SAVING LIVES

The Republic Of Ireland

Proclamation of President Eamon de Valera.

To the Liberty Loving People of America:

Once again Ireland has sympathetically responded to the world wave of Freedom. She has definitely determined her own future as an independent Democratic Republic, ready to consort with other nations-in friendly intercourse and on a basis of equality of right.

In this fateful hour her people appeal, through me, to the people of America.

The United States is a great and powerful Republic—long confirmed in its own hard won liberties. The sister Republic, new-born in Ireland under America's inspiration, is threatened in its infant life as was the United Colonies by cruel and over mastering force. We earnestly plead for the assistance which, if prompt and energetic, will be decisive.

Our prime appeal is political, the official recognition of our Republic by the Government of the United States is the final aim. That attained, everything, is attained. In the initial stages, however, we need financial help, even as did the colonies here. By the policy of British rulers Ireland has been kept deliberately poor that she might be made subject and subservient.

On no land has nature so lavished her gifts. Britain's enervating hand has brought everyone to naught. Our richest lands lie untilled, our mines unworked, our bogs uncut, the harvest of our seas unreaped, our harbours empty; our rivers run idle to the sea. The peasant is driven forth to make place for the steer.

Under kindly native rule all this will be changed. The people's Congress, and the people's Government have plans for the purpose. Dail Eireann has summoned the people at home to the rebuilding of the nation on a basis of brotherly love and co-operation.

But England still unloads her financial burdens on Ireland. The tribute exacted by the foreigner prevents us from raising at the moment an adequate tax of our own. An advance loan from countries more happily placed is necessary, and has been sanctioned by the people's Parliament—determined that the Republic will live and the debt be repaid. Americans can help in the projected work of restoration and reconstruction by subscribing.

Americans of Irish blood you will not refuse to renew your filial ties, and take a further share in the preservation of the race and of the land from which you sprung! She is your motherland

as well as ours. Do you not wish her to take her rightful place among the nations? Can you withhold your assistance when it is powerful enough to place her there?

Think of your fathers and your mothers—the men and women, boys and girls, that in unending stream through Castle Garden made their wistful way here to win life and honor in this great land of Liberty and Opportunity.

Boys and girls, such as they were, strong and noble and bright, gentle and pure, are still in Ireland to day. The same causes are about to drive them forth. Will you not help to keep them in their own land?

They love Ireland as your fathers and mothers loved Ireland. It breaks their hearts to leave that land as it broke the hearts of those boys and girls—your parents. The tears of the mothers and fathers to be left behind in many a lonely cottage are full as bitter to-day, their grief as wild, as the tears and the grief of those your parents left behind never to see again. You cannot refuse your aid to end so much sorrow, to preserve these boys and girls for the Land which needs them, and for the people they Love.

Will you not aid to bring to them at home under their own flag the blessing of the Liberty they might hope for, and which you enjoy under the Stars and Stripes.

Demand for them the right to choose their own way of life and obedience. Immediate action is necessary. You must organize to be effective. Begin at once in your own community. Teach your fellow citizens the justice of Ireland's Cause. It is the cause of World Liberty and True Democracy.   Eamon deValera.

Immaculate Conception.

Miss Evelyn McCarthy, daughter of Mrs. Anna McCarthy of 354 Plymouth ave., and T. Frank Brannigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brannigan of 172 Columbia ave., were married on Tues. morning at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Immaculate Conception by the Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill, pastor of the chuch. A nuptial mass was celebrated.

Blessed Sacrament.

A reception and entertainment was given Friday evening by the Sodality of Mary of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, in honor of the new members of the organization.

The program was given in the church hall, and was followed by dancing.

Mrs. Mary Hosenfeld of Webster Celebrates Eighty-fifth Birthday.

Mrs. Mary Theresa Hosenfeld celebrated her 85th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Berthold, Webster, N. Y., on Wednesday, October 15th.

Mrs. Hosenfeld came to Webster when she was a young lady and Webster had no Catholic Church at that time. She would walk every Sunday from this town to St. Joseph's church in Rochester, a distance of 12 miles to attend mass.

Mrs. Hosenfeld is one of the oldest and most faithful members of Holy Trinity parish. She is the mother of thirteen children, nine of whom are living, and are active members of this parish, with the exception of two, Mrs. Rose Kuenzer, who lives in East Henrietta and one son Joseph, who lives in Oddessa, N. Y.

Mrs. Hosenfeld is the proud grandmother of 48 grandchildren. All of her children were present at the birthday with the exception of two, Mrs. Rose Kuenzer, who is ill and Joseph Hosenfeld.

A beautiful birthday cake with 85 candles adorned the center of the table. The dining room was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums. The evening was spent by the singing of songs by her children and grandchildren and was one that was most enjoyable and will be long remembered.