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Hilary: ~~Wrote for Machines, Thermodynamics~~ Wrote for Machines, Thermodynamics
 Played cello outside R. Sharpe in Coffers, Beat Feller, Jesus - beaten by Worcester.
 Acted in "Easy Death" (E.T.C.) by Carl Churchill (Bunge).

Forster: Rugby tour to Dublin D. came stayed in Ballinlough Hotel. Took
 Minor.

Duncan, Penny, Doug, Jimmy, D and I spent four days at "Silverbay" *
opened electronics from David

Trinity: ~~Wrote for~~ Lab. Examinations (13th) for. Wrote for Fluid
 Mechanics, Structures. Played for Ballinlough Cricket 2nd XI (1 match)

Summer: D. and I went to France - flew to Paris - liked
 to Biarritz and back. Then "Silverbay".
 Acted for R.O.P.D.C. in "White Sheep of the Family" by L. du Garde Peach
 as Peter - Portrush for a week at end of August then at Rainey.

MICHAELMAS: Played League Team. (Derrick capt.) with Weatherly -
 worked. Revision

21st Birthday - at Weatherly, Dallas flat 8th Dec. D came over on
 7th evening (delay) - All at Elizabethan → H.M. Dance and next day
 party (golden cross) Sunday went home (super flight) D. and I became
 unofficially engaged (7th) Officially engaged _____ Dec after parental
 permission.

D & I held our first party Boxing Night.

TALES

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FRANCE 1962

In July of 1962, Doreen and I embarked on a student-style trip to Europe. The original intent had been to travel to Spain and perhaps Morocco by motorbike (the 250cc Triumph Tiger Cub owned by my brothers and myself). But, because of the serious car accident that I had the previous year I was unable to get insurance for the trip. Instead, we decided to fly to Paris and then hitchhike southwards. We never did get to Spain though we were within a few miles of the border.

What follows below in italics is the transcript of Doreen's diary of that trip, written by fountain pen in a small pocket diary that still survives. In square brackets and normal script we have added other recollections that we could summon some 43 years later in the year 2005. A number of photographs are attached, some of which were taken during the trip and some of which are recent.

Monday. July 9, 1962. Paris.

4.15am to Nutts Corner to London 7am to Paris 9am - walked 3 kilometers with rucksack to Bois de Boulogne camping site - all conveniences: packed: shop: Siene.

[The only airport in Northern Ireland at that time was near a country village by the name of Nutts Corner and we flew from there to Heathrow and on to Le Bourget airport in Paris. The Bois de Boulogne campground on the banks of the Siene still exists and has an extensive website at <http://www.campingparis.fr/boulogneuk.html> which includes an aerial photograph and pictures of the modern facilities, the descendents of the conveniences Doreen noted. The aerial photograph shows how close it is to the Longchamp Racecourse. On that first day when we landed in Paris, we took the airport bus to Les Invalides and must then have taken the Metro to a point on the east side of the Bois de Boulogne. I remember hiking through the Bois trying to find the campground, walking past the racecourse and feeling lost. Later we learnt to get to and from the campground by crossing the Siene, walking up to Pont de Neuilly and then taking a bus to Etoile or the Champs Elysees. We also remember how packed the campground was. Unlike today there were no standard spaces and we found a small space between other tents. One of our neighbours was a group of Danish students who sang and played their guitars and with whom we had conversation. Many years later we also discovered that my colleague Allan Acosta was camped in the same campground at the same time.]



Recent photo of the Bois de Boulogne campground

Tuesday. July 10, 1962. Went to Etoile (Arc de Triomphe) - down Champs Elysees to Place de la Concorde - to Le Louvre (shut) - saw many fish - walked to Notre Dame and Left Bank - took Metro to GeorgeV - then saw film ``Harold Lloyd's World of Comedy''

[GeorgeV was a big hotel and the location of a central Metro station. When we were exhausted from all the walking, the movies provided a warm and comfortable place to rest.]



Under the Arc de Triomphe, Paris



Eiffel Tower, Paris



Louvre from Place de la Concorde

Wednesday. July 11, 1962. Went straight to Louvre - spent 2 1/2 hours there - lunch on Champs Elysees - futile expedition to Bastille - then to Eiffel Tower - boat trip - then back to different eats. - rain - last bus back to Bois

[We were on a shoestring budget and we remember having to make a choice between going up the Eiffel Tower and the boat trip on the Seine. We chose the boat trip.]

Thursday. July 12, 1962. Versailles. Got lodged in site - went to Palais de Versailles - and spent morning and afternoon there - in gardens and palace itself. Site - wooded - hot showers.

[Leaving the campsite we hiked to the train station at St. Cloud and caught the train to Versailles; from that train station we hiked again to the campsite in Versailles. We remember a long walk past rows of elegant townhouses in the town of Versailles. Outside the Palace itself we could not afford to sit at one of the outdoor cafes to have the outrageously priced Coke. When we returned many years later in 1986, we made a point of having a Coke at one of these cafes.]



The Paris Entrance, Versailles



Palace of Versailles



Gardens at Versailles

Friday, July 13, 1962. Vendome. 1. Versailles - Rambouillet. Small car, no English. 2. to Chartres - back of egg lorry. 3. to Vendome - artist - much conversation present - and conducted tour of Vendome. Site - sunbathing and swimming. Very good.

[Our first hitch-hiking experience in France resulted in a ride with an older man in a small car who took us from Versailles to Rambouillet. He spoke no English. The second ride was in the back of a egg lorry in which we rode from Rambouillet to Chartres where we visited the famous cathedral. The third ride was with an artist who tried to give Doreen a candy which she refused - a refusal that elicited some amusement from the artist. He was, however, very good to us, made us a present of a small jar of ``foie gras" (goose liver pate) and gave us a tour of Vendome before dropping us off at a small restaurant in the city. We attempted to eat there but it was too expensive for us so we merely had an hors d'oeuvre; the waiters were very unpleasant to us. From the cafe we made our way to the campground beside the river just a short walk from the city center. We enjoyed swimming and sunbathing there. This campground probably still exists (it did in 1986) as ``Camping Municipal les Grands Pres". By this time in the adventure we were both tired and Doreen very much wanted to rest in Vendome for a few days; on the other hand, I wanted to press onward and Doreen gave in. She never forgot this disagreement and, in the years which followed, I admitted that we should have stayed longer in the lovely city of Vendome. I promised that, if we ever returned to Vendome, we would stay as long as she wished. In August 1986, we did indeed return to Vendome (by car this time) and I was able to fulfil my promise. We liked it very much this second time too.]



Church of the Trinity, Vendôme



Loir river, Place du Sport, Vendome



Loir river, Place du Sport, Vendome

Saturday. July 14, 1962. Poitiers. Vendome to Tours - Citroen - tried camping site in Tours after lunch but decided to go on - with American G.I. doctor to Poitiers. Camp at Poitiers - very bad.

[Our first ride was with a business man in a large Citroen who took us from Vendome to Tours. There we had lunch and found a campsite in the woods a short distance out of town. We were both tired at this point and I was realizing the error in not staying in Vendome - nevertheless, we choose not to camp but to press on and got a ride with an American doctor to the outskirts of Poitiers. After a long walk we found a poor campground in a field in Poitiers that had almost no facilities. We moved on first thing the next morning.]

Sunday. July 15, 1962. Bordeaux. After two hours wait, lift to Angouleme - Pierre Goutet - lunch at Ruffec - three lifts from Angouleme to Bordeaux - Pessac site at Bordeaux - v.v.bad

[We had a special ride from Poitiers to Angouleme with a Spaniard from San Sebastian by the name of Pierre Goutet. He was driving a fancy sports car. Doreen rode in the front seat while I was piled in the narrow back seat with both rucksacks. When it came time for lunch he pulled off the highway into a little restaurant he knew in a village called Ruffec a little over halfway from Poitiers to Angouleme. He began by ordering all the hors d'oeuvres! Glancing at the menu I realized with some trepidation that I only had enough money for perhaps one of the hors d'oeuvres - and it was Sunday so there was no hope of cashing a travellers cheque. By the time it came to the main course, I realized we could be in trouble but ordered anyway. When the bill came at the end of a marvellous meal, I made a weak gesture to reach for my wallet and was immensely relieved when Pierre waved it aside. He took us on to Angouleme and it took us three more rides to get from there to Bordeaux which we reached late in the afternoon. It was a long walk to the campground on the outskirts of Bordeaux in a suburb called Pessac about four miles southwest of Bordeaux on the way toward Bayonne. It was an even more unpleasant campground than Poitiers with trench toilets!]

Monday. July 16, 1962. Biarritz. Morning - into Bordeaux - cashed travellers cheque - bus to suburbs - short lift 3/4 mile - second lift - straight to Biarritz - lunch on way - beer and biscuits at home of Mons. X - he and his son left us to camp site - du Pavillon Royal.

[The second lift leaving Bordeaux was given us by a local Professor who took us to his home in Bayonne and gave us beer and biscuits. He and his son gave us a ride to the beach campground just south of Biarritz in Ilbiarritz. The Pavillon Royal campground still exists and has an extensive website at http://www.pavillon-royal.com/pavillon-royal/bienvenue_gb.htm which includes modern photographs of the campground from the air, the beach and the restaurant. We particularly enjoyed the simple restaurant (it looks fancier now) that sold a very reasonable dinner of chips and steak; we really enjoyed this meal with a carafe of the local red wine. It was very good indeed. They also sold lemon flavored yogurt that I loved and doughnuts that Doreen loved. Indeed I transported four of the yogurt cans back to Northern Ireland protected in my hat - much to the amusement of the customs officials.]



Pavillon Royal campground, Ilbarritz



Recent photo of the Biarritz campground



Recent photo of the Biarritz campground beach



Recent photo of the Biarritz campground restaurant

Tuesday. July 17, 1962. Ilbiarritz. V.sunny - just lay around in the sun and got very burnt - tried to walk into Biarritz but didn't manage to do so because of sunburn on legs and ankles.

Wednesday. July 18, 1962. Wet today - went into Biarritz - looked around for a while and then went to cinema - ``Phaedra'' - Anthony Perkins.

Thursday. July 19, 1962. Good day - spent on beach - went into Biarritz at night - saw Rock of the Virgin.

[The Rock of the Virgin is a statue of the Virgin on a sea shore promontory just south of Biarritz.]



At a Biarritz bus stop



At a Biarritz bus stop



At a Biarritz bus stop



At a Biarritz bus stop



At a Biarritz bus stop

Friday. July 20, 1962. Second anniversary. Sunny day - sat in cafe drinking etc. - went into Casino - Chris bought a Spanish type hat.

Saturday. July 21, 1962. Good day - went into Biarritz before lunch - shopped - then came back and spent about 2 hours over dinner.

Sunday. July 22, 1962. Biarritz. Very sunny - spent most of day on the beach - got very burnt - v. uncomfortable tonight - Chris is getting browner every day.



On the campground beach, Ilbiarritz



On the campground beach, Ilbiarritz



On the campground beach, Ilbiarritz



On the campground beach, Ilbiarritz



Main beach, Biarritz



Rock of the Virgin, Biarritz



Biarritz sea shore

Monday. July 23, 1962. Spent morning on the beach - afternoon in Biarritz - Chris cashed cheque and I bought scarfs for Mummy and myself - dinner - doubtful economic situation - but settled with help.

[Basically we ran out of money and did not have enough to get home. After much hand-wringing, I gathered up the courage to approach an English family who were camped near us and asked them for a loan. They were very kind and loaned us some money (may have been about five or ten pounds). That allowed us to get home and when we did we mailed a cheque to their address in England with a note of much thanks.]

Tuesday. July 24, 1962. Paris to London. Up at 6 o'clock - 9 hours on rapide from Biarritz to Paris - Metro to Les Invalides - Air France bus to Le Bourget - dinner in airport restaurant - writing this on 10 o'clock flight on way to London. 11.30 flight to Belfast - rush through customs to make connection. Mr.Brennen came to fetch us from Nuts.

[We hiked to the Biarritz train station and bought tickets for the train to Paris. We had enough time before the train left to get a little to eat; I think we had some cornflakes and I rushed around the station trying to get some hot milk for Doreen. The journey to Paris took nine hours (today the TGV does it in 5 1/2 hours) and included one emergency stop. I do not think we had enough money to eat all day, for we had to make sure we could afford the rest of the journey. Because of the free Air France bus from Les Invalides to Le Bourget, we were able to eat dinner at the airport.]

Wednesday. July 25, 1962. Home at lunch time today.

[Doreen and I spent the night at my home in Magherafelt and I took her home to Dungannon the next morning.]

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*Last updated 11/30/05.
Christopher E. Brennan*

PORTRUSH



SUMMER THEATRE

1962

In Association with Portrush Urban District Council

Souvenir Programme



Threepence

Thursday, 30th August — Wednesday, 5th September.

THE RAINEY PLAYERS, MAGHERAFELT

Present

"THE WHITE SHEEP OF THE FAMILY"

The Felonious Comedy by L. du Garde Peach and Ian Hay

CAST

ALICE WINTER GWEN ROSS
JANET, the maid MARGARET KEALEY
JAMES WINTER, J.P. PAUL LUPARI
PAT WINTER, his daughter JACKQUILINE DENNIS
ASST. COMMISSIONER JOHN PRESTON ERNEST ROSS
THE VICAR RONNIE MORAN
SAM JACKSON AURTHUR ARNOLD
PETER WINTER, James's Son CHRISTOPHER BRENNAN
ANGELA PRESTON, Peter's Fiancee BEATRICE HASTINGS

The Play Produced by R. MORAN

The action of the Play takes place in the Living-room of the Winter's house in Hampstead.

ACT 1: An Evening in August.

ACT 2: Scene 1—The following morning.
Scene 2—The evening of the same day.

ACT 3: The following morning.
TIME: The immediate post-war years.

Stage Manager: ERNEST ROSS.

Furniture by kind permission of H. KENNEDY, Magherafelt.

Cigarettes by Gallaher

As this is the final production of the Summer Theatre for 1962, the Committee would like to thank the Urban District Council for their help and co-operation in planning this, the sixth season of the Theatre. Our gratitude is also extended to the local business firms who displayed publicity, to those who lent properties and furniture, and to our voluntary staff who acted as stewards, programme sellers and who operated the stall. Finally, through to-night's audience, we would thank all those people who attended during the ten week season, and we trust that our entertainment during this Summer of 1962 has provided holidaymakers and local residents alike with many enjoyable hours.

R. GERALD MACAULEY, Chairman.

ALAN W. REYNOLDS, Organising Secretary.

ALICE M. ROSS, Treasurer.

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director Vivian Salmon
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FRIEND D. T. DALLAS Esq.
"Brecht et aliter"



BALLIOL DRAMATIC CLUB

1st Week

SHERRY PARTY. Sunday, 6.0 p.m. Lindsay Room
GENERAL MEETING. Tuesday, 1.30 p.m.

2nd Week

FRESHMEN'S PLAY-READING
"The Threepenny Opera". Wednesday, 7.45 p.m.
Produced by the President

3rd Week

THEATRE TRIP. Details to be announced later

4th Week

DOUBLE BILL. Snap Productions in the Lindsay
Room. Friday, 8.30 p.m.

5th Week

CUPPERS
"Sweeney Agonistes", by T. S. Eliot
Produced by Mark Blacksell

6th Week

PLAY-READING
"The Caucasian Chalk Circle". Monday, 7.45 p.m.
Meeting with the Bodley Society. Peter Keen will
give a talk on "Brecht". Friday, 8.0 p.m.

7th Week

ANNUAL DINNER AND CHARADES
Wednesday, 8.0 p.m.

8th Week

PANTOMIME. Thursday, 8.0 p.m. Lindsay Room

All meetings will take place in Mark Blacksell's Room

Plastered O' Brennen

invites you to ceilhe with a shillelagh and go green with
potcheen to celebrate the passing of his playthings and his
progression into adultery

at Laurel Farm

St. Andrew's Road

Old Headington

8.00 for 8.15

on Saturday, 9th December

R.S.V.P.

Orange Sashes only

The Death is Announced of

D. M. Dallas, Jnr. (requiescat in delirium tremens)

A despondent invitation is extended to observe
the bibatory rites at the passing of youth

No flowers by request

28th October

Dicey 8

8.30 p.m.

R.S.V.P.

"His breath is gone but the smell is with us"



THE CAPTAIN OF THE ERRATICS

Invites you to play against Sutton

At Stanton Harcourt

On Sunday April 30th

The party will assemble College Lodge 1-30

R.S.V.P The Secretary

D. J. Howard

'Queen' nominees



Adrienne Taylor (18), Belfast, is a first-year medical student at Queen's. Athletics is her spare-time occupation.



Lorna Lynn, Belfast (19), is a first-year Arts student at Queen's. Her hobby—portrait painting.

Election is based on cash value

SEVEN pretty students from four colleges will be competing for the title of "Rag Queen" in Belfast next week.

As in previous years the judges will be the public. From Saturday, portraits—by the Queen's University Photographic Society—of the seven girls will be on display at the Rag coffee stall at the City Hall. Voting will be by donation to the cash box beneath each portrait. The winner will be crowned next Wednesday at a pre-Rag ball.

To encourage the electorate two more panels of the pictures will be on view in the city — one on a mobile display and the other in a department store.

There is a chance that the students will have an American "Queen" this year, for the only non-Irish entrant is 21-year-old Judy Spear, from Maine, U.S.A., who is on a student exchange at Queen's University.



Kay Rainey (19), Larne, is a first-year student at Stranmillis Training College. Dancing is her out-of-school relaxation.



Rosemary Tarleton (18), represents the Ulster College of Physical Education, where she is in her first year. Her hobby, appropriately enough, is playing hockey.



Doreen Kerr (19), Dunganon, is a first-year Arts student at Queen's. Hobbies unspecified.



Sandra Schenker (19), Belfast, is a second-year student at the school of Radiography. Dress designing and hair-styling take up her spare time.



Judy Spear (21), from Maine, U.S.A., is studying Philosophy at Queen's on a one-year student exchange. Hobby — dramatics.

French Consul visits Portadown

Finalists in the Queen's University



The seven finalists in the Rag Queen contest. They are from left to right—Doreen Kerr, Lorna Lynn, Kay

Finalists in Rag Queen contest

SEVEN pretty girls studying in Ulster—one of whom hopes to X-ray Yuri Gagarin—will compete in the final of the Queen's University Rag Queen contest this year and at the same time help the rag charity collection in a big way.

Their photographs will appear over seven ballot boxes at a coffee party in the City Hall and also another series of boxes in a large city centre store. The idea is that the general public will be asked to vote by putting money into the boxes and the girl with the most money beneath her photo will be crowned Rag Queen at the Rag Tramp's Ball in the Plaza to-morrow week, Wednesday, March 14.

It is also hoped that a portable ballot box will be available to "trundle" to soccer and rugby matches in the city.

The coffee party at the City Hall is being opened by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Martin Wallace, on Saturday afternoon and directly after the opening she will cast the first vote in the competition.

The Rag Queen contest is only open to students and is completely separate from the "Miss PTQ" selection. Originally, there were 41 entries—all hoping to be crowned by a so far unnamed personality.

Rag Queen contest



Rainey, Sandra Schenker, Judy Spear, Rosemary Tarleton and Adrienne Taylor.

Finalists

The seven finalists are:—

Doreen Kerr (19), a first-year Arts student from Dungannon, who claims she has no hobbies or ambitions; Lorna Lynn (19), first-year arts student from Belfast, hobbies—portrait painting, ambition—to be an interpreter; Kaye Rainey (19), first-year Stranmillis student from Larne, hobbies—dancing, ambition—none; Sandra Schenker (19), second-year radiographer from Belfast, hobbies—dress designing and hair styling, ambition—to X-ray Yuri Gagarin; Judy Spear (21), first-year arts student on a student exchange scheme from Maine, USA, hobbies—drama, dialogue and parties, ambition—to be a museum director; Adrienne Taylor, first-year medical student from Belfast, hobbies—athletics, ambition—to practice medicine in South America; Rosemary Tarleton (18), first-year at Jordanstown PE College, from Fenniskillen, hobbies—hockey and dancing, ambition—to be a physical education instructor.

Seven girls seek a fortune

Daily Mail

FACE THAT 'COLLECTS' THE MOST WINS RAG TITLE



Doreen Kerr



Rosemary Tarleton



Judy Spear



Adrienne Taylor



Lorna Lynn



Kay Rainey



Sandra Schenker

BEAUTY may be only skin deep, but these seven girls can truthfully say: "My face is my fortune."

For the "pulling power" of their beauty will decide which one will be chosen Rag Queen of Queen's University, Belfast, next week.

Photographs of the seven girls will be on display at the Rag coffee stall in the City Hall on Saturday for five days. The public will be asked to put a donation in the box below the picture of the girl they like best, and the winner is the girl who "collects" the most money.

The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Martin Wallace, will cast the first vote to launch the contest.

The Rag Queen will head the big procession through Belfast on March 15.

All the girls are students. "Now it's up to the men to back their fancy," said a Rag official.

Judy Spear, 21, from Maine, U.S.A., an exchange student at Queen's, is an entrant. Far-off Fernanagh has a nominee in Rosemary Tarleton, 18, a vicar's daughter, who is the pin-up girl of the Ulster College of Physical Education at Jordanstown.

'RAG QUEEN' COMPETITIONS : BELFAST HIGH



The seven students who are competing for the title of "Rag Queen." The winner will be chosen by public vote at the City Hall, Belfast. From left are:—Rosemary Tarleton (18), Ulster College of Physical Education; Doreen Kerr (19), "Queen's"; Sandra Schenker (19), Spear (21), "Queen's"; Kaye Rainey (19), Stranmillis College.

SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION



where their photographs will be displayed, with collecting boxes underneath each one. radiographer: Lorna Lynn (19), "Queen's"; Adrienne Taylor (18), "Queen's"; Judy

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1962

BELFAST NEWS-LETTER

SEVEN pretty girls will put their charm up for auction in five days' time—in aid of charity.

A city will decide which of them is the prettiest, and voting is by cash only.

The girls, chosen from 41 entries, are all students and the winner will be crowned Rag Queen of Belfast. She will ride at the head of the Rag Day procession.

Seven cash boxes will be put up under their pictures at the City Hall and seven others in one of the city's large stores. And to encourage the electorate, there will be two more panels of photographs in the city.

Voters register their approval by putting money in the box of the girl they like best. The winner is the girl who collects the most money. The seven girls are:

Doreen Kerr, 19, first year art student

from Dungannon (Co. Tyrone).

Lorna Lynn, 19, first year student of modern languages from Belfast. Her hobby is portrait painting, her ambition to be an interpreter.

Kaye Rainey, 19, in her first year at Stranmillis Teachers' Training College, Belfast, from Larne (Co. Antrim). Her hobby is dancing.

Sandra Schenker, 19, second year radio-grapher from Belfast. Her hobbies are dress designing and hair styling.

Adrienne Taylor, 18, first year medical student from Belfast. She likes athletics.

Rosemary Tarleton, 18, first year at Ulster College of Physical Education, Jordanstown (Co. Antrim). Her hobbies are hockey and dancing and she comes from Enniskillen (Co. Fermagh).

And from further afield there is **Judith Spear**, 21, who comes from Maine, U.S.A. She is in Belfast studying philosophy.

Girls put charm up for auction

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AND IT'S VOTING BY CASH ONLY PLEASE



The seven candidates (left to right): Sandra Schenker, Lorna Lynn, Kaye Rainey, Rosemary Tarleton, Adrienne Taylor, Doreen Kerr, Judith S

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM and THANKS NOTICES, etc., 2/- per line per day. Minimum 6/-.

BIRTHS

BELL—December 5, 1962, at Royal Maternity Hospital, to **JUDITH** (nee **HAMILTON**) and **ALAN BELL**, 35 Orangefield Road—a son (Nicholas John Hugh).

BLAIKIE—November 13, 1962, to **JIM** and **NANCY** (nee **McKEE**), 58 Springhill Road, Bangor—a son (David James).

COCHRANE—December 3, 1962, at Johnstone House, to **VINA** (nee **NELSON**) and **KEITH COCHRANE**, 15 King's Crescent, Newtownabbey—a son.

MCCARTNEY—November 26, 1962, at Malone Place Hospital, to **JULIE** (nee **TULLIS**) and **JACK**, 35 Roddens Crescent—a sister for Karl (Michaela Anne).

ENGAGEMENTS

BRENNEN—KERR—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kerr, Park Road, Dungannon, are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, **DOREEN**, to **CHRISTOPHER**, eldest son of Mr. Wilfred M. Brennen, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Brennen, Cranagh Dhu, Magherafelt.

Page 2 — News Letter, Friday, Dec

Notice of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Acknowledgments, In Memoriam, which must be authenticated, and of Engagements and Forthcoming Marriages, which must be signed by both parties, 24 Words 4/6, every additional 4 Words or part thereof 9d.

BIRTHS

ISLES—November 24, 1962, to **Elizabeth** (nee Cathcart) and **John**, 4, Thomas Street, Bellerive, Hobart, Tasmania—a daughter (Deirdre Elizabeth).

MUIRHEAD—December 13, 1962, at General Hospital, Omagh, to **June** (nee Park) and **James C.**, Gortmore Gardens, Omagh—a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

BRENNEN—KERR—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kerr, Park Road, Dungannon, are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, **Doreen**, to **Christopher**, eldest son of Mr. Wilfred M. Brennen, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Brennen, Cranagh Dhu, Magherafelt.

HILDITCH—POWELL—The engagement is announced between **Edward George**, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Hilditch, Carrickfergus, and **Margaret Anne**, younger daughter of Mr. T. R. Powell, 64, Bawnmore Road, Belfast, 9, and the late Mrs. Rita Powell.

McCONKEY—PRESS—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Press, Belfast Road, Saintfield, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, **Ann**, to **R. Mervyn**, youngest son of Mrs. S. J. McConkey and the late Mr. J. D. McConkey, M.B.E., Pine Grove, Ballynahinch.

WARD—WELSH—The engagement is announced between **Bill**, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. G. Ward, Bon Accord, Omagh, and **Kathleen**, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Welsh, Annagurvey, Augher.

Dungannon Young Lady's Engagement

Fiance Son of Well Known Surgeon

Two university students, Miss Doreen Kerr and Mr. Christopher Brennen, announced their engagement in time to celebrate it at Christmas with a family dinner party.

Doreen is working for an arts degree at Queen's and her fiance is reading engineering at Balliol College, Oxford.

"We've known each other such a long time that I've almost forgotten the social occasion when we first met," she says.

They became engaged when Doreen went over to celebrate Christopher's 21st birthday before Christmas.

Doreen, who is 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kerr, Park Road, Dungannon. She was educated at Dungannon High School and is a keen English student.

Christopher Brennen is son of the well-known surgeon, Mr. Wilfred Brennen and Mrs. Brennen, Cranagh Dhu, Magherafelt. He takes an active interest in amateur theatricals.

"Though Christopher is doing engineering at Oxford he has not decided on a career. He may eventually switch to architecture," Mrs. Brennen tells me.

At the moment the young couple have no definite wedding plans. "We mean to finish at the university before we marry," Doreen said.

Court and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kerr, Park Road, Dungannon, are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, **Doreen**, to **Christopher**, eldest son of Mr. Wilfred M. Brennen, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Brennen, "Cranagh Dhu," Magherafelt.

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Mrs. Martin Wallace.

sense showing through the fog that surrounds international relations."

Athlete **Mary Peters**, British pentathlon champion, represented Britain at this year's European championships and was with the Northern Ireland team at the Commonwealth Games. She limited her choice to the sphere of sport.

Most important of the year in her life? Taking part in the European championships at Belgrade and doing better than anyone expected (she was fifth in the pentathlon).

The happiest? "Seeing my



Miss Doreen Kerr.
(See Engagement).

brother John and his wife and baby in Australia.

"I had to make the 2,000-mile journey from Perth to Sydney, but it was well worth while."

The event that made her feel saddest during the year was the death of racing driver Gary Hocking. "I hate to hear of good sporting people having accidents."

Her hopes for 1963? "Well, I'm really looking forward to 1964 and the Olympic Games at Tokio. I've already started training with National coach, Denis Watts, at Liverpool," she told me on the 'phone from her parents' home in Manchester."

Theatre

Actress **Doreen Hepburn**, determined not to look outside Northern Ireland for reminiscences of the year and to think first of theatrical events, said the most important was "that people are gradually moving away from the new toy of television and returning to the live theatre."

The happiest event in her life this year? "Going back on the stage and feeling really well after having played on a wing and a prayer for ages." It was for the opening of "Second Honeymoon" in September that Doreen returned after an illness.

What she describes as "the continuing attempts being made to fan the flames of religious intolerance in the Province, when if people were left alone they would be quite happy with their neighbours," make her feel sad.

Returning to the Arts Theatre, Doreen is hopeful about the future in that plans for 1963 include two plays that have not been chosen simply on their commercial appeal—"The Devil's Disciple" and an Oscar Wilde play—and she feels sure they will both attract good audiences.

ENGAGEMENT

TWO university students, Miss Doreen Kerr, and Mr. Christopher Brennen, announced their engagement in time to celebrate it at Christmas with a family dinner party.

Doreen is working for an arts degree at Queen's and her fiancé is reading engineering at Balliol College, Oxford.

"We've known each other such a long time that I've almost forgotten the social occasion when we first met," she says.

They became engaged when Doreen went over to celebrate Christopher's 21st birthday last week.

Doreen, who is 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kerr, Park Road, Dungannon. She was educated at Dungannon High School, and is a keen English student.

Christopher Brennen is son of the well-known surgeon, Mr. Wilfred Brennen, and Mrs. Brennen, Cranagh Dhu, Magherafelt. He takes an active interest in amateur theatricals.

"Though Christopher is doing engineering at Oxford he has not decided on a career. He may eventually switch to architecture," Mrs. Brennen tells me.

At the moment the young couple have no definite wedding plans. "We mean to finish at the university before we marry," Doreen said.

Too much 'tele' and 'not enough reading'

A SCATHING ATTACK on his Ulster contemporaries is launched to-day by 18-year-old youth club leader Jim Collins.

He says they watch too much television, ignore the things that really matter and can't answer the simplest general knowledge questions.

And Collins, an undergraduate at Queen's University, goes even further. He claims that the biggest fault with his generation is illiteracy.

"I have found," he says, "that some boys could not even spell the name of their own school."

It was this jolting discovery that prompted Collins to carry out a series of surveys into teenage reading habits.

Findings

His findings are published in the current issue of "Keystone," the magazine of the Association of Boys' Clubs.

Mr. Collins's revelations are on a general basis, of course. But they are impressive enough to inspire his own Willowbank Club in Belfast to form a reading circle.

On the subject of teenage illiteracy Mr. Collins writes: "Some people may be surprised—but this unhappy state of affairs is really quite widespread."

A surprisingly large number of young people, he discovered in his survey, cannot spell or explain the meaning of a large number of simple words.

Mr. Collins goes on: "This lack of knowledge was also seen when teenagers were

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asked simple general knowledge questions like the name of the Foreign Secretary. Of course, everyone questioned knew all about Elvis and Cliff.

"I think the main cause of the problem is television. Too many boys and girls stare square-eyed for too long at the mixture of sex, violence and murder which is served to them."

Mr. Collins says schools disillusion pupils when they force them to wade through reams of heavy, boring literature.

He also speaks up for the band of teenagers who belong to youth organisations.

"At least," he writes, "they have the moral strength to drag themselves away from the hypnotic attraction of the goggle box one or two nights a week."

Finally he asks for a survey to be conducted by a group of teachers, club leaders and social workers.

He concludes: "I feel their results would throw grave doubts on some facets of education in this country."

Eddie McIlwaine

Last night's radio

SORT OF SUCCESS

In the President's Room:
12-7

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Sunday; 14-10-62

Dear Chris,

There will be a meeting of the J.C.R.
Committee on Thursday 18th October at 6 p.m.
Please could you let me know about any items
which you may have for discussion.

Yours,

D. Brothers

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Tues., 27th Nov., '62.

Dear Chris,

There will be a meeting of the J.C.R.
Committee on ^{in 12-7} Thursday 29th Nov., 1962 at 8-00 p.m.
Please could you let me know about any items
which you may have for discussion.

Yours,

D. Brothers

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

The Master and Fellows of Balliol College
request the pleasure of your company at
the Freshmen's Dinner on Thursday, 11th
October 1962, at 7.30 p.m. (not evening
dress).

R.S.V.P. to the College Secretary
as soon as possible.

1st September 1962.

FROM THE MASTER,
BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

19th November 1962

Dear Brennen,

The Fellows and I would be
very glad if you would join us,
after St. Catherine's Dinner,
in the Old Common Room to meet
the Earl of Kilmuir and our
guests from Cambridge and Bristol
Universities.

Yours sincerely
D. (Murray) Keir
S

C. Brennen, Esq.

Dicey invites you to
a Lunch Party on
Saturday. Wine will
be provided—bring
food. 1 p.m. Dicey
Balliol.

FROM THE COLLEGE SECRETARY

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

26th September 1962

Mr. Brennen,

Mr. de Wet has asked me to tell you that
have been allocated room 21.15 in College at a
of £23.5.0 per term for the academic year 1962/3.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Payne

rennen, Esq.

(One double ticket)

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Dear Chris

Thank you for your enquiry about the
Commemoration Ball. With this I enclose
your tickets.

Should you like accommodation in
College, or rooms in which your party may
sit out, we will be pleased to arrange
this.

Tickets may be returned, and money
will be refunded when they are resold.

Further information will be included
in the programme, which you will be given
at the Gate on the 19th June.

We look forward very much to your
company then.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Elliott

CHARLES ELLIOTT.

Tickets Secretary,
Balliol College
Commemoration Ball.

COUNTY LONDONDERRY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Whitehall Chambers,

New Row,

COLERAINE.

April, 1962.

University Scholarships, 1961/62.

Dear Sir,

The Scholarship held by your son/~~daughter~~ at OXFORD University has been finally assessed for the current academic year resulting in an award of:-

Fees plus £78. 0. 0 towards Maintenance, etc.

(Parental Contribution £260. 0. 0)

In addition to Fees, instalments amounting to £52. 0. 0 have already been paid. A cheque for the final instalment of £ 26. 0. 0 can be obtained by your son/daughter on application to the Bursar's Office on the first day of Trinity Term.

The following documents submitted by you with the scholarship claim forms are herewith returned:- **Receipts from Balliol College**

Forms for the next academic year will be sent out in July, subject to a satisfactory report having been received from the University concerned.

Yours faithfully,

R. B. HUNTER.

Director of Education.

W. Brennen, Esq.,
Cranagh Dhu,
MAGHERAFELT.

playing for six years. "You played it very well," said the Princess.

Queen Mother chats to Ulster surgeon

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visited the new headquarters of the National Marriage Guidance Council, in London, yesterday.

Among those with whom she chatted was Mr. W. M. Brennan, an Ulster surgeon, chairman of the Northern Ireland Marriage Guidance Council, who had flown from Belfast to attend the function.

The accent of the Royal visit was on informality, and besides talking about the Council's work with people who were officially presented to her, the Queen Mother also had a word for the office girls.

Earlier yesterday the Queen Mother was presented with a teddy bear, dressed in the uniform of a Chelsea pensioner, when she opened the new £200,000 infirmary at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The presentation was made by Trooper Arthur Turner, 79, formerly of the 6th Dragoon Guards, who made the uniform.

The Queen Mother spoke to the oldest pensioner in the infirmary, Sergeant John Dale, 94, who was in the Royal West Kents.

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