



ON THE LINE Bob Considine

You don't necessarily have to come this far — beautiful as it is — to hear stories about Dear Old Irish Ladies.

But it helps.

Dear Old Irish Lady No. 1 speaking:

"Are you from America?"

"Yes."

"I have a grandson living in America. In New Jersey."

"Really, where in New Jersey?"

"Elm Street," the dear old lady said with great pride.

Dear Old Irish Lady No. 2 speaking, as she examined a dollar bill which had been offered to her at her shop across the street from the Alcock and Brown Hotel in Clifden. I had bought five postcards and there was a matter of change involved. She sucked on her cigaret pensively, then went to the back of the store.

"Dearie," she said to what turned out to be her daughter, "How much is a dollar?"

It was a question that neither dearie nor I nor the U.S. Treasury could answer.

Cong means creek in Gaelic. Has nothing to do with the Viet Cong, which means Viet people. St. Patrick dropped by in the 5th century. Queen Elizabeth's brigands came by a thousand years later and busted up the Augustine Abbey, which had a faculty and student body of more than 3,000. The British killed or scattered them.

Cong is a tiny, twisting little town, a haunt for countless generations of anglers for the piscatorial treasures of Lough Corrib. It seems to have a raggedly old Irish spaniel for its present-day Chamber of Commerce. He met us as we strolled into the village from John Mulcahy's fabled landmark and inn, Ashford Castle, and led us to the Abbey Shop. The shop is like

a doll's house smothered in a nosegay. Catherine Cavanagh is in charge.

Mrs. Cavanagh offered us a bit of the local tea, chatted and seemed conscience-stricken to charge us for the few things we bought. She seems generally to like Americans. She's doing the new linens for the U.S. Embassy in Moscow out of her little shop. But she had reservations about one American.

"He sat on the precious marble slab I had cut to make a table out of an antique Singer sewing machine base, and broke it," she said. "I think he must have been a baseball player," Mrs. Cavanagh added, ominously. A neat sign now reads, "Broken goods will be charged for."

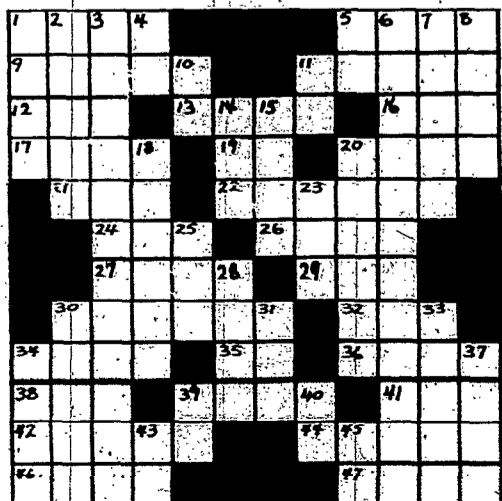
We left the Abbey Shop bathed in affection, and there was the Chamber of Commerce, wagging its tail. He led us up the street and made a sharp left into the main drag. He was telling us something about the next place he was taking us, but an uncomfortable situation arose. A great black dog left over from the Norman Invasion leaped from the jugular of the Chamber of Commerce, pulling a rosy-jawed keeper a foot in the air. Much growling and other canine imprecations. My wife, a brave woman, separated them, and our host (obviously pleased to be relieved of this conflict) led us across the street to Ryan's, a fully licensed bar. We went in, naturally, and my wife may have been the first person in the 200-year-old history of the pub to order a Bloody Mary. Not only that but with ice. Ice! The men at the bar looked up from their "pints" in wonder and consternation. One of them removed his cap.

The spaniel gave us a wave of his short tail as we emerged, and herded us back to Ashford Castle through a vale of monumental trees that intruded into the brushed blue skies.

Once there, he accepted a hunk of Cheddar, spit out a slice of blue cheese with a resentful look, tore up a flower bed or two and trotted back to town.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Catamaran
 - Distant
 - A dart
 - Girl's name
 - Extinct bird
 - Great lake
 - Cutting tool
 - Self-satisfied
 - Man's nickname
 - Arrow poison
 - Fruit drink
 - Thick boards
 - Footed vase
 - Moslem title
 - Crescent shaped figure
 - Soft metal
 - Refreshes
- DOWN
- Perform
 - Tie
 - Daybreak, comb. form
 - Roman emperor
 - Rodent
 - Sea eagle
 - Small bite
 - Book of maps
 - Savor
 - Periods of time
 - Part of to be
 - Toward
 - Rough lava
 - Resin incense
 - Military assistants
 - Demolish
 - Us
 - Myself
 - Knock
 - Sicknesses
 - Verbal noun
 - Native of India
 - River island
 - Compass point
 - Pitcher
 - Rope
 - Male heir
 - Stale
 - Nail
 - Unclosed
 - Plural ending
 - And (Fr.)
 - Like
 - Jewish month



Answer To Crossword On Page 20

McQuaid Student Teen Leaguer Of the Year

Bill Gefell of McQuaid Jesuit High School, vice president of Teen League of Rochester, has been chosen Teen Leaguer of the Year for "outstanding leadership and unselfish service" in the student organization.

Ron Sarachan of Brighton High School was named Distinguished Teen Leaguer for his work with the league's Student Conference on Education Reform.

Awards were made June 17 at a picnic in Ellison Park.

Tom Bryan of McQuaid, president of the league; Mary Jane Valby of Our Lady of Mercy High School, assistant vice president, and John Hwalek of Bishop Kearney High School, chairman of Hike for Hope IV, received special service awards.

The School of the Year award, given to the school whose students display the most leadership, service and participation in Teen League, was presented to McQuaid. Runners-up were Mercy and Brighton.

Paul Gunther of Penfield High School was named chairman of the year in recognition of his performance as chairman of the league's television program, "Odyssey," shown on Channel 21.

Each of the 39 high schools in Teen League is represented by three students. Selected as Outstanding Representatives of the Year were Alyson Austin and Meg Plummer, both of Mercy.

Selected as Projects of the Year were the Student Conference on the Reform of Education, and the Corning Flood Clean Up headed by Tim Dunn of McQuaid. More than 150 students, representing most of the high schools in Monroe County, participated in the two-day conference. More than 1000 students mobilized by Teen League worked on the Corning project.

In addition, Teen League helped raise funds and secure supplies for people in the stricken area.

A special Committee of the Year award went to the Hike for Hope IV Committee, which organized the event that attracted 40,000 people and raised \$400,000 for Project Hope and local charitable organizations.

Fr. Pelletier To Speak Here

Father Joseph A. Pelletier, AA, author, lecturer and teacher at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., will speak in Rochester June 28, 29, and 30 under the sponsorship of the St. Michael Prayer Group.

He will preach at a 7:30 p.m. Mass tomorrow at St. Charles Borromeo church, Dewey Avenue at Maiden Lane. Friday morning at 7, he will appear on the Eddie Meath Show on Channel 10. At 8 p.m. Friday, Father Pelletier will hold a public meeting at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue.

All priests, deacons and seminarians are invited to a program at Aquinas at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Father Pelletier's subject will be "The Power of the Holy Spirit in your Priestly Ministry." That afternoon at 2, the public is invited to a lecture at Aquinas on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Father Pelletier began his writing career with "The Sun Danced at Fatima."

Angelo L. DiNieri is general chairman for the St. Michael Prayer Group, and Mr. and Mrs. William Buechel are program chairmen. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is honorary chairman.



Sister Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. Shannon

Teacher Retirees Honored

The Home-School Association of St. John the Evangelist Parish (Greece) sponsored a reception on Tuesday evening, June 12, for two teachers who are retiring after many years of service. Mrs. Alice Shannon has taught a total of 33 years; 12 in public schools and 21 in Catholic schools. She has spent 18 of those 33 years at

St. John's. Sister Mary Elizabeth Janosko has been engaged in administration or teaching for 43 years and claims the astonishing record of never having missed a day of school in her 43 years of ministering to the educational needs of the children in the diocese.



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