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Club under the skilled and efficient chairmanships of Michael Flynn, Donie Hannon, Phil McGrath, Maureen Irwin, Tim Shanahan together with their elected Club committee officers the most notable events and worthy of proud comment that occured are as follows:-

Our Annual Youth Club Sports which are a feature of perpetual enjoyment a noble credit to all who make them a continued success, especially our generous and kind-hearted sponsors.

Our Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and to the Shrine of St. Mo Lua which is indeed typical of the Spirit of Faith prevalent in Ballinveena.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Mass at our Youth Centre which is fittingly worthy of the highest commendation.

Our occasional dances which were enjoyable enough for a considerable length of time but somehow as of late have lost their appeal and have become outdated.

Our winter card games which continue to maintain a certain amount of interest.

Our Annual seaside and mystery tours which are of marvellous interest and enjoyment to those who participate.

Our talent concerts which still maintain a considered amount of interest and have helped to maintain the preservation of cultural rural enjoyment among our young folk.

Our Annual mountain climb to the majestic summit of the Galtee mountains (Galteemore 3015 ft.) which is a feature of adventure and enjoyment with our admiration always going to Michael Crehan who is usually first to scale the summit.

Our sponsored walks which are enjoyable enough with a tea party usually at the half way mark.

Our annual participation in Fancy Dress Parades which have brought honours and laurels to Ballinveena many a time as well as providing excellent entertainment and enjoyment to those participating. With regard to these fancy dress parades I think the most memorable performed were, Womens Liberation

The Space Astronauts with Capt. Collins (Joe Gorman), Capt. Scott, (Eamonn Denihan) and Niall Armstrong (Phil McGrath), Courtney's Circus, The Rescue

of Sean Hogan and Cassius Circus.

Then, of course, we have our occasional social party usually highly enjoyable and our meetings, debates, and discussions which are debatably attractive at times.

Over the years we have many distinguished guests and personalities who visited our Youth Centre. The most notable of these were of course:-

The Minister of the Gaeltacht, Mr. Tom O'Donnell, Kieran Kirke, Limerick's Youth Officer, Sean Burke, that fearless Limerick man who was responsible for the release of George Blake, (the famous Russian spy), from Wormwood Prison. Sean Burke, is as we all know, the celebrated author of the famous book, "The Springing of George Blake". In passing I am happy to relate that I enjoyed a friendly chat with this man Sean Burke while enjoying a cup of tea at my own fireside. Sister Joan, that ever popular and most courteous and

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friendly Limerick nun, who has devoted so much time and energy to the welfare of Youth in Limerick. Canon Thos. Slattery, our own distinguished Ballinveena Priest who laboured so well among his parishioners in East Yorkshire, and succeeded in having a Church, House and Hall built at Hornsea a perpetual memorial to his credit. Canon Thos. Slattery blessed our hall on September 17, 1971, and celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass on two occasions. Father Mulcahy our own beloved curate in the parish of Martinstown also celebrated Thanksgiving masses at our Youth Centre. Father Mulcahy in former years was a great S.M.A. Missionary and laboured in the far off plains of Africa. These then are among the most distinguished who have visited our Youth Centre.

On October 10, 1975, the Ballinveena Youth Club joined the National Federation of Youth Clubs and since then has maintained a positive satisfactory link with the Federation and associated with the Clubs in many ways. We share in an exchange of views and ideas with other clubs linked in the Federation and that in itself is a matter of influential importance. Regretably being a small rural Youth Club we are not in a position to associate with the Federation in as great a manner as would be deemed possible but we naturally can be helpful in our own simple way. As a result of our link with the Federation we have had a very successful Inter Youth Club variety concert competition which was exceptionally enjoyable. In a News report from the Ballinveena Youth Club submitted for publication in the quarterly magazine of the Federation, following is the text of the report which I compiled summarizing the Youth Club activities:-

"Ballinveena Youth Club, founded six years ago as a compact rural Youth Club with an average yearly membership of fifty, is still going strong. The Club owes its success to the spirit of courtesy and co-operation with which its members are perpetually talented. Its main hobbies are table-tennis, card playing, dancing, music and mountaineering. In the Summertime the Youth Club holds its annual Youth Sports which are a continued success. The Club also goes on it's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and also travels on Bus tours to various parts of the country. In its efforts to extend its realm of friendship the Youth Club, last year, joined the National Federation of Youth Clubs. Though, enlightened by its association with the Federation on the role of other Youth Clubs, its main objectives in comparison with these clubs differ but little. Regretably the clubs outward trend of activities is somewhat retarded by the common difficulty shared by all Youth Clubs nowadays, that is the provision of adequate funds to stem the tide of spiring costs. All in all with an excellent committee the Ballinveena Youth Club is determined to let no defeating difficulty mar its path to onward progress and is determined to perpetuate and preserve the standard ideals by which it has retained its success in the past and by which it can look

regards any written or oral statement or publication or any other statement or publication to the future with confidence. The standard ideals of the Ballinreena Youth Club are: - Truth, Courtesy, and Co-Operation, ideals which when strictly pursued and adhered to can definitely bring success to any community".

This then was the report on our Youth Club which I prepared for the Federation

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magazine but never received publication. *PUBLISHED LATER*

Before concluding my general account of Youth Club activities I would like to pay a special reference of praise and admiration for our coach tours which were always extremely pleasant and highly enjoyable. We were always very privileged to visit such lovely places as Ballybunion, Tralee, Dungarven, Courtown Harbour, The Ring of Kerry, Salsbilly and Connemara. A special word of tribute is also due to our excellent coach driver, Thomas Foley, who was always willing to maintain strict security and safety in all our journeys. Our music teachers, Thomas Walsh, of Glenroe, and James Condon, of Knocklong merit special recognition for the painstaking manner in which they have endeavoured to enkindle music into the minds of our young folk. And finally I must not forget to make mention of the highly charitable endeavour of our Youth Club in performing a sociable and entertaining concert to the inmates of the Cheshire Home on their recent visit to Newcastlewest.

On January 7, 1972, as a result of a general personal survey of Youth Club activities and in relation to the future outlook of the club and in the hope of acquiring of a Government Grant for the said Club I considered it was appropriate to place the entire Youth Centre under the responsibility of a Trustee Committee who would safeguard the interests of the Youth Club as well as alleviating the responsibility of the care and maintenance of the Youth Centre by the Youth Club. In a brief discussion with James Lehane my confidential adviser it was agreed to summon and arrange a meeting for this purpose. The meeting was held at the Youth Centre with a good attendance of interested neighbours present. The text of my address at this meeting was as follows:-

"At our recent meeting of the Ballinreena Youth Club held on Saturday night, Feb. 19, 1972, it was unanimously agreed by all members present that we co-operate fully with the Trustee Committee in every way and take whatever course the Trustee Committee prescribe as the most beneficial for the development of our Community Centre and for the repayment of the loan to our generous subscribers. It is we the members of the Ballinreena Youth Club who have called on you to act as Trustees on our behalf and we feel fully confident that you will continue to work with our full co-operation at all times for the continued success, security and maintenance of the Ballinreena Community Centre. The progress of Youth Club activities we feel confident will not be hindered in any way by the Trustee Committee. By the formation of this Trustee Committee less responsibility will rest on the shoulders of the Youth Club so that younger members may at all times be more readily absorbed into the club and as a result will have recreational facilities at their disposal. So let us all, Youth Club, Trustee Committee, Ladies Club and Hunt Club in a genuine spirit of co-operation work wholeheartedly and co-operatively together for the common good of all of us here in the townland of Ballinreena, Cush, Kilmurry, and Ballinaburch so that we can envisage during the years that lie ahead the development of an ideal Community Centre

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in this our now historic Vale of Ballinreena".

The conclusion of the meeting resulted in the formation of a Community Committee with Chris McGrath as Chairman and James Lehane as Hon. Secretary together with the elected Committee officers. At a later stage in a debatable issue with the Youth Club the Youth Centre was unanimously agreeably transferred and invested in the authority of the Community Committee and became officially known as the Ballinreena Community Centre.

With the advancement of the Community Committee a new sheen of life developed in Ballinreena. We had our annual Festival with all its splendid array of Carnival festivities and attractions, Gymkhanas, Band Contests, Flower Shows, Hurling and Camogie Tournaments, and Marquee Dancing and above all a most spectacular two hour Band display by the ever favourite Dublins. As time rolled onward the Community Committee decided on launching an extension to the Community Hall. A building Fund Loan was once again launched for the purpose of meeting the expense of this project. Our ever generous neighbours came forward and contributed wholeheartedly into this loan thus enabling us to go straight ahead with our desired project which was speedily and favourably completed by our local contractor Robert O'Sullivan. An amenity grant from Limerick County Council was sought for by our Community Committee which grant through the fruitful efforts of Councillor Michael Maguire was finally and favourably awarded to our Community thus enabling

signature was timely and necessary and we are glad to see us go ahead with all our desired advancements.

Gradually the Community Centre became ideally adaptable to all the clubs here in Ballinveena, The Youth Club, The Community Committee, The Hunt Club, the Ladies Club, the Camogie Club and the Canavour Players. The Ladies Club, a genuinely strong organisation, contribute very favourably to the life of the community centre in providing an interesting programme of functional events such as rural lectures, domestic instructions, valuable demonstrations, occasional tours, the annual Flower Show at Festival time and at Yule time the celebrated visit of Father Christmas to greet the children at Ballinveena. This in general comprises the work of the Ballinveena Ladies Club.

The Camogie Club have also contributed very favourably to Ballinveena in their display of skill and craftsmanship on the athletic field and have occasionally been awarded distinctive and coveted honours and laurels in their own complimentary style.

Finally in their recent emergence as a group we have our own distinguished talented Canavour Drama Players who skillfully and artfully have entertained highly appreciative audiences in Kiltineane, Ardpatrick, Knocklong and Ballinveena with their splendid Dramas. Professionally geared for this task they have repeatedly displayed on the stage an exceptionally high standard of dramatic enterprise. Viewing their dramatising of that humorous comedy, "Belt from

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the Blue" by Frank Cearney, I could not be deeply impressed by the noble manner in which this delightful three act play was charmingly enacted. I really felt at ease with James Prendergast and his two daughters in his home near Ballyprendergast until the Americal Airman, Bryan McConnell, arrived and a ray of suspense over the whole household. This suspense prevailed right to the end of the play while Sergeant O'Shea continued his prowling investigations. The only relieving moments of pleasure offered being the occasion of Miss Rae's luxurious party at which the household maid, Teasie Gallagher, sweetly sang a melodious captivating Irish air, "Danny Boy" amid a tremendous round of applause. The play was indeed most enjoyable and richly deserved its merited applause. The play was indeed most enjoyable and richly deserved its merited applause. The play was indeed most enjoyable and richly deserved its merited applause. So to producer, James Lehan, and his gallant Canavour players we offer our heartiest congratulations and every success in all future activities. While dwelling on dramatics I feel very happy and proud to convey to Ballinveena Youth Club Drama Group my cherished congratulations on their marvellous and most admirable dramatisation of that one act play "The Workhouse Ward" at Ballinveena's first ever Drama Festival.

Before moving on to new section of my narrative it is imperatively pleasant to remember all the Dance Group Bands who played here at our Community Centre and provided such an excellent degree of entertainment. Our heartiest and warmest congrats goes to Thos. Walsh and his daughter, Gretta, who was privileged to play at the official opening of the Youth Centre on July 8 1971. To Willie O'Grady and Tommy Flynn, to Kim's People, to the Cougla's. To the Folk, to Bobby and Anne Gardiner, to the Harbour Lights, to the Awa from Fermoy, to the Shamrock All Stars, to the Vantones, to the Islanders, to the O'Sullivans, to Tommy Flynn of Garryspillane, to James Condon, our music teacher, to Michael O'Reilly, to Christopher Irwin, to the Fitzpatricks. To Bunny's Disco from Cork and finally to our beloved John Regan, our champion Disc Jockey. Ireland's great Showband specialist to whom every showband affectionately well known and who admirably in the summer of 1966 conducted the Dixie Showband including Joe McCarthy and Brendan O'Brien on a concert tour of Cosh and Ballinveena.

Now that I have written so much about Cosh and Ballinveena it is appropriate fitting that I allow my thoughts to dwell on my own home town of Kiltineane where I have pleasantly enough up to the present time spent a considerable part of my life including my own personal schoolboy days and more especially my working days at Kiltineane Post Office and Grocery Premises in the company of my colleague staff workers, the ever friendly, Mary Keenan, Thomas Monaghan under the personal supervision of Kiltineane's Postmaster, Patrick, and postmistress, Mrs. Heffernan, to all of whom I convey my best personal praise and admiration.

Kiltineane or in Irish, Cill Fionnain, Church of St. Finian is as beautiful as its name implies. Gracefully poised on an elevated plateau among the forested Ballyhouna hills it definitely possesses a majestic charm all its own and commands

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a most impressive view of the Golden Vale. To the normal resident, visitor or stranger the town area of Kiltineane possesses everything in the line of enchantment, beauty, hospitality, friendliness, picturesque landscape scenery and fairyland walks that are invigorating to the mind and capable of bringing forth noblest thoughts and ideas in the mind of the person who avails himself of their beauty. In brief it is like a pretty jewel set in a regal crown. Viewed from a distance at early sunrise or late sunset by variation of the radiance of

colour imparted to the town and surrounding landscape it possesses a magnetic charm that is not too easily relinquished. To the visitor or tourist Kilfinane with an estimated population of about 600 in as far as beauty and serenity is concerned is highly attractive.

The residents of the town are warm hearted, friendly, sociable, hospitable, kind and affectionate. At all times the pleasant conveyance of their winning smile is more than irresistible. The streets look well, the shops are attractively tidy and the homesteads are models of peace and tranquility. Doherty's House the Central Hotel of the town is fashionable, decorative and domineering. It is an inn where everyone is welcome and where everyone can feel at home and perfectly relaxed. It preserves many links with the past and has cherished hopes for the future. McCarthy's hardware is prominently situated and is indeed the best decorative shop in town. The Allied Irish Bank stately situated commands a prominent position and offers exceptionally good service to the general public. The Post Office small and compact is very businesslike and with its unsurpassable efficient staff at the telephone exchange and office counter an excellent degree of service is provided for Kilfinane regional community.

St. Andrew's Parish Church for its situation, proportionate size and beauty is a marvel of architectural grandeur. Built of red sandstone rock masterfully carved with its skillfully designed proportionate towering spire it looks out from its elevated location greetingly on the surrounding countryside. The inner appearance of the church, with its spaciousness and brightness, with its magnificent stained glass windows illuminating the proportionate marble Altar, with its baptismal font Fresco of St. John the Baptist painted by Father Aengus Buckley, O.P., with its decorative sculptured pillars and with its perfectly tiled floor is really ornamental and is definitely a rewarding credit to the people of Kilfinane of by gone days and to those who continue to preserve it as it is. Over the rolling hills and valleys its sweet sounding angelus bell tolls cheerily and greetingly to its ever listening Catholic Field. The Church itself took about seven years to build and was completed in 1875 amid a halo of thanksgiving. In 1905 Kilfinane convent was built and was occupied by the Sisters of Charity who have down through the years endeared themselves to the people of Kilfinane. The Sisters of Charity have at all times provided and maintained a privileged centre of Education in Kilfinane for all who wish to avail of its talented facilities. St. Paul's Convent, Kilfinane, to an ever increasing circle of devoted friends is a well centred landmark. Regrettably the Boys National School built in 1908 which gave such excellent education and which was so

essential to a town with the prospect of a rapidly increasing population was compelled to close.

Kilfinane though not blissfully blessed like other towns with the privilege of located industries still it is not at a severe loss for many of its resident workers are employed in the industrial towns of Mitchelstown, Charleville, Kilmallock and Limerick. The regrettable feature of course is that travel to these centres is demanding expensive and consequently curtails the weekly pay packet. The regional country residents are mainly engaged in the dairying industry the scope of which is rather limited. It is indeed regrettable that the town of Kilfinane does not seem to have the advantages that favour the establishment of an industry but reasonably this factor should not discourage the residents of Kilfinane. It seems to me if concentrated co-operative effort was lodged on one specific advantage the town provides calculated strategy positively directed on this advantage could ultimately result in the development of an industry. Really the residents of the town must create an industry rather than look for an industry. From my own observation I realise that the town of Kilfinane has many advantages and facilities that favour it as an inland tourist centre and I think a real genuine effort to make it as such should be aimed at.

The chief reasons why I would favour Kilfinane as an Inland Tourist Centre are as follows:-

It has its choice selection of Rent an Irish Cottage scheme which offers excellent accommodation at attractive prices to the visiting tourist.

The resident people of Kilfinane as I said before are kind hearted, good humoured, sociable and affectionate in character.

Its elevated position commands a most impressive and extensive landscape view.

The town itself is in close proximity to the picturesque scenic beauty spots, the cosy sunlit village of Glenosheen, the lonely wilds of Glennanar immortalised by late Canon Sheehan of Doneraile, the picturesque village of Ballyorgan, the stately residence of Castleoliver, the green upland slope of Ardpatrick with its attractive Green Wood line, the valleyed countryside of Darragh and Glenroe, the lush rich green countryside of Staker Wallace, and homely pastureland of Cush and Ballinivreena, you have besides the wooded mountains and hills.

The town is within easy access to the towns of Charleville, Mitchelstown, Tipperary and Limerick all of renowned fame.

The seaside resorts of Ballygunion, Youghal, Dungarvan and Tramore are not that too mighty far away.

A pleasant circuit cruise of the Golden Vale is quite easily obtainable from Kilfinane.

A variety of Guest Houses are or should be available within the Kilfinane regional area.

The distance to our chief southern and Western Airports Cork and Shannon is less than an hours journey by car.

You have besides a wealth of Historical places of interest in Kilfinane Regional area, Cush, Ballyferode, Castleoliver.

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*Thatched Cottages in Kilfinane*

The regional area of Kilfinane includes Kilfinane, Ardpatrick, Ballyvorgan, Glendree, Glennanar, Darragh, Glenroe, Martinstown or Staker, Wallace countryside, Ballinrubber, Cush and Ballinvreena all of which could be called the Ballyhoura Regional Area.

At home in Kilfinane you have the peace and quiet of an Irish countryside with its winding roads, peaceful walks, and rugged rural splendour. Then you can enjoy the traditional gaiety of an Irish evenings relaxation at Teach na Cille or for extra fragrance at Olde Mille Lounge. Tourists, as we all know, do not want the rush and bustle of a hectic city life while on a holiday. They just want complete relaxation and no more. Apart from the presence of a modern tourist hotel, with inclusive recreational hall and indoor heated swimming pool, or a modern hostel Kilfinane definitely has everything that the visiting tourist or holidaymaker should require. So these in general advocate the centralising of Kilfinane as an Inland Tourist Centre.

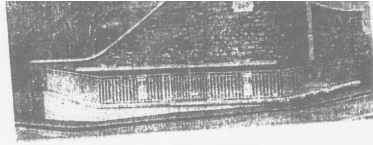
In olden times Kilfinane was renowned for its mill known as Oliver's Mill which admirably catered for all the milling requirements of Kilfinane and the neighbouring parishes as well as giving good employment. As a note of interest it was made known to me that George Bernard Shaw, the celebrated playwright, worked here at this mill, or at a stately residence nearby, for a short duration as a

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young clerk but it is rather debatable for I cannot verify its truth. Nearby was the residence of the chief constable and away to the East was the residence of the Palatine settlement who, like their comrades, in other parts of Co. Limerick came as refugees from Palatine in West Germany. Kilfinane had in bygone days a special courthouse and a jail both residences which are still visible. In olden days Kilfinane was a great market town and had a pigmarket and a potato market every week. In my young school days it was very pleasant on a market day to hear pigs squealing everywhere along the market square. Then there were the monthly fairs of which the 19th of May and 25th of October were the most notable on account of the holiday atmosphere associated with both these fairs. On these particular days crowds of people of all ages used to flock into the town and enjoy themselves all day long with the fun and frolic of the fair.

Then on the feast of Corpus Christi you had the beautiful procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the appropriately decorated streets of Kilfinane town headed by the Kilfinane Brass and Reed Band giving a beautiful recital of Sacred Hymns and finalised with open air Benediction at the Grotto. Gratefully and appreciably this religious ceremony still continues annually and is a genuine display of the faith and fervour to Blessed Sacrament continuously prevalent in Kilfinane. This beautiful Grotto in honour of the Sacred Heart marking





Marian Shrine in Kilfinane

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the town square was erected in 1925 and is definitely a credit to the people of Kilfinane who perpetually maintain it tastefully decorated with trees and flowers making it effectively beautiful the whole year through. The people of Kilfinane highly deserve to be complimented on the provision of a Marian Shrine during the Marian Year at the Eastern side of Kilfinane en route to the

In Kilfinane you have an exceptionally high moat or Fort reputed to be the highest in Ireland. From the summit of this Moat you can see actually the whole of the Golden Vale landscape with its rich pastureland as well as the surrounding hills and valleys. Then you have the Protestant Church a genuinely solid structure. You have the pound which was formerly used for impounding stray animals. You have the Priory where the nuns came to on their visit to Kilfinane and where they abided for a considerable length of time. In the local cemetery you have the remains of an old church with its crumbling ivied walls. Then there is the old castle so perilous to the onlooker yet it has survived for centuries. On the outskirts of the town we have "Glebe House" and Spring Lodge, two noble mansions picturequely attractive and deeply reflective of the peace and tranquility of an Irish countryside. Then you have the Vocational School, the Convent National, and Secondary School, the Presbytery, the Garda Siochana Residence, the Creamery, Glendove House and the Maple Ballroom, all buildings commanding prominent positions in the life and bustle of the Regional area of Kilfinane. St. Andrew's Villa, compact and attractive, once a classical seat of learning is now a Guest House.

In relation to athletics Kilfinane has indeed a proud and distinguished record. In olden days it was highly renowned for its famous heroic team who won the coveted laurels of an All-Ireland Victory in the year 1897. The names of these heroic hurlers comprising the Kilfinane team were as follows—P. Mulcahy, M. Hynes, M. Downes, S. Hanlyey, M. Finn, J. Flood, P. O'Brien, J. Cathrell, J. Flynn, J. Reidy, T. Casey, P. Buskin, M. Flynn, J. Brazzill, D. Grimes (Capt), J. Finn, F. Dunworth. (T. Casey and F. Dunworth did not figure in the All-Ireland final in which their places were filled by J. Condon and P. Butler).

In later years we had the highly skilled cherished hurler Thomas McCarthy who was a member of the famous Limerick team who won the All-Ireland Finals in 1936 and in 1940 the year when the Shamrock and the Palm were worn on our coat of arms side by side due to the fact that St. Patrick's day occurred on Palm Sunday, and in our own day we have our brilliant skilled hurler Pat Heffernan winner of many coveted trophies and medals and a gallant hurler in the Limerick team. Regrettably to all of us here in Kilfinane he was not hurling with the Limerick team when they won the laurels of All-Ireland victory in 1973. But still there is cherished hopes for the future, and pleasantly enough we look forward to little Pat Heffernan Junior who we are sure will too one day be a brilliant star on the athletic field. Then of course we had olympic champion Dan Shanahan who scored notable victories in the hopstepping jump. Pleasantly and luckily enough we have always here in Kilfinane a courageous young hurling team always

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determined to score success with the laurels of victory.

A feature of spectacular importance here in Kilfinane for many years now is the famous Autumn Festival. This Festival is of renowned importance, highly entertaining and specially attractive to vast gatherings of people from far and near. The Development Committee under the leadership of Michael Power deserve to be congratulated and complimented on the splendid and colourful manner in which they organise the festival year after year thus making it a perpetual source of enjoyment and entertainment. In the year 1976, however, the Festival Committee under the Presidency of Michael Power and the gallant and noble chairmanship of Sergeant Michael Fox the best ever Autumn Festival was organised and carried out in Kilfinane and marvelously attracted huge crowds of people during its entire performance. A special attraction during the Festival was the presence of the young Girls Pipe Band from London who gave a spectacular and brilliant performance of musical entertainment.

During the time the election of a Baron is a noteworthy event in the community. In the

In recent years during Festival time the elevation of a baron is a feature and presents an attractive amount of glamour and entertainment. In the year 1974 an unexpected change developed in relation to the election of a baron and it is due to this change that I, by winning the contest that ensued, was fortunately privileged and charmed to be elected Baron of Kilfinane. Never in all my life did I feel so happy as I did when on the night I was inaugurated Baron of Kilfinane and was presented with my chain of office being the seventh elected Baron of Kilfinane. Following are the names of the elected Barons of Kilfinane:—

1st	Baron	John McGrath	1968–'69
2nd	Baron	David O'Callaghan	1969–'70
3rd	Baron	David Grimes	1970–'71
4th	Baron	John Brazzill	1971–'72
5th	Baron	Patrick Roche	1972–'73
6th	Baron	David Grimes	1973–'74
7th	Baron	David Oulish	1974–'75
1st (8th)	Baroness	Patsy Moloney	1975–'76
2nd (9th)	Baroness	Brigid Hennessy	1976–'

In the Autumn of 1975 I was succeeded by the 1st Baroness of Kilfinane, Patsy Moloney. Occasionally I was asked how I felt on being the elected Baron of Kilfinane. The answer was that naturally I felt elated, extremely happy and highly appreciative of the noble honour conferred upon me and I believe that once elected Baron I remain Baron in spirit or Ex-Baron for all time. So truly with my colleague Ex-Barons and Ex-Baroness's of Kilfinane I still am the Seventh Ex-Baron of Kilfinane.

Finally I must pay tribute to Civil Defence First Aid and Rescue Casualty Units present in Kilfinane. These units who have won noble awards many a time deserve to be richly congratulated for their heroic voluntary effort in preserving the continued presence of Civil Defence Units in the Kilfinane area. We are very

fortunate also to have a Civil Defence Ambulance stationed at Kilfinane and our congrats goes to our gallant civil defence Officer Michael Ryan who drives this ambulance. I feel very happy to be associated with Civil Defence and to be a member of that wonderful Civil Defence organisation in Kilfinane. In general concludes my colourful picture of Kilfinane – a town to convey my heartiest congratulations and the best of success for all tin Kilfinane.

Before bringing this stage of my memoirs to a conclusion I would like to convey best regards to the people of Knocklong, Elton, Garryspillane and Glenbrohane all places to which I have deep attachment and all are picturesque homely places, richly endowed with all the amenities of modern living, cordially sociable, hospitable and friendly and heroically striving at all times to preserve rural Irish culture at its best. We ever have our fond memories of the brave and gallant Garry Bouncers always displaying athletic glory on the hurling pitch. Highly notable also is the heroic work of the Knocklong Development Association who have given a tremendous face lift to the village of Knocklong for ever famous for its heroic rescue of Sean Hogan at the Station of Knocklong on May 13, 1919. Let us never forget the tranquillity and peace of Elton village nestling calmly by the winding banks of the Morning Star, a village that has a majestic hurling field known as the Staker Wallace Hurling Park, where athletic glory is wrought many a time. Glenbrohane quiet and peaceful overshadowed by Slieve Riabach Mountain is a little village with a glory all its own. The village commands a magnificent view of the Galtee Mountains and an extensive landscape view of the Golden Vale. The residents of the village are ever mindful of the heroic past and look to the future with the greatest confidence.

Finally to all and everyone I convey kindest regards and best wishes.

So le sin Slán agus beannacht De oraibh go leir.

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Hurling Final in 1976.  
Won the Co. Junior Hurling Championship in 1977.  
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	Tom Ryan

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