

Keeping a date with a memory of the Markets



Local artist Joe O'Kane compares one of his sketches with the real thing.

LONG after the narrow cobbled streets of Belfast's Markets have gone, a special fund will keep their memory alive. Lagan Social Club has hit on a unique idea to raise money and capture the past — a calendar. It consists of 12 sketches of characters and scenes from the old district. Some are widely known, others are particular favourites of the Markets people. A bare-footed boy

strokes his dog on the cover, a once-familiar coal-sealer in the background. The artist, Mr. Joe O'Kane, said: "The boy is my nephew, Pat, now in his thirties. The dog was our pet, Ducky. I'm afraid Ducky later got run-over by that very same cart." Another sketch shows Harold Ross holding the reins of "Wild Deb". Ye Old House in Lagan Street, also known as Bill

Spring Show opens in Dublin

MACHINERY and summer goods valued at IR£15m and IR£200,000 worth of livestock went on display at the Dublin Society's 151st annual Spring Show at Ballsbridge. Over IR£25,000 in prize money will be distributed by the end of the show next Saturday in the livestock and horse classes. Entries were up by 90 on last year to 1,815. Many of the exhibitors and visitors are from Northern Ireland. As well as the action in the judging rings, the show features sheep shearing competition, sheepdog and gun trials, fashion and cookery demonstrations and — new this year — a children's corner and a creche. There are no showjumping competitions this year because the show is being prepared for the World Championships next month. A special feature this year is the judging of the show by the Mid-Wales Aze Racing Team, making their first visit to Ireland.

Main, sleet, snow, gales — recipe for holiday weekend!

THE gale force winds that have been blowing since Saturday in the province are among the strongest experienced here this year. Winds of 80 mph hit Orlock Head yesterday, with 50 mph gusts blasting Bank Holiday day-trippers at Bangor. And temperatures have been well below normal for May, most brought overnight ground temperatures to minus 1°C in places last night. Maximum day temperature in the province generally was around 10°C with 11°C recorded at Larne — the average for the month being 13.5°C — a meteorological office spokesman said today. And sporadic sleet showers caused some dramatic temperature fluctuations. Temperatures at the meteorological office dropped by around 8°C from the recorded maximum to 4.8°C at one point. Saturday saw some of the worst weather with near blizzard conditions at times, a spokesman said with a combination of snow, strong winds, hail and sleet. The Saturday midday temperature at Alderstone dropped to 2°C. Bitterly cold The cause of the recent severe weather is a deepening depression over Scotland, the spokesman said. The worst effects have been modified, he added, since the bitterly cold blasts of air from the Arctic are not coming

directly to us from due north. Conditions are expected to be a little better today, with a "gradual improvement" over the next few days. The coastguard at Orlock Head reported no vessels getting into difficulties off Ulster shores. People had been taking advice to stay in harbour, a spokesman said. But on Sunday an Ulster fishing trawler grounded off the coast of Cumbria in a gale and the three-man crew from Killybegs and Newcastle were brought ashore in a dramatic rescue operation. Trouble The vessel, the 36ft Marine Boy, was on its way from Whitehaven to the Isle of Man, when it developed gearbox trouble. The crew tried to make for Workington, but the gearbox broke down completely. The trawler was followed by a coastguard patrol boat and the Workington lifeboat was sent to the vessel's aid. The lifeboat got the trawler in tow but in the severe weather the towline broke, and from some who served not make it, were sent to the front. During an hour when the sun was counted by Mr. Hale and members of the Church's executive board, there was music and hymn singing. She said: "When Leslie announced the offering, pandemonium broke out. People jumped and shouted. It was a fantastic miracle for God. We knew God would meet our needs." Miss Neville said they were trying to get American missionary L. Osborne to come to Northern Ireland, and the foundation laying ceremony might take place during his visit. Miss Neville said Faith Cathedral, where the "miracle" offering was held, would be staying in Northern Ireland until Friday, but was refusing to give any interviews to the Press.

Hale gets his 'miracle' for Faith Cathedral

EVANGELIST Leslie Hale's dream to build a Faith Cathedral at Giengormley is back on course after a "miracle" offering of more than £100,000, his organisation claimed today. The offering on Sunday is a display of true tipping, the spokesman said. He was particularly glad in avoiding traffic — until a fatal day when he had a few too many at a nearby pub. "It is a whole new era for us now," he said. "You the Press said the dream had faded. For us it has been alive all along. "The building is going to start again. It is only the Press think the dream has faded. We have a reminder that that statement may be a time." Miss Neville said the Church's debt to the Northern Bank — believed to be more than £100,000 — would be paid off, and so would another mortgage on the Moira Church. The Northern Bank is currently going through a legal process which will eventually allow it to sell Faith Cathedral, Mr. Hale's Belfast home, and Scotty's hamburger parlour, to pay outstanding debts. Miss Neville said they were now hoping that the foundation stone of phase two of Faith Cathedral would be laid this month. She said that they were trying to get American missionary L. Osborne to come to Northern Ireland, and the foundation laying ceremony might take place during his visit. Miss Neville said Faith Cathedral, where the "miracle" offering was held, would be staying in Northern Ireland until Friday, but was refusing to give any interviews to the Press.

Russia rules out Eire summit with Reagan

THE possibility of a summit meeting between President Brezhnev and President Reagan in Dublin was apparently ruled out by Russia today. The Soviet Union said they are prepared to take part in the proposed United Nations summit meeting scheduled for June. And, instead they are holding out for "prepared" summit in the autumn — they said they proposed Finland or Switzerland as the venue. Earlier today the Republic's Government said it was hopeful it would take place in its capital. The possibility of the Strategic Arms Limitation

talks being held in either the Republic of Austria was raised in reports yesterday in Washington. The Americans said a neutral country was favoured. And, the southern Government would welcome the talks despite the security problems because it has prestige it would bring, and because there could be a major spin-off for the tourist industry. A government spokesman in Dublin said they were willing at any time to make a contribution towards the promotion of every assistance possible towards the maintenance of world peace. But, today a senior Soviet spokesman said the Kremlin ruled out the June summit and would wait until the autumn for talks. Yuri Zhukov, the leading commentator of the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda said: "We are waiting for a clear and accurate reply from the American President." Zhukov said Soviet officials heard that President Reagan was considering the Soviet President's proposal to meet in Finland or Switzerland but that there had been no official acceptance from Washington.

New group aims to stamp out glue sniffing

A GROUP has been formed in north Belfast to stamp out glue-sniffing in the area. Parents, councillors and other public representatives have joined forces to combat the dangerous habit. The deputy Lord Mayor, who chaired the first meeting of the group, said an action programme has been agreed. It includes: Regular meetings involving parents, teenagers addicted to the craze and medical and other experts. The drafting of a news sheet outlining the dangers of glue-sniffing. The launching of a petition to urge the Government to legislate to combat glue-sniffing. "There is no doubt that this craze is very dangerous and can attack the minds of those who participate in it," said Councillor Miller. "As a first step we want traders to take more care when selling glue. They must know that some of what they sell is used by

sniffers in the nearby area. At the first meeting were several youngsters who have tried glue-sniffing and Councillor Miller wants them to actively participate in any programme to stamp out the craze. He also wants educational films on the habit to be shown to parents and children on the job-training agencies to give teenagers further outlets to ease the unemployment situation. Councillor Miller also warned that young girls are taking part in glue-sniffing, leading to sexual promiscuity which has disastrous effects in their later lives. "The craze is a social problem that must join with us in combating this craze. The solution to our children depends on it," he said.

£1,000 for charities

THE Banbridge Lions Club has donated more than £1,000 to charities. A cheque for £900 has been presented to the Donald Special Care School in the town. £150 has been given to the "Bunn Recorder" the local talking newspaper for the blind. A cheque for £100 was presented to the Banbridge Multiple Sclerosis Action Group for MS Research. The Northern Ireland Folk Dancing Championships and Family Dance, Bangor, on Saturday as a prelude to the 20th annual folk dance festival part of Bangor Music Festival, which is running this week. Championship trophies were handed over to the province with the senior cups going to Robert Hunter of Ballycraigie. The dancing festival began on Friday morning when adjudicator Mrs. T. McChabney faced the largest field of the week — 104 dancers in the 7.9 dancing contest in Hamilton Hall until Saturday afternoon. Results: Girls juvenile championship — 1, Claire McDowell, 2, Clare McGarvey; Boys juvenile championship — 1,

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Youngsters keen on dance trophies

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