

1. TOGHCHAN: Election.

The result of the election of Teachers and Adjudicators to An Coimisiun for the year 1967/8 is given on a later page. Details of the actual voting is also given.

T.C.R.G. (Muinteoiri) contd.

B. Ni Ghuaire (Luimneach)
Mrs. Good (Banndain)
P. Windsor (Biorra)
C. Ni Oisin (Gaillimh)

* Subject to passing Irish test in Ulster. Caitlin, Bean De Burca, formerly Caitlin Ni Choileain of New York, who obtained the T.C.R.G. in 1961 but, on taking up residence in Ireland was required to take the Irish section of the examination to qualify for full registration here, passed the Irish test on 29th April.

7. SCRUDAITHE - Examinations

The next examinations for Moltoir, Muinteoiri & Muinteoiri Rince Ceili will be held early in November, 1967 - the exact date(s) will be announced later. Intending candidates should make application by mid-September.

O 1968 i leith ni mor d'iarrthoiri ata chun feidhmiu i nEirinn na scrudaithe a dheanamh tre mean na Gaeilge ar fad.

From 1968 onward candidates intending to teach in Ireland must take their examinations entirely through the medium of Irish.

4. CONRADH NA GAEILGE: Gaelic League.

Anois, nuair ata an Conradh ag leathnu amach aris ar fud na tire iarrtar ar muinteoiri cuidiu i ngach sli gur feidir lena gceabhacha aitiula. Ta bhur gcuidiu ag teastail!

8. COMORTAISÍ NEAMHCHLARAITHE srl. - Unregistered Competitions, etc.

A substantial number of unregistered competitions are still being held and several cases have come to light recently where pupils of registered teachers participated in such competitions. All teachers are requested to immediately inform all their pupils (and pupil's parents!) that they must not take part in any competition without the specific permission of their teacher and that the entry must be made in writing by the teacher.

A list of the competitions registered to date for the months of August and September is included in this Newsletter. It is possible that some further competitions may yet be registered for the period but teachers must not under any circumstances enter their pupils for any competition not shown on the list without first obtaining confirmation from the Secretary of An Coimisiun that the competitions have, in fact, been registered.

A statement in a syllabus that the competitions are "under the Rules of the Commission" or words to that effect should not, under any circumstances, be taken as confirmation that the competitions are, in fact, registered.

Breaches of the Rule regarding unregistered competitions will, in future be very severely dealt with.

5. AN COIMISIUN: Commission.

A full list of membership of An Coimisiun 1967/8 is given on a later page.

6. TORTHAÍ SCRUDAITHE - Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the examinations held on 29th April:-

A.D.C.R.G. (Moltoiri):

E. O Caomhanaigh (Londain)
T. Bodhlaor (Londain)
Bean Ui Bhodhlaeir (Londain)
Bean Ui Luaois (Londain)
A. Ni Thuathaigh (Luimneach)
N. Ni Atrais (Corcaigh)
G. Hobbs (Beal Feirste)
L. Mac Thomais (Beal Feirste)
S. O Dochartaigh (Ath Cliath)

T.C.R.G. (Muinteoiri)

A. Nic Aodha (Ath Cliath)
A. Ni Mhurchu (Ath Cliath)
C. Ni Chionnaith (Ath Cliath)
M. Ni Airmhi (Ath Cliath)
B. Ni Dhomhaigh (Ath Cliath)
S. Mac an Mhaoir (Aontroma)
* C. O Muiri (Beal Feirste)
Bean An Treanlamhaigh (Birmingham)
Bean Ui Thuathail (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
Bean Ui Chinneide (Glascu)
G. O Tuathaigh (Luimneach)

9. RIALACHAIN COMORTAS:
Regulations for Competitions.

A copy of Regulations and recommendations now being issued to organisers of competitions is included later in this Newsletter for the information of teachers and adjudicators.

that in future local meetings will be arranged from time to time at which members of the Commission will meet local teachers to discuss problems, explain developments, etc. It is hoped to hold the first of such meetings in September next.

10. AISTRITHE - Transfers.

The Rule relating to transfers has now been amended with effect from 1st July to read "Dalta ar bith a aistritear ar chuinse ar bith o rang muinteora claraithe amhain go dti rang muinteora claraithe eile nil cead aige/aici bheith ina iomathoir ar chomortas rince go coann se mi feilire tar ois an l Eanáir no l Iúil, pe data acu is tuisce, i mdhaidh an data ar a bhfuarthas fios an aistrithe ag Runai An Choimisiuin.

The effect of the amendment is that henceforth a pupil who changes classes will not be eligible to compete in competitions for six calendar months from the 1st July or 1st January (whichever is earliest) following the date notification of the transfer is received by the Secretary of An Coimisiun.

For example, a pupil who changes classes on, say, 1st February will not be eligible for competitions until six months after the following 1st July, i.e. he may again compete in competitions from the following January 1st. The period of "suspension" could therefore vary from six to twelve months depending on the date of transfer.

Future Newsletters will, amongst other purposes, be used for listing transfers.

11. LIOSTAI OIFIGIULA - Official Lists
Supplements bringing the printed lists of Registered Teachers and Adjudicators up-to-date are attached. These Supplements are valid only up to 31st December, 1967. Any alterations between now and then will be listed in future Newsletters.

Very often, on changing address, teachers and adjudicators overlook informing An Coimisiun of the change and it would be appreciated if, in future, changes of address are notified immediately they occur.

12. RIALACHA - Rules.

An up-to-date copy of the Rules of An Coimisiun is attached.

13. CRUINNITHE - Meetings.

In order to provide closer personal contact between An Coimisiun and Teachers and Adjudicators and promote mutual understanding and cooperation it has been decided

14. BRISEADH RIALACHA - Breaches of Rules.

A standing sub-committee of An Coimisiun has been set up to fully investigate all written reports of alleged breaches of Commission Rules, recommend penalties, etc. The members of the sub-committee are M. O Riain, S. de Cleir, O. Mac an Mhacaire, I. Ni Chaidbheil, A. Ni Thuathaigh, C. Mac Fhionnlaoich and S. Mac Con Uladh.

15. COMORTAISÍ - Competitions.

Members of An Coimisiun are now being delegated to attend competitions from time to time and furnish reports to the above sub-committee on organisation, facilities, etc., as it is intended to insist in future on a certain standard of organisation and facilities being maintained.

16. SCRUDAITHE - Examinations.

A special sub-committee has been established to examine and consider the minimum standards required to qualify in the Teachers and Adjudicators Examinations and also the syllabus and methods of examination and furnish a report and recommendations to An Coimisiun.

17. "GRADU" COMORTAS - Grading of Competitions.

Up to now competitions have been graded on various bases, for example, "beginner", "non-prize winner (N.P.W.)", "non-cup holder" etc., etc., and the definition of these terms often differed from area to area. As will be seen from the instructions issued to organisers of competitions it has now been decided that with effect from 1st AUGUST, 1967, the only gradings which may be utilised are as follows:-

1. BUN-GHRAD ("Primary") Open to dancers who have never won first prize under any age limit for the particular dance specified for the competition (this definition is synonymous with the generally accepted definition of the former "beginner" grade).

2. MEAN-GHRAD ("Intermediate") Open to dancers who have never won first prize outside of "Bun-Ghrad" for the particular dance specified for the competition, i.e. for the purposes of this grade first prizes won in "Bun-Ghrad" (or in the former "beginner" grade) are disregarded. It should be noted that the definition of Mean-Ghrad differs significantly from most of the

various definitions of the former "non-prizewinner" grade.

3. ARD-GHRAD ("Open") Open to all dancers if qualified as to age and area.

THE DEFINITIONS GIVEN ABOVE FOR THE VARIOUS GRADES ARE BEING INTRODUCED AT FIRST ON A TRIAL BASIS. THEY WILL BE REVIEWED IN APRIL, 1968, AND REVISED IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

Where a syllabus for competitions on or after 1st August, 1967, has already been printed or issued including the former terms "beginner" and "non-prizewinner" these terms shall be taken to mean "Bun-Ghrad" and "Mean-Ghrad" respectively.

As a result of this change teachers should carefully examine the prizewinning "records" of their pupils - particularly those who were eligible to dance in "non-prizewinner" competitions prior to 1st August - to determine for what dances they still remain eligible in the "Mean-Ghrad" category.

18. CRUINNITHE - Meetings.

Beginning in September next representatives of An Coimisiun will from time to time hold meetings at different centres throughout the country with the teachers of the surrounding areas to discuss local problems, clarify rules etc. Further details of these meetings will be announced in a few weeks time.

19. CURSAI SRL. - Courses etc.

It has been agreed in principle to hold during the year ahead a number of seminars and courses dealing with various aspects of Irish dancing. When the matter has been further discussed and details finalised all teachers will be informed accordingly.
