

DAFFODIL SHOW BEST EVER, SAYS DUCHESS



Omagh left, winner of the Olive Parke Trophy for the floral art section at the daffodil show, and Mrs. F. Morgan, winner of the floral art trophy for the highest points in classes.



THE 1979 spring show, organised by the Omagh and District Horticultural Society, was the best ever, the Duchess of Abercorn, said on Saturday.

Speaking at the annual daffodil and spring flower show in Omagh Technical College, the Duchess said that despite a terrible winter the exhibitors had produced a tremendous show of flowers and it was the best ever in the 17-year history of the show.

She said that she was proud to have been asked to hand over the prizes to the winning growers and she congratulated them on their skill and endurance.

The guests were welcomed to the college by Mrs. N. Moan, chairman of the Omagh and District Horticultural Society, who extended a special welcome to overseas visitors who were attending the show as part of World Daffodil Convention.

Mrs. Moan expressed thanks to the Western Education and Library Board for the use of the college premises and to everyone who helped to organise the show.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Olive Parke, the autumn show secretary, to the Duchess

Mrs. Parke said that the whole Abercorn family was very much involved in the interests and affairs of the horticultural society and they had shown their support over the years.

"We are deeply grateful for her

Intermediate Cup, highest points in intermediate classes, R. Workman, Newtownards.

Novice Cup, highest points in novice classes, W.J. E. Dukelow, Omagh, and R. Bownass, Lisburn.

Glasgow Trophy, highest points in general-flower classes, W. J. E. Dukelow.

Floral Art Trophy, highest points in open floral art classes, Mrs. F. Morgan, Omagh.

Olive Parke Trophy, highest points in floral art novice classes—Mrs. Jean Hamill, Omagh.

Best blooms: Intermediate, R. Workman; trumpet daffodils, T. R. Eakins, Portadown; long cupped, A. McCabe; and other division, Rathowen Daffodils.

COLLECTION CLASSES

Three blooms, large cupped, 1, T. R. Eakins; 2, A. J. Carlisle; 3, A. McCabe.



Reversed bicolour, 1, A. McCabe; 2, Rathowen Daffodils; 3, T. Gibson.

Double daffodils, 1, T. R. Eakins; 2, A. J. Carlisle; 3, S. Bankhead.

Rimmed varieties, with red or orange in cup, 1, A. McCabe; 2, T. R. Eakins; 3, S. Bankhead.

Pink colouring in cup, 1, G. Andrews; 2, B. Sterling; 3, A. McCabe.

Cyclamineus, 1, Mrs. Reade; 2, Rathowen Daffodils; 3, T. R. Eakins.

Jonquilla, 1, I. Gibson; 2, Mrs. Reade; 3, A. J. Carlisle.

Triandrus or tazetta, 1, T. R. Eakins; 2, A. J. Carlisle; 3, R. Bownass.

Poeticus, 2, Mr. McCabe; 3, T. R. Eakins.

Seedling unregistered, any division raised by exhibitor, 1, Michael Ward, Dublin; 2, A. J. Carlisle; 3, T. Bloomer, Ballymena.

Seedling, unregistered any division, judged for novelty, 1, Mrs. Reade; 2, G. Andrews; 3, M. Ward, Dublin.

One bloom of daffodil named "Omagh", 1, T. Bloomer; 2, Rathowen Daffodils.

INTERMEDIATE

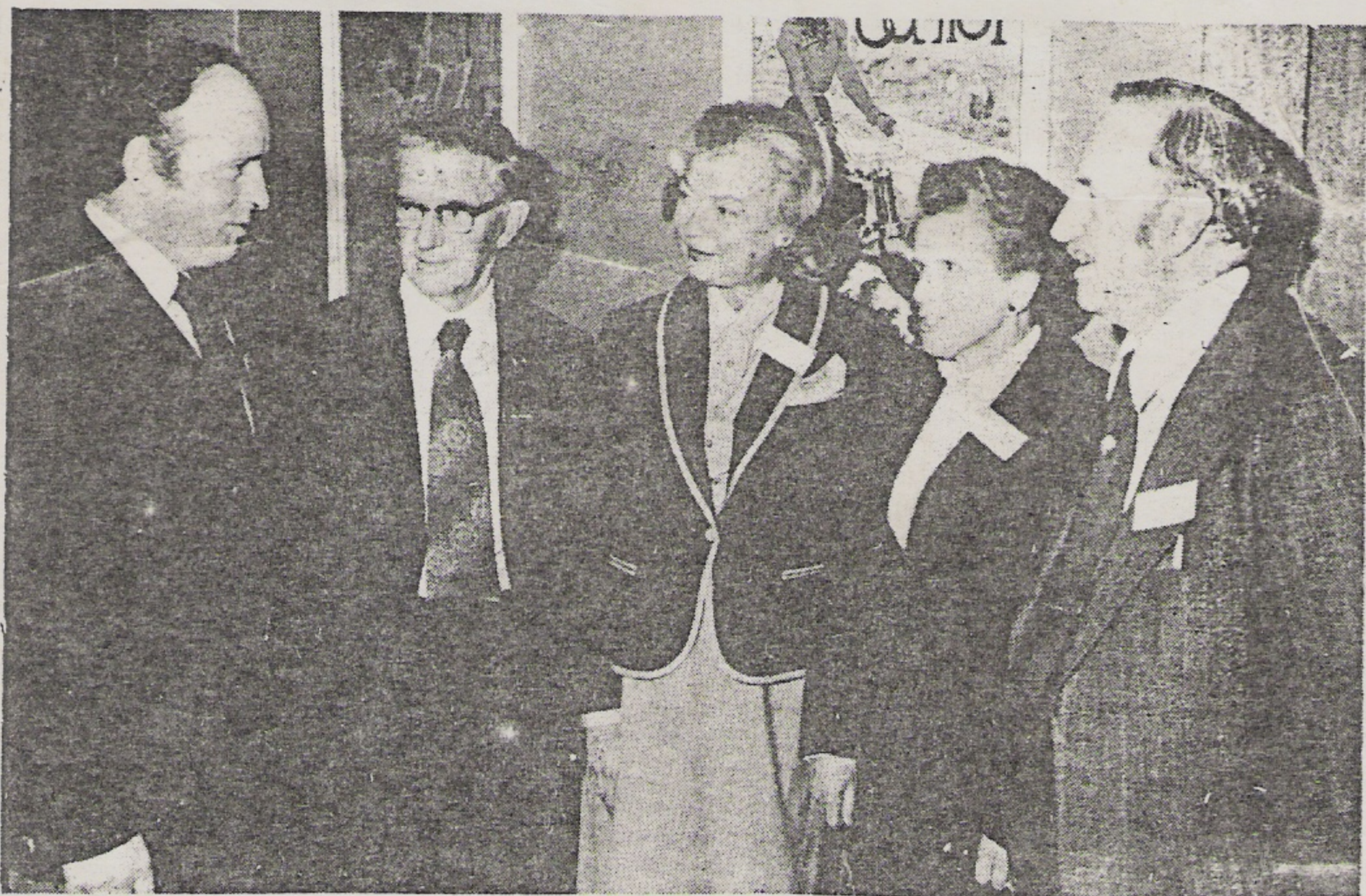
Three blooms, trumpet, 1, G. McCormick, Drumahoe; 2, R. Workman; 3, Mrs. E. Fisher, Belfast.

Three blooms, long cupped, 1, Mrs. Fisher; 2, R. Workman; 3, R. A. McMullen, Wirral, Cheshire.

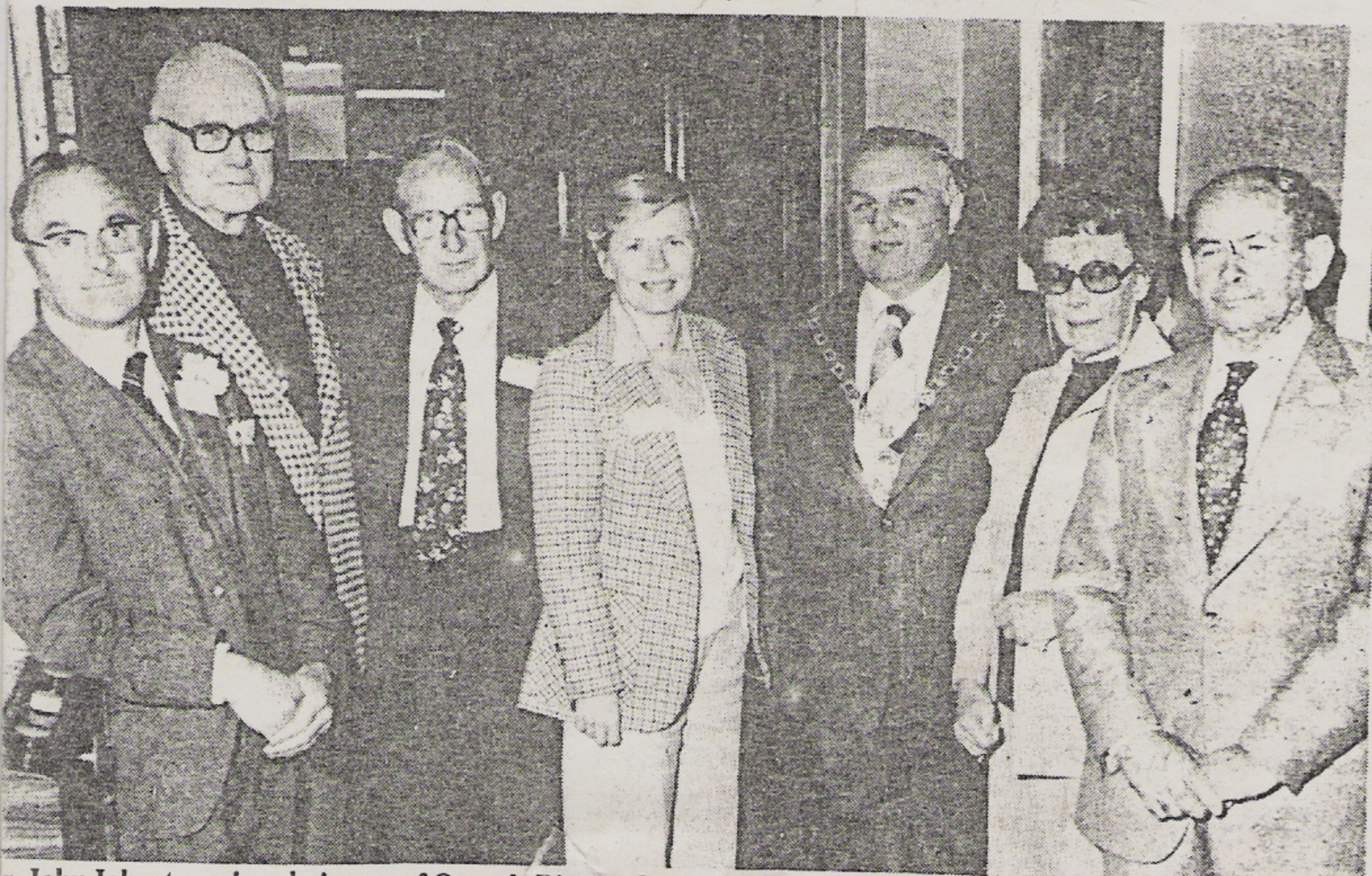
Three blooms, short cupped, 1, R. Workman.

Six varieties, 1, G. McCormick; 2, R. Workman; 3, Mrs. Fisher.

One bloom yellow trumpet, 1, R. A. McMullen; 2, R. Workman;



Mrs. N. Moan, second from right, chairman of the Omagh and District Horticultural Society, pictured with visitors from the various countries who attended the spring show in Omagh on Saturday, and Mr. Brian Duncan, committee member, left. The visitors are Mr. Phil Phillips, New Zealand, Mrs. Louise Hardison, Tennessee, U.S.A., and Mr. F. R. Coles, Australia.



Mr. John Johnston, vice-chairman of Omagh District Council, pictured with Mr. W. J. Dukelow, vice-chairman of the Omagh and District Horticultural Society, and visitors from overseas at a lunch given by Omagh District