



Eddie Tobin Banjo



Eddie Tobin, The Banjo, Wizard, Dies.

Eddie Tobin, the Dublin man who was known throughout Ireland and Britain as the "wizard of the banjo", died at his Crumlin, Dublin, home yesterday aged 62.

A mechanic all his life, he was employed by Booth Poole at the time of his death. Born in Pearse Square, Dublin (when it was known as Queens' Square), he began playing the banjo at the age of 16. He later took up the guitar and the mandolin and became proficient in all these instruments.

He was one of the first acts to come to prominence as one of "Carl Levi's discoveries" on BBC radio, the wartime equivalent of Hughie Greene's "Opportunity Knocks".

He was once described in a newspaper review as "the only classical banjo player in the British Isles".

Although his music was never recorded, he composed a large number of works for the banjo and these have been preserved.

He comes from a large musical family and his eldest son, Eddie jun., who died in 1968, following the first kidney transplant operation in Ireland, was a resident musician at Clerys, in Dublin, with the Tommy O'Brien Band. His other son Paul (25), who lives at the family home, is also excellent player of, the various stringed instruments.

Eddie Tobin is also survived by his wife Anne, and three daughters, Jean, Sylvia and Madeleine, all of whom are married.

Dedicated to my friend Jack MacGarvey

Banjo Antics

Banjo Solo

EDDIE TOBIN

13P 9P 10P 5P 8P 5P

1 2 2P

6P 10P 6P 5

10P 3P 5P 10P 10P 6P 9P 10PB

5P 5P 5P 5P 10PB

5P 5P 9P 10P 4

Ex. 1 2 3 4

2 5P 3P 10P

5P 5P 5PB 10P 11P

Fine

* Play Repeat with 1st-time bars as written then to 3rd time bars