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Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan
1886 - 1973

It is with sadness that we report the death of Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan October 15, 1973. He was age 87.

Jerry O'Callaghan, an honorary member of the Irish Terrier Club of America, was our link to the early days of Irish Terriers. I believe all would agree that his impact on the breed as a breeder of Irish Terriers was unique. And it was a beneficial impact.

He was a line breeder, with an uncanny instinct for the right matings, instinct sharpened by long experience. Over the years he bred many champions, some bearing his Kilvara, and briefly, Aroostock, prefixes. He was a respected judge of numerous breeds for many years.

Jerry O'Callaghan was born in County Cork, Ireland, on September 27, 1886. He came to America as a boy of 11. In 1902 he acquired his first Irish Terrier and he was involved with Irish Terriers for the rest of his life, a career spanning 71 years. He retired from active dog breeding in the mid-sixties. In 1967 he saw one of the last dogs he bred, Champion Kilvara Fitzpatrick, win Best of Breed at the ITCA Specialty in New York, and at Westminster next day. Only a few short weeks ago he was taken to see a litter of puppies belonging to friends, to make his evaluation.

A book could, and should, be written about Jerry O'Callaghan, so long and successful were his undeviating efforts to bring Irish Terriers up to the Standard of the Breed. He was a giant among us. It can truthfully be said that he became a legend in his own time. A friendly man, direct and outspoken, he gave help to all who sought it from him. He was honest. He was tough-minded when firmness was called for. His was a keen intellect. In all, he was a gentleman.

Our sorrow at the departure of Jerry O'Callaghan is made easier to bear, but not diminished, by our gratitude for his long presence with us.

Irish Terrier Specialty at the Montgomery County KC show.

Chalk up another rare win for Irish Terriers. Richard and Sharie Diamond's Ch. Carris's Watch Me, after winning Best of Breed at the ITCA Specialty October 7, paired with his litter mate sister, Ch. Carris's See Me Go, to win Best Brace in Show, against the other terrier breed braces.

The last time Irish Terriers won BBIS at Montgomery County was in 1963 when Joyce Wilson showed her Ch. Dundalk's Scarlet O'Hara and Ch. Dungarvin's Hell Fire to top brace honors.

By all counts our Mabel Storum Woods Memorial Specialty show was full of satisfaction. The weather was pleasant, There was only one absentee from the entry of 28. Judging was in the competent hands of ITCA member Dr. Leon Seligman. There were entries, as well as ITCA members, from the West Coast and Midwest along with those from up and down the East Coast. Then there was the fillip of the Carris's Best Brace in Show.

The ITCA dinner the night before the Specialty, at the King of Prussia Holiday Inn, drew 38 diners. It was gratifying to see new members there, R.J. Koepfel from Illinois and Jim and "Liz" Wilson from Michigan (have I omitted any?), as well as those others who traveled long distances. A tribute to Mrs. Woods, to whom the Specialty was dedicated, was spoken at the dinner.

Back to the Specialty winner, Ch. Carris's Watch Me (call name Fuzz) had a highly successful week-end, winning BOB at four shows on four successive days, Hatboro October 5, Devon on the 6th, Specialty the 7th, and Sussex Hills the 8th. To sweeten the Carris's cup, Ch. Carris's See Me Go was BOS at Hatboro and Devon. Fuzz also had a GR3 at Watertown, N.Y. in September to add to a GR 4 and the recent GR1 at Westchester.

I understand that Kevin and Jean Howard's Seamus Sinn Fein, one of the competitors from California, finished his championship with a WD at Hatboro. I must also note the several BOB wins collected by Margaret and Rocky Stones' handsome Ch. Rockmar Sheamus, also from California, on his current Eastern tour. He added to the keenness of the competition in the Specials class at the Specialty.

Since writing the foregoing paragraphs I learn that Ch. Carris's Watch Me took a GR2 at the Rock Creek show in Gaithersburg, Md., under Robert Moore, October 14, and a GR3 at the Carroll County show at Westminster, Md., under Henry Stoecker October 15. (Note - please let me know of your Group placements.)

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Results of the ITCA Mabel Storumt Woods Memorial
Specialty Show Oct. 7, 1973, at Ambler, Penna:

- BOB - Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Richard A. and Sharie E. Diamond)
WB and BOS - Cashel Moonrise (Joan L. and John J. Elliott, Jr.)
WD and BOW - Soctron's Hooley (Ed Sweeny)
RWD - Dungarvin's Careyman (Edgar S. Carey)
RWB - Riley's Tara of Glenworth (Phyllis J. Kendrick and Edward
F. Worth)

Dogs

Puppy Dogs

1. Foxglove Admiral Pippin (Mr. and Mrs. Diamond)

BBE

1. Renvyle's Jack Duggar (Paul X. Welch)

Am. Bred

1. Chris' Bogie (Phyllis J. Kendrick)

Open

1. Soctron's Hooley (Mr. Seeney)
2. Dungarvin's Careyman (Mr. Carey)
3. Sinn Fein Future Shock (Margaret Naughton)
4. Cocksure Barn-ee Blu (Robert Clyde and Stephen Sundheimer)

Bitches

Am. Bred

1. Riley's Tara of Glenworth (Miss Kendrick and Mr. Worth)
2. Mollie's Bonny of Bluffview (Jerry W. Keefe)

Open

1. Cashel Moonrise (Mr. and Mrs. Elliott)
2. Cocksure Bub-a-Lin Over (Robert E. Clyde)
3. Antram Irish Reflection (Klee C. and Anne B. Dobra)
4. Shanty Town Guided Missile (R.C. and P. Peters)

Best of Breed Competition

1. Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Mr. and Mrs. Diamond)
Ch. Dungarvin's Miss De Meaner (Teresa Irving and Joyce Wilson)
Ch. Riley's Mavourneen (Charles and Laureen Ritter)
Ch. Carris's See Me Go (Mr. and Mrs. Diamond)
Ch. Rockmar Sheamus (Rockwell L. Stone and Margaret Stone)
Ch. Blazer's Tim Casey (Michael Gately)
Ch. Antram Rampage (Mr. and Mrs. Dobra)

Brace Class

1. Ch. Carris's See Me Go and Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Mr. and Mrs.
Diamond)

After the judging at the Specialty, judge Dr. Seligman gave us the following comments about his entry:

"Generally, all dogs were in good condition. I will mention particularly the good heads and good slope of necks into the shoulders. Some of the entry needed a little filling in. There were a couple of bad mouths. As to movement, we must continue to work on it in Irish Terriers. Better hindquarters will give better movement. There were those in the entry that were narrow in the rear, which pulled in the legs.

"All specials were good representatives of the breed.

"My Best of Breed had good head and good neck line into the shoulders. He moved well. And he was the right size.

"I enjoyed the judging. The stewarding was very good, for which I thank Mr. Clark (James E.) and the Irish Terrier Club members who assisted. I was pleased to see the congeniality at ringside, and the good sportsmanship."

The stewards mentioned by Dr. Seligman, in addition to Mr. Clark, were Laureen and Charles Ritter and Gary Hammer, who helped particularly with the trophies.

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New Members. We welcome:

Kevin and Jean (Mr. and Mrs.) Howard
166 Funston Ave.
San Francisco, Calif. 94118

Mr. and Mrs. Howard have been active in the Irish Terrier Club of Northern California for several years.

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Thought for the Day. Heard of a radio talk show recently, a comment by a veterinarian: "There are two basic rules in taking care of dogs -- cleanliness and common sense".

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The American Kennel Club will conduct a symposium on the subject "A Day with AKC", on Saturday, December 1, 1973, at Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. It will start at 9:30 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m., with a luncheon at noon. The purpose of the symposium is to explain "What AKC Is...What AKC does...What AKC Means to You.". The meeting is open to all. Reservations are necessary. I can provide you with a reservation form. Reservations are limited to 1,000, first come first served. Please write me if you wish to go, or write to the AKC for a reservation form.

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Other show results.

Hatboro Dog Club, Inc., Oct. 5, '73. Judge, Mrs. Grace M. Brewin.
BOB - Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Richard and Sharie Diamond)
BOS - Ch. Carris's See Me Go (Diamond).
WD - Seamus Sinn Fein (Keven and Jean Howard)
WB/BOW - Mollie's Bonny of Bluffview (Jerry W. Keefe)
RWD - Chris Bogie (Phyllis J. Kendrick)
RWB - Alchemy Red Alert (Portia Campbell and Joel Hertz)

Devon Dog Show Association, Oct. 6, '73. Judge, John W. Hillman.
BOB - Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Diamond)
BOS - Ch. Carris's See Me Go (Diamond)
WD/BOW - Soctron's Hooley (Ed. J. Sweeny)
WB - Cashel Moonrise (Joan and John Elliott)
RWD - Seamus Sinn Fein (Howard)
RWB - Mollie's Bonny of Bluffview (Keefe)

Irish Terrier Club of New York Specialty, Westbury Kennel Association, Sept. 30, '73. Judge, Dr. David G. Doane.
BOB - Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Diamond)
BOS - Ch. Kincora's Kerry Ann Girl (Susan Young/Joseph O'Connor)
WD - Blazer's Fusilier (Mary Gately)
WB and BOW - Cocksure Bub-a-Lin Over (Robert E. Clyde)
RWD - Renvyle's Banny Taig (Paul X. Welch)
RWD - Riley's Tara of Glenworth (Phyllis Kendrick/Edward Worth)

Sweepstakes, judged by Doris Van Duyne: Best in Sweepstakes -
Sinn Fein Future Shock, owned by Margaret Naughton.

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ITCA Specialty, New York, February 10, 1974.

Chairman Joyce Wilson has now named her committees for the up-coming winter Specialty, and they are on the march. Members are:

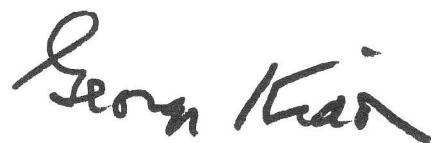
Trophies - Karen Worth, Edward Worth, Phyllis Kendrick.

Advertising - Ann Dobra, Klee Dobra.

Hospitality - Elizabeth Clark, chairman; Mary Gately, June Kennedy, Jean Sturdy, Mary Jane Sturdy, Doris Van Duyne.

Publicity - Mrs. A. O. Griffiths.

Judge for the New York Specialty will be Robert Marshall.



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