

Addergoole Titanic Society gets Boston boost

AN UNPRECEDENTED hand of friendship has been stretched across the Atlantic Ocean to Mayo's Addergoole Titanic Society, writes *Orla Hearn*.

The society is dedicated to highlighting the significant impact caused by the infamous sinking of the Titanic on the North Mayo parish of Addergoole and has some exciting plans in store to mark the 100th anniversary of that maritime tragedy.

The Belfast-built Titanic struck an iceberg during its maiden voyage to the USA and sank in the north Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912. More than 1,500 passengers perished, includ-



ing 11 of 14 Addergoole natives travelling on the ship.

This Friday, three members of the Addergoole society, Paul Nolan (chairman), Brian

Nolan and Michael Molloy (PRO) and a small group of people from the Lahardane area, will travel to Boston at their own expense where they will participate in the Boston Mayo Association's Irish History and Entertainment weekend on October 2 and 3.

The Boston Mayo Association is currently headed up by Evelyn Fennessy who is a native of Louisburgh and this year the group has decided to donate the proceeds from its annual dance to the Addergoole Titanic Society to help fund their centenary plans.

Many of the events planned by the association for Sunday next have been co-ordinated

to highlight the story of the Titanic and its relevance to Mayo in particular. A highlight of these will be the recreation of an 'American wake' narrated by Paul Dolan and a lecture/presentation depicting the story of the Addergoole 14 and the Titanic.

Maudy Dooher is one of the main organisers of the events in Boston. Her parents live in Enniscoe near Crossmolina. She told the *Western People*: "Native Mayo immigrants will be the actors (in the American wake) - quite fitting considering we all immigrated from Mayo too but of course under different circumstances."