

1965

Back to work on 8th Jan followed by D+D. Leo returned middle of Jan. playing squash with Ed Lewis D+I making friends with Ed + Marg Lewis, Mike + Maggie Lewis, Terry + Leslie Jones, Richard + Dorothy Cooper. Began my first artistic attempts

Rad + Mike came over on 16th March with Morris 1000 trailer to give up. Went home again in Morris 10.4 Dana standing at Poppen (1st April).

Granny Kerr died 12th June. D+I went to Holywell Manor summer ball. Playing cricket for the Lab. - good fun. Dana's first Birthday with Polyn Cooper, Joanna Lewis and Daniel Jones.

Home on 4th July to Portlunt for holiday (+ Dungannon)
4th August - back to work again Josephine came back to Oxford with us and began work and Nielson Co. as a secretary (market research firm) I began operating the new computer (Tues + Thurs evenings - then all Fri night) Work really began to take shape and become productive - began to think about writing thesis. Again tried soccer - phut! But playing squash still with Ed and Dave Lewis. Captained Lab. cricket team. D+I very happy.

Duncan Dallas married Clodan (4th Oct.) - St. Giles in Moning - Balliol Chapel afternoon - champagne (egotistical realism?) D. ^{witness.} ~~was~~ 1st Nov. gave first big party in 23, Sandford Road Holywell Manor Christmas Dance (2nd Dec.) v. enjoyable. Left D+D. to London airport (19th) to fly home. Flew to Edinburgh on 21st Dec. met by Colin Weatherly - stayed with Mrs + Mr Dallas. Next day spent getting ready for Weatherly's wedding. Evening a wash-out except for Duncan + Clodan. I was best man for Weatherly when he married (?). Late afternoon train to Stranraer and slept in boat - to Larne next morning ~~to~~ and home on Xmas eve. Christmas in C'Dune + Dana's 2nd Xmas.



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Dear Mr. Brennen,

It was very pleasant to hear from you again and to know that you have been able to make some progress in preparing a report on the work you did here last summer even though family commitments must now take up much more of your surplus energies.

George Gadd and I have had some first thoughts about the puzzling points you raise in your letter and we feel that they may not be quite so odd as appear at first sight. Only a very small variation in the velocity of the upper tank level V_u is necessary to maintain an almost consistent value of your cavitation number σ . George Gadd doubts whether your curve of water level against time is straight to the required accuracy, and this may influence your interpretation of your results. Indeed, George suspects that your pictures may all have been taken in the initial phase of the run where there is virtually steady cavity length and steady speed, and here again this may affect your conclusions. Both he and I will be glad to discuss your results at leisure if you care to visit us one afternoon in the near future. Is this a possibility? If so, we leave it to you to suggest a convenient date when perhaps you might care to give either George or me a ring.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD

IN a man's world the name of one Irish-woman has a habit of popping up. Big business and politics have both felt the force of her personality and acumen. Now Mrs. Irene Calvert has done it again.

She has been appointed executive director of the Republic's seven state-owned hotels, and the prospect of delving into the business of plush cocktail bars and starched waiters bothers her not a bit.

Director

This remarkable 54-year-old widow has been an executive director of the Ulster Weaving Company, Belfast, for 12 years after leaving the daily company of Ulster's 50 M.P.s in Stormont.

In parliament she sat as the independent member for her old university, Queens.

Mrs. Calvert buried herself in a huge chair, normally filled by the weaving company chairman, and brushed aside the idea that her new appointment was yet another milestone on the path of power. "I am more excited by the challenges of my new job," she said.

She tried to explain her success in the domain of the male animal.

"Maybe it's because I never looked for their sympathy," she suggested. "I have always tried to stand up for myself."

Fighter

Stand up she did in the Northern Ireland Parliament, where she earned herself a reputation as a tenacious fighter.

But the restless Mrs. Calvert needed new fields to conquer. She was still an M.P. in 1952 when she took a job as a part-time economist with the Ulster Weaving Company. Within a year she was on the board.

Earlier this year Irene Calvert broke down her biggest all-male barrier, when she became the first woman president of Belfast



MRS. CALVERT

"Men are chivalrous"

Chamber of Commerce since it was formed 182 years ago.

When she bangs her gavel on the mahogany table top about 60 wealthy businessmen stop their chattering and listen.

Are men a bit inhibited when a woman rules the roost?

An emphatic "No" from Mrs. Calvert. "I believe the contrary is the case. Men have a chivalrous attitude towards women and they go out of their way to be helpful.

"I don't believe in trying feminine charm to get their co-operation. I just get on with the job of ensuring that everyone gets a fair chance to speak. The fact a woman is in charge does not matter one whit."

AUTO BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE written
by my mother MURIEL MAUD BRENNEN
about 1960 → 70

My husband (he to start the Mid-Vlster Hospital) & I came to Magherafelt in 1945. Colin was born in 1946 & Paula in 1949 - ~~the~~ Chris & Peter & Michael having been born in Belfast. I will not go into detail about the shock & trauma of finding that dear Paula was 'Downes Syndrome' - suffice it to say that she was very lethargic & one feeding time just ran into the other. However with the help of my wonderful daily help we managed through the v. early days. She was Mrs Maisie Brown & her daughter now works for me. Being so busy with my husband & the three boys I began to get very worried about P's education - she had been certified as 'very low grade' which was terribly depressing but I did my best to work with simple toys & counting frames etc but she got very tired & cross easily. Isn't it impossible to

believe that there was nothing for
Mentally Handicapped children in the
whole area. ? After some years I
was introduced to Dr. Weir - ^{a very fine} Medical
Superintendent at Muchamore Abbey +
I arranged to take Paula ~~the~~ to the
school there each day in the car -
the double journeys being over 80
miles ^{per day} - however as the winters
were very snowy + icy I had to give
that up and again became very
worried and exhausted.

Now I come to the very worst days of
my life - my friends had been
keeping at me about how much I had
to do + my tiring health + much against
my better judgment - I agreed with Dr
Weir to let Paula be resident at
M. A. When I tell you that five
days later (they had asked me not to
visit at first) I got an S.O.S for

Dr. Wein to come for P. My husband & I
rushed there immediately & discovered
P. very ill & dehydrated with bad
weals on her wrists & ankles where
she had obviously been tied into bed.
It transpired that there was a very bad
Matron who was dismissed right
away. Fortunately our good friend

1) McConnell ^{Senior Physician}
- drip fed etc etc

Hosp. ^{at least} Recov. slowly

2 years Not leave us & slept

very badly. Also it had v. bad effect
on me - terrible feeling of guilt at letting her
leave a baby home where she had always been so

About 1954 the D.H.SS had ^{looked} ^{after}
touch very Rev. Dr James very dish

Church Hall no facilities

~~St John's~~

friends Committee Mr. McCormick
J. O'Byrne ~~4/5~~
E. Wilson A. Clann

to 1st pupils - some others
Phyllis Walsh - Mrs D. Flack etc
later on help of F O'Byrne ^{who etc} etc
moved to St John's Hall but there
were still no facilities of any kind
though by that time Mrs Jean Clarke
(now head - - - was head +
made the very best of what there was
At the same time as well as all
the Parents meetings I attended
endless meetings at Buntyn Hall
with Mr Mac C. + Mrs C + eventually
we moved into the premises at
~~Hosp. Road which was mostly~~
the school after much persuasion
we got the school + as more + more
chairs were chise. by S. Services we
were always very overcrowded
In due to much work by Mrs
Clarke the marvellous big premises
- Killisnoan School was built
+ Hosp. Rd. became the Adult

Centre where Mrs Sally Boyle took
over + made many improvements
but as pupils came from Kilfronan
there was always over crowding
Sadly Mrs S. B. had to retire
owing to ill health but a young active
~~Head~~ ~~was~~ with Head, Green & helped
by Link worker Martina R.