



Old Galway

The Salthill Prom

The Promenade in Salthill did not always look as it does today. It was just a narrow roadway, very rough, untarred and crooked. There were no shelters or flower beds — indeed there was hardly any beach, just rocks and shingle and seaweed. It was all cleaned up later when the breakwaters and piers were built. There were no big boulders to strengthen the promenade and flooding from the tide was far more regular than it is today. Some of the seats on the front were just concrete blocks. The ugly electricity poles dominate the view, and as you can see the footpath just began opposite where the Arcade is today.

There was a lot of greenery on the right hand side of the promenade then and just a few houses, like "Maretimo" where Dr. Bartley O'Beirne lived. This was better known as 'The Red House' and was where Leisureland is today. "Brinkwater" was the name of Colonel Maurice De Courey-Dodd's Loux. The McDonagh family lived in "Belmore" and "Revagh" was the home of the Redingtons, and subsequently of the Anderson family. The house where the Salthill Hotel is today was once called 'Barfield' on Westland Avenue. Further on there was, in 1872, a Wesleyan Chapel, and

behind it was a large quarry.

The name on the shore near Blackrock was "Carrigwautia" and the little beach on the far side of the 'Pools' was called 'Cooneen'.

The Promenade should be very lively this weekend with a number of "Prom Swims" organised by the very progressive Shark Swimming Club. This evening at 7 p.m. is the Ladies Race from Blackrock to Palmers Rock, and at 7.30 the men's race takes place over the same distance.

Prom Swim

Tomorrow evening at 7.30 the under 13 girls take to the water, and at 8.05 p.m. the under 13 boys go from the 'Ladies' to Palmers Rock, and on Saturday evening there is a team Prom Swim at 8.30 p.m. from Blackrock to Palmers Rock. There will be teams from all over Connacht and some from other provinces, with many champions in the water.

Festival

Congratulations to all concerned with the recent Salthill Festival. It was obviously superbly organised and its promotional value to Salthill and Galway generally was immense. Salthill has rarely looked as well and as clean as it did during the Festival and it was great to see so many residents and business people out sweeping the streets each morning. Incidentally why not invite 'Salthill Queens' from Cork, Dublin, Coventry and London etc.

Car Outing

The Galway Archaeological and Historical Society have a very interesting trip on next Sunday — a car outing to Rosaveal and boat trip to Inis Mor. The cars will leave Courthouse Square at 12.30 and the boat leaves at 1.30 sharp and returns at 8 p.m.

Transport on the island is preferably by bicycle which can be hired at about £2 each. You are advised to wear suitable gear and bring a packed lunch. Professor Etienne Rynne will be the tour guide.

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Raymond and Pauline O'Brien, Salthill with their son Dr. David after he was conferred with his M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. degrees at U.C.G. recently.

Galway Pilgrimage to Fatima

The second annual pilgrimage to Fatima organised by the Galway and District Apostolate of Fatima will take place from Oct. 9th to Oct. 19th next. The inaugural Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to the famous Portuguese shrine took place last October and entailed flying to Lourdes and then travelling across Spain by coach to Fatima. An innovation this year is that travel will be by Aer

Lingus jet from Shannon and the return journey will also be by jet to Shannon. The Spiritual Directors for the pilgrimage will be Rev. Fr. Gerry Garvey C.C. and Rev. Fr. Derek Feeney C.C. Both have extensive experience directing pilgrimages and Fr. Garvey is particularly well acquainted with Fatima, having begun his association with the shrine in his student days.

All of the international Marian shrines are distinctive in some respects and Fatima is unique in the emphasis placed on prayer and penance and the efficacy of the rosary, contained in the message of Our Lady. It is also unique in that one of the three child visionaries, Lucia, is still hale and hearty in her 80th year, as a member of the enclosed Order of Mount Carmel at Ciombrá, not far from Fatima.

Agents for the pilgrimage are Fahy Travel, Bridge Street, Galway.

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