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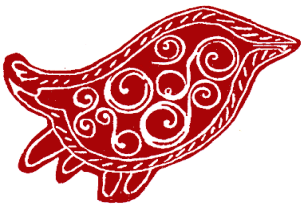

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JAMES MEAGHER

The unexpected death on 19 August 1987 of Mr Jim Meagher, a member of this Society for many years and in recent years one of its Hon. Auditors, came as a shock to his many friends in historical and commercial circles in North and East Cork.

A native of North Cork, educated at Charleville CBS, Jim maintained a close contact with his beloved Charleville-Doneraile country, though he had since the mid-50's lived in Cobh where he had a managerial position in a local company. He played a key role in the foundation of both the Charleville and District (1975) and the Great Island (1974) Historical Societies, of which latter society he had been an officer since its foundation.

A regular contributor to the *Kerryman/Corkman* over the years, selections from his fine series of articles on the history of Charleville published in the *Kerryman* in 1957 were republished last year in the first issue of the *Charleville Historical Journal*. In recent years, he had also contributed a weekly column on local history to the *Southern Star*. He derived great satisfaction from seeing his collection of the poems of Con O'Brien, the 'Bard of Ballyhea', appear in print in 1981 and was also instrumental in producing historical walk leaflets for Charleville (with Ted O'Riordan) and Cobh.

He was equally active in other spheres of life. He was the founding chairman of Cobh (later Cobh and Harbour) Chamber of Commerce in 1959 and was its secretary from then until his death. He was a founding member of Cobh Information Centre and Cobh Economic Forum and more recently was instrumental in having the Lusitania mass-graves at Clonmel near Cobh suitably marked by memorial plaques. He had been a member of Cork Co. Library Committee since 1975.

His intimate knowledge of his own countryside made a trip to North Cork in his company a constant pleasure. A great store of folk-knowledge touching on episodes such as the Doneraile Conspiracy is lost with his passing. His friends everywhere will join in expressing their sympathy to his wife Peg and his three daughters on their loss.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Tim Cadogan

The loss to the Society of the following deceased members is also recorded with regret:

Mr R.B. Jagoe, Currabinny.
Mr C.A.M. Nolan, Model Farm Rd.

NOTE

The Council of the Society has re-appointed Mr R.I. Henchion as Hon. Press Officer, Ms Ann Barry as Hon. Indexer and Ms Anne Coleman as Hon. Librarian.

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