

American History Puzzle To Irish Lad at Glen-Nor

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With the Belgian Congo for a birthplace, the Giant's Causeway for a playground and the countryside of Ireland for exploring, Donald



DONALD MACAW

Macaw still finds much in America to admire and wonder at. So much in fact, that the eighteen-year-old senior at Glen-Nor High School plans to enter college here, and remain in America from now on.

Donald flew to this country from Foynes, near Limerick, Ireland, on a Pan-American Clipper, March 3, of this year. The plane took "a wee bit longer than the fourteen hours usual," because it was grounded in Newfoundland, with engine trouble, but Donald and his mother, Mrs. Grace Ann Macaw, proceeded to New York, thence to Norwood, where they live at 124 Lean avenue. Donald, the youngest of three sons of Mrs. Macaw and the late Alexander Macaw, was entered in the 12-A class at Glen-Nor, where, according to his teachers, he is doing remarkably well in all his studies, particularly trigonometry. Because the state of Pennsylvania requires a certain background in American history, there is some question about his graduating this year. But, say his instructors, his almost phenomenal familiarity with English history keeps them all on their toes; and they are hoping to graduate him with his class. His adjustment to the new school, to his classmates, and to American customs has been accomplished with ease, and he is extremely popular with his fellow students—despite a tendency on their part to tease him about his decided accent.

"The accent is more Scottish than Irish, because, according to Donald, a Scottish colony was sent to Northern Ireland to settle, three hundred years ago—and they have retained their barr, in contrast to the more

Irish slur. However you say it, it falls gracefully on American ears.

Donald was born in Lolo, near the mouth of the Congo river in the Belgian Congo, while his mother and father were serving as Christian Missionaries there. At the age of six months he came to America, but returned to Africa, where he remained until he was five and a half years old. Then he went to live with an aunt, Mrs. Rose Hill, whose home six miles outside of Portrush is a stone's throw from the famed Giant's Causeway extending from Antrim into the North Irish sea. According to legend, it was the beginning of a Causeway the Giants planned to build across the channel to Scotland. Donald became very familiar with the countryside, there, while he attended Dunseverick grammar school and Bushmill secondary school, Bushmill, with Belfast and Dublin, is one of the "big three" in Irish whiskey manufacturing.

"The chief occupation is farming, of course," the student said. "And you'd be surprised what the importation of American mechanical equipment is doing to increase their production. Potatoes, flax and corn are still the principal crops." "Games? Well, they play soccer a great deal. And rugby. And American football, since the war and all the soldiers came. Hockey and Lacrosse—that's a form of hockey only a great deal rougher. I haven't yet learned many American games. But I did go skating in Chester, the other evening. I liked it well!" His eyes sparkled.

His first impression of his new home was of the myriad of lights in New York and Philadelphia. Even before the war, he said, Ireland had nothing of the sort, and he has been fascinated ever since with the neon signs, street lights, display lights and other wonderful electrical equipment.

James Albert, his older brother, is in London, awaiting transportation to this country, and his younger brother, Alexander, who attended Glen-Nor two years ago, is now serving in the United States Navy. His main interest? "With all the pretty bobby-soxers in the school hanging onto his accented voice, Donald is firm in his statement that his chief interest at the moment is mathematics!"

CONTAMINATION IN DELAWARE PROBED

Harrisburg (UP) — State legal action against the Bristol Processing Company for alleged diversion of tannery wastes into the Delaware River was threatened today when the firm was cited to the Justice Department by Health Secretary W. West.

Communities and industrial plants failing to comply with sanitary water board anti-pollution orders are referred to the legal agency for possible court action. The Department usually schedules conferences before taking this step, however, in an ef-

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