

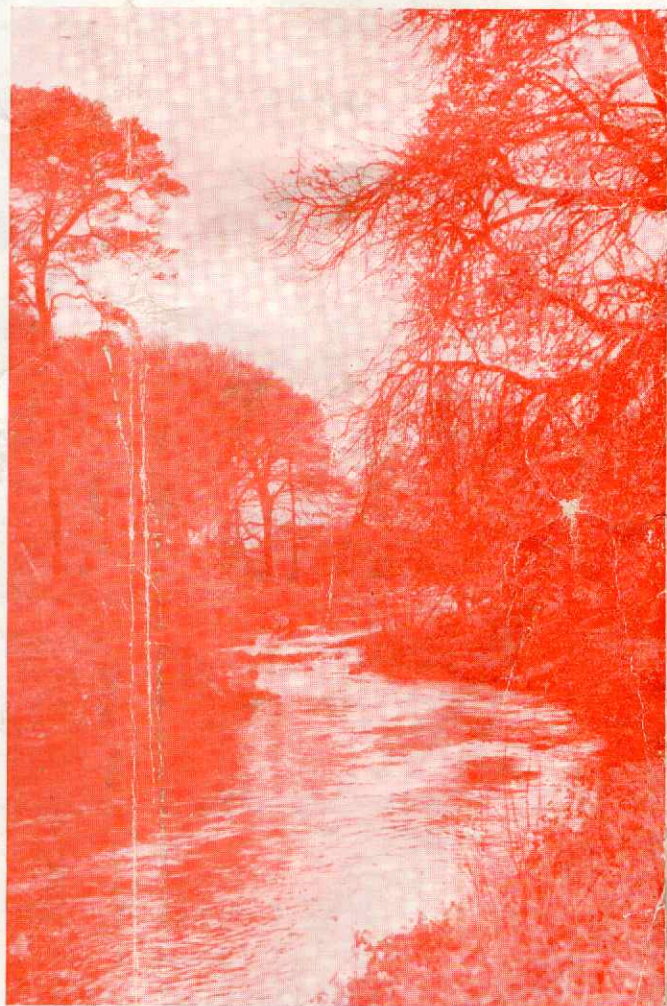
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Oughterard Regatta 1965

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Note to Competitors:

No Second Prize unless three boats compete.

No Third Prize unless four boats compete.

- 3.0 p.m. UNDER-18 SINGLE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE CORRIB for Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. M. Previte, Portacarron, and £2 Cash Prize; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10/-. Entry fee, 2/-.
- 3.30 p.m. MEN'S DOUBLE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF LOUGH CORRIB, for the Lemonfield Perpetual Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Michael Keogh, Oughterard, and £8 Cash Prize; 2nd Prize, £4; 3rd Prize, £2. Entry fee, 5/-.
- 4.0 p.m. OUTBOARD MOTOR RACE, 3½ h.p. 1st Prize, £3; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10/-. Entry fee, 2/6.
- 4.30 p.m. SIX-OAR CANVAS CURRACH RACE, for Oughterard Regatta Committee's Perpetual Challenge Cup and £15 Cash Prize; 2nd, £6; 3rd, £3. No entry fee. Currachs must not be over 27 feet.
- 5.0 p.m. MIXED DOUBLE SCULLING (Lady and Gent). 1st Prize, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2. Entry fee, 3/-.
- 5.30 p.m. OUTBOARD MOTOR RACE 5-5½ h.p. 1st Prize, £3; 2nd Prize, £2; 3rd Prize, £1. Entry fee, 2/-.

The Committee's decisions will be final in this and all events at the Regatta.

During the evening the Irish Red Cross will give a Life-Saving and Swimming Display.

The Programme also includes Exhibitions of Irish Dancing by the local School of Dancing—Mairead Ni Flaitheartaigh.

The Committee wish to thank all who subscribed, sent prizes, or helped in any way to make the running of this Regatta a success.

Gach Pobail ina Muintir.

Admission to Grounds—Adults 2/6; Children 1/

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Oughterard has been the subject of many sketches, by authors famous and not so famous. As with most advertising, part of this is true and a great part is propaganda or sales talk. We have no need of the latter and indeed no use for what is false. The truth is sufficient advertising.

It has been written that Oughterard is an ideal base for the tourist who wishes to see Connemara and other adjoining places. This is true, but it adds nothing much to our stature. It's a simple fact of locality. It is true to say that Lough Corrib—which we are inclined to consider "Our Lake," it is so close to us—has some of the best free trout and salmon fishing in the British Isles. In this we take some small pride, for much of the success—in regard to trout at least, is due in no small measure to those who conduct the "hatchery." Let us hope that it long remains to replenish stocks!

It is most certainly true to say, as is so frequently said, that our surroundings, with the judicious mingling of lake and mountain, blue waters, green woodlands and dotted islands, constitute scenery that is rarely equalled and very rarely surpassed. For this, of course, credit goes to the Lord who made it; but the people should protect it from the exploitation of commercialism, which so often masquerades as Progress with a capital P.

It would be a disgrace to this generation, if shapeless shacks or even stately mansions were permitted to spoil this place "which nature formed so fair." Indeed we are reminded by these thoughts of what was said by a "famous" newspaper at the time of the Famine: "Soon the Celt will be as rare on the banks of the Liffey, as the Red Indian on the banks of the Huron." Substitute "Corrib" or "Owen Riff" for Liffey and you will see a possible parallel.

Some of the words that have been written about our town are not true; even though they are words of praise we must draw attention to their falsity. One often sees quoted these words—probably because they were written by that famous English author, Thackeray. He wrote that "Oughterard is one of the prettiest small towns in Ireland!" Well, whatever it was way back in the nineteenth century when Thackeray wrote, you'd certainly want to be wearing rose-tinted glasses to see it as such to-day. There are far too many ruins and relics lying about. Of course in all fairness it must be said that the trend towards ruin has been reversed in recent years, and even though some ruins do remain, which should be buried out of sight, many and even stately new buildings have been and are being erected in the town. This present revival gives good ground for the hope that, one day, the town will be really "one of the prettiest in Ireland." It certainly had that potential—considering the start that God gave it!

One would be remiss if one failed to mention the greatest asset which the town and country possesses—that is the character of the people. Without in any way setting oneself up as a judge and certainly not as a flatterer, it can be truly said that the people possess these traits: kindness, friendliness, generosity and hospitality; they are patriotic and have a deep sense of responsibility; they are jealous of their rights—especially the right of free access to their lake and river, a right which must be preserved. They are intelligent enough to see that it would be as much a disgrace for this generation to permit these rights to be stolen from them as to permit the countryside to be made hideous by unsightly and ill-positioned buildings.

Finally, one must pay a well earned tribute to the various clubs and organisations which strive for the advancement of Oughterard, and here pride of place should be given to one whose members are so courageously active in meeting our needs and looking after our interests—Muintir na Tire!

ST. PAUL'S REPORT SUMMER 1965

Hereunder is the first annual report of St. Paul's Secondary School, Oughterard:—

St. Paul's Secondary School, Oughterard, under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, was formally blessed and opened by His Lordship, the Bishop of Galway, on the 1st September, 1964.

On that occasion, His Lordship emphasised the great desirability of secondary education and the undoubted responsibilities of parents in this regard. He hoped that the school would prosper and expressed his thanks to the Sisters of Mercy and all those connected with the establishment of the school.

During the first academic year which has now come to a close, we had a total of 39 pupils on rolls, viz. 20 girls and 19 boys. Of this number 35 are from the parish of Oughterard and 4 are from Killanin. At the commencement of the year five scholarships were awarded by the school as a result of a competitive examination.

During the first few months various inspectors came from the Department of Education and as a result of their visits, and because of the satisfactory standards in evidence in the school, St. Paul's was officially recognised by the Department of Education. House examinations were held at Christmas and parents received a detailed report of progress and conduct. Summer examinations have just concluded and prizes will be distributed to-day.

During the year, the school took active part in all competitive functions held in the diocese and the students acquitted themselves honourably on every occasion.

At the Feis Ceoil an Iarthair the school gained gold medals and silver medals. A certificate for competency in the advanced grade was presented by His Lordship, the Bishop, to the school on the occasion of the Liturgical Festival. During Lent, St. Paul's School staged a colourful pantomime for five nights in the Parochial Hall. All students without exception took part and audience reaction and press reports were most favourable. This event, we hope, will become an annual one. In the sphere of games, our football team distinguished themselves in no small way by shattering the might of St. Mary's College in a most decisive manner.

During the year, apart from their academic studies, students were instructed in good manners, deportment, drill and dancing and particular care was paid to their religious education and upbringing. We are happy to report that at all times the pupils were most courteous and respectful.

Next year, please God, we hope to have additional teachers, a playing pitch and other recreational facilities. Next year also, certain students will sit for the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

BALANCE SHEET 1964

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Regatta Dance				98	6	4
Collection				111	0	3
Gate, Entry Fees, Minerals and Programmes				109	11	7
Sale of Ad. Space				62	10	0
				£414 17 5		
Expenses: Prizes, Dancing and Life-Saving Groups, Amplification, Insurance, Bands, Advertis- ing, Printing, Blocks, Posters, Tickets, Teas, Timber for Stage and Postage				237	10	0
				Balance: £177 7 5		
Donation to Parochial Funds				£50	0	0
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