

Roscrea Garda Boys' Club



Garda T. Dolan with a group of boys in the gymnasium.

IN A GAY AND colourful marquee, the first carnival of dancing organised in aid of the Roscrea Garda Boys' Club is in full swing and will continue until May 21. The club, which was founded two years ago to cater for the recreational needs of the youth of Roscrea, is the first of its kind to be formed by the Gardai outside of Dublin.

Since its formation, many voluntary helpers from the town have given of their time to help in the successful running of the club which caters

for boys from about eight years upwards.

In the short period of its existence, the club has gone from strength to strength.

Clubrooms have been acquired in the old Vocational School (through the kind permission of the County Council) and here all the usual facilities are provided.

MANY SPORTS

Each evening, the young members can enjoy themselves by participating in such sports as boxing, table tennis, billiards etc. Outdoor sports are not neglected and playing pitches have been acquired through the generosity of a local industrialist. A choir has also been formed and has made appearances in local concerts.

Roscrea, a town rich in history, is also to the fore as one of the best business towns in the Midlands. With many industries, it is continually growing and, in recent years, new schools have been built to cater for the increasing population. The club, therefore, fills a great need in the district, and so popular has it become that a waiting list has to be kept of boys wanting to join.

To keep any organisation going needs finances and the committee, in organising the carnival, feel confident that when it has concluded, they can go about their task in a much more confident manner.

LEADING BANDS

Marquee dancing has its own special appeal and during the carnival, no fewer than nine dances will be held. Dancers can trip the light fantastic on 8,000 sq. ft. of maple flooring to the music of the country's leading bands.

All the comforts of the modern ballroom are here, with the added attraction and atmosphere of the marquee. This, in itself, would not be sufficient and the committee have gone to very great lengths in securing top-class bands. The bands engaged include Kelley and the Nevada, Donie Collins, Jerry and the Ohios, Eileen Reid and the Cadets, the Premier Aces, Evergreens, Betty Anne and the Teenbeats, The Millionaires and the Roscrea Comhaltas Ceili Band.

With such bands on the programme, it can be readily appreciated that the dancing public is being adequately catered for. There is also a special attraction for the ladies, as each night, there will be a heat in the "Miss Roscrea" contest.

Patrons from far and near will join in the festivities, and by doing so, will help in no small way to ensure the continued success of the Roscrea Garda Boys' Club.

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