

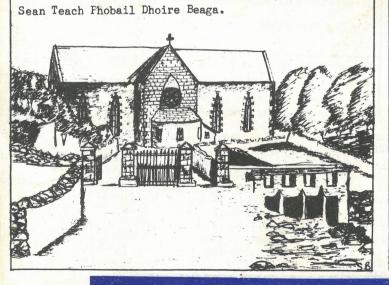
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We are one year old this Easter. Is doiligh a chreidbheail go bhfuil sé bliain ó smaoitigh muid iris míosiúl, áitiúl a chuir ar an mhargadh. Ocht leathannach a bhí ann agus é déanta le photostat. Ins an eagaralt dúirt muid, "tá súil againn go mbeidh tú ag léamh an pháipeár seo go mion minic san am atá le theacht". Previous local papers hadn't been very successful e.g. "An Ghaeltacht", "The Rosses Review". They made a good start but faded after a few issues.

It has not been easy for "Guth 7 Tuairim". Printing is very expensive and unfortunately, the result (as you know by now) is that we have had to increase the price to 20p. But I am sure you will keep buying and keep supporting us. That support has meant that after selling 372 copies of our first issue we are now selling 1,800 and 2,000 dosen't seem an impossibility.

We have been amazed at the response we got from the public when we asked for old photographs - and we're still getting them in. We have published some very interesting articles. We have come across some very good poems. The letters have been pouring in and we are thrilled about that. We are pleased with our progress and at long last there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, because we are at last helping to get things done for this area. Several of our featured "Accident Black Spots" have been attended to by the Council. There is plenty

more we can do and we enjoy the challenge. Coinnigh cuimhne, mar a dúirt muid ins an chéad eagrán, "Bhéarfaidh muidinne guth duit!



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I n-eagrán na míosa 'chuaigh thart d'fhoilsigh muid dán a bhí ibhfábhar mianadóireacht an Uranium. Ach seo anois an taobh eile den scéal.

URANIUM

To 'Pa Ward' from Atlantis

-But when your streams are running black, And your fish shine in the night; When your kids are dead before they're born, You'll wonder, "Who was right?"

The men who say "We'll make you rich -'Just let us rape your land; 'Let's drill and dig without a hitch -'It won't get out of hand".

Or the folk who, frowning, shake their heads And prefer to put their trust In their own instinctive common sense Not in radioactive dust.

Jobs galore for sure there'll be If the companies have their way -Digging graves for you and me In fluorescent clay.

So have your plug-in, switch-on light And your instantaneous heat: I prefer a life that requires some fight And I like my own two feet.

For God's the best technician yet And before this time begun, He made quite sure our needs were met With his centrally heating Sun.

And when your seas have no more fish And you daren't drink from your well, When Atlantis has quit fair Donegal, Will you think we were mad to yell?

For this clean land we chose as home And here we meant to dwell, But now we're afraid this Heaven on Earth Is about to go to Hell.

If the price of progress is air you can't breathe And Uranium's your only hope, We'll soon be back in the caves anyway, So we might as well learn to cope.

I tell you, Mr. Ward, and clear, Though I'm not native to the Rosses, That I hold this land of yours more dear, Than all your mining bosses.

Bunbeag

Jenny James

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Thainig meadu ionta ch ar an cheantar seo le cupla bliain, go spéisialta o tháinig an tionsclaíocht. The tide of emigration has rapidly turned. The result - we have a very young population. Sadly, when you look around you there is an acute lack of facilities, young people have very little to do in their spare time. There are a few Youth Clubs, but there is room for a lot more and I think it is the duty of every civic-minded citizen to get more involved with our youth. Young people in turn could be encouraged to get involved with old, lonely people in our community.

Ar an doigh sin bheadh saol níos fearr choinne achan nduine!

"An t-Eagarthoir".

Anagaire

The recent Quiz-time in Jack's in aid of Geriatrics proved to be a great success. Some very easy questions were not answered and some very difficult questions were answered by mistake. Man of the night was John Eoghan Chonaill Ned from The finals will take place on Rann na Monadh. Annie Hughie took great care of Thursday 10th. Anthony still wants to know who won

the money. the quiz and is afraid to ask. A certain gentleman from Annagry has a dislocated shoulder after the Dart's season and it's doubtful

whether he will be fit for the turf cutting. We're not sure whether Cookie played with the Alexander Brother's (music) or with their manager (football).

There were seven bands in the parish for St. Patrick's day. Dungloe and Falcarrach must be asking themselves a lot of questions. On the farming front Jimmy McGinley is giving John Winnie a run for his money and Mr. Rodgers makes sure that they are supplied with manure. Jimmy Anthony Chassie is "standing idly by" according to his wife Mary. Last years cabbages are still growing well. And taling about the are still growing well. Boyle's, Jimmy says the Tortoise must be still alive because there is no stink from the box. Francie McBride bought a halfdecker but he is still looking for a sensible crew.

Tessie and Biddie Eoghain have two sore arms - and it's not knitting that's doing it either. The left-hand drive man from Dunlewey does his best to attend all meetings of the Anagaire Debating He is an awkward man to have the steering Society. wheel on the wrong side of his car. Big Anthony and Siobhan Boyle are polling well in the Mayoral elections but Michael "Never say die to a Bachelor Boy" is still out on his own. Congratulations to Michael Mor O'Donnell who was recently promoted within the E.S.B. During the recent Limerick trip Michael Gilmore

visited Bunratty Castle and got on well with one of the pretty hostesses.

A visitor to Letterkenny during the recent Rag-week there was astonished to find Harry Harden, John Joe Charlie Eoghain, Big Anthony Sharkey and Dom Bonner being stretchered down the main-street as part of the celebrations. "They came in like lions and went out like lambs", commented a festival organisor. The lads are of course employee's of G.P.E. and were staying in the town while working in Rathmullen.

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Do Phobal Scoil Ghaoth Dobhair a raibh trí dhrama acu 'san Fhéile Dramaíochta (Cá raibh na scoltacha náisiúnta uilig?).

Do Bhuíon Ceoil na bPáistí ar bhain muid an oiread sin suilt astu Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

To the N. W. Health Board for lack of educational facilities for mentally handicapped children in this area.

To the Gardaí at Dungloe for being caught unprepared and failing to control traffic on St. Patrick's Day.

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With this edition "Guth 7 Tuairim" celebrates its first anniversary. It's the only publication within the county that caters for local news, views, opinions, etc. so we offer it our heartiest congratulations and wish it every success for the future. In the last edition you read that eight new houses were planned for Doire na Mainsear. Bhail, ta sé fíor! Tá cead pleanála ag Val Tuthill, Robert Abraham, Eddie Sweeney, Pam Cowan agus Daoine a cheannaigh "sites" agus Padraig Doherty. atá ag iarraidh cead pleanála nó Connie Ned, J. Limey, agus Harry Kingstone as Doire, fear a slots bhfuil aithne mhaith air anseo le blianta. Ta tithe ura togtha ag Paddy Eibhline, the an tAth O'Connell agus Biddie Sheain. Cuireann muid fáilte rompu uilig agus tí súil againn go mbeidh saol fada sona acu inar measc. Bhí cuid mhór cuairteoirí againn ag Féil Pádraig. uo dn Bhi cuid mhor cuairteoiri againn ag feil Fadraig. From Dublin we had Fr. O'Connell and Ann Marie, Hughie and Sorcha. From Belfast, the Brady family, From Derry Nellie and Michael and from Co. Louth Eddie Sweeney and family. Like so many more, Eddie did Lent on booze - that was until he came to Leo's. For most of our visitors, Min na Leice is the last "fence" on the way home. Joe Mulligan "thumbed" from Kerry to prove to one and all that Bu cleani îs "thumbed" from Kerry to prove to one and all that Griffi he could stay dry on St. Fatrick's Day. Alas, like "Devon Lough", he fell on the flat. (opp (opposite Leo's this time). Packie Molly Ann has started the Spring Cleaning and This usually starts a chain decorating season. reaction. On reading in the papers recently of a British Lady who cremated her third husband, Ann Marie was overheard saying, "I cant get a husband for love or money, yet some women have husbands to burn". "The Rock" Beidh "Guth 7 Tuairim" ins na siopaí arís ar an 2ú Bealtine. Closing date for MAY 2nd competitions, Articles, Letters, etc. Phone Bunbeag 265. April 25th. guth,tuairim. Doire Beaga Rua. BIRTHS Glasgow what Connie Congratulations to the following couples on their new arrival:-Pauline agus Dan Sweeney, Keadue (girseach) Maighread agus Charlie Greene, Rann na Feirste (girseach) Ann agus Barney Curran, (girseach). MARRIAGES do in Gl Dublin? Congratulations to the following happy couples:-Marie Bloe, Falcarrach to Pat McFadden, Dún Lúiche. Margaret O'Riordan, Corcaigh to John Friel, Coll lo in Creeslough. qo Maureen Byrne, Milford to Micheal McKeon, t d Baile Lar. Will didn' Sympathy is extended to the family of the following: William Meenan, Oileán Thoraidh Maurice O'Donnell, Dungloe Dan Harkin, Stramartin Sally Harkin, Lower Cruit Donal McBride, Baile Lár John Boyle, Arainn Mór Roses Patrick McGee, An Charraic agus Albain Kit O'Brien, Doire Chonnaire Sheila Coll, Machaire Chlochair agus Glasgow Margaret Donnelly, Dungloe Paddy Coll, Inis Bo Fine Mary Boyle, An Choitin Raspberries Paddy McGowan, Caol Druim Charlie Boyle, Rann na Feirste Denis O'Brien, Doire Chonnaire Patrick Sweeney, Meenmore Maire Ní Ghallchóir, Rann na Feirste Ned Boyle, Lower Keadue Mary Gallagher, Machaire Chlochair.



Cloich Cheann Fhaola G.A.A. followers were pleased to see local star Owenie Coyle turning out for the County team in the recent challenge game at Falcarrach (which Donegal incidentally won). The Mayoral election campaign is hotting up as On that night the Friday 25th draws closer. successful candidate will be presented with the chain of office at a dance in the Country Club. Ta suas le 40 daltaí o Ollscoil Chul Raithne ag freastal ar chúrsa Gaeilge i nGort a'Choirce faoi lathair.

The Tops of the Town made a welcome appearance in St. Finain's Hall recently. The show which was organised by the local Mental Health Association was well attended and enjoyed by all. This week Joe the Rake strenously denied the

rumour that the old petrol pump outside the premises is to be preserved as a national monument. But the trailer is!

Dhíol fear ar an cheantar bollóg ag an Mhart i Leitirceanainn le gairid agus fuair sé £660 uirthi. A Fife Band competition will be held in Falcarragh on Easter Sunday. 1st 2nd - £60 and 3rd - £40. 1st prize is £100 + Cup,

Congratulations to the McCafferty family Glaisarchu, Maureen Byrne, Min Larach and Maureen Boyle, Ballina who did well in dancing competitions at Omagh Feis recently.

Duirt Paddy Den Sheain as an Ardaigh Bheag go raibh seisean i gcónaí 'caitheamh a Armband.

Glenea Utd. have now gone to the top of Division One in the Donegal League. Spirits are high in the area and we are all hoping that they will win promotion for the second year running. The Club is endeavouring to purchase a pitch for the coming season and anybody with suitable land in the area

for a football pitch and intending to sell please get in touch with Joe Mangan, Treasurer. The I.C.A. held a very interesting meeting in

St. Finain's Hall on March 13th. There was a Slide-show and Mr. Tom Curran from Letterkenny who spent a month in India studying third world conditions gave a talk.

Tá na Scoltacha Náisiúnta ag déanamh réidh choinne "Tráth-na-gCeist" atá monarchán Smailcbhia ag gabháil a rachtáil.

There has been a regretable increase in vandelism recently in the area. At Ballyness Pier ropes were cut, Lobster pots thrown into the sea and ropes removed from Life-Bouys. They also struck at the handball alley where windows were broken.

Ta obair tosnaithe ar Réamh-Mhonarchán úr eile i nGort a'Choirce agus deirtear go mbeidh sí reidh i lar na bliana 1981.

There is concern locally at the granting of outline planning permission for a new house between John Boyle's and the Bawaan river beside the main road. Conservationists fear that the sewerage from the propose d house will be going into the river. A man was seen going into Falcarragh Garda Station last Tuesday to sign for the dole. Nothing unusual about that! - but what was unusual was that he had forgotten to take his overalls off.

"The Gang". Rann na Feirste

Bhí Buíon Cheoil Shinsearach Rann na Feirste i Min Uí Bhaoill ag an Aifreann La Fhéil' Pádraig don chead uair o bhí 1936 ann (nuair a fosclaíodh an Teach Phobail). Bhí Buíon Cheoil na bPáistí i nAnagaire.

Tá scaifte as Ollscoil na Ríona i mBéal Feirste anseo ar chúrsa Gaeilge trí seachtaine. Ta Dinny Dhónaill, nó an Rí mar is fearr aithne air ar mhaithe go mór le fáil amach caidé tá gabhail i lathair na h-uaire nach bhfuilear ag cuir moran s'na Tithe Pobail. B'shin agaibh scéal triobloid Dinny.

Bhí an tAthair Mac Uidhir agus cara do na chuid, as Úr Cheann Trá ar cuairt againn le gairid. Scairt sé isteach ar Mhicí Sheáin Néill. Ba

eișean a thug scolairí na Cásca go Rann na Feirste don chead uair ariamh.

Táthar ag dréim le cuid mhór de mhuintir an bhaile choinne na Cásca.

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The Community T.V. aerial built at Meenmore is giving the people of Lackenagh and Burtonport five stations. The mast is not complete yet but it's hoped that all the locality will eventually receive five stations. It's costing each house about £40 including the aerial. Congratulations must go to Seamus McGarvey who originally came up with the idea and who has the station at his own house .-

The workmen on the Dungloe-Burtonport road are a Johnnie Daney has the honesty of his delight. late father who was a Blacksmith, everything has to be done to perfection. All the workers deserve credit for the very neat job they are doing. A big night was held in Sweeney's Hotel for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boyle, Arlands who were celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary, and about 80 friends attended. Earlier R. McDyer, P.P. said Mass in the ^Boyle's home. Mr. Boyle of He worked course is better known as Mickey Joe. for years as a potato ganger in Scotland, then in 1956 he took across the fish firm Marinpro from England to Burtonport when herring fishing was at its peak and being dumped because of low prices. Marinpro gave a fixed price of £3.50 per cran and from then on prices went up rapidly for the We wish Mr. and Mrs. Boyle many happy fishermen. vears.

A meeting was held in O'Donnell's Hall to discuss the Uranium question and the large crowd were shown a film on the subject. Eddie and Pat were there and I think they were suffering from the effects of Uranium. They knew all the answers unti. they were asked to go up an talk about it. Anthony Doherty, ^Dungloe has another new coach added to his fleet of buses which cost in the region Perhaps he could give financial of sixty thousand. assistance to the Lough Swilly. Pat the Cope has been very active since he took office. We have seen a great improvement in the Dungloe-Burtonport road and the tarring of many I hear the Councillor goes to other roads. Arranmore Island once a month, which is more than other Councillors ever did. Keep up the good work Pat. Congratulations to Miss Theresa Murray, Acres, who received a bronze medal at the Whelan School of

Ballroom dancing. Theresa who works in the Department of the Taoiseach won typist of the year Obviously she is as fast on her some time ago. feet as she is with her hands. Her next aim is a Gold Medal. Tony Gallagher, P.O., Arranmore has been appointed

tamall Manager of the clothing factory there. No better man!

feadh Local people are concerned that there is only one Garda at Burtonport at the moment with another covering from Gweedore. Why should Burtonport ar be run down? I wonder is it because crime is on SOS the decrease?

Big Nora says she stands by what she said about cuartu the graveyard filling up so quick. She says you only have to look at how busy they are making coffins in the old school in Meenbanad, under the 80 supervision of John Patrick. But now I hear unless John gets aid from the Government the e making of coffins will have to stop. Nora says, Dinni "I dont know what will happen then, because John Frock can't cope with his area".

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St. Patrick's Day was quieter than usual in Gaoth Dobhair. The Derrybeg Band appeared in Dunlewey and the Middletown Band at Derrybeg and Falcarrach. Due to the extreme cold, fewer people were willing to walk or stand to appreciate the music.

Ceist. Cé'n fear as an <u>Luinnigh</u> a thig as Leitir Ceanainn achán lá le teagasc ar Scoil Naisiúnta an Luinnigh?

The Co. Council carried out some emergency repairs recently to the Main Road at Srath na Corcra and Srath Mairtín, but alas their efforts were to no avail because snow and rain-storms have taken their toll already. Indeed some traffic accidents are reported as a result of the repairs. Despite the wintry conditions a cuckoo was reported to have been heard in the Derrybeg area. For the first time ever, the March sitting of the District Court in Gaoth Dobhair was held in Middletown Hall. Many cases were before the bench of a road-traffic nature due to increased Garda activity early in the month. (Who said they were looking for Fr. Forde?). Members of Cearta Gael picketed the court because of a case of a different nature. A lively time was had by all! Bhí "ideas" Ceist eile. Ca bhfuil Comhar Ghabhla? shuimiúla acu fhad 's mhair siad, go h-áirithe ag

baint le cumhacht aibhléise on ghaoth.

The Old Chapel in Derrybeg seems to have got a new lease of life. Indoor football competitions and Youth Club activities have been keeping it open all winter. Unfortunately however, it is badly in need of repairs and it is obvious that the Parish needs a new, modern Social Centre especially to cater for our young people.

I ndiaidh an droch bhliain mónadh a bhí ann anuraidh tá imní ar go leor daoine i ndiaidh an droch aimsir a bhí ann i mí Mhárta. Bhí an Geimhreadh 'chuaigh thart dian agus b'eigean do go leor daoine gual a cheannacht - chomh maith le Staisiún Leictreach Mhín na Cuing.

The late lamented Crolly Doll factory which closed last year is back in production - under a new name and a new industry. Sadly the dolls are no more and have been replaced by electronic components a sign of the times.

Ta teach conaí úr togtha don tSagart ag Teach Phobail Bhun a'Leaca.

Can you name a townland in Gaoth Dobhair which has no occupied dwellings? A punt for the first correct answer.

According to recent reports in the local newspapers Councillor Patsy O'Donnell thinks that "soccer wasn't heard of in Gaoth Dobhair twenty years ago". I could add to his knowledge of history by telling him that there are old men in the Parish who were playing competitive soccer before he was born. Tá siopa éadaigh úr foscailte ar an Bhun Bheag agus deirtear go bhfuil "bargains" go leor ann.

"An Gabhar Glas". Dun Luiche \

Chuir Dún Lúiche deireadh le na bpairt 'sa Ghaeltacht League nuair a d'imir siad cluiche crua i n-eadan Gaothdobhair Aontaithe. Ι gceann de na cluichí is fearr a himríodh i mbliana chriochnaigh siad ar chomhscor 1-1. A referendum was suggested to change St. Patrick's Day until after Easter as he has a lot of broken Lenten promises to answer for recently. Super heavy-weight championship of Dunlewey was held recently, but unfortunately fans were disappointed at the early retirement of one of the contestants due to a cut eye, and the immediate retreat of the other. Comhghairdeachas le Seosamh Mac Éidigh agus Brian O Gallchóir a ghlac páirt sa drama "An Chead Fhaoisdin" a fuair ainmniúachán chuig Féile Náisiúnta na Scol. Ta an tiomrá ag gabhail go bhfuil Phil agus Hughie Choffey le Driving School a oscailt i nDún Lúiche agus go mbeidh John Jameson a fhoscailt go h-oifigiúil. Leis an aimsir mhaith le tamall bíonn scaiftí móra ag campáil agus ag fanacht sa Hostel. Déanann siad a lán siúil fá Ghleann Nimhe agus fan Earagail.

It's a common sight nowadays to see people coming from Scotland to work here. The latest arrival is Eamonn Wroblanski who has built a new house in Dore and has just started working in Crolly Factory Bhí slua mór Gaeilgeoirí i nGaoth Dobhair choinne deireadh seachtaine Eigse Uladh on 7ú go dtí an 9ú Marta. Bhí se eagraithe go hana-mhaith agus bhain cuairteoirí agus bunadh na h-aite an-sult as na h-imeachtaí.

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Tá scaifte fear indiaidh an Geimhreadh a chaitheamh ag tógáil bádaí i gColaiste Bhun an Inbhear. Bádaí "fibreglass" atá iontu a úsaidfear fa choinne iascaireacht i rith an tSamhraidh. Work has just been completed on Connie Sheain's pub at Glassagh. The Lounge Bar has been extended and there will be entertainment nightly during the

Summer season. Ta bun maith déanta ag Seoirse Mór 1 mbliana. Ta a chuid romhar uilig deanta aige agus ta obair sleain monadh bainte aige le trí seachtaine. Tá suas le 10 bpáiste ag freastal ar an "nursery" atá Gráinne Nic Phaidin indiaidh tosacht ina teach féin i mBun an Inbhear.

DUNGLOE

"The only difference between men and boys is the price they pay for their toys". When one considers the context in which this was used, one realizes the tremendous amount of truth which may lie theirin. The above statement was overheard during a recent conversation (between "mature" adults) concerning the increasing interest in Citizen Band car radios. It is anticipated that the P 7 T minister will not delay in putting through the necessary legislation to permit the use of C.B's which are currently being imported in vast quantities by a reputable firm of distributors, a director of which bears the same name and initials as Minister Reynold's. Results of the recent census show that our towns population is up by 197 (since 1972). "Is it not a pity the Minister couldn't come??" How very often have we heard this. Well, in the case of a recent Gaeltarra prizegiving ceremony in a Gaeltacht Public premises, it was a damn good job she didn't come, for if she came on an empty stomach she'd have to head for the local chip shop eagerly await Telephonists" (unless of course she were lucky enough to win in the draw for "free" meals). St. Patrick's Day While the town witnessed the smallest turnout of Bands, what must be described as the biggest ever crowd converged to view the parade. Despite the for bitter cold wind the streets were thronged until well past six o'clock and most people were disappointed on arrival home to learn that they had missed an excellent U.T.V. live programme from New York. In the production, which was compered by Gloria of Good Evening Fame, one could see Willie Joe Cunningham, but unfortunately there was no sound. To round off the day's entertainment there was the Annual Maghery Band dinner dance in Ostan Mhic Suibhne, which for some of us provided an opportunity to catch up on what we had "lost" for the first half of Lent. At a recent meeting to discuss "the effects of Uranium", held in the community centre, the platform speakers included Brian Flannery (Glenties Comm. Sch.) Brian Kelly (Donegal Co. Co.) and Dr. D. Campbell, Ardara. During the course of the meeting, we were entertained to a B.B.C. film on the subject followed by two "live" Political Broadcasts. The broadcasts reminded me of Jimmy Gneely's recent T.V. show "Words, Words, Words" with the penalty words being Fáil and Fianna. Somebody, somewhere, recently expressed grave concern about the Kerryman having no Irish. Right away let me say that this is not flor. In fact the Kerryman speaks and writes Irish but nil se ro sure that achan nduine who reads this column would be lan sasta with my teanga. Therefore until I am fully convinced that a real demand is there I am only prepared to approach this "delicate" matter on a Trom agus Eadrom basis. Mar sin, until an

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Why has Loch an Iuir not got a public telephone? A growing village with a population of over 300 (and double this number at Easter and in the Summer) is surely entitled to one. If there is an emergency call at night, one has to travel 3 miles to Anagaire or Croithlf, or else impose on the generosity of the people with private telephones who have been more than kind at all times. Over to the County Councillors and T.D's.

Bhí bunadh na h-aite iontach brodúil as buíon ceoil na bpáistí a bhí le cluinstin ar Radio na Gaeltachta Lá Fhéil Pádraig agus ar an Luan ina dhiaidh sin. Tá moladh mór tuillte ag Pádraig Ó Rabhartaigh a rinne an taifeadadh agus ag Feardorcha O Colla a léirigh na cláracha.

It is reported now that even the moorhens are refusing to make use of the "moorhen road". Recently three moorhens and one mink were seen at Loch-an-Ghainimh thumbing a lift from a hare and it is thought they were on a deputation to the Co. Council office in Dungloe.

Táthar ag súil le 180 mic-léinn freastal a dhéanamh ar chúrsa Gaeilge i gColáiste Mhuire Loch an Iúir ón 5ú go dtí 12ú Aibreán. O'n tuaisceart atá siad ag teacht agus tá siad ag cuir snas ar a gcuid Gaeilge fá choinne scrúdaithe A agus O Leibhéal. Níonn muid comhghairdeachas le Dónall John Frank a

bhain £100 ar chrannchur C.L.C.G. Rann na Feirste ar na mallaibh. (Still I think you get more crack out of the one-arm bandits). By the time this is in print we hope to have Owenie ^Boyle's new mini-mart operating in

Loch an Iuir.

On a recent trip around the townland I observed many fine houses - with very poetic names. Alas, I only came across <u>one</u> in Irish (on the Meen na Mara road). It is called "Ard na Bualadh". Níonn muid comhghairdeachas libh! Nach deas ainm ^Gaeilge ar theach sa Ghaeltacht. "An Bacach".



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Willie Hanlon was our local Bard, but he is at present living in London, on the edge of Heathrow Airport. He sent this rhyme in the nature of a letter to his wife.

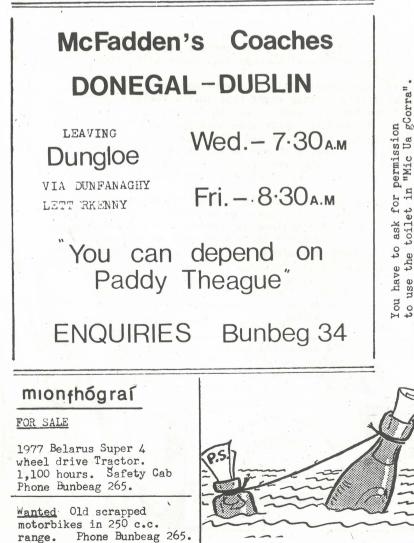
Dear Kathleen, this Heathrow is a wonderful sight, there's planes roaring in here by day and by night. They dont stay for breakfast or dinner or tae, and I dont get a winks sleep by night or by day. I said to the boss I was going to complain, and he said by all means but it might be in vain. So I thought of the place where I really should be, In our own Bun a'Ghleanna down there by the sea.

You know about Bill, oh sure I need not tell, Well he's working right here in the Heathrow Hotel. I saw him one night, I was in for a jar, and he runs the whole show here and also the Bar. We talked about home and of things that are gone, While the people around us all burst into song, But for all the great powers he wishes like me, to be back in Bun a'Ghleanna down there by the sea.

Lookir Kitty. their I think that when writing a wish you expressed, A s to how all the women around Heathrow were dressed. Well If you'll believe me they're here big and small, and sometimes you'd think they wear nothing at all. I saw them last night, I was in for a Bass, they have splits in their skirts from their heel to their ass, Now I'm not taking "notions" a Chaitlín mo chroí, I'd prefer Bun a'Ghleanna down their by the sea.



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Cuireadh suim mor ins an alt ar "Cearta Gael" san eagran deireannach. Seo 'leanas cuid de na san eagran deireannach. tuairimí:

A Chara.

Ce'n mhaith cearta do Ghaeilgeoirí muna bhfuil Gaeilgeoir beo? Cuirigí an Ghaeilge ar a bonnaí agus ag fás: 'nuair ata an méid sin déanta beidh tacaíocht agaibh. Beidh an tacaíocht sin ag dul i dtreise mar beidh bunchloch laidir ann le togáil a dheanamh agus uaidh sin fasfaidh "iarraí agus gá le cearta".

Mise le meas.

Sean O Donaill.

Dún Lúiche,

Gaoth Dobhair,

A Chara .

"Cearta Gael" dont speak for the people of Gaoth Dobhair. We have democratically elected Gaoth Doonair. We have some any grievances representatives so if they have any grievances they should go to them. Or do they think they they should go to them. are a shadow government?

Le meas,

S. O. G.

An Bunbeag,

26/3/180.

A Chara,

Níl aon rud agam i n-éadan "Cearta Gael" ach amháin a gcuid modhannaí oibre. Níl sé de cheart acu comharthaí bóthair a scrios mar go bhfuil cuairteoirí ag brath orthu - agus muintir Ghaoth ^Dobhair ag brath ar na Cuairteoirí. Ní bhfaighidh sibh an pobal libh i choiche ar an doigh seo!

Mise le meas,

C. Ó B.

Derrybeg, 21/3/180.

A Chara,

Why dont they go back to Belfast or Derry There are men and cut down a few signposts. in H-Block for lesser crimes.

Mise le meas,

"Eireannach".

A Chara,

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I found the article on Fife and Drum bands in your last issue very interesting. However, I would not totally agree with the writer, P. Ferry. For instance, he left out the Dungloe A.O.H. Band who were the only real professional band in the County during the late forties and early fifties. Of course they read their music, unlike the bands he mentioned who just learn by ear.

Mr. Ferry leans a lot towards the Keadue Band. But he should remember that it was not until the Dungloe Children's School Band was started and specially trained by John Gallagher, Peadar Quinn and drum Instructor Mr. McGeehan from Doochary that the whole pattern of Bands and music was changed. Next, A cres started a Children's School Band under John O'Donnell, N.T. with Mr. McGeehan again as Instructor. They won the All-Ireland Title once, were 2nd another year and also won 3 Ulster titles. Nine members of this Band joined the Keadue Band when they left school. Credit is also due tex Irish Army man who taught the Keadue Band Credit is also due to an proper marching. So I think you should give credit where credit

is due Mr. Ferry. Anyway I hope the Keadue Band keep on winning and take more trophies to the Lower Rosses!

> Mise le meas, "Interested".

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GUTH NA MBAN

Easter or Simnel Cake

12 oz/300g Ranks Flour, Plain 1 tsp. Baking powder 1 tsp. Mixed spice 8 oz/200g Margarine 8 oz/200g Caster sugar 2 oz/50g Ground almonds 5 Eggs 2 tbsps. Spirits, optional Few drops yellow colouring optional.
2 lb/l kg Sultanas or
Half sultanas, half raisins 4 oz/100g Halved cherries 6 oz/150g Chopped dates 4 oz/100g Mixed peel

4 oz/100g Mixed peel Grated rind of 1 orange and juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ an orange 9"/23 cm Round Cake Tin

Method:

 Line the cake tin, bottom and sides with double brown and greaseproof paper.
Prepare the fruit by washing, drying and halving the cherries, chopping dates and cleaning sultanas and raisins. Grate orange rind, squeeze and strain the juice.

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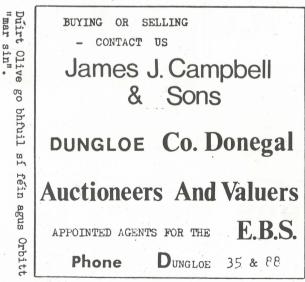
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- 2 Cream the margarine and sugar. Fold in ground almonds, orange rind and yellow colouring, if used. Lightly beat the eggs in a small bowl and add gradually beating into mixture. Towards the end add a little of the flour.
- 3 Sieve flour, baking powder and spice and fold in carefully using a tablespoon. Finally stir in prepared fruit and orange juice. Place in prepared tin and smooth the top. Bake middle oven shelf, 300°F., 150°C., Gas Mark 2 for 3/3¼ hrs. approx. Check at intervals after 2½ hrs. and cover top with brown paper when sufficiently coloured. Cool in tin. Pour spirits over top and wrap in greaseproof and brown paper until required.



Household Hints

To remove ink stains: The wet cleaning method, i.e. using synthetic liquid detergents, will remove fresh writing ink stains. Copy, ballpoint and red ink should be treated with methylated spirits, preferably with a small addition of acetic acid or white vinegar. Apply with an absorbent cloth and blot quickly to avoid spreading. Finally use the wet cleaning method. Professional cleaning attention may be needed in severe cases.

Dúirt Mary Lou go mbeadh Máire E. E. ag tabhairt lá mór dúinn gan mhoill.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) This peaceful time enables you to give more thought to your health, which is badly needed! Romance offers some exciting possibilities. Favourable dates: 17th and 24th. TAURUS (apr 21 - May 20) It is not a good time to gain success at work and relations at home may be contrary. There may be a hidden hostility on the romantic front. Lucky date 18th. GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) Provided you dont over-spend, this will be a good time for dealing with financial affairs. Work done at home goes well. 27th. Lucky colour Violet. CANCER (June 21 - July 20) Lucky date You should appreciate advice from experts regarding a worrying problem. You should take steps to acquire knowledge to further your career plans. Lucky colours green and vellow. LEO (July 21 - Aug 21) Some secret wish or hope may be brought closer to fulfillment. Do not refuse a friend's help with regard to a health problem. Social occasions will be enjoyable. VIRGO (Aug 22 - Sept 22) A bit of unexpected luck comes your way mid-month. It is up to you, yourself to do the rest. An important decision has to be made towards the end of the month. Lucky colour -White. LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct 22) You shall have good luck in a competition in which you take part. There is a journey for you as the result of this. Romantic prospects are not so good early this month but will improve during the course of the month. SCORFIO (oct 23 - Nov 22) You are a bit unsettled with regard to your social life. If you have problems getting on Just try to avoid them. with some people. Lucky date 20th. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20) Your troublesome nature has got you and your friends into trouble once again. You have to friends into trouble once again. You have to try and get on with people. Trouble in your home life sorts itself out before it gets too serious. CAFRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Things are starting to look up for you, and they will get better. Work hand and save plenty, for a heavy day's spending is due towards the end of the month. Lucky date 29th. AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18) This month is a very mixed month for you. Don't be over - conscious about it. Romance seems to be picking up. Lucky colour - Black. PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20) You may have been in some kind of difficulty, so beware. Thread very carefully and make Mixed feelings with a loved no mistakes. one may cause embarresment. Lucky date 30th.



Na h-Oileái

Tá mé ag dul arais anois sé ghlún go haimsir Sheáin Mhóir Uí Dhónaill as Oileán na Cruite (Seán Mór an Churaigh, mar b'fhearr aithne air). Scoth fear ceasladh a bhí ann agus bhí clú agus cáil air ar chósta na Rosann de thairbhe a ghleacaíocht ar an fharraige. Níorbh obair ar bith do an t-aistear farraige cúig mhíle dhéag a dhéanamh o Chruit go Rón Inis i dtús an tsamhraidh. A ch an iarraidh seo is cosúil gur beireadh goirid orthu nuair a tháinig storim samhraidh agus iad cúpla lá ar an oileán. Ní raibh cuma ar bith ar an doineann socrú agus d'éirigh an bia gann. Chuir Sean a Churach caol ar toinn agus thug aghaidh ar an Chlochán Liath; aistear deich míle. Bhí an fharraige corraithe go maith go fóill ach níor chuir sin beag uchtach ar bith ar Shean. Bhí fear an churaigh ar an cheasla agus má bhí féin ba mhaith aige é. Ní raibh aon bhuille dár bhuail sé nár bhuail sé ar bharr toinne agus bhí sé ag bualadh na mbuillí chomh tiubh sin go raibh an curach ábalta breith ar an tseideán a bhí roimhe agus nach raibh an seidean a bhí ina diaidh ábalta breith air.

Accident Black spot

This month's Black Spot not only takes us back to the Parish of Gaoth Dobhair, it takes us to the townland of Gaoth Dobhair itself, to that very dangerous road junction by the old Gaoth Dobhair Station.

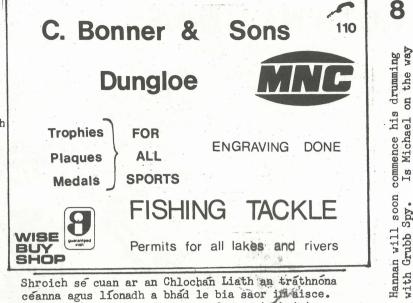
Firstly, who has right of way, from what direction? Recently, a geill sli sign went up on the approach from Bunbeag; up until then the writer assumed that the Bunbeag approach, departing towards Min na Cuing/Errigal had right over the approach from Ard Donn/Croithlí. The Bunbeag approach from Ard Donn/Croithlí. The Bunbeag approach also has a Double Bend sign and a T-Junction sign that contradicts the Geill Sli sign by showing the Bunbeag approach as having right of way. the lines in the centre of the road contradict the Géill Slí sign.

As for the approach from Ard Donn, well it's anybody's guess.

Anyhow, regardless of who has right of way, this junction is most dangerous from every approach. Many accidents have proved it. However, rather than demolish buildings "the Wheel" recommends for more severe warning signs from each approach and The road clear centre white-line definition. that should yield at this junction should have a white line across it with a clear "stop" sign. The wall opposite Ferry's house on the corner should be painted with yellow and black reflective stripes along with the reflective red, and similar reflective boards on the fence opposite the station.

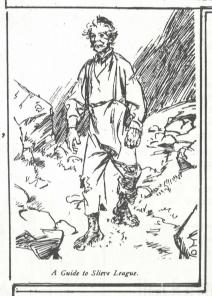
And now - over to the Co. Council.

"The Wheel".



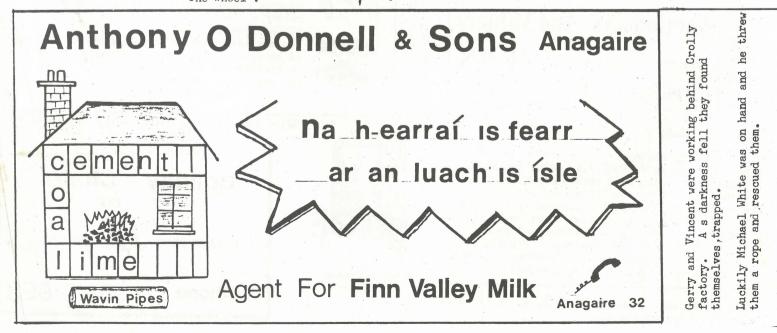
Rinne Sean an turas arais gan dua ag tabhairt fortacht ar na hiascairí.

Ar dhá ócaid eile, rinne bád tarrthála Árainn Mhóir fortacht ar na hiascairí. Ní raibh an bád abalta teacht i dtír agus b'éigin an bia a chur chuig na fir i mbairillí. Bhí Peadar Ó Dónaill chuig na fir i mbairillí. Bhí Peadar Ó Dóna: ag teagasc scoile in Inis Fraoich ar an ócaid dheireanach agus scaoil se urchar gunna ag déanamh ollghairdis leis na fir a ndearnadh tarrthail orthu.



MICHAEL FOR MAYOR

Michael Hanlon, Dungloe is a candidate for the Mayoral election. He says he is satisfied with the manner in which the campaign is being conducted and he told our reporter he was cautiously optimistic.



"Rosannach"





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. GOOD YEAR FOR DANA: Back in 1970 songbird Dana emerged from obscurity, to win overnight fame by winning the Eurovision Song Contest with "All A decade later she is Kinds of Everything'. still very much in the headlines, her self composed 'Totus Tuus' topped the Irish charts and was awarded a 'Gold Disc' for sales of 35,000 by GTO Records. She has just completed a successful Irish tour joined by brother Gerald Brown and his group 'The Boys'. From the 11th till 13th of this month Dana and husband Damien will attend the 3rd Cavan International Song Contest, where her song 'P raise the Lord' will be performed. ' its off to London to record her second BBC TV Then series of 'Wake Up Sunday' which enjoyed tremendous success with the younger viewers. Dana, still a star unlike countless other Eurovision winners who returned to obscurity. YOU'RE SO CHEEKY: Some months back former Rascal members Billy and Patricia Walsh were busy informing the media that they received a £10,000 offer to front their new band Cheeky which also features Majella Murphy on vocals. Now wi budget in that region one expected tops in Now with a publicity, but we still await a photo of the new One expected a good single to launch the band. band, but still no sign. In fact the revamped Rascal with their charming Jamica born singer Yvonne Impramu have received better attention with no major budget. So please Billy and Patricia spend some of this so called fund, otherwise

Cheeky will become the best kept secret on the overcrowded dancing circuit. <u>APRIL EVENTS</u>: If you are a country music fan, then your attention will be focused on the annual

International Festival of Country Music to be held in Wembley. Irish stars such as Philomena Begley, Susan McCann, Eileen King, John Glenn, and Roly Daniels will mix with better known Nashville stars such as Charlie Pride, Emmylou Harris, Bellamy Brothers, etc. for this four day Easter Gala Show.

Then for a spiring composers all eyes are on The Hague for the Eurovision Song Contest. Some 19 songs will compete, and Irish singer Johnny Logan singing that Shay Healy ballad (for want of a better word) "What's A nother Year". Johnny will be performing in the 17th position in order of appearance. The TV show will have in order of appearance. The TV show will have a global audience of 600 million. We can confirm that Isreal who won the contest for the past two years, wont win this year, as they have withdrawn from the event. The show is on April 19th. STIFF WITH SUCCESS: A good start to their recording contract with Chrysalis Records for Stiff Little Fingers, two hit singles, and now their album 'Nobody's Herces' has made the best sellers list. "MAESTRO".



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Other townlands should follow the example of e.g. Rann na Feirste and Mullaghduff and put numbers on the houses.

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What about public toilets in Falcarrach?

Send your ideas to "Guth 7 Tuairim".

Anseo7 Ansiud The Bawaan and other matters

Grave concern was expressed at a public meeting in Falcarrach last week about the pollution of Ballyness Bay and the Bawaan and Ray rivers. The meeting which was attended by representatives of many local bodies as well as Councillors Rodgers and Coll and Paddy Kelly, Udaras na Gaeltachta, heard that a request to the County Council to send a representative to the meeting was turned down. The polluting of the bay was discussed at length. Various public sewer outlets as well as innumerable private septic tanks discharge sewerage daily on to the beach. None of the public sewers have a treatment plant. All of the severage from the Falcarrach area is discharged on to the beach at the mouth of the Bawaan river, and the treatment plant that was installed there has been "out of order" for several years. doors on the treatment tank lay open, the machinery idle and rusting. On hearing of the protests of The

Cllr. Coll and locals the Co. Co. decided to do something about it - they bought two new locks for the door !! That of course works wonders for the treatment of the sewerage.

In spite of the County Manager's assertion that the County Engineers have given much thought to the planning of the Ballyconnell sewer extension it has come to light that the final pipeline to the sea is not capable of carrying the flow, on say a rainy day. So, instead of a larger diameter pipe for the last 200 yards, the far-seeing "Engineers" have run an overflow pipe to carry away the excess that the main pipe cant cope with. And where will the overflow pipe go? Two of them into the Bawaan river and another into the Ray river without any treatment of any kind.

Naturally the local fishing club and residents are angry. Much money has been spent on these rivers over the years to improve fishing. A measure of the success of this investment is the fact that for these two rivers, more salmon fishing licences are sold thn for any other river in Donegal! The fishing in these rivers and the more salmon fishing ficences are sold that for any other river in bonegat. The fishing in these fivers and the natural beauty of the local beaches have been a major tourist attraction to the parish for years. In spite of this and in the face of much local protest the Co. Council's only move to do anything about it was to order the contractors on the sewer last week " to hurry up and get the overflow pipes laid since there's so much

protest going on". And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. It used to be the Board of And the Board of Fisheries, although asked to help have done nothing about it. Conservators - until people got to know better. The local pop on the protest until a satisfactory arrangement is arrived at. "An Bradan".

PADDY COMES HOME	We were heading for the chapel To say a little prayer,	Who worked awhile with Wimpey, Carbeth Construction too,
You can picture the elation	When a funny voice behind us cried	Sure he's like a hairy monkey
When our Paddy worte to us,	"Say folks, Zat you there?"	Escaped from some big zoo!
"I am coming on vacation	"Don't look", says I, to Mary Ann,	We went into Patrick Sally's
In Doherty's minibus".	"There's someone after us,	To have a little chat,
The bus came swiftly swinging,	That hairy hippy, boy or girl,	"The same for you", said Patrick,
And stopped so trim and neat,	We saw come off the bus".	"But what'll I give to that!"
Outside the chip-shop restaurant	But the hairy one persisted	But before the night was over,
On Dungloe's busy street.	In that funny voice to yell,	We were softening, every one,
Mary Ann and me were waiting	"Gee Mum, you're looking lovely,	And Mary Ann was hugging
To welcome our big son.	Gee Dad, you're looking swell".	Our great big ugly son.
All the passengers alighted,	Turning round we saw before us,	I had a little headache
But Paddy wasn't one.	In jeans so tight and thin,	When I got up next day,
There was Conal Paddy Anna, Packy Ned, and Hughie Jack;	A 'thing' in platforms wobbling, And hair that reached its chin.	But it cleared when I saw Paddy
But we saw no sign of Paddy	Across its shoulders swinging	So all you loving parents,
He didn't disembark!	Was strapped a long guitar,	Don't.judge them by their dress;
I was very sad and sorry	And that funny voice kept ringing,	It's the heart that beats within them,
As I wiped a tear away,	"Hi-ya Mum, and Hi-ya Pa".	That you must first access.
And told my wife, "Don't worry, Sure he'll come another day".	And then it dawned upon us, Holy Mary, Mother Dear,	ANON.
Tuairim	Is this our baby Paddy,	Maurice - here I am in Dallas, where the hell are you.
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Iarla Mac Aodha Bhuí was brought up in this area but is now living in Connemara. In this article he looks at the arrival of "Guth 7 Tuairim", at the present state of the Irish Language here in the North-West and reflects on the future of both.

Is fada o bhí muid ag caint ar iris no D'iarr eagarthóir uasal na h-irise seo orm alt a scríobh dó. nuachtán a bhunú sa cheantar. Bhí muid ag caint air agus muid go foill ar scoil. Is i ndiaidh domhsa Gaoth Dobhair a fhágáil a tháinig an iris ar an tsaol fá dheireadh.

Is maith gur éirigh le "Guth 7 Tuairim" teacht ar an saol agus fanacht beo go dtí seo. Ta a fhios againn uilig nach furast nuachtán a chur amach go speisialta nuachtán aitiúil. Níl an páipeár seo gan locht agus ní thiocfadh linn bheith ag dúil go mbeadh. Tá iarracht a dhéanamh páipeár spéisiúl a chur ar fail do phobal an iarthuaiscirt. Ní chreidim féin go mbeidh rath ar iris dhá-theangach. Is é an Béarla an teanga is láidre i nÉirinn agus sa domhan sa lá atá inniu ann agus tá teangacha a brú i Bliantaí ó shoin bhí tréan Gaeilge s'na páipéir ach siocar leataobh aige i n-achan tír chóir a bheith. neart an Bhéarla bruadh an Ghaeilge isteach i gcóirnéil bheaga s'na leathanaigh cúil nó amach as na péipéir ar fad. Creidim go dtarlóidh an rud céanna le "Guth 7 Tuairim".

Ta an ceantar seo speisialta. Is é seo an ceantar Gaeltachta is laidre i nÉirinn. Is maith ata a fhios agam gur fíor sin. Níl an Ghaeilg ag oiread de na tachráin i n-áit ar bith ach anseo. Sé sin an tomhais is éifeachtaí ar bheatha na teanga. Thig leis an phobal bheith bródúil as. Níl le cumhacht dlí na trí thionchar múinteoirí ná lucht an airgid ná na h-eaglaise atá seo amhlaidh. S'iad gnáthmhuintir an Iarthuaiscirt a úsaideann an Ghaeilg ó lá go lá is ó bhliain go bliain agus thig leo a gceann a thógáil i measc pobail na h-Eireann da bharr. Tá sé soiléir go bhfuil féin-mhúinín sa phobal seo nach bhfuil sa mhórchuid d'Éirinn. Le go nglacfadh ar dtír a h-áit i measc tíortha saora an domhain ciahtfimid an féinmhúinín sin a bhronnadh orthu siúd nach bhfuil se acu. Creidim féin go dtig an mhúinín seo as an tuigbheáil go bhfuil an áit seo speisialta agus go bhfuil sí speisialta siocair gur Gaeltacht í. Ba mhaith liom dá bhféadfadh "Guth 7 Tuairim" a bheith mar árdán díospoireachta agus caibidil don phobal i go mbeadh tuairimí a seansáil s'na leathanaigh seo, go dtabharfadh sí guth do cibé duine atá a iarraidh, cibé duine a bhfuil rud le ra aige fa'n tsaol sa cheantar.

Scríobhadh na gnáthdhaoine. Is iad is ionraice. Iad siúd atá bródúil as a gcuid léinn nó a gcuid airgid ní fiú leo a dhath a dhéanamh don Ghaeilg nó don Ghaeltacht ach má tá airgead is poiblíocht le fáil Níl sa Ghaeltacht do na múinteoirí, na gardaí, Gaeltarra (Udaras na Gaeltacht?), na Polaiteoirí, eithscéal le deontaisí agus paí breise a fháil. Is cuma leo ciocú Béarla nó Gaeilg a labhartar sa 8.5 . ach leithscéal le deontaisí agus paí breise a fháil. phobal, nó brocamas de mheascán nach Gaeilge na Béarla é ach masla don dá theanga uasal sin. An cuma le léitheoirí "Guth. 7 Tuairim"?



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SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, MARCH 30,

The Green Fool

A man found dead in the hostel gave his name as Thomas J. Bourke, from Crossmolina.

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Min Larach Princess Purchases Power Boat to chase swimmers - Pedestrians too smart!

The Donegal Team in the late Forties'.

Easter is among us. Traditionally a time of rising, we recall the risen Christ, the risen people, the dancing sun - a sunrise, the sight of the dark-suited men and the white shirted boys and the sound of the fife and drum.

We remember the marching men with the tri-coloured ribbon tacked down their trouser legs. The Easter sun glinting off the Chapel slates and the music echoing off the granite as we stood lost in time on Easter Sunday morning. Distance lends enchantment to the view.

The sweets we stored during Lent, squirrel - like, the jam-jar Bank now broken and the sticky ball of toffee was all that remained after forty days of abstinance.

We walked to the parade in Dungloe, our new shoes slicing our heels. A midst the hubbub we would meet Uncle Johnny and Aunty Sarah and they would assume we were starving, so it's up to Mary O'Briens and to the smell of tea and brown sauce and plain white bread. "Two tea's and meat sandwiches for the young wans". And then the first chance we got we escaped to see the bands and to stuff ourselves with lemona de, liquerice pipes, chips, easter eggs and more lemonade. The bands looked grand and everybody looked happy, we bought bubble blowers from the bargain king. "Come on now boys, two for a penny".

blowers from the bargain king. "Come on now boys, two for a penny". By now the evening is getting late and a little chilly and after buying a "Dandy" from Anthony the Cake's we head for home with the news that Maghery or Leitir or Annagry have won the Band Competition. Ah yes, those were the days.

Later memories include awaking on a bright Easter morning in Cathcart Road, Glasgow to the sound of Band music, a rush to the window to see no fifes or drums or dark-suited men - or tri-coloured ribbons. It's only a Boys Brigade Band marching to morning service. A grand sight to the native Scot, but to one accustomed to Donegal Easter Sundays a mere mirage in a foreign desert.

