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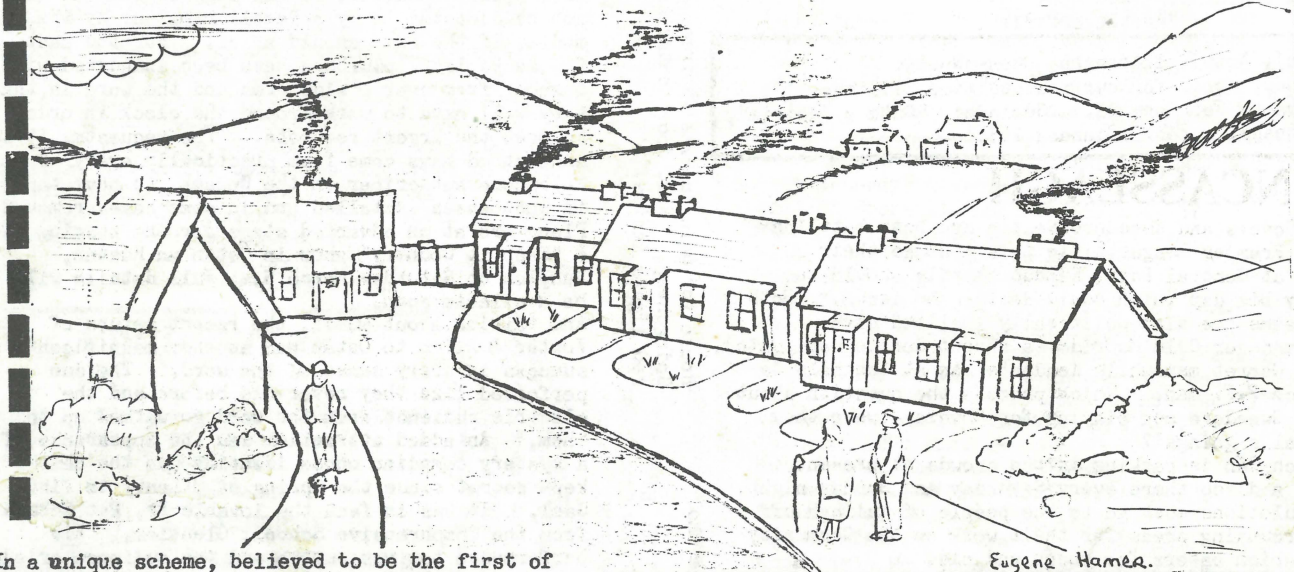
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## ANAGAIRE'S NEW "VILLAGE"



Eugene Hamea.

In a unique scheme, believed to be the first of its kind, a voluntary organisation will soon start building a mini-village for old people in Anagaire. The "village", consisting of 10 cottages and a Day Centre is the brainchild of Anagaire Geriatric Association who have formed a sub-committee to raise the £150,000 needed for the project. A site has been acquired beside the Anagaire Cope, fund-raising activities have commenced and it is hoped to start building work as soon as possible.

The cottages will be designed specifically for old people e.g. there will be no steps, doors will be wider to accommodate wheelchairs, water taps will be adapted to make it easier for old people to use them, etc. In the Day Centre the old people will be able to see the doctor, the priest can hear confessions and they will be able to watch T.V. and socialize. The North Western Health Board have promised to provide a staff of two on a full-time basis for the scheme. Committee members, Dr. Bonner, Nurse Gallagher, Anthony (an Bhainne) O'Donnell, Timmy McBride (Fíorghlan) and Seamus (Peter) Boyle would greatly appreciate your donations and hope the people of the area will support their fund-raising campaign in the months ahead. Above is an artist's impression of the village.



Níonn muid comhghairdeachas le Áine Nic Giolla Bhríde as an Luinnigh, Gaoth Dobhair - 'Donegal Person of the Year' na bliana seo.

### THE DONKEY

Oh Donkey, dear wee donkey,  
They call you a stupid ass,  
For eating weeds and thistles,  
And not just luscious grass.

But Donkey, dear wee donkey,  
You're wiser than you seem;  
In eating all the wholesome herbs,  
You have picked the cream!

For Donkey, dear wee donkey,  
When riding on your back,  
Didn't HE pointed-out the things to eat,  
And blessed you with HIS MARK?

HE signed you with  
The Sign Of The Cross,  
To let the whole world know,  
That you were truly HIS dear friend,  
So many years ago.

Le Michael Colum.



Oibríthe Gairmeídí Teo. ag cuir "Picket" ar Eastát Tionsclaíochta Ghaoth Dobhair. Tá siad ar stailc oifigiúil anois.

## EAGARALT

Our educational system has been in the news recently because of the school transport fees introduced by the Government. It takes something like this to make parents sit up and take notice, but how many parents are aware of an immense problem confronting their children and teachers at the present time. The problem is that a small (?) number of school-goers are being kept at school (often to keep them out of the way) but who have absolutely no interest in education. There's probably a few in every classroom and they are constantly hindering the work of teachers and causing unmeasurable damage to the young people who genuinely want to avail of the education being provided and pass their exams. It is a serious problem which needs to be tackled urgently. But how?

"An tEagarthóir".

Altannaí, Nótaí, litreacha, Guess Who's, sidelines, 7r1. for our next edition (??) must reach us by February 23. Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Fón: Bunbeag 265.

## KINCASSLAGH

Keadue Rovers and Gweedore Celtic are both battling for the Premier League title this year so their meeting at Central Park, Keadue shortly should be a really big day which could decide the issue. Both these teams are also politically inclined with Celtic manager Colm McBride (a recent Senate candidate), a Loyal Garret man while Keadue's man at the helm is a staunch F.F. man. Which prompts the question about all the Gweedore men playing for Rovers - were they political signings?? The Teach Bán is packing in the crowds at present. There's a disco there every Saturday and Sunday night. Congratulations must go to the people of Mullaghduff and surrounding areas for their work on the Community Centre which caters for young and old. It is reported that three men from the Meenbanad/Keadue area have their bogs paired. After Donegal County Council spending £4,000 on the cleaning of the canal last year, the Lake at Mullaghderg still flows into the football field.

## GLENTIES

A Concert was held in the Highlands Hotel, Glenties on January 6th in aid of the Glenties Tidy Town project. A writer's workshop was recently opened in Glenties. The town's local piped T.V. is on the air every Wednesday and features local news, events, etc. Rock a Billy Rebel, featuring local talent have recently issued a new single entitled, "Fooling Around" which is now on sale in the shops. We all miss Allie the Postman, and why wouldn't we after the many years of dedicated service he gave us. We wish him many happy years of retirement.

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following happy couples:  
Marion Clifford, Dunfanaghy 7 Fergal McLaughlin, Dungiven.  
May O'Donnell, Glen Road, Anagaire 7 Peter Mulloy, Dooley, Leitir.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following couples on their new arrival:  
Bernie agus Joe Duffy, Dobhar (gasúr).  
Bríd agus John Gallagher, Dobhar (gasúr)

To the poison-pen letter writer hiding behind the cowardly cloak of anonymity.  
To the business and private people who dump their rubbish in the Sleeghan/Strakeenagh area.  
To the married women with a wage coming in from their husbands who deprive young people of jobs.  
To everyone who visited an old person during the bad weather and saw to their needs.  
Do achan duine atá ag tabhairt cuidiú agus tacaíocht do cuid oibrithe Gairmeídi Teo.  
To the priests who have the courage to condemn the people who leave our churches at Communion time.

## RASPBERRIES



## ROSES



## DUNGLOE

At the Annual Dinner & Dance of the Dungloe G.A.A. Club, Jim the Cope was guest of honour. Why? Search me! In the course of his address he complemented the Club on their extremely generous contribution to the Church Building Fund - £1,000, being 25% of the Club's share of the Mayor Election proceeds. He pointed out that he was pleased to be associated with the Mayor event and felt confident that, on the next occasion it would be possible to increase on £3,000. His term of office which began in August '82 should continue 'till August '84, but, however he suggested that in recent times it had become popular to go to the Park at least once a year. Naturally, this gives rise to speculation about perhaps a Spring election. Whether or not he would be a candidate is yet uncertain. However, he did suggest that he would not be dictated to by a "small ramp" or by the media, if the case should arise. For the past few weeks local plumbers have been inundated with request from over a wide area and the word is that they will have to work 'round the clock in order to meet the urgent requests. The requests, it is understood have come from practically every telephone subscriber in the Rosses, to have taps, in most cases installed and in some cases removed. Plans are at an advanced stage for the staging of a "Keep it Country" show in Óstán na Rosann, Dungloe on Saturday March 5. Full details will be available soon. And talking about music, the recent return of Foster & Allen to Óstán was another magnificent success in every sense of the word. The due performed like they never did before and the electric audience from the word go warmed up to them. An added attraction was the appearance of a mystery comedian whose identity was the best kept secret since the Spring of O'Leary to Fine Gael. It was in fact the lovable Fr. Pat McHugh from the Comprehensive School, Glenties. His performance too was superb and the audience cried out for more. In addition to his keen sense of wit which reminds one of Frank Carson or Gene Fitzpatrick he is well capable of singing difficult songs. As always there were those who were disappointed - at least 100 people who turned up after the "Full House" sign was displayed. At a special draw held during the function Patrick Doochan, Gortahork was the winner of a portable T.V. and the profit from the draw - £609 was presented to Fr. P. McAteer P.P. for the Church Building Fund.

Fádraig thinks he's the greatest thing since sliced pan around Rann na Mónadh.

## DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to the family of the following:  
Hannah Carroll, Middletown  
Annie McAlaney, Fanabhuí  
Kevin O'Donnell, Seascan a Roin  
Kate O'Donnell, New York & Middletown  
John Sweeney, Upper Cill Ulta  
Seán MacAoidh, O.S., An Charraic  
Anthony O'Donnell, Oileán Treora  
Brian Curran, O.S., Srath na Bruaigh 7 Baile Atha Cliath  
Danny McNally, Ardaí Mhór  
Dr. Thomas P. Heagney, Doochary  
Kit Duffy, Rann na Móna  
Charles Millar, Pound St., Dunfanaghy  
Barney Gallagher, Machaire Chlochair 7 Glasgow  
Anthony (Tony) O'Donnell, Cragheyboyle 7 London  
Margaret McClafferty, Derryreel  
John Curran, Coiteann  
Mary Sandell, Tacoma, U.S.A.  
Patrick Duffy, Edinburgh, Anagaire  
Charlie Duffy, Machaire Chlochair 7 Glasgow  
Annie McCarron, Cró na Seallog  
Kitty Dunlop, Brooklyn 7 Machaire Chlochair  
John McFadden, An Luinnigh  
Mickey Doherty, Srath na Corcra  
Nora Travers, Machaire Chlochair 7 Greenock  
Ned Sharkey, Anagaire  
Bridget Melly, Farragins  
Clement Coughlin, T.D., Inver  
John McDyer, Ranny  
Patrick Gallagher, Glenties

House for Sale in G. a Choirce. All mod cons. Going cheap. Next door to the house with the red lights inside.

Special Raspberries Award - T. the silly people who put their own photo's & sidelines in "G 7". Could it be the Glenties followers?

Níonn muid comhghairdeachas le foireann díospóireachta Fhobal Scoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola a bhuaidh a babhta áitiúil i gcómortas díospóireachta a bhí a reachtáil ag an Mental Health Association ar an Chlochán Liath agus a chuaigh ar aghaidh ansin le comórtas na Contae a bhaint i Leitir Ceanainn ar an 19ú Eanáir. We wish the team - Majella Gallagher, Sally Diver and Marguerite Gorman and their teacher Gerard McLoughlin every success in the All-Ireland quarter finals which will be held in Letterkenny on February 19.

The local branch of Macra na Feirme hope to run various courses, such as Welding, First-Aid, Swimming and Cooking over the next few months. The Club meets every Monday night in the Community School at 8.30.

Two local entrants in the Young Scientist Exhibition recently appeared on Television. John Joe Gallagher's "Falcarragh Flyer", which is a three-wheeled vehicle capable of reaching 50 m.p.h. was featured on the News while Declan O'Grady's Ultra Sonic brake and Automatic Guidance System were shown on the Late Late Show. Cloich Cheann Fhaola G.A.A. Club will be holding a Dinner Dance in McFadden's Hotel, Gort a Choirce on the 11th February. Dinner will be served at 8.30 and afterwards the Fridesmen will provide the music.

### MÍN LÁRACH MACHAIRE RABHARTAIGH

Fuair achan duine an Nollaig agus an bhliain úr thart go suaimhneach socair. Ní raibh cuid mhór daoine atá as baile abálta a theacht leis an luach atá ar achan rud anseo. Deir Joe Dhonnail Sheáin go raibh an Nollaig aige féin a bhfearr a bhí aige araimh, agus arsa seisean, "chá deachaigh mé amach ar an doras. Fuair mé mo sháith uisce beatha agus biotailte agus achan rud éile isteach ó'n tSrath Bán". D'ól sé oiread go dtéarn' sé dearmad de'n chearc a gheall se do chomharsa a thabhairt dithe. Bhí lá mór suilceach ag muintir an dá bhaile an lá a pósadh Willie Eoghain agus Teresa. Adh mór orthu ag dul i gcionn an tsaoil.

Who were the two men who left Derryconnor at 5 o'clock last Wednesday morning to visit the holy well at Eas Fionnain, but temptation got in their way when they were half way there in the line of "slabhac" growing on the rocks near Horn Head. So the holy well was soon forgotten and they headed home again at 3 in the afternoon laden with not only slabhac, but winkles, dulce and everything they could get their hands on, so much for sea-foods.

Ins an deireadh thiar thall tá muintir Mhachaire Rabhartaigh ag gabháil a fháil bocsa telefóin. Is maith an rud é agus tá súil againn go dtabharfaí muintir na h-áite aire mhaith dó. Tá ceann i Mín Lárach agus tá sé briste achan deireadh seachtaine. Deir muintir na h-áite nach bhfuil siad féin cionntach, ach deirim-sa nach bhfuil daoine as bailte éile ag teacht isteach a dhéanamh.

Val's Cafe is doing very well, thanks to her good clean cooking. Her beef-burgers are delicious and also her chicken & chips are good value for the money. Bungie says the only trouble is she does not keep open late enough, one doesn't go to Fanad and back again in one hour, boots or no boots.

What did Joe Dhonnail say to Dan Fanny the night Dan picked him up well steamed outside Danny Bharney's. Dan says he swears by the bible he saw E.T.

Tá Maighread agus Mary Mhícheáil fed up leis an picketing seo ach deir siad, no matter what happens, we will stand together shoulder to shoulder. Good luck girls - keep up the good work. You are doing it not only for yourselves but for every worker in other factories as well. Slavery is a thing of the past!

Tá an gnóitheach ag Hiúdaí Bhilly ag tarraingt mhónadh go teach Choll achan oíche.

Chaz ól Tom Mór no Gerry aon deor ó bhí oíche na Sean-Bhliana - but all New Year resolutions are made to be broken!

Bhí lá breithe Séamus H. ann ar an 29ú Eanáir agus bhí oíche mhór ag na boys.

Why does John F. like Anagaire so much & Paddy F. R. na F.?

Who's the "Human Radio"?

What dog in Skeskinarone has an expensive taste?

Who is Paul C. really going with. M., F. McB. or F. R.??

C. C. has smartened himself up. Why? Best of luck with the training, M. Hope it's all worth it.

Who borrowed C. C.'s van in Skeskinarone?

How much did Johnnie charge Ann Mhór for the B & B.

A new doctor for Meenlough. So says Fancy. Well Mystery van seen at Dungleoe Rd. Station. Suspect from Glasneagh observed by K. What's wrong with Irish Colleen's Corry?

Le gairid bhí timpiste ar bhealach chul na hEargaille agus gortaíodh cúigear as na Rosa nuair a thit carr le binn i lár na h-oíche. Iarrtar ar na húdaráis cui ó'n Chomhairle Contae a n-aire a dhíriú ar an "Black Spot" seo mar ní seo an chéad eadhra ag an áit.

Large scale earth movings were reported but Errigal has not deminished in size!

Tá na lads ag cur allais arís. Tá trath na Superstarts sa mhullach orainn. Tá níos mo puntaí meacháin ó'n Nollaig le cailleadh. An dtig leo an bhua a bheith leo do'n trífú bliain as a chéile. Guíonn muid ádh mór orthu.

The Goose that laid the golden eggs is one year dead. Long may the goose cook!

Special lessons in tap dancing will begin soon in the telephone Kiosk. This will keep callers warm and occupied while waiting for the operator to establish contact and connections.

Comhghairdeachas le Charlie a bhog trasna an bhealaigh chuig a árus nua. No, Charlie did not do on O'Leary. Charlie John Nellie ata i gceist.

Our free education is now our fee-education. Yesterday's gift is tomorrow's bill. I think I will emigrate to Oilean Ghráinne and Proclaim a tax free zone - well maybe Rockall .. did I hear Falklands?

Gleann Tórnán tasted Donegal League Football on a wintry Sunday when Gweedore Utd. drew 2-2 with Raphoe. Unfortunately John Duggan was absent in the National interest. He was deciding the outcome of a bugging question. Hughie Coffey, a recent quiz star in Paddy Óg's has been approached by Mastermind. After being tapped on the shoulder by Magnus Magnusson he replied, "don't bug me". Seán has completed 400 consecutive day's training and is heading to Waterford to compete for Donegal.

Paddy and Mícheal returned from Australia brownd and strong only to be paled by our Winter and Late nights. Séamus decided to enjoy the weather and practice surfing. They say the natives have a Special Branch which if you throw away comes back and clatters you in the most unlikely places. It is called a Bugrooming or something ...



Buying a bed! But which one? How to remove ugly stains from furniture? These and other questions will be answered by our expert, Mr. Carpenter in our next edition. If you are looking for household hints or if you have any queries about bedding, furniture, etc, write to Mr. Carpenter, C/o "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga.

### LEITIR

There was a very successful night of entertainment in aid of the handicapped in Elliotts recently. A competition was held to pick a "Mr. Handsome" and congratulations are extended to the winner - wee Hughie. The same goes to Anne Ward and Donal who ran everything so well.

The Darts League is going well. Elliotts are still on top - Melly's at the bottom. One small bit of advice to all players (especially girls) - Make sure you don't stand in front of the line!!

P.J. and Brendan went back on the drink on Sunday night. Brendan was drinking "Bloody Mary's" and P.J. water "Annabells" whiskey. "The Roadie".

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# LA BREITHE

We wish the following a happy birthday:  
 Tara Coll, Machaire Chlochair, Eanair 13.  
 Sean McColgan, Glasgow (7), Ean. 8  
 Marcella Hanlon, Leitir (11), Ean. 18  
 Suzi Davitt, Mountcharles, Ean. 1  
 Anne Boyle, Birmingham '16), Ean 10  
 Esther Clift, An Luinnigh, Ean. 12  
 Brian McMonagle, Anagaire (11), Ean. 6  
 Annette O'Donnell, Inver, Ean. 12  
 Jackie Byrne, Glasgow (19), Ean. 22  
 Anne Ferry, Cúl a'Chnoic (?) Ean. 10  
 Joseph O'Donnell, Glenties (16) Ean. 27  
 Brid McMonagle, Anagaire (15), Ean. 31  
 James Ferry, An Luinnigh Mhór (21) Ean. 16  
 Kenny Gillespie, Braade (3), Ean. 29  
 Maire Ferry, Cúl a'Chnoic (16), Ean. 21  
 Sadie Gallagher, Muine Dhubh, Ean. 20  
 Bridget Coyle, Glasgow, Ean. 12  
 John Paul 7 James Patrick McClafferty, Falcarrach  
 (3), Feb. 16.  
 Fádraig Ferry, Cúl a'Chnoic (18), Ean. 15  
 Geraldine Carr, Tubberkeen (5), Feb. 2.  
 Jocky O'Donnell, Fort William, Ean. 7.

## MULLAGHDUFF

Jim McBride is training hard for his forthcoming attempt at leaping over 15 cars at Mullaghduff banks. It is not certain yet whose car he'll be driving. Any volunteers?  
 B-Day has finally arrived for Mary Gillespie in Dublin. Congratulations are in order for Mary & Pat. The dirty nappies will make a welcome change from the typewriter.  
 Anagaire Athletic Club had a very successful dance in the Community Centre on Friday, 14th, where trophies and medals were presented. One young lady from Braade has had a very successful year. She is Claire Duffy who collected a good share of the prizes given out at the dance. Home on holidays from Ontario, Canada are Annie Gillespie and her daughter Moira, who are very welcome visitors.  
 Did Biddy really go away to the Whist when James called to see her? James allows that if the Pope called on Bingo or Whist night he'd be left too!!  
 John Gorman is thinking of erecting a high voltage fence on the Carrickfinn end of the house!  
 Our predictions of Xmas engagements in last month's edition proved accurate, as Timmy R. and Charlie B. took the plunge. Congrats. are extended to both couples.  
 Edward disappointed a lot of his fans on the local scene - but then again he's got the head well screwed on!  
 The Xmas dance in the school proved a great success with the best of music supplied by Hughie, Marie and John Grubb. Special guest was local hero Danny Dunleavy who had the audience spellbound with his performance. A couple of local men made a wee fortune on the pteen during the holiday season. Names are being withheld in case of prosecution.



Foireann Peile Chloich Cheann Fhaola cupla bliain ó shoin.

# THE LOWER ROSSES

Full marks to Margo and her Band for playing free so as to make a night out for the senior citizens of the parish. There was no money left in the purse, so Margo made their night possible. It was amazing how few senior citizens were not there and I know some thought they would have to pay something towards the meal. The party went ahead as planned but somebody said the Kincasslagh people did not mix too well with the Acres folk. I think the absence of Big Norah was a factor, as she was good at getting people together. After the meal dancing got under way and Condy and a Sister from the hospital won the waltzing competition. Well, Neily Ward nearly fainted when he saw Condy with the Nun. Allen had to get a Brandy with shock! But Big Gracie and Charlie Neddy stole the night doing the Birdie dance. James Anthony was laughing and crying looking at Charlie. Allen only went out for the "smootchie" dances. He says the last man done the Birdie dance got hoofed, (but that does not rule him out for a birdie!). Fair play to Ann and Tully for their display of jiving. Badly missed this year were: Kate Connaghan, Julia, J. Ward - Johnnie Charlie Phaidin, Charlie McCole and Mary Rose. Maybe next year they will feel older.

There is a rumour going in the area that Denis Boyle - Denis John Teague, formerly of Rutland Island is starting a fish processing plant around Burtonport. Denis himself has a Skipper's licence and all his uncles were sea-captains of large cargo boats. Before coming home he was a Civil Engineer, both in England and in the North. He was also a very well-known boxer in the 50's, and boy what a puncher. His son is a very good boxer as well. Anyway, good luck to Denis, and lets hope some employment will come to the area.

Milltown Road was covered with mackerel after the side-board of a lorry came loose. What a mess and smell, the road was closed for four days. The sea-gulls were the worst of all and all the houses were like they were snow covered with their drippings. But as Doalty says, "there were always a few gulls in that area".

You are all crying into your beer now and all thanks to the Carrot the Parrot "Spring" ed. They should be taken out to Owey Island for a few years, so William says. (No relation to young William in England).

### "The Listener".

E.T.'s and Turkeys - Rickets are an awful disease. But when the feet come into it, it's deadly.

Who spent half the night outside Margaret R's house. Clue: Tá sé glas.

Why has A.B. taken a sudden interest in football?  
 Anything to do with D.B.  
 What's Micky B's big idea with the walking stick and hat? (slimming - the slim-line touch).  
 Is M.H. still waiting for the Xmas Kiss Dennis?

Where was P.C. on New Year's eve + on the Fri. night before when he missed his lift from the Big S.?

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Mí 'Thíos-Faoi' - Le Danny Gallagher

Creidim nach bhfuil tír (taobh amuigh de Mhericeá, ar ndoigh) a spreagann smaointe den uile chineál i nduine agus a spreagann an Astráil. Fuair mé féin seans cuairt a thabhairt uirthí nuair a thug cara cuireadh domh dhul anonn. Bhí'n turas féin ina eachtra - 25 uair ar Jumbo as London, deichniúr ar leithne 'sna eitleán, trean bi agus di (saor in aisce), scannain agus do rogha ceoil stereo da mba mhian leat!

An chad rud a bhuaill mé i ndiaidh theacht dó'n eitleán i Sydney nó'n teas - tá sé deacair 'chreidmheáil an ghrian a bheith a' briseadh na gcloch' ar 8 a chlog ar maidin i mí na Nollag. Tá áiteacha inti nach bhfaca a ndeor fearthainne le trí nó ceithre bliana! Tá'n tír chomh mor sin gur héalacoptar i n-ait carr a usaideann siad, go speisialta na feirmeoirí, a bhfuil oiread talaimh ag cuid acu agus 'chlidódh Éirinn uilig. Is ins na bailte thart fa'n chósta atá'n mhórchuid dó'n 15 m. daonra ina gcónaí. Thart fa 200 bliain ó shoin a thosaigh stair na tíre i ndairíre nuair a cuireadh amach lastaí príosúnaigh as an Bhreatainn agus Éirinn, agus d'réir a chéile bhain siad seo agus a sliocht slí beatha maith amach dóibh féin. Dar ndoigh, bhí daoine ina gcónaí san Astráil roimpú seo - na h-Aborigines, nó "Aboes" mar a thugtar orthu ins an lá atá inniú ann. Daoine soineanta, nos-chumailiom is ea iad ach go bhfuil tréith faoi leith acu fiú go dtí anois, sé sin, anois 's arís, beag 's mór, imíonn siad seo leo gan táisc na tuairisc amach sa 'Bush' agus ní philleann siad b'fhéidir go ceann seachtain nó dhó. Ma chuirtear ceist orthu ca raibh siad, deir siad "walkabout".

Na 'Aussies' iad féin - bhuel, is daoine breátha iad - greannmhar agus spórtiúil. Amharcann siad ar a gcuid imreoirí cricket mar dhéithe! Go h-ionduil, níl moran meas acu ar na Sasanaigh ('Pommies', mar a deir siad féin), ach eisceacht amháin nó'n Bhanríon, a bhfuil urraim mhór acu dithe. Dearfainn gur ag ol leanna ceann do gcuid caitheamh aimsire náisiúnta, ach ní iontas ar bith seo mar tá'n leann is fearr acu ar domhan agus fosta, caithfidh tú ól leis an teas a bhíonn ann. Caitheann siad cuid mhór ama thíos fa'n trá fosta - ag surfáil agus ag snámh. Bíonn an fharraige iontach garbh de ghnáth, thig leis na tonnta tú leagaint de do chois muna bhfuil tu 'dréim leo. Tá cuid mhór do na tránna a bhfuil sconsa cosanta thart orthu amuigh 'san uisce - fa choinne na sharks 'choinneáil amuigh!

Níor bhuaill mé ach le duine amháin as Dún na nGall 'fhad 's bhí mé i Sydney - Neil O'Donnell, a



casadh orm sa Gaelic Club ansin. 'As an Chlochán Liath do Neil agus thug se suas a phost mar mhúinteoir le gnó péinteála thoiseacht thall, agus tá sé ag déanamh go maith do féin san am i lathair. Thrácht sé ar chuid mhór daoine a bhí amuigh: Jimmy Ó Gallchoir as Doire Beaga, Clann Uí Fhearraigh as Bun a Leaca, Séamus Gallagher as Dún Lúiche. Thig siad uilig le chéile Lá 'Nollaig sa Gaelic Club le dinnéar agus seisiún ceoil a bheith acu, ach an bhliain a dúirt Neil.

Tá'n costas maireachtála measartha saor amuigh, bia, torthaí, srl. ar leath luach anseo; tá eadach agus broga daor ann ach nuair a smaointeann tú go bhfuil pá s'acu 2½ agus ata se anseo, níl rudaí chomh h-olc sin ar chorr ar bith. D'eirigh sé níos deacair fáil isteach san A stráil fa



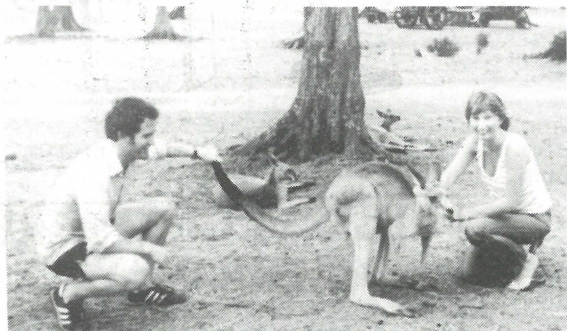
Na Blue Mountains, New South Wales.

choinne oibre le bliain anuas. Roimhe seo, chuirfeá isteach fa choinne vísa agus ma bhí ceird nó post agat gheobhfeá é gan stró. Cosúil le chuile áit, tá 'recession' tosaithe 'Thíos-Faoi' fosta agus tá teora ar na h-imreoirí isteach inti. Mar sin féin, gan amhras, tír ar doigh atá inti, agus ar a fágáil bhí mé buartha nach raibh cupla mí éile agam inti.

(Do Don, Steve, Marguerite agus Theresa - maithiú ar shon saoire "Fairdinkum".)



Am lóin ag an Emu.



Oakvale Zoo

Quay Road,  
Dungloe,  
Co. Donegal.

A Chara,

I hear the Band Association are giving Letterkenny the honour of being host to a large number of Bands on St. Patrick's Day, taking away the custom of going to Dungloe. I think it's very foolish in times like these. They should support their local towns.

Thanking you,  
"O'Donnell Abu."

## LITREACHA

Dungloe,  
20/1/83.

A Chara,

I am writing to voice my disgust at the total abuse of those 10p. "one-arm bandit" machines in Dungloe and all over the Rosses. Can the Gardai not do something about them as they are causing a lot of misery to many, many families. It's under age children and their mothers who play them and I think it's high time the law was enforced regarding these machines. It would bring back a lot of happy homes if it was!

Mise le meas,  
"Helpless Husband".

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**THE MARGO ALBUM:** The latest album to emerge from the hot press of K-tel records is entitled 'Margo', a twenty track collection of songs, are featured from her debut single 'Dear God' to 'A Toast to an Irish Coleen'. I would have to say that all of the tracks have appeared on numerous other albums, and the material is over-exposed. The cover is dreadful, - a drawing of the lass which leaves a lot to be desired. Margo urgently needs new recording material. In the RTE Radio 2 'Keep It Country '82 Chart' she finished in an all time low position at number 26, well behind revals Philomena Begley and the new country music queen Susan McCann.

**A TIME OF CHANGES:** The recession has not alone hit the Irish music industry, but the international scene as well. Departed from the scene we have former chart toppers Jam, Japan, the Squeeze, Blondie, departing we have Stiff Little Fingers, The Who, and faded we have former hit makers Altered Images. So its bad times all round they say.

**ON THE AIR:** The 'Keep It Country Concert' recorded in Ostan na Rosann, Dungloe last July, will be broadcast by RTE Radio 2 during February and March. The shows will be broadcast each Tuesday night and feature on February 15th American Express, 22nd Eileen King & The Kingsmen, 1st March Patsy McCaul, 8th The Seamus McGee Sound, and 15th Ray Lynam & The Hillbillies. While on February 5th The Corbetts from Bundoran appear on the Late Late Show.

**INTERNATIONAL STATUS:** All seem to think that 83 will make U2 an international hit name. The boys Bono, Larry, Adam, and the Edge went to Sweden to record the video promotion to promote 'New Year's Day' their new single issued in the UK by Island Records, while their new album 'War' is a winner even before it is issued with such advance publicity.

**A SONG FOR THE SOUTH:** The 6th 'Song for the South Song Contest', invite composers to enter for their 1983 event which will be staged in Charleville, Co. Cork, on June 15th. The contest is open to all kind of material, and a prize of £2,200 is on offer. The closing date for entries is March 31st, and further details are available from Song of the South Office, Charleville, Co. Cork.

**WHAT A WASTE:** At the price of single's it beats me how such utter rubbish as 'Buffalo Gal' by Malcolm MacLaren, and 'Orville's Song' by Keith Harris, can get such chart status. It takes all sorts they say!

Le "Maestro"



**Watch your own Wee Boy**

The law has finally caught your boy and you think that shouldn't be, You always thought your son was perfect and not a crook like me. You couldn't see past your own wee boy you were sure he was the best, A nice wee boy that's well behaved and not like all the rest.

Whenever I did something wrong you were first to criticize, Then you told it to your neighbours and added on some lies. You told your son to watch me and to keep well away, From hooligans like me that might lead him astray.

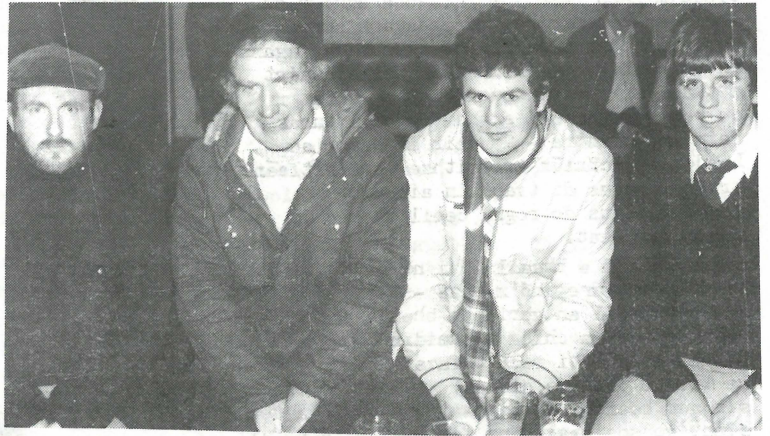
You made my life your business and everything I'd done, You were so busy watching me you forgot to watch your son. And while your ears were open for news concerning me, Your son got up to all the tricks - you somehow failed to see.



I guess I was a hooligan at times - but not the only one, And I saw your nice wee boy do things I wouldn't have done. I know you don't believe it 'cause you just don't want to see That the boy you thought was perfect was worse in fact than me.

To parents who are reading this my message is to you: Leave your neighbours sons alone, whatever else you do. There may be long green grass on your neighbours lawn, But you shouldn't criticize it folks - until you've mowed your own.

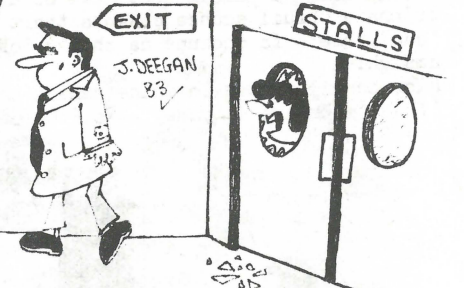
Le John Deegan, Glasgow.



Keadue Rovers Quiz Team who took part in Gweedore Celtic's Quiz Competition in Jack's, Glassagh.



"Guth 7 Tuairim" Quiz Team who also took part in the competition, which is continuing every Friday night.



"Before we got married you used to hold the door open for me!"

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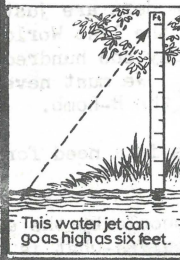


# WONDERS of NATURE

The best hunter in the fish world is the shooting-fish, which lives in the rivers of Southeast Asia. It feeds mainly on insects which fly very near the surface, but never actually touch the water.



The shooting-fish has a deep groove in his mouth. Pressing his thin, round tongue against this groove, the fish spurts water at high pressure by blowing with closed gills.



A fly, landing on a nearby overhanging leaf, is quickly spotted by the shooting-fish.



Releasing a jet, he soaks and makes the fly so dizzy that it falls into the water.

## Under 10 Painting Competition

Ainm .....

Seoladh .....

Aois .....

Seol chuig "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Tā pinn daite, pencilcase agus crayons le baint. Last month's winner: Pádraig Ó Gallchoir (Patsy), Mín Lárach, Leitir Ceanainn.



John Paul and James Patrick McClafferty from Lower Dunmore, Fálcarrach are twins. Beidh siad 3 bliana ar an 16ú Feabhra.

## Before You 'Take the Plunge' ...

Did you know that 40 percent of the people who drown each year were swimming or playing in the water for recreation?

Drownings can occur to anyone anyplace there is water, so here are some safety hints you need to know before going swimming:

1. Learn to swim well. People who are poor swimmers or who can't swim at all account for most drownings. Get instruction from a qualified instructor.
2. Don't swim alone — swim only with someone who would be able to help you if necessary.
3. Obey the rules and regulations of the pool or beach where you are swimming.
4. Don't rely on inflated tubes, rafts or other floating objects. These cannot take the place of good swimming ability.

5. Avoid swimming immediately after eating. Don't go into the water when you are overheated, or you'll risk getting cramps. If you do get a cramp, don't panic. Try stretching the area of your body that is cramped and call for help.

6. Don't dive into unknown water — especially head first. Make sure the water is deep enough for safe diving.

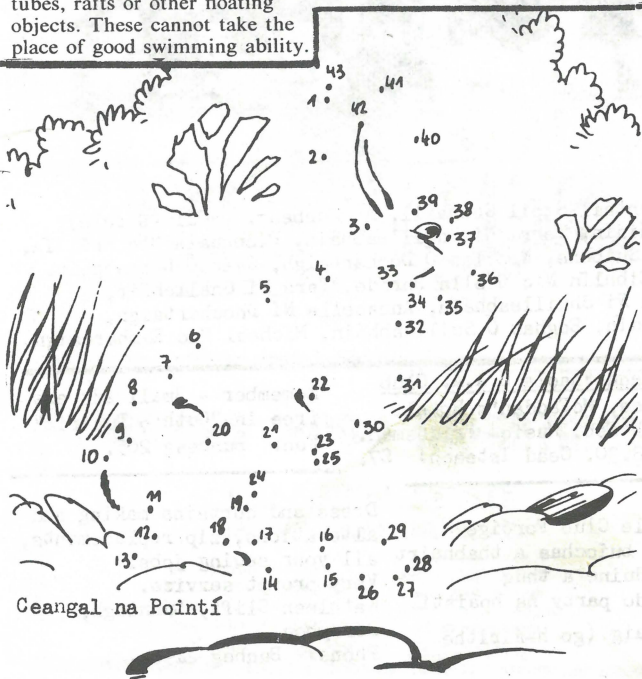
7. Don't swim under diving boards or platforms. You can't depend upon the diver seeing you first.

8. Don't stay in the water too long. When you become tired or chilled, get out of the water, warm up and rest.

9. Don't overestimate your ability. Know what you can and cannot do. If you want to learn something new, learn it from an instructor.

We hope that by following these rules, you will have a fun-filled and safe summer. —

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE x 10



Ceangal na Pointí

A few days ago I came across an advertisement in a local newspaper. It was to join the Ulster Defence Regiment in the North. Nothing peculiar about that, you may say. But in that advert. there was a sketch portraying a U.D.R. man with a rifle, and the caption above him read "Work for Peace." The thought that dawned on me was - how can one work for a just peace with a gun in one's hand? With of course the exception of a just war. That is one question I'd like answered.

People throughout the world today are talking and yearning for peace. First let us ask ourselves - What is peace? The answer, according to my dictionary, is: "calm, freedom from war, quietness of mind, peaceable, disposed to peace, a peacemaker." The Bible tells us - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." There is peace needed throughout the entire world. Perhaps more needed today than ever. There are a lot of things which keep the pathway to peace blocked. Here are just a few examples: The Hiroshima disaster in Japan, near the end of the last World War. America dropped the Atomic Bomb, and the blast wiped out two-thirds of that city and killed nearly one hundred thousand people, on August 6th, 1945. There are people there today still dying from the effects. We must never allow a thing such as that ever to happen again. But how? The large nations have the A-bomb and the H-bomb. Man in his own weakness created them. But we must try and stop those nations from using them. Nearer home. In fact, in our own country, there is a need for peace. A peace with justice in the Six Northern Counties.

WHAT IS JUSTICE?

That peace with justice was being kept from the people by the establishment, the British Army and illegal organisations Now that we've reached this point we may ask ourselves-what is justice? Answer-equality; being fair, right, and proper. The Establishment was unjust and unfair in the extreme when they introduced internment without trial. The British Army and the R.U.C. had the power to lift and intern any person for any period of time under the Special Powers Act. It meant that the victims would be imprisoned without a trial, warrant or judgement. It is a negation of justice and perversion of the rule of law, therefore blocking the way to peace because of its injustice.

The brutality of the internment camps was a form of violence and injustice. The British Army were sent to the North in 1969 as a peacekeeping force. How long did they remain such a force? Bloody Sunday is one example. Violence will bring no lasting peace. Problems of injustice aren't going to be solved by fighting. The keeping of human and civil rights from people is unjust and blocking the way to peace. Human rights are violated by race and religious discrimination by governments that consider that man exists for the State, not the State for man.

STATEMENT BY BISHOPS

A statement on civil violence a few years ago by the Bishops of England and Wales said: "Many use force to achieve reform. It will not do merely to condemn the use of violence against authority, since evidently those in authority may themselves be guilty of worse violence in the legislation they enforce. This question therefore, cannot be answered simply by indiscriminate condemnation. It is obvious that in some cases citizens can never obtain justice by peaceful, democratic means. Where protest against injustice has been stilled by promises of redress which remain unfulfilled, it is governments who bear the heaviest responsibility for violence which may break out. The logical conclusion to civil violence is civil war. The bitterness between brothers, the scars and hatred left by civil war, remain for generations. We must cherish freedom, which depends on just laws and true democracy." Each of us must make some contribution to peace, and true peace begins in our own hearts. We must work to make others get their just rights. We must banish from our hearts all thoughts of hatred, bitterness and revenge.

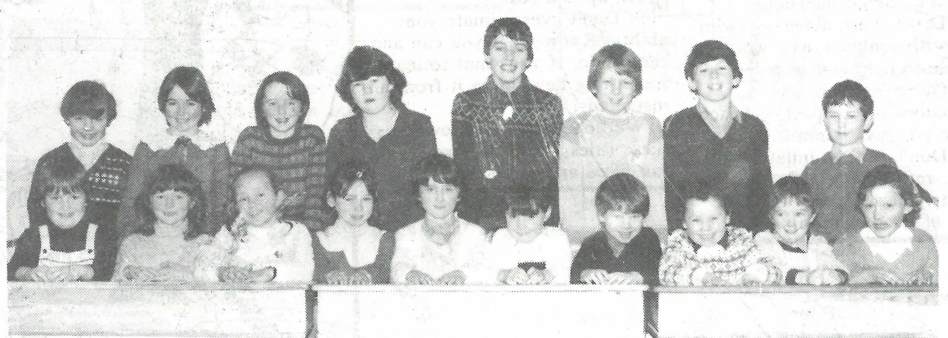
PEACE NOT IMPOSSIBLE

To work for peace is very hard indeed-impossible? No. It needs patience, perseverance, straightness, honesty and firmness to create the basic foundations of peace, and to eliminate injustice, and remove hostility and fear. A lot of conferences are broken because different parties believe that they alone have all the answers to the problems. A peacemaker must work to bring harmony, trust and co-operation. Energy to achieve the common good of all, and secure the human rights of each person. There can be no lasting peace in the world unless there is peace in the hearts of men. No one can work for peace by breaking God's law and proclaiming their own.

St. Patrick changed all the pagans in Ireland to Christians by using these methods, not by gun or bomb. The I.R.A. should change their revolution into a mass peaceful political one, and achieve victory, peace and justice. "We can never find peace in violence, only in a spirit of brotherhood".



"It shouldn't be hard to see your Lawyer - he's in the next cell!"



Buaiteoirí cómórtas litriú a reachtáil Scoil Chonaill, An Bunbeag. Cúl (ó chlḗ) Seosamh Ó Brian, Michelle Nic Pháidín, Terri Ní Shuilleabháin, Fionnuala Nic Pháidín, Fádraig Mac Iontaigh, Muiris Mac Suibhne, Nioclas Ó Dochartaigh, Seán Ó Donnabháin. Tosach (ó chlḗ) Áine Ní Eihín, Eibhlín Nic Giolla Bhríde, Tara Ní Ghallchóir, Fionnuala Ní Dhochartaigh, Méabha Ní Shuilleabháin, Annabelle Ní Dhochartaigh, Eoghan Mac Pháidín, Seán Mac Pháidín, Eoghan Ó Suilleabháin, Mícheal Mac Eamharcaigh.

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**Cloch Cheann Fhaola G.A.A. Club**  
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 Friday 11th Feb. Music: Pridemen.  
 Dinnear - 8.30. Cead Isteach: £7.

Remember - Small ads are free in "Guth 7 Tuairim"  
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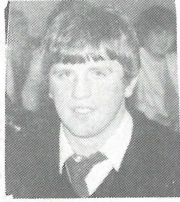
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## FOCUS ON

Eugene  
McGarvey



Full Name: Eugene Vincent McGarvey  
 Birthplace: Kincasslagh  
 Height: 5' 11½"  
 Weight: 13 st + !!  
 Position: Left-full-back  
 Previous Clubs: None  
 Married: Yes, to Maddie  
 Favourite Players: Packie Bonner, Neil Andy  
 Favourite Other Teams: Manchester Utd., Celtic,  
 Gweedore Utd.  
 Most difficult opponent: Michael O'Donnell  
 Most memorable matches: Under 16 Ulster Championships  
 v Monaghan Town  
 Biggest Thrill: My baby son  
 Biggest Disappointment: Losing school final 1978  
 Best Place visited: England  
 Favourite Food: Chinese foods  
 Miscellaneous Likes: Being involved in sport  
 Miscellaneous Dislikes: Travelling  
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Coronation St., Crossroads  
 Favourite Singers: Hot Chocolate, Elkie Brooks  
 Favourite Actors/Actresses: Clint Eastwood,  
 Glenda Jackson,  
 Jack Lemmon  
 Best Friends: My wife, rist of the Keadue players  
 Biggest drag in Soccer: Injuries, Bad pitches  
 Honours: U-16 Champions, Second Division & First  
 Division Champions, I.A.W.S. Cup Winners  
 (twice), 10 Summer Cups, Inter Provincial  
 Champions (twice)  
 Football Ambitions: To gain entry to the League of  
 Ireland 1986  
 Personal Ambitions: To be a T.D.  
 Biggest influence on career: Manus McCole,  
 Brian McGonagle,  
 Paddy O'Donnell  
 Which Person in the World  
 would you most like to meet? The Pope

Signature: Eugene McGarvey

## KEADUE ROVERS

**SAM SPUBZ** CRISPS

Ar fáil ins na siopaí

HERE'S CRUNCHIN YOU GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL MOUTHFUL!

SMAILCBHIA TEORANTA



Foireann Feile Faoi 12 Ghaoth Dobhair cupla bliain o shoin.

## National Milk Run

The National Milk Run which is sponsored and organised each year by the National Dairy Council, will take place on Sunday 20th March, and proceeds this year will go to the Mental Health Association of Ireland.

The Cloich Cheann Fhaola M.H.A. are hoping to have the Run/Jog/Walk - organised at various venues from Dungloe to Creeslough, and are very grateful to organisers in these areas for their help and assistance. The Milk Run/Jog/Walk - is, in effect, a National Community Effort aimed at helping Ireland's Mentally ill and promoting the nation's mental health.

It is hoped that there will be a large Public participation in what promises to be one of the major outdoor events of the year. Everyone taking part in the Run/Jog/Walk - which is open to all ages - will be asked to subscribe a minimum of £1 for adults and up to 50p. for children. There will also be sponsorship cards distributed well in advance.

### THROW-INS

Anagaire Athletic Club and Naomh Mhuire G.A.A. club's third annual Superteam's Competition begins on Friday February, 4th in Jack's Place, Anagaire at 8.30 p.m.

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Beidh an chéad babhta de shraith peile na Paróiste do Scoltacha Náisiúnta a imirt ar an Bhráid De Domhnaigh ar 6ú Feabhra.

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C.L.G. Naomh Mhuire intend to compile a history of the G.A.A. in the Lower Rosses; to be published in 1984 - the Centenary Year of the G.A.A. Anyone wishing to have articles, special memories (Gaeilge nō Béarla), photographs, etc. included in the book should forward them to Antóin Ó Dochartaigh, Rann na Feirste, Eoghan Mac Grianna, Loch an Iúir nō Seán Ó Baoill (0), Mullach Dubh.

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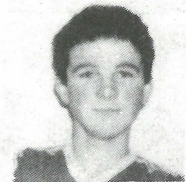
Gaoth Dobhair N.F.Y.C. (Youth Club) meets every Friday, 8.00 - 11.30 p.m., Sean Teach Phobail Doire Beaga.

Why are First Love & Tiny Tears in J's so often.  
 Is it Big J. or Denims?  
 Is Helena's favourite colour Greene?

## CLOICH CHEANN FHAOLA

focus on Joe McGarvey

Full Name: Joseph Gerald McGarvey  
 Birthplace: Glasgow  
 Height: 5' 10½"  
 Weight: 12st.  
 Position: Full forward  
 Previous Clubs: None  
 Married: No  
 Favourite Players: Pat Spillane, Jimmy Keaveney  
 Favourite Other Team: Kerry  
 Most Difficult Opponents: None in Particular  
 Most Memorable Matches: Playing for Donegal Minors  
 in 1981  
 Biggest Thrill: Beating Red Hughs in Shield Final  
 Biggest Disappointment: Losing All-Ireland Gaeltacht  
 Final  
 Best Place Visited: Glasgow  
 Favourite Food: Steak from our local Butcher  
 Miscellaneous Likes: Watching football, listening  
 to records  
 Miscellaneous Dislikes: Smoking  
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Big Match, Top of the Pops  
 Favourite Singers: Chris De Burgh, Toyah  
 Favourite Actors/Actresses: Paul Newman, Benny Hill,  
 Susannah York  
 Best Friends: I hope I have many  
 Biggest Drag in Football: Bad referees and travelling  
 to matches  
 Honours: Donegal Minors, Shield & League Championship  
 Football Ambitions: To win an All-Ireland medal with  
 Donegal  
 Personal Ambitions: To lead a happy and healthy life  
 Biggest Influence on Career: My brothers, the team  
 manager and Club  
 Chairman



Which Person in the World  
 would you most like to meet: The Pope

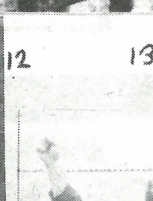
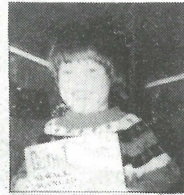
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# GUESS WHO

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Braade,  
Annagry,

A Chara,

Local I.T.G.W.U. officials have been quick to condemn the action of the girls of Gairmídí Teo. in placing a picket on the Gaoth Dobhair Industrial Estate, but what we did not hear was that it was the lack of Union organisation which forced the girls to take such drastic action. Had the I.T.G.W.U. on the Estate been capable of handling the situation there would be no picket on the Estate and there would be no danger of the whole Estate becoming a "graveyard" as stated by Séamus Rodgers in the "Derry People" on Friday 28th January, '83.

Ruairí Ó h-Eidhin of Udaras also joined in the condemnation of the picket. But where is the condemnation of the despicable management responsible for the injustice suffered by the workers. Why haven't the I.T.G.W.U. (who should get their priorities right) or Udaras been so quick to condemn that management?

There should be no place on the Gaoth Dobhair Industrial Estate for companies who treat workers like dirt and Udaras na Gaeltachta have a responsibility to workers who fall victim of such companies and their management.

Is mise le meas,  
Michael Gillespie.

**UPHOLSTERY**

Have your Suite or Chair upholstered.  
Stool Tops, Loose Cushions, etc.  
Bar Seating refurbished.



Contact:  
**K.FORKER,  
CRAUGHEYBOYLE,  
DUNGLOE.**

Does J.R. miss Sniffy who has a one track mind.Clue: Margadh na M.(kitti the Kat) Kittie D. agus Michael Mc B.

Has Dinny Frank got special powers. Maureen B. has moved from Strand Rd. to Dungloe Eamonn..... Tina.... Ring.... Galway Bay. Is it true? Yankee Doodle Dandy went to Cois Cládaigh. Is Mary giving Shaun driving lessons?

Who were the 2 lumniagh women who sent their parcel of underwear on the bus from Dungloe to a garage in D/Beg. Who was Fiona's first love? Bríd R. was very disappointed that Johnnie let her down.

**◀ GUESS WHO**

1. Áine Nic Giolla Bhríde, 'Pearsan Thír Chonail', le cuid do chuid sean-aisteoirí Ghaoth Dobhair.
2. Back from the Falklands. 3. Top of the Pops.
4. Shirley with her "Guth 7 Tuairim" ...
- 5...and Hazel. 6. Is Daniel going for a sex-change? 7. Dancin'. 8. Guess who? 9. "Don't strangle me Mabel". 10. J. J. & E. T. - Mr. Handsome & Mr. Handsome. 11. Patrick.
12. Mary doing her keep-fit exercises. 13. The boys are waiting for the girlfriends. 14. Watch out Big Tom. 15. Ar bhruach na Sionainne.
16. The one and only Seán Jack. 17. Fancy this.
18. Bronnadh duaiseanna ag Óg-Chlub N.F.Y.C. Ghaoth Dobhair. 19. Golfer or Rally Driver?
20. 'Thuilleadh duaiseanna. 21. Marie in Lisdoonvara. 22. Punk Rockers. 23. Rinceoirí óga.
24. This man can move mountains. 25. An gasúr beag is fear i dToraigh. 26. Scaifte as Rann na Feirste ins an bhliain 1941. 27. Cornelius agus a chuid girseachaí. 28. Kiss me quick Ann.
29. Bríd agus an boyfriend as Kerry. 30. Wedding bells soon? 31. And more wedding bells ...
32. True love. 33. The Berlin Wall visited by a Gaoth Dobhair Foróige Youth Club during their trip to Germany last year (photo: Martin McFadden). Speaking at the infamous wall President Kennedy once said, "Our system of Government may not be perfect - but at least we don't have to build walls to keep our people in".

The St. Columba's Donegal Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection next Sunday. All the money collected will be used on behalf of the blind in Donegal.

Beware - Vampire in Machaire Chlochair.Clue:Chips Was Biddie mixed-up between John & Jimmy or was it Joe? Who are the kids in 5th year? A.D. gives her puppy Golden Maverick AAA. Newsflash: Joe Beag has officially joined the Knockfolá Band.

**Nóiseáin**

Bríd McG. agus Paul G.; Green Opel agus White Renault; Liz agus P. Fletcher; Delia McK. agus Barney M.; Kath. agus Peter G.; Maureen S. agus Piaras McB.; Piggy agus Gerry; Bridin B. agus Pat F.; Angela agus Liam H.; Rosaleen D. agus Éamonn F.; Jackie agus Manus; Kina R. agus Pól McG.; Síle agus Derek; Margarete agus Shaun F.; Mary S. agus Faul A.; Sonia agus Aodh; Pauline G. agus Éamonn Mac N.; Tara agus Cathal; Patsy C. agus Denis O'D.; Anna agus Rónán; Sarah B. agus Hughie O'D.; Aisling G. agus Éamonn S.; Mags D. agus Piaras C.; Maureen D. agus Seán O'D.; Eibhlín G. agus Carl S.; Kathleen F. agus Dominic McK.; Síle Ní Bh. agus Neil C.; Máire C. agus Eoin F.; Maureen McG. agus Sands; Annette McG. agus Mícheal D.; Martina D. agus Ailbhe Ó M.; Máire Martha agus Pol R.; Margaret R. agus Tiny; N. S. agus Joe Beag Joe Mór; Brid Mh. agus S eamun B.; Patricia D. agus Gerard M.; Maura O'T. agus Eoghan McB.; Esther C. agus James C.; Mary B. agus Barry C.; Máire F. agus Colm C.; Alice agus Joe C.; Josephine agus Cornetto.

- Caitríona Nic Pháidín, Rann na Feirste (6) Feb. 19.
- Mary Kennedy, Glenties (11) Feb. 14.
- Brid Ni Dhonaill, Dobhar (15) Ean. 31
- Maureen Gillespie, Anagaire (15) Ean. 23
- Neil Gerald Murray, (7) Feb. 12
- Bríd McGarvey, (15) Feb. 2
- Liam McDevitt, Cnoc a'Stolaire (15) Ean. 7
- Tressa O'Donnell, Loch na nDeorán (4) Feb. 7
- Éamonn Rodgers, Rann na Feirste (15) Feb. 12
- Seamus Dawson, Cnoc a'Stolaire (12) Ean. 8
- Mary Frances O'Donnell, Loch na nDeorán (19) Feb. 13
- Dermott O'Donnell, Glenties (5) Feb. 9
- "Ginger" (20) Ean. 29
- Mary Moore, Glenties (11) Feb.
- Michael Coll, Strand Road, (17) Ean. 1
- Martin Trearty, (5) Feb. 13
- Sonia McFadden, Dobhar (4), Feb. 10.
- Annecherie Mc Fadden, Fálcarrach (12), Feb. 12.

**LÁ BREITHE**

Many have assumed that traditional Valentine's Day celebrations are all connected with an early Catholic martyr by the name of Valentine. Nothing could be further from the truth!

**Valentine's Day**

Notice what one authoritative encyclopedia says about this idea: "St. Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival, the choice of a valentine, and the modern development of sending valentine cards has no relation to the saint or to any incident in his life" (article, "Valentine, Saint," *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1970 edition). Did you know that centuries before the birth of Jesus, the pagan Romans celebrated Feb. 15 and the evening of Feb. 14 as an idolatrous and sensuous festival in honor of Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves"? The Romans called the festival the Lupercalia. The custom of exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus — the deified hero-hunter of Rome — were also linked anciently with the pagan practice of teenagers going steady. It usually led to sexual escapades. Today, the custom of going steady is thought very modern. It isn't. It is merely a rebirth of an old custom "handed down from the Roman martyr by the name of Valentine."

When Constantine in A.D. 313 made Christianity an official religion of the Roman Empire, there was some talk in church circles of discarding this pagan free-for-all. But the Roman citizens wouldn't hear of it! So it was agreed that the holiday would continue as it was, except for the more grossly sensual observances. It was not until the reign of Pope Gelasius that the holiday became a "Christian" custom. "As far back as 496, Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia on February 15 to St. Valentine's Day on February 14"

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Our Mullaghduff writer wrote in "Guth 7 Tuairim" of January 1980, "... The roads around here have never been so bad as they are this Winter and some pot-holes are as big as basins. In the same edition Councillor Fred Coll stated in a letter to the Editor, "The roads are diabolical and the reason is probably simple: Lack of money." Chuir scríobhneoir Rann na Feirste ceist, "Do bharúil caidé mar atá Gé Dinny Jimmy Hiúdaí." Ann alt faoi'n teideal "C.L.G. s'na h-Ochtóidí" dúradh, "Caidé faoi'n Bhingo a reachtáil i nGaeilge i nGaith Dobhair."

Bhí i bhfad níos mo Gaeilge ins an pháipéar agus i measc na n-altannaí suimiúla bhí píosa faoi oilean Rón-Innis le Séamus S. Ó Domhnaill. Other features included an article entitled, "Elderly man was driving Reindeer while under the influence of drink at Ardsbeg," by the Green Fool, "Star Scope" by Angelina and a cartoon strip by Blondie - remember Líníocht Mac Tiomnachán? "Guth 7 Tuairim" was priced 15p. A year later in January 1981 it was up a massive 10p to 25p. In that edition there was a poem by Pa Ward about Uranium - telling us why it was a good thing. Our Lower Rosses correspondent told of the pandemonium in the Rosses the day Con was supposed to "Kick the bucket". The wheel advised pedestrians to wear their armbands when walking the roads at night, while our Pub Spy wrote that famous report about a certain establishment in Anagaire. Incidentally, he got, "not a bad pint of beer" for 62p. (No, he didn't get two free pints!). Recent Engagements that month included: Kathleen Doherty & Denis Coyle, Sadie Gillespie & Dom Sharkey, Brid McCafferty & Seamus Carr. "Maestro" talked about the Keynotes reforming for one night in Óstán na Rosann while Clannad were due to issue a new album, "Crann Úll". By January '82 "Guth 7 Tuairim" had Increased in price yet again to 30p. A front page article congratulated Donal K. O'Boyle on being selected 'Donegal Person of the Year'. Our Eagaralt stated that people in Gaith Dobhair were looking forward to the election of a Parish Council, while the Cloich Cheann Fhaola notes said the Ray River Inn had changed hands yet again and would be opening shortly as a dancing venue. In Dún Lúiche, Nelly Mooney the local postman had retired after 42 years service. £4,000 had been allocated to the cleaning of the canal enthused our Kincasslagh writer, while the Mullaghduff notes reported that "the festive season passed without any big fights, although there were a few minor scuffles." In a feature on Michael McNelis the big man said, "we're going to win it this year!" Ann alt a scríobh Máirtín Ó Cnáimhsí dúirt sé, "Ba mhaith liom da mbéadh Briogáid Dóiteán i nGaith Dobhair ...". Joe Beag Joe Mór made that famous pose while the caption read - 'Is this the Great White Hope?' Other new items in January '81

included a Guess Who page and a Nóiseáin column.

Who broke the window on New Year's eve?  
Marie F's favourite food - Turkey

Who is Jody's fair lady & why did he want a picture of C.



The late Willie Rutherford, Ballyconnell, Falcarrach who worked as a gardener on the Ballyconnell Estate for over 40 years pictured in the gardens with a number of friends a few years ago. They are standing beside a Sun Dial, built by Sir John Olphort who once owned the Estate and on which Willie could expertly read the time. Sadly his beloved gardens are now a complete wilderness. Wouldn't it be nice to see them restored to their former beauty?

Where did Mairhead and Mary go when they left Eileen Willie stranded in the Glen. It's no joke sitting in a car alone all night and the temp. below zero. Why did Cathy start eating fish again - "Cod Fillets"?

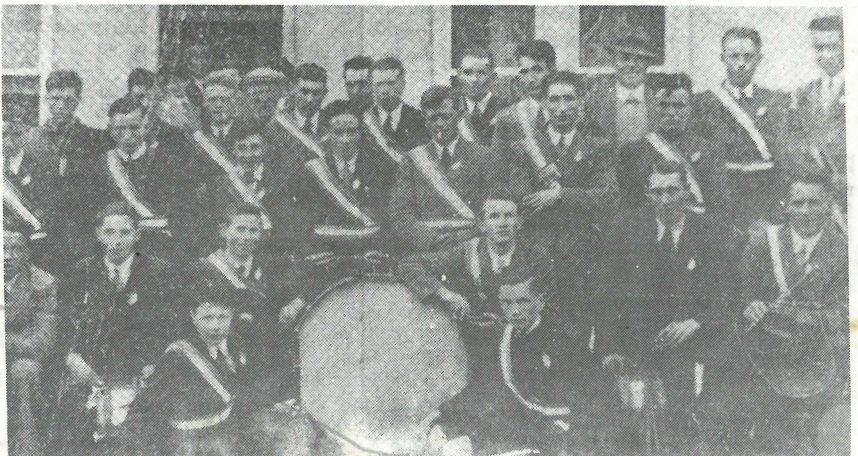
**Politicians, Roads, Lakes & Other Matters**

The mind boggles when you reflect on all the elections that we have had in the recent past, and the promises that were made and broken. But, then maybe they were just forgotten. What I mean to say is that these hardworking politicians have such a lot to look after, and it would be small wonder if the poor chaps begin to get amnesia from all the strain of trying to keep the country on its feet. But I hasten to add, that if nothing is done about the condition of the roads, then its quite possible that the country will be on its feet alright and walking. The rising prices of petrol and alcohol have successfully cut down on drunken drivers. At the present one can either drink or drive but not both, unless of course one happens to be a millionaire, in which case you can afford to pay the fines and it won't worry you too much if you lose your licence, because you can then bring your chauffeur with you till you get your licence back. But since most of the population of Ireland are not millionaires this poses quite a problem. But the poor underpaid overworked politicians are doing their best for us. They are making a wonderful job of giving us a constant supply of national wonders, for example a certain lake in Gweedore into which they have recently built a road. Now that should be handy if you happen to be a visiting marine and want to keep in practice with your amphibian. But then maybe it's a new idea for keeping death off the roads. Socrates.

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