need to have Northern Ireland retained as the home of one of the RAF stations on active service. And so the first of Britain's strategic withdrawals took place... leaving only tablets in churches and other war memorials throughout the Province to recall the bravery and self-sacrifice of gallant Ulstermen who took to the skies to defend our country in the face of German and Nazi tyranny. Have another read at that cutting which I reproduce, and see if you detect the noteworthiness of the promise of those 400 jobs.



Sir Knt. Samuel McKibbin receives his Past Master's Certificate from Sir Knt. Samuel Gilmore, District Master, Comber District R.B.P. No. 10.



Sir Knt. Hugh David Gibson, P.M., receiving a clock from Sir Knt. James Crockard Dist. Trea. No. 11 on behalf of the Officers and Sir Knights of R.B.P. 527 in recognition of his services as Treasurer for 29 years.

### Musical Evening at Killaloo

The Wor. Master, Officers and brethren of Killaloo True Blues L.O.L. 621, have held a very successful musical evening.

Invitations had been sent to friends and neighbouring Lodges throughout the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge and approximately 300 people responded. This was a fund raising venture as the Lodge is currently arranging to have a new Banner unfurled and dedicated during 1986.

During the evening everyone enjoyed the talents of the Britannic Brass and Reed Band, Ulster's Queen of

Comedy, Marjorie Rea, Londonderry's own William Loughlin, the Hamilton Flute Band and Messrs Donald Hill and Billy Wright. The programme was compered by Mr. Nicky Bryson, and Mr. George Turner was accompanist.

The Wor. Master made an appeal for funds during the interval and to date over £650 has been raised. To all who attended or forwarded subscriptions the Wor. Master and members of the Lodge express sincere thanks, and look forward to 1986 when the new banner will be unfurled.

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Sir Knt. Thomas Mateer, D.C.G.L., presenting a P.M. Jewel and Certificate to Sir Knt. Kenneth Harbinson, P.M., included are newly installed officers. At rear: l. to r. Sir Knt. Douglas Harbinson, Treasurer; Sir Knt. Mervyn Bolton, W.M.; Sir Knt. Adrain Bell, D.M.; Sir Knt. Peter Lundy, Registrar, and Sir Knt. Roy Farrell, Chaplain.

## Long Service Medals for Glenavy Sir Knights

The Installation of officers for Red Cross Volunteers R.B.P. No. 286, encamped at Glenavy, was held on Thursday, April 4.

The Installation was conducted by the D.D.M. Antrim District No. 3, Sir Knt. William Williamson, assisted by the Deputy County Grand Lecturer, Sir Knt. Thomas

Matier, and Sir Knt. Andrew Harbinson, Jr., R.B.P. No. 2.

Sir Knts. installed were: W.M., Mervyn Bolton; D.M., Adrian Bell; Chaplain, Roy Farrell; Registrar, Peter Lundy, P.M.; Treasurer, Douglas Harbinson, P.M.; Lecturers, George E. Ingram, P.M. and Dermot Somerset, P.M.; Pursuivant, Walter

White, P.M.

Following the installation, the outgoing W.M. Sir Knt. Kenneth Harbinson, was presented with his Past Masters Certificate and Jewel, by Sir Knt. Thomas Matier, who paid tribute to the outstanding leadership given by Sir Knt. Harbinson.

Prior to the installation the

W.M. Sir Knt. Kenneth Harbinson, called on Sir Knt. Matier, to present Long Service Medals to twelve Sir Knights. Sir Knt. Matier thanked the Preceptory for inviting him, and giving him the honour, and great pleasure, of making the presentation, to these Sir Knights, all of whom he had known since school days.

Those who received medals were:

The recipients were: Sir Knts. Samuel Wilson, 54 years service; Andrew Harbinson, Sen., 46 years; William Collier, 40 years; George E. Ingram, P.M., 39 years; Joseph Sloan, 39 years; David Sloan, 39 years; Allen Kerr, 38 years; Walter White, P.M., 38

years; Thomas Harbinson, 37 years; John Christie, P.M., 37 years; John McCartney, 33 years; Leslie Collier, 40 years.

After the close of the meeting, all present were entertained to supper, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening preceded the singing of the National Anthem, God Save The Queen.

## GM to "Fly Flag for Ulster"

South Belfast Ulster Unionist M.P., M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth has been elected to the Executive Committee of the prestigious Inter-Parliamentary Union, which maintains links with other democratic parliaments throughout the world.

Bro. Smyth, who was declared elected unopposed to one of the seats reserved for smaller parties in the Commons on the Executive, said he was very pleased, as this would be an opportunity to "fly the flag for Ulster" when meeting MPs, Senators and Congressmen from all over the world.

## Five Murders Condemned

In a statement Ligoniel True Blues LOL No. 1932 condemn in the strongest possible terms the continuing upsurge of violence which has resulted in the cowardly murder of Mr. Samuel Heenan, at his home outside Castlewellan on the 3rd May.

Also condemned was the slaying of Inspector William James Wilson (28), Woman Constable Tracy Ellen Doak (21), Constable David James Ronald Baird (22), and Reserve Constable Steven George Rodgers (19) at Killeen, Newry, on 20th May, and the killing of apprentice electrician Gary Smyth (19) at the Millfield College of Technology, Belfast, on the 28th May.



A memorial Bible was presented, on behalf of his family, by Bro. Samuel Moffett, in memory of his father, to Bro. Derek Stevenson, W.M. (right). The Bible is for use in the Lodge Room at the new Orange Hall at Sheepbridge near Newry. Centre is another member of the family, Bro. Andrew Moffett.

## Tamnaficarbett Orange Service

Under the auspices of Tamnaficarbett Rising Sons of William L.O.L. No. 17 the ninth annual service was held in the local Orange Hall on Sunday, June 16.

The special preacher was Bro. Rev. William Murphy, B.D., Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. Also taking part in the service was Bro. Rev. Maurice Lavery, B.D., a Past Master of L.O.L. No. 17.

One hundred members of the Orange Institution from the Lurgan and Portadown Dis-

tricts took part in the parade, who were joined by Lurgan Star of Faith W.L.O.L. No. 95 to whom a special invitation had been extended.

The parade was led by Carleton Pipe Band with Pipe Major James Ramsey.

The singing was accompanied by Mrs. Lottie Lyle who was the pianist.

Special items were rendered by the Shirah Gospel Singing Group, under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Cuthbert, with electric Yamaha Portable Organ.

The collection was in aid of the Institute for the Deaf and the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

Tamnaficarbett Orange Hall was built at a cost of £25,000 in 1977, following the vesting of the old hall by Craigavon Development Commission. The cost is now clear and at the present they are concreting the car park around the hall at a cost of £6,000 — £7,000.

The official re-opening of the new hall was performed by Mr. Harold McCusker, M.P.



Platform party at the 60th anniversary of the Sir Henry Wilson Memorial Orange Hall, Loughbrickland

## Orangemen Parade to Cathedral

Kilmore Cathedral in Co. Cavan was filled on Sunday, June 2, when the annual Orange parade was held.

Kilmore Accordion Band led the parade from the hall, and there were many visitors from other counties, including a bus load from Lurgan.

The preacher was the newly elected rector of Kilmore and Ballintemple, and Dean of Kilmore, Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy. He was assisted in conducting the service by W. Bro. George W. Browne, diocesan lay reader, and Co. Grand Master of the Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge.

Senior officers of the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge presented included W. Bro. W. G. Foy, Co. Grand Master, and his deputy, Bro. John F. Roberts.

## Greenock R.B.P. Rally Plans

Plans have been in course of preparation for the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland which will be held on Saturday, August 10 at Battery Park, Greenock.

The annual service under Provincial Grand Chapter and Greenock District Chapter No. 2 will be held on Sunday, August 4.

R.B.P. No. 411 encamped at Kilwinning has been reported as being numerically the largest in Scotland with the greatest number of candidates — 23 — in the past year.

Sir Knts. Bryce Boal, I.D.G.M. and Ronald Cameron, I.D.G.C., conducted the election of officers, the principal officers bearers being re-elected.



Officers and members of Belgravia L.O.L. No. 1079, Belfast.



Bros. William Stewart, senior, and Robert Stewart, junior were presented with 50 year medals by Bro. George Chittick on the 50th anniversary of Belgravia L.O.L. No. 1079 at Windsor Park Social Club.

# WHITEROCK ANNUAL ORANGE PARADE



York Street, Belfast accordion band steps out in the parade to Whiterock Orange Hall on Saturday June 29.



Orangemen on parade to the West Belfast parade to Whiterock on Saturday June 29.

## Letters to the Editor

### Social Justice and Fairness

Sir, — I was delighted to get a copy of your issue for May 1985 from your supporter Mr. James Annett, Jnr. and to find that you had published my letter under the title, "Effects and Their Causes."

May I be allowed to say how much I have been cheered and encouraged by Mr. Annett's quiet understanding of letters I have been able to get into the "Irish Times" and the "Belfast News Letter" — where I have been trying to advise **Everybody** — not just in Ulster or Ireland or Britain or Europe but all over the world that what is really required of each of us is a readiness to allow every other person in society to adhere to their chosen beliefs and to work for them in a spirit of mutual tolerance?

I was raised as a Scottish Presbyterian both in my home and the schools of Auchtermuchty, Cupar-FIFE and Dundee, where I trained to be a school-teacher. But I did not find a state under an established religion a happy experience and when I found ministers joining the British Forces to fight the Germans who, no doubt, also had Protestant ministers praying to God for German victory I

thought to myself that there was something very wrong with the way the world was organised.

This initial impression was confirmed by the experiences I had as a teacher over a span of 38 years when I found that because I left the Church and opposed the idea of any established state church I was denied promotion from ministers and councillors on the Dundee Education Committee who all obviously believed that there was nothing wrong with teaching all children to pray (on established church lines) when it was quite obvious that many children had parents who were Roman Catholics, Moslems, Humanists, Atheists, Hindus, Jews, etc. etc. etc.

Now this refusal to allow me to become promoted to a higher post deprived me of about £550 per year income apart from other disadvantages. So, not very surprisingly perhaps, I became convinced that I must work for a fairer social system, not just in Scotland, or Britain, or Europe, or the "Western World" but in the world as a whole.

But then I found that my letters were censored by editors who obviously thought their prime duty was to uphold the present unfair system in Britain — and this suppression of

personal beliefs and views is still being widely practised I find in so-called "communications media" all over the world. It is at work within the BBC and IBA and the vast majority of British newspapers and journals and, although the Bible teaches "Swear not at all," the phoney Christians in Westminster and Whitehall all think nothing of swearing allegiance to a British system which is part of the division complex of a world run on diplomatic channels which are all very suspect.

What is really needed to enable us to clear up all these very deep and very basic issues in our dangerous multi-nation world is that all communicators should copy the permissive discussion attitude of the "Orange Standard." I may not be correct in all my ideas but on this I am deeply sure and thus I thank you for your tolerant policy.

Yours sincerely,  
**Edward Graham Macfarlane**  
Broughty Ferry,  
Dundee.

### Ard's £300 for Aid to Togo

Sir, — Recently I spent a three week holiday at Wodner Beach in The Gambia in West Africa. Although the people of The Gambia and West Africa have plenty of food the poverty of Gambian cities like Banjul and Serebunda is hard for Europeans like myself to come to terms with.

The Gambian Government newspaper "The Gambia Onward" of Feb./March 1985 has announced plans to give poor people in Banjul, the Gambian, capital a plot of land to grow their own food.

I notice that in the "Newtownards Chronicle" of the 2nd May 1985, Newtownards District LOL No. 4 have collected £300 towards relief in West Africa after an appeal had been made in the "Orange Standard" earlier this year by the Grand Lodges of Ghana and Togo.

Since going out to West Africa I have learned that by sending money and clothes direct to groups like the Grand Lodges of Ghana and Togo people benefit more than giving to charities at home like Oxfam or War on Want.

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After talking to many people from England and Scotland I find the Ulster Unionist message is starting to get across and many people in mainland Britain now accept that Northern Ireland should remain part of the United Kingdom until a majority say otherwise.

Yours faithfully,  
**JAMES ANNETT (Jun.)**  
Comber.

### Our Royal Sovereigns

This little jingle will help you to remember the succession of those who occupied the Throne of England.

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Harry, Dick, John Harry 3,  
One, two three Neds, Richard 2,

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Harry's twain and Ned the lad.  
Mary, Bessie, James the Vain,  
Charlie, Charlie, James again.  
Will and Mary, Anne Gloria,  
Georges four, Will, Victoria.

In more recent times in this century we had Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI and for the past quarter of a century our gracious Queen Elizabeth II. God bless her and long may she reign.

## Music From 27 Bands

A total of 27 bands from Counties Down, Antrim, Londonderry, Fermanagh and Tyrone assembled in Castleterry to take part in Bridgetown LOL 379's Castleterry Young Loyalist Flute Band eighth annual band parade and competition.

A large crowd gathered on a slightly chilly but dry night to pack the town's streets to view the variety of bands on parade putting on their best performances, ranging from the traditional Ulster-Scottish tunes to Sousa marches, both to entertain the crowds and also catch the eyes and ears of the judges in the seven competition sections.

Bands on parade were as follows:

Pipe: Gillygooley, Lack, Tullywhisker, Killen and Lis-laird.

Accordion: Eglinton, Barron, Trory, Ballinamallard and Craig Memorial (Strabane).

Flute: Ballycraigy (Antrim), Millrow Loyalists (Tobermore), Pride of the Bann (Coleraine), Gilford True Blues, King William Protestant Boys (Limavady), Derrygonnelly, Coleshill (Enniskillen), Fivemiletown Boyne Defenders, Maguiresbridge, Sons of William (Donemana), Pride of Fivemiletown, Pride of the Orange and Blue (Newbuildings), Leckpatrick Crimson Defenders, Blair

Memorial (Omagh), Protestant Boys (Omagh), Red Hand Defenders (Newtownstewart) and the host band, Castleterry Young Loyalists.

The large number of bands in attendance is a reflection of the number of parades that the Castleterry band attend throughout the year all over the Province.

The various sections in the competition were keenly contested and gave the judges a lot to think about before reaching their decisions which were as follows:

Pipe Band: 1, Gillygooley; 2, Lis-laird; 3, Killen.

Accordion: 1, Eglinton; 2, Ballinamallard; 3, Trory.

Melody Flute: 1, Protestant Boys; 2, Blair Memorial; 3, Ballycraigy.

Blood and Thunder: 1, Fivemiletown Boyne Defenders; 2, Donemana; 3, Red Hand Defenders (Newtownstewart).

Drum Corps: 1, Ballycraigy; 2, Blair Memorial; 3, Protestant Boys.

Style and Appearance: 1, Gilford; 2, Ballycraigy; 3, Pride of the Bann.

Drum Major: 1, Pride of the Bann; 2, Ballinamallard; 3, Gillygooley.

Best Overall: 1, Ballycraigy; 2, Protestant Boys; 3, Blair Memorial.

(Report courtesy of Tyrone Constitution.)

## UNFURLING OF NEW BANNER AT SCARVA

A new banner with a painting of King William III landing at Carrickfergus has been unfurled for Scarva Sons of William L.O.L. No. 60. Seen here with the attractive banner are Officers of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Photo: "Portadown Times."



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# Orange Show of Solidarity at Bessbrook



Orangemen and women on parade to the service in Bessbrook Presbyterian Church on Sunday June 2.

More than 400 Orangemen and women attended the annual parade and service in Bessbrook Presbyterian Church on Sunday June 2, organised by Bessbrook District LOL No. 11.

Several hundred of those on the march were members of Sandy Row District LOL No. 5, Greencastle LOL in North Belfast, and the Orange Women's Association in Belfast.

They joined brethren and sisters from various parts of Co. Armagh and South Down and also present was a contingent from the Dublin and

Wicklow District. Newry/Armagh Unionist M.P., Bro. Jim Nicholson, was one of those attending.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Nixon, minister of Bessbrook Presbyterian Church, and the special preacher was the Rev. Bro. Robert J. Coulter, a Deputy Grand Chaplain of Ireland from Ballymena.

The soloist was Mrs. Helen Chambers, Bessbrook, and Wor. Bro. Norman Hood, the Armagh County Grand Master, read the lessons.

During the service a short remembrance ceremony was

conducted by Bro. Coulter for the victims of the RUC officers' murdered by Pro. IRA in the Newry area over the past few months.

Six bands headed the parade from Bessbrook Orange Hall to the Church and back and hundreds turned out to watch. The bands were: Tullyvallen Silver, Prince of Orange Flute (Belfast), Fair Hill Flute (Belfast), Bessbrook True Blues Flute, Bessbrook Crimson Arrow Pipe, and Divernagh Accordion (Bessbrook).

The collection at the service amounted to £410 and this was

donated to the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society Fund and Bessbrook District Benevolent Fund.

Visiting brethren and sisters were entertained to tea in Bessbrook Orange Hall, where the Bessbrook District Master, Wor. Bro. Winston McCormick expressed thanks to all those who had come a distance to make their annual service such a success.

Wor. Bro. George Watson, W.D.M. Sandy Row, said it was always a pleasure for his members to travel to Bessbrook to align themselves with their South Armagh brethren.



# Labour Fears Ulster's Trade Unionists

M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P.P., M.P.A. has welcomed moves by trade unionists in Northern Ireland to participate more in national union affairs.

As well as strengthening democracy, he says, this will have implications for the Labour Party and Neil Kinnock.

"As trade unionists in Northern Ireland demand greater democracy in their unions, I believe that many of them will start to question the two-faced stand which the TUC and the Labour Party have taken," Bro. Smyth stated.

"Both these organisations take money in the form of affiliation fees and levies from Ulster trade unionists, and yet they ignore these people when it comes to decision-making.

"No taxation without representation applies very much in this case, especially after recent events in the TGWU. However, I do think that the Labour leadership is frightened of having trade unionists from Northern Ireland in the party. I believe this is because they know that trade union members from Northern Ireland would not allow the Labour party to be hijacked by the Livingstones and the Benns of this world."

He went on to encourage trade unionists in Northern Ireland to become more involved in their unions, saying that this "was a democratic right, and an effective way of counterbalancing propaganda aimed against Ulster by republican sympathisers on the mainland."

# Degree Team Visit Cavan

An unique and encouraging event took place in the life of the Orange Institution in the Republic when four candidates received their Royal Arch Purple degree in Ashfield Orange Hall near Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

Two of them are members of L.O.L. No. 14c in Co. Leitrim and the others are members of L.O.L. No. 348 and 212, Belturbet District.

The conferring team comprised Bros. Jim Connolly, John and Raymond Clarke and Howard Pillow. Also taking part were W. Bro. William Drennan, C.G.M., Armagh

GRAPC W. Bro. Gordon Frazer, D.M., Armagh.

Among those present were W. Bro. W. G. Foy, C.G.M., Co. Cavan; W. Bro. Charles Johnston, D.C.G.M., Leitrim; Bro. Harry Latimer and W. Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P.

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