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THE YEAR AHEAD

URANIUM

Having survived the choppy seas of 1980 when our future seemed in doubt, this paper faces the challenge of '81 with enthusiasm. January is the time for all of us to plan ahead and that's just what we're doing at the moment. Our intention is to get more actively involved in community affairs during the year. For example, because this is the 'Year of the Disabled' we will be featuring articles highlighting the problems of disabled people. We will also be organising fund-raising activities to help the disabled.

The future of this community will be decided by our youth! What are the views of the young people of today? "Guth 7 Tuairim" is finding out by conducting a survey in community schools in the three parishes. It should be an interesting, revealing study so watch out for it's results. We will continue to focus attention on the dreadful accident black spots on our roads and we'll keep pressing the politicians to do something about them. Nothing could give our many visitors a worse impression of this area than a dirty, badly run Public Bar or Lounge. So our pub-spy will be telling you all about them. But it's not our intention to run-down and criticize unfairly. What we want is to improve facilities for us all, and to encourage publicans to raise their standards we'll be running a 'pub of the year' competition. We'll also be keeping a watchful eye on the shops to make sure that they're treating the public fairly through our consumer affairs spot. Our last poetry competition was a great success and we intend to run another one to encourage up-and-coming young poets.

Tá lúcháir orainn go bhfuil muid ag tabhairt an seans do scriobhneoirí Gaeilge altannaí a chuir i gcló. B'fhéidir lá éigin go mbeadh muid ábalta cuid de na h-altannaí a chuir ar fáil i bhfoirm leabhar? There are numerous other activities to occupy us in the month's ahead but of course we will be depending on your continued support. With that support we can provide a "local" paper that is different from the rest. We can unite the people of this area with relatives and friends overseas. Agus má tá tuairimí agatsa a b'mhaith leat a phlé cuir peann le páipeár agus seol chugainn iad.

The Hope of Tirconnell

Lough Finn will still be there my friend
and the mountains too I know,
And the grass will still come fresh and green
and the flowers grandly grow;
The life of man will be prolonged
by science and its skills,
When the mining starts in earnest
for the 'Gold' in them thar hills.

The sheep will thrive in good Gleengort
in Cummeen and Mollyroe,
In Derrynagriel each luscious field
will make the cattle grow;
And when they dawdle lazily home
the milk pail overfills,
'Cause fortune smiles on man and beast
from the 'gold' in them thar hills.

The Gweebarra tide will ebb and flow
as it's done for a million years,
The silvery shoals will come to spawn
let the angler have no fears;
And Sean will woo his Sheila fair
and wed with all the frills,
They'll bless the day the mining boys
found 'gold' in them thar hills.

False prophets we must ostracise
especially those of doom,
God knows there are too many such
in Dungloe, Glenties - Toome;
They just protest to annoy the men
who work the pneumatic drills,
To give us all a brighter life
The 'gold' in them thar hills.

We agree with your unnamed Anon
that strangers should be barred,
But only those who write and march
and make for local discord;
They're welcome if they come and do
what the Roman motto bills,
And let the good work go ahead
for the 'gold' in them thar hills.

Good doctors say that one X-Ray
gives out more radiation,
Than all the mining carried on
across the entire nation;
So cheer up friend, your mortal end
will be warded off with pills,
Perhaps we'll buy you eternal youth
with the 'gold' in them thar hills.

Lough Errige nestles in the shade
beautiful calm and mild,
Lough na mBreac could aptly be described
'the waters and the wild'.
These lovely scenes will now be known
when all the Jacks and Jills,
Go climbing up to see the boys
get the 'gold' in them thar hills.

Pa Ward 15/12/'80.

Fálcarrach Ploughing Committee
in the early 50's.



EAGARALT

There was a lot of talk following Michael O'Kennedy's appointment as an E.E.C. commissioner about whether he got an important job or just a fancy title. It is disquieting that nobody questioned his huge salary or whether it was justified. A few days later the papers told us more good news; as a result of his appointment there would almost certainly be more £35,000 jobs coming to this country. It's a pity that E.E.C. money is being splashed about so recklessly and irresponsibly. But then, our home-based politicians are never shy either of giving themselves huge salary increases (tax free of course) while at the same time preaching restraint. Can you blame the workers for shouting "more" considering the example coming from above. It's a pity that this country like most, has developed a political system that stinks of 'jobs for the boys and red tape, in which our elected representatives can be guaranteed financial gain and in which public money is disgracefully misused. The vast majority of our politicians are more interested in lining their pockets than in serving the people. But, we only have ourselves to blame!

"An t-Eagarthóir".

Anagaire

Getting off to a good start early in the New Year were the Anagaire Fife & Drum band who held yet another successful hogmanay dance in the Ostán (good luck with the music).

The Christmas midnight mass was a very memorable occasion with the floral display, crib and harmonising choir. However the illumination on the church Christmas tree failed to see out the festival season. Even if the tree failed to light up the patrons of the local taverns made up for it. Someone was heard to sing "O Danny boy the lights, the lights are calling," not to mention the "Barber of Seville" and the theme music from Hawaii 50. While talking about taverns isn't it about time someone explained to Michael (evil kneival) S. what a door is used for.

Fr. Des received an original Christmas greeting early on Christmas morning!

We wish Josie every success in branching out into new territory in Letterkenny where it's reported he'll be opening a new garage soon. No doubt Big T. will find that difficult to digest and he'll be heading for the same territory soon.

Congratulations to Dom for opening something the village was badly in need of for a long time, i.e. his new dining room.

Just as the Cope are in the process of replacing its old run-down building with a new branch in Anagaire, the P7 T have provided us with another eyesore right in the heart of the village. All it needs now is a union Jack and tourists will be certain they are in the Falls Road or the Bogside. Meanwhile, the answer to that other eyesore at the other end of the village is to rename Owenie Charlie's field "Mount Arrarat".

The big question being debated in the "Club" one night recently was - how many Council workers could be fitted into the cab of a lorry? However the heated discussion came to an abrupt end on the arrival of one of its regular week-end patrons. The question still remains unanswered.

It is pleasing to see the young members of the Athletic club and the Boxing club wearing their armbands while doing their road-work after dark.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following happy couples:

- Brid Gallagher, Sraith na Bruaigh ar Domenick Friel, An Luinnigh.
- Ena Barrett, Falcarrach ar Bernie Convie, An Chabhán.
- Katherine McFadden, Cill Ult ar Tommy McGinley, Glenhola.

To the Garda Station in Falcarrach for having old wrecked cars lying in their carpark by the main road. To the garages who take advantage of Lady driver's lack of knowledge of cars and overcharge them.

Do achan nduine atá ag caitheamh a gcuid armbands amuigh san oíche. To those who worked during Christmas and the New Year while most people were having a holiday.

KINCASSLAGH

The Kincasslagh Boxing Club are sending three boxers to compete in the Junior Championships in Dublin soon. Fr. McBride, the Secretary and Hughie Duffy their trainer will accompany the three boxers - Joseph Gillespie, Michael Duggan and Pat McGee. More boxing news is that a tournament against a Glasgow side will take place in the Kincasslagh hall on February 13th.

Jimmy O'Donnell, upholsterer is making plans for his annual holidays which he hopes to spend in Tralee. John Oglesby's new boat had a very large catch on her maiden fishing trip. Keep up the good work boys!

Kincasslagh Rowing Club are providing plenty of entertainment in the area over the coming months.

On Saturday 24th January they are hosting a pub quiz challenge against the Strand Bar, Maghera in Neddy's Bar, Mullaghduff and the admission is free. On the 6th February all roads lead to Dungloe where the Club have come up with a very original idea - they have re-united Margo and the original Keynotes after 13 years. It promises to be a great night for young and old. Also, coming up is a Mastermind General Knowledge Quiz in the Teach Bán commencing on the 30th January.

Brian Quinn reckons Dan McGarvey is training for the Tour de France.

Is there any truth in the rumour that Phil Ward is going to take up management in the entertainment world?

Over the Christmas period I found having read and re-read "Guth 7 Tuairim" that I had little reading material available so I took up one of my gifts which was nice and clean and "empty" - it was a Diary - 1981.

As I flicked through its pages, for what I do not know, I was "taken back" by a few days and dates and one word came to mind - TRIS - KAIDEKAPHOBIA, the name given to describe the complaint of one who worries about good and bad luck, and who hates Fridays which fall on the 13th. While I am not a TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIC, I nevertheless notice that the 13th of February, March and November of '81 fall on Friday. I then, with the aid of an E.G.R. calculated that we will have similar situations in August 1982, May 1983 and in January, April and July of 1984. If you're not that type of person who worries about such matters then you're really lucky!

"The Kerryman".

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following couples on their new arrival:-

- Brid agus Roger McNulty, Gort a'Choirce (gasúr)
- Margaret agus Pat Gallagher, An Chóirbhín (gasúr)
- Caitlín agus Dan Rodgers, Bunaleaca (gasúr)
- Peggy agus Patsy McTiernan, Roscommon (gasúr)
- Brid agus Kevin Byrne, Machaire Rabhartaigh (gasúr)
- Anne agus John Joe McCafferty, Glaisdobharchú (gasúr)
- Ann agus Charlie McBride, Loch an tUir (Twins - girseachaí)

- Nellie agus Gerry Galway An Luinnigh (gasúr)
- Kathleen agus Donall Rua O'Donail, An Charraic (girseach)

- Ann agus Michael McCandless, An Luinnigh (girseach)
- Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, An Luinnigh (girseach)
- Marion agus Bernard Toland (gasúr)

Sympathy is extended to the family of the following:

- Biddy Roarty, Machaire Chlochair
- Bernard McBride, Middletown and England
- Nellie Duffy, Meencorwick
- Kathleen Norton, England and Dungloe
- Joseph Gallagher, Dungloe
- Mary Pat Gallagher, Cnoc a'Stolaire
- Bridget Gillespie, Loch Achair
- Proinsias Gallagher, Dobhar
- Charlie Cannon, Machaire Rabhartaigh
- Mary O'Donnell, Meenleacknalore
- Charles H. Gallagher, Machaire Chlochair
- Mary Boyle, Drumlaghdrid
- Jim Boyle, Derryreel
- Patrick Sharkey, Drúim na Ceart
- Nora McFadden, Ray
- Frank Gallagher, Dobhar
- Charlie McGarvey, Corveen

Why did P.S. kill the cat? Because he ate the Turkey??
 Who's planning a honeymoon in Majorce in June? E.J.N. and B.H.?

What would the Sergeant like to see on page 3?

Ceist Uimhir 1: Did McG, Maire G.Q. and Flynn enjoy their holiday in Germany?
 Ceist Uimhir 2: Just how much did that "holiday" cost the taxpayer?

DEATHS



Raspberries



Roses

SAOĪDOBĀIR

Ceantar Pobail Dhoire Beaga

During the Christmas and New Year holiday period local entertainment centres had a boom time. People forgot all about the hard times and went out and enjoyed themselves every night. Ach mar a dúirt bean amháin as Machaire Chlochair, "when people realize how much they've spent they're going to get very depressed". Is it a case of 'live for today for tomorrow we die'?

Tá go leor dacine mí-shásta leis an méid ama atá "Cearta Gael" a' fháil ar an aer ó Raidió na Gaeltachta. Dúirt fear amháin, "ma tá tú ag iarraidh dhul ar an Raidió caithfidh tú 'ghabháil amach le bosca péint". A courting couple parked their car down at the beach at Machaire Gathlan thinking they had found a quiet spot. But they left the place in a hurry after spotting strange creatures in the sea heading towards the shore. It turned out however that the creatures were cows who had been left to graze on Inis Sionnaigh but had obviously got homesick and were swimming for the mainland.

Coinníodh damhsa i nOstán Radharc an Eargail ar na mallaibh do Khitty Phaidí h-Owenie. Kitty has just retired after working in AnCO since it was started nearly. Guíonn muid chuile ádh uirthi.

Ceantar Pobail Mhín Uí Bhaoil.



Tá lúchair ar mhuintir na h-áite go bhfuil Margaret O'Brien arais sa bhaile arís. Tá sí 93 bliain d'aois agus bíonn sí ina suí cois natine ag an t-áit achan lá. Ba mhaith linn fáil amach cé'n bhean as Dobhar a lean fear isteach san toilet le scuab dtigh Joe. Fosta, cé'n Fiat a bhíonn ag halla Dhobhair achan oíche? Níonn muid comghairdeachas le Muala Nic Aoidh atá bliain is fiche.

Tá súil ag muintir na h-áite go mbeidh Sally Sheáin sa bhaile gan mhoill.

Ceantar Pobail Bhun a'Leaca

Tá Noel Ferry as Bun a'Leaca i ndiaidh tosacht ina phost úr i Scoil na Luinnigh. Bhí Noel ag teagasc ar an Chlochán Ljath go dtí seo. Tig sé in áit Plunkett Ferry atá ag teagasc anois i Leitir Ceanainn. Tá an post seo níos oiriúnaí do Phlunkett mar nach bhfuil feidhm air taisteáil go Gaioth Dobhair achan lá ó na áit chónaí i Leitir Ceanainn mar a bhí go dtí le gairid.

Tá Barney Coyle sa bhaile arís as Alaska. Déarfainn go bhfaca sé níos mó gréine sa pháirt sin don domhain, ná mar a chífadh sé i nGaioth Dobhair!

Tá sé ar intinn ag Frank Hynd as Glasgow cur faoi sa cheantar seo gan mhoill. B'as Mín a Chladaigh a bhean, nach maireann. Tá Frank ag gabháil a thógáil teach úr i nGlaisdobharchú, agus mothaím go bhfuil sé ag gabháil a 'obair mar thógálaí. Mí bheadh cumha ar Seapánach dá mbeadh sé ina chónaí sa taobh seo tíre mar go bhfuil an oiread sin Toyota's thart! Sé John (Pheadair) O Gallchóir an duine is deireannaí a fuair ceann. Veain bhreá úr atá ceannaithe aigesan.

Tá 'walk' fada go Cnoc a'Stolaire ag peiladóir óg as Bun a'Leaca le tamall anuas. Shílfeá go dtabharfadh an t-athair eochracha an Transit dó!

guth 7 tuairim, "Bean na dTrí mBo" / doire beaga.

Our next edition will be in the shops on February 13th. Caithfidh comórtaisí, litreacha, altannaí, fógraí, srl. a bheith istigh roimhe nó ar 6ú Feabhra. Last date for copy February 6th. Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Phone Bunbeg 265.

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Dún Lúiche

Tá cuid mhór daoine ag gabháil arais na scoile ag damhsaí agus ag imirt chártaí. Bhí cuid mhór imeachtaí don chineál seo ar siúl san scoil le cúpla seachtain le airgead a chruinniú le teas a chuir san Teach Fhobail. But while adults can easily attend school some children cannot, because transport is not being made available.

Tommy decided as a result of a recent visit to Scotland that it was the best country he visited, with Spain coming a poor second.

After the first half of the Parish Darts League McGeady's head the table by two points.

The year old missing goose was seen recently in Mín na nGall. The goose was screaming, headless and half-cooked. The "detectives" deny the rumour. "Krapp".

DUNGLOE

Congratulations to those members of our community who "quietly" came along just before Christmas, erected and lighted a tree outside the Allied Irish Bank. With a few more good people like them we might get around to proper Xmas public decorations for next year - just like any other small town.

Between Tara House, the two hotels and the two schools the Christmas entertainment was first-class. That which I enjoyed most was the Primary school concert which was a great credit to all the children and their teachers. On Friday, December 19th, there was great excitement at the Rosses Community School when a light aircraft touched down and out stepped Eamonn Andrews with his cameramen and Red Book. After all the handshakes Eamonn headed straight to the staff room where he presented the Red Book to the unsuspecting staff member, Seamus McGarvey. For the remainder of the evening taxis continued to draw up to the main door carrying many of Seamus's relatives and friends who had been flown into Carrickfinn.

I have been reliably informed that Denis Hanlon didn't leave the school 'till midnight - he was hoping that Eamonn just might drop in, and when he heard the aircraft taking off he was hopping.

While the turnout was small at the pre-Christmas Parish Céilí in Ostán na Rosann it was nevertheless most enjoyable, at least for those of us who know and appreciate Irish dancing.

Festival

In an effort to extract more finance from the local traders the Committee decided to go ahead with the threatened hunger strike on December 20th. While we are not aware of the terms reached, a spokesman did reveal that resulting from "satisfactory" talks a settlement had been reached and food was taken after 24 hours. After the event one member was heard to say, "we're not fit for a Carrolls Banquet". It is understood that Lord Mayor Hanlon played no small part in the early and peaceful settlement.

Should you walk into a bookshop and see a paperback - "My Story", don't rush to pull it off the shelf - it's not a new edition of the life of Paddy the Cope. No, but smart girl Ingrid Bergman of "For Who the Bell Tolls" fame has chosen the same title for her autobiography. I'm not sure of the price but I would hazzard a guess that it's much dearer than the life of "OUR LORD". Speaking of books, reminds me that one of the nicest gift I received this year was Robert Kee's "Ireland - a History" and the second nicest was "The Spike", the entire film of which I believe will be back on T.V. for Lent.

Speaking of T.V. and indeed licences for same, I see where Gay Byrne puts it nicely. - Says he, "For less than the price of an apple a day, you get two T.V. channels and two radio channels. Then if that's the case we can say that we get the other channels which are worth watching for free". "The Kerryman".

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The Brown Eagle's brakes failed and he landed down on the beach - is that a 4?

Did the mother-in-law chase Phil out of Arlands with a brush? Congratulations to D. McLennon on passing his nursing exams.

Cloich Cheann Fhaola

While work continues rapidly on the new chapel the drive to raise funds continues. The Ford Fiesta which was raffled brought in £12,000 and was won by a Stranorlar man. Other activities over the last few weeks include a "Mr. & Mrs." competition which was won by Sheila and Sean McGee, and a cabaret which included a pub-quiz and beer tasting competition. Cuireann Cumann peile Chloich Cheann Fhaola fáilte na bhaile roimhe a n-Uachtarán An tAthair MacFhloinn atá arais sa bhaile.

Dála an scéil beidh damhsa ag an chumann i nOstan Mhic Phaidín ar an 13ú Feabhra.

On the soccer front Vera Murphy was the lucky winner of a colour T.V. in the silver circle run by Glenea United. Another lucky winner in a draw organised by Fine Gael was Fonsie McBride, Ballinas who won £500.

What is the tourist's first impression of Fálcarraigh? A tidy little town with well kept shops and houses. If they come from the Gort a'Choirce direction **Yes** but if they come from the Dunfanaghy direction they will surely be disgusted by the sight of old scrapped, wrecked cars lying rotting by the roadside at the Garda Station. Tá suil againn go dtógfar amach as sin iad gan móran muille!

The Gang".

Machaire Rabhartaigh agus Mfn Lárach

Fuair Dennis John Ban cárta ina luí ar an Trá. Tháinig an cárta a rith an bhealaigh ó Newfoundland agus bhí seoladh air lena chuir arais le ceistneoir fá cá dtáinig sé i dtír.

Tá Sarah D. sa bhaile arís ó na Stait Aontaithe áit a raibh saoire ar dóigh aici. Tá sí ag "guessáil" ó shoin.

Bhí Teresa Khitty ma' go leor nár maraíodh í nuair a chuaigh a carr do'n bhealach ag an chóirneál ag Michael's Foodstore.

Cuirimid fáilte na bhaile roimh Míclé Bhrianí atá i ndiaidh seal a chaitheamh san Ospideál i Leitir Ceanainn.

Tá MacGrianna ag cuir cóir úr ar Theach Dixon agus tá Val ag déanamh suas an Caifé. Tá sí ag cuir isteach showcase úr choinne buns.

Bhí girlfriend Húdaí sa bhaile choinne na Nollag agus chaith sí féin agus a cara coicís i sealai Joe Eamoinn.

Tá Sally Phat sa bhaile arís fosta i ndiaidh seachtain a chaitheamh i bhFanaid.

"An Mhaighdean Mhara".

Doire Na Mainsear

Well, Christmas has come and gone since the last edition and so too have a lot of our neighbours and good friends who only get the chance to visit us at holiday time. Great credit must go to Joe Mulligan who once again thumbed from Kerry. As Leo said, "Bejapers, Christmas wouldn't be the same without Joe". Asked how life was treating him in Kerry, his modest reply was, "I'm on the same racetrack, only getting nowhere faster than usual".

Rosie and Brandy went to Glasgow for Christmas and Ann Marie says she can't wait for Easter after having a fantastic Xmas in London.

Peter Duffy, Gracie and Family have returned to live in Doire na Mainsear where they intend to build a new house.

Congratulations must go to Eibhlin Sam, Roise Eoin and Biddy Sheain on their lovely display of Christmas lights.

Tá Annie Eoghain Mhóir as Míin na Leice ag imeacht go Mexico ag a mac Brian ar laetha saoire. Deir Pádraig Chonaill agus Húdaí Dhonnchaidh Sheáin go gcrothnachar Annie mar gurbh i is fearr sna British Isles fá choinne an tae.

John Mór, a keen T.V. fan has named his new dog "Lucy" after his favourite T.V. show.

Ar chuala tú Nellie Bhríde ag ceol Tigh Leo? Siubhán Eoghain's popular rooster didn't survive the Xmas rush. Neither (for different reasons) did Maighread Mulligan's black cat who only had one life instead of nine.

Finally, I wish all readers a prosperous 1981 and a special word of thanks to all who helped with the Doire na Mainsear notes, knowingly or otherwise, during 1980.

"The Rock".

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Joan's joining the bottled blonde's. Where were James and Dolores going in their Sunday best? Certainly not to football or to the pub.

Tá cumha mhór ar an "Flasher" ó d'fhag "Liverpool Lou" é, ach sure tá "Kilmanjaro" ar fad aige. Peter McD. gets very big in the head after 3 a.m. Hello, let me introduce Grace the driving instructor. Did you meet Jimmy Anthony yet?

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Loch An Iúir

Mar is gnath, lasadh cros-mhór Loch an Iúir ar mhullach an chnoic i mbliana arís. Tógadh an chros seo i n-onóir na bliana naofa agus lastar gach Nollaig í. Many people are pleased that the County Council have 'graveled' the 'moor-hen road'. This road is used extensively by people who have mountain plots and turf-banks there.

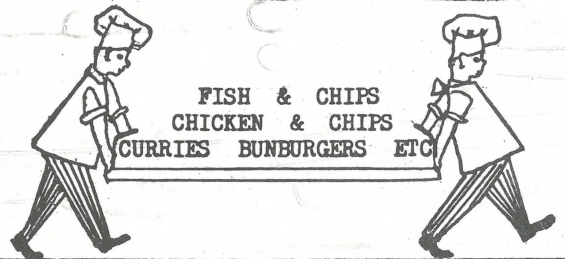
Guireadh craobh de Ghlór na nGael ar bun ar an bhaile le gairid. Tá sé ar inntinn acu cúis na Gaeilge a chuir chun cinn gach dóigh is féidir, chomh maith le áiteacha Stairiúla agus áiteacha Beannaí a mharcáil agus a dheisiú.

Much credit is due to several members of the Youth Club who arranged to have people donate grocery items, etc., for distribution to Senior Citizens. The little parcels were presented on Christmas eve, much to the delight of everyone concerned.

There is no truth in the rumour that gold has been found in the cave on the 'leacach', even though the machine-man and his banksman - in - blue - anorak spent New Year's Day there. Others claim they were looking for coal as it is said that anywhere there is limestone, there is enough coal underneath to burn it, Loch an Iuir coalmines how are you!

The finger-posts have again been repaired and re-erected by the Co. Council. I wonder how long will they survive this time? An Bacach.

Árd Na gCeapaire



TAKEAWAY

10-30 am to 12-00 pm

Fresh Fish available

The answers to last month's pub quiz were: Bhuaidh Gaoth Dobhair comórtas peil na Gaeltachta 3 h-uaire, i 1969 (Captaen Pádraig Ó Dochartaigh) 1975 (Captaen Mícheál Ó Gallchóir) agus 1976 (Captaen Timlín Ó Gearnaigh)

Ceist na míosa seo: **Pub Quiz**

John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. What was the exact date of his assassination? Where was he shot and by whom? What does the F. in his name stand for? Freagraí ar an mhí s'chugainn.

The Lower Rosses

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Christmas day was like a holocaust in Dungloe! Early on, while everybody were enjoying their meal in Ostan na Rosann, (booked a year in advance) news reached the hotel that the famous Con Bonner P.C., Miltown got a heart attack in Acres Church after taking up the collection. The news spread like fire, but people thought the strong man Con was he would survive. That was their hope. Maggie John Andie could not serve the tables with the shock. "Poor Con" - that's all you could hear. Later in the evening word reached the Ostan that Con died on the heart machine. People cried at their tables. Charlie Kit collapsed and when they got him round with Brandy he started drinking heavy. So did everybody else in the hotel. The bar-staff were so shocked they were giving double whiskeys instead of halves. The Murrays band arrived to play but when they heard the news they couldn't play a note. Cathal was like a ghost and Margaret was crying. They finished at ten o'clock, they couldn't play any longer. Eamonn was stunned, "anybody but Con", he says. A few people left to go to the wake; when they got there Maggie opened the door, she wished them a happy Christmas and asked them in - who was sitting at the fire but Con. **THE REPORT WAS ALL A HOAX!** Maggie and Con had to sit up all night as people were calling. But that was nothing until next day! They came from far and near. Burtonport Post Office had to employ extra staff to cope with all the calls. Joe Charlie Condy could not face the house, but later Maggie had to go and tell him Con was O.K. An old man from Lettermacaward came to the "wake" the next day - and he found Con out making a horse cart, at which point the old man fainted. Frock got the news and he went to the stone to pick a coffin. He said to Gracie, "Do you know it's only yesterday I saw Con in Dungloe and I said to myself - if he goes sudden it will be hard to get a coffin big enough". Anyway, he got the largest he had and put it in the hearse awaiting the call. John Patrick in Keadue made for his factory along with James Nora but they discovered there were no lids. James Nora, with tears running down his cheeks says in a shaky voice, "sure if you go over to Mickey Kit he'll make a lid, because that funeral wont take place for four days, such a famous man as Con". John Patrick says, "if he was still taking a jar he might be alive yet". If Frock was waiting yet he got no call and neither did John. But Con's house was crowded all day Boxing day and the day after. Con was consoling them, he said, "I often thought when I would die it would be nice to

Bosco says you can't put a long-eared mate into a small van. Mary says you can if you can tie him down.

Deir Róisín, "If you can't find it, you can't get it."

Rann na Feirste

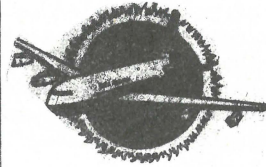
Coinníodh oíche sa choláiste choinne páistí lag-intinneacha ar na mallaibh. Bhí dráma ag monarcán Anagaire agus dráma eile ag muintir Rann na Feirste iad féin; thug Dónall agus Feidhlimidh Ó Gallchóir dreas ceoil agus d'inis Bríd Anna Ní Bhaoill scéal; ansin, bhí 'tráth na gceist' ann idir ceithre fhoireann agus bhí an bhua ag Donnchadh Eddie agus a fhoireann. Tá Bell' Fheidhlimidh agus Micí Bhiddie Dhónaill 56 bliain posta - agus an bheirt acu i mbarr a sláinte. Fósadh iad s'na h-Acraí i 1925. Ag comórtas damhsa i Leitir Ceanainn le gairid fuair Dónall Ó Gallchóir ar aghaidh go dtí 'Craobh an Domhain' a bhéas ar siúl san Mansion House i mBaile Átha Cliath thart fá'n cháisc. Tá sé ar aghaidh go dtí craobh uladh de'n Chomhaltas ar an fheadóg mhór chomh maith - áit a mbeidh a dhearthóir Feidhlimidh le grúpa ceoltoirí Mhín na Croise. Fuair Maria Ní Dhónaill (iníon Dhónaill Rua) bonn de chuid Uladh as damhsa agus fuair beirt ghirseachaí Mhicheál Gracie, Máirín agus Caroline boinn chomh maith. Bhí cuid mhór daoine sa bhaile choinne na Nollag, ina measc: Biddie Mhary Hughie sa bhaile as Long Island; Iníon Fannie Sonny, Mary agus a fear. Tá Annie sa bhaile arís agus gan a dhíth uirthi ach leithscéal le theacht anall nó creidim nach raibh 'nduine d'fhág an baile ariamh bhí sa bhaile chomh minic léi. Bhí Ann McGowan abhus as Liverpool tigh Nóra Frank Chonaill ag foghlaim Gaeilge. Chuaigh Siobhán Ní Ghairbhe an bealach eile - chuaigh sí ar saoire go Glasgow agus bhain sí £200 fhad agus bhí sí thall. £200 mhaith the chothaithe mar gur sterling a bhí ann. Bean eile a raibh an t-ádh uirthi nó Fannie Dónaí a bhain hamper brea ag an Bhingó i nDoire Beaga.

see all the people calling and paying and crying. I did see it now. I know my good friends now". Maire Geoghagan Quinn heard the news on Christmas night and she broke into tears. "Poor Con", she said, "He worked hard at the election with me and he is going to be a big loss to F.F." Doalty Sharkey said it was the big meals with the Ministers at election time that killed him. Doalty says, "even though I am on the other side, Con was harmless and would help anybody in trouble". Anyway, the story which was started by some prank ended happily and Con took it all in good part. He purchased a new car the following week. The senior citizens party in the Ostan recently was a great success. The old-time waltzing competition was won by Joe Boyle, Acres and his sister-in-law Bridget Sweeney, Acres. Second, were the famous champion dancers, Connie Boyle and Mrs. Pat Boyle, Sen., Meenmore. Joe received a grand cup. The last issue mentioned John Gorman leaving the party - but it was a hen party he left. In next month's issue I hope to be able to give you more news about the Marriage Bureau that is starting in the Lackenagh and Miltown area because of all the bachelors and spinsters in the area. Some man or woman in Gweedore could get a partner in Lackenagh for 1981! "The Listener".

Was Gerry (A) taking a short-cut, (B) cutting turf, (c) taking flying lessons?

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Tá Beatrice sa bhaile ó Londain agus i gabháil a phósadh i gcionn cúpla seachtain. Iar-scolaire de scoil Mhín Beannad, Pádraig Ó Cnaimhsí a bhain duais ag an Oireachtas i mblíana ag a mbeidh leabhar Gaeilge uaidh ag teach amach i n-aithghiorracht. Tá Barney Campbell sa bhaile anois i ndiaidh trí scór bliain a chaitheamh i n-Alban. De theaghlach iomraiteach é a rabh aithne orthu fad-leitheadach mar na "Tunnel Tigers". Ar an 14ú den mhí seo beidh sé trí scór bliain díreach ó rinneadh an luíochán oíche ar lan thraen de shaighdiúirí Sasanach i Phil's cutting i Mhín Beannad. Eacht é nach rinneadh a leitheid i n-Eirinn go dtí sin agus air a mbeidh cuntas níos iomláine ar na nuachtáin ar ball. Tá Maighread Nic an Aona, Melbourne, Australia ins an tír Naofa i láthair na h-uaire. Ní bheidh sí ar ais i mBéal na Crúite go dtí an Márta.



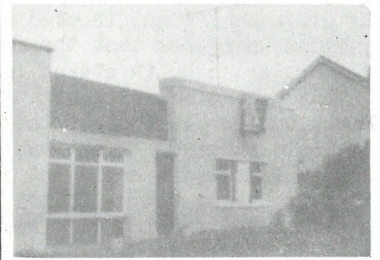
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May I start by wishing all a very Happy New Year - with safe use of our roads both by car and on foot. This month brings us back to Gaoth Dobhair, to the road from Dobhar into Bunbeag via Cnoc a' Stolaire to an area known locally as Loch an Bealaigh. From the Dobhar direction, after passing Sharkey's you go over the crest of a hill where water has been "springing" up in the middle of the road for decades. In frost, this freezes resulting in an icy patch on a downhill stretch approaching a right hand corner. The corner has an adverse camber, there is no protection on the left hand edge ... result - a 6 ft. drop into the bog. There have been numerous accidents on either side of this corner. I suggest (1) Drain the water by laying pipes and then resurface the road smoothly and properly. (2) Lower the bank on inside of corner to reduce blind view. Material from this operation could then be used to build up the outside of the corner. (3) Erect protective rail along outer edge of road (similar to those on Dún Lúiche - Letterkenny road) to save people injury on landing upside down in the bog. Ideally, this whole road from Bunbeag to Dobhar needs widening to cater for the heavy commercial traffic and Public Transport. There are many places where two large vehicles cannot pass. Last Winter we encouraged pedestrians to wear their armbands when walking the roads at night. Are you wearing your armband this Winter? This month "Guth 7 Tuairim" will present a cheque for £5 to some pedestrian who has the good sense to be wearing their armband.

"The Wheel".

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Looking at the future of CB Radio in the U.K., it is likely that it will be legalized on a frequency just above 928 MHz, which will be called 'Open Channel'. While this would certainly cut interference with domestic radio and T.V. to a minimum the Government fail to point out that radiation at these frequencies may have serious effects on the human body. There appears to be a definite link with cataracts of the eye. Also, a range of 9 miles is thought to be adequate while test results show that in practice ranges are likely to be between 10 and 50 per cent of this distance. So it seems that the British Government are equally out of touch with C.B. users as their Irish counterparts.

The International Q Code

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| QRO - Increase power | QRT - Close down |
| QRK - Signal strength | QRX - Stand by |
| QSL - Verification card | QSY - Change frequency, channel |
| QTH - Location | QRT - Time "The Big Ears". |



We visited O'Donnail's Pub in Anagaire during the Christmas holiday period and found it hard to believe that a Public House could be so BAD. The gantry was poorly stocked, the decor was badly neglected and the roof leaked in more places than one. On my visit to the toilet I decided to wait until I went elsewhere as I was overcome by the stench as soon as I entered the door. The only good comment I can make about this establishment is the friendly and efficient way the young barman went about his work in atrocious conditions. Not a bad pint of beer either at 62p. No pub-grub served. The Management would argue that the premises is being renovated at the moment but there can be no excuse for letting a place that is open to the public get so run-down. In 1981 the paying customer deserves better. We won't be back in a hurry! Pint Rating - (I grudge it)

We are glad to learn that "Guth 7 Tuairim" are going to hold a "Pub of the Year" competition. If you think your "local" deserves the title write to "Pub of the Year", "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Name your favourite Pub and tell us why it's the best. More details next month.

The Green Fool Strikes Again!!! (And the Politicians order rose-tinted glasses). *The Green Fool.*

The television companies of these islands, of which we in the North-West have the doubtful privilege of paying for and/or sponging from, deserve to be in my opinion collectively honoured by their cousins in the film industry. They should be awarded the Old Hat Award for doing more than required by the call of duty for the preservation of old films. Let there be no discrimination against our native channels for they have done their bit. They show us old forgotten films in Spring, older forgotten films in Summer and older never-remembered-in-the-first-place films in Autumn, but fair dues to them, they come up with the goods at the end of the day - or rather the year. Mind you, the films they show at the end of the year are old too, but at least they are memorable old films, ones we saw at Sunday Matinee or were too young to see. It is a great feeling being able to determine some point in time as the year when the film was made and identify in some way with that time like: "My Granny was 36 when this film was made." It makes the enjoyment of the film so complete that you believe you are watching a good film. Of course you should know better, but can be easily forgiven considering the stuff you are usually subjected to. Yes, I believe the boys of the Silver Screen have a lot to be thankful for! Where would they be without T.V. Stations? In the dustbin, that's where. So the least they could do is present the award of the "Old Hat" and they'll never be forgotten for it.

It's not that they're short of presenters but I think King Kong would go down big presenting the award to Derek Davies of R.T.E. news on behalf of his colleagues North and South.

Michael D's bum is becoming a rare attraction on the other side of Crollly bridge.

Did Breid enjoy the dance Tom gave her at the dinner-dance?

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Eventually the people were formed into groups of two, and two by two they went into the hall to look at the shattered faces and broken bodies, to claim the corpses as their own kin. Many fainted at the sight, were gently tended by the Red Cross nurses, even as others stopped over the bodies, hysterically clutching at the remains of brothers, husbands, sons. Even the usual aids to identification, clothing, height, feature, were in many cases lacking, making the sight more gruesome, the reaction more cruel.

By 4 a.m. the identification was practically complete - with two bodies unrecovered, those of James Rodgers, John Roarty. It was learned that these two boys had been leaning over the mine when the explosion occurred. Coffins arrived in the morning from Dungloe - seventeen coffins - and they were placed in line in the hall. Later three more coffins were brought when the death roll mounted. Some of the boys who were killed were shortly to go to Britain. A dance was to have been held to-night in the hall where their bodies lie. When daylight shone on the strand caoining women were still searching, stooping and reaching their hands grotesquely through the shallow water of the beach. They were the kinsfolk of the two missing boys, refusing to believe that the battered bodies in the hall were of those who were lost.

40 Homes Damaged

The explosion had been heard for forty miles around, east at Letterkenny, north at Rosapenna, south at Killybegs. Forty homes above the fated strand of Ballymanus are damaged by the concussion. Freak of the explosion - shrapnel of the mine struck a youth in the hip, and coins in his pocket deflected the metal. He was practically uninjured.

No one slept in Ballymanus nor its three surrounding townlands last night. Light glowed in the houses and groups gathered into them, commiserating and scarcely knowing with whom to commiserate. Working heroically in succouring the wounded were the gardai under Sergt. Frank Allen, the Red Cross, and the L.S.F. Priests from the - Fathers J. O'Byrne, T. McGinley, J. Glackin, attended to the dying. Doctors D. McDevitt, Burtonport; H. Callaghan, Dungloe; C. Carr, Bunbeg, and Dr. MacDonagh of the Letterkenny Military Barracks, worked throughout the night and morning.

An Luíochán Oíche i Mhín Beannad 14/1/1921

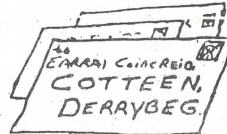
Tá sé trí scór blian go díreach ó rinneadh luíochán oíche ar thraen iomlán de shaighdiúirí na Sasana i Mhín Beannad ar an 14ú la de Eanáir, 1921. Go mall sa tráthnóna an lár céanna tháinig sreang-seéal o Dhoire go Ailt a'Chorrain go raibh "fish train" ag teacht isteach an oíche sin. Cáit Mí Dhónaill a bhí ar líne agus thug sí scéala do Sheosamh MacSuibhne, Ceannphort an First Northern Division de na h-Oglaigh. Chruinnigh Seosamh cibé Oglaigh a bhí lámh leis agus choscair siad go Clochán Liath mar d'éirigh sé an-amhrasach fán "fish train". Ba Clochán Liath príomh-lár na n-oglach agus bhí ar an ceannphort gunnaí agus buamaí a fháil agus a chruinniú chomh maith le Oglaigh an Chlochán Leith a fhiosru. Deirtear nach bhfuair siad a leath den trealamh cogaidh a bhí a dhith orthu mar bhí an tráthnóna gairid agus an t-am a rachtaíl ama ch. Fosta, bhí an chuid is mó de na gunnaí amuigh i Machaire.

Uair roimhe 'mheán-oíche thug siad aghaidh ar Mhín Beannad de shiúl gear. D'iarr siad ar Phadraig Ó Gallechóir, Maistir-Staistiún Mhín Beannad Leitir Ceanainn a ringeál le fiosrú an "fish train" a bhí ag teacht. Gearradh gairid eisean agus ní thabhairfí fios ar bith do. Ach bhí MacSuibhne lán-chinnteach gur síghdiúirí a bhí ar a' bhealach agus tháinig sé amach an bóthar iarainn le ionad luíocháin a aimsiú. Thriall siad culling s'againne ach ní raibh sé fóirstineach. Chuaigh siad dhá chéad slat níos faide amuigh agus shocraigh siad go ndéanfadh Phill's culling gnóithe.

Fá'n am seo bhí sé i bhfad i ndiaidh an mheán-oíche de oíche dhorchá fhliuch. Bhí orthu na sconnsaí iarainn ar dha thaobh an bhóthair iarainn a bhriseadh síos agus a leagadh cothrom leis an talamh. Bhí orthu fosta clocha den uile chineál a thochailt agus a chruinniú. Chuir siad Oglaigh go droichead Shéimí Néillín míle ar shiúl agus gunna láimhe leis agus bhí seisean le urchar a scaoileadh le cinníú gur síghdiúirí a bhí sa traen. Tharlaigh mar cinneadh. Tugadh an comhartha, agus bhí Oglaigh na Rosann réidh le céad sa ighdiúr na Sasana a ghlacadh idir lámh. Nuair a mhothuigh an tiománaí traen an bac faoi thug s é iomlán gall don inneal agus thug sé an traen leis leith-chéad slat fríd an cutting go dtí gur cuireadh de na ráillí inneal agus carraistí. Thug na h-Oglaigh ar dhá thaobh an bhóthair iarainn iomlán a raibh acu duithe. Bhí an tSuibhneach é féin i gcúl cuaille agus a "Peter the Painter" ag blazáil. (Tuilleadh ar an mhí s'chugainn).

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How he scared away the foxes,
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You may tell of the big turkey-cock,
All white, and blue, and red,
That's over there in Tubberkeen,
And belongs to Andy Ned.

You may speak of Josie Phíopa
And his monstrous Marseilles duck,
That shook the pride of C.I.E.,
And bogged their ten-ton truck.

But you'll never beat the story,
Which a Scribe in Arran wrote,
Of the day they took delivery,
Of Francie Feggie's goat.

The goat arrived in Burtonport,
Brought safe by C.I.E.,
And cheerfully it chewed the cud,
Until it saw the sea.

For aboard the "Saint Cecilia",
It suddenly went mad,
And smashed the boat to pieces,
With all the strength it had.

Phil Ban cried out "I'm sinking boys
And me wallet's in me coat,
I ne'er thought I'd lose my fortune,
To an Abyssinian goat.

"I'll help you then," said Danny,
"And keep your cash afloat,
But I don't want any dealings,
With that oul buttin' goat.

So the goat was hauled aboard "Ard Crone"
But before you's say 'Eugene',
He'd butted every crewman there,
And knocked them off the scene!

The men were in a quandary,
And didn't know what to do.
Even Garda Mick Maloney said,
"I just don't have a clue."

"Let's ask the big South African",
Suggested Eddie Vell,
"He has a thousand tonner;
It's called the "Arundsel".

So the goat was safely landed,
Upon old Aphort Pier,
Where he smashed poor Anton's tractor,
And a hundred crates of beer.

"A hundred crates!" said Condy Cook
"That is an awful lot.
A goat that does such damages,
Should instantly be shot."

The goat did hear that last remark,
And sprinted for the shore,
"I'm safer far beyond the bar,
Than here on Arranmore."

Oh the ways of Evolution,
Of which our God approves,
Soon gave the goat four flippers,
Instead of cloven hooves.

And it thrived on dulce and seaweed
Just like Saint Kilda sheep,
Till the goat from Abyssinia,
Became Monarch Of The Deep.

So if you see two periscopes,
'Tween Arran and the Port,
It's not a German submarine,
But Francie Feggie's goat!

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PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Home matters are rather disturbing. It is not wise to be over-reactive. It's better to concentrate on the things which are wrong rather than the things which are right around this time. Your public image is enhanced this month. It is a good time to enter competitions. Lucky date 24th.

ARIES (Mar 21 - April 20)

There is not much point in criticising conditions if you are not going to do something about them. Efficiency means a lot but you must have co-operation Show more consideration for the man in your life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 22)

It is important not to overdo things this month but you must be very patient. Avoid arguments! You may be having trouble with a Virgo. It is a time to be very tactful. Lucky colour Green!

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

This is a good time for making new friends. You may do a fair bit of travelling this month. Pay attention to detail and it could be much to your advantage. Romance is pretty good.

CANCER (June 21 - July 20)

You should try to improve things regarding financial situations. You may make a few good purchases and you may receive an unexpected present. The 29th could be a troublesome day.

LEO (July 21 - Aug 21)

After loads of parties etc. you probably feel you'll never be in the mood for work again. This time you could find it harder than usual to settle down. Be expecting a long distance letter. The initial 'T' is important this month.

VIRGO (Aug 22 - Sept 23)

An unexpected visitor could make you uncomfortable but dont let this bother you as you are not to blame. You will worry about someone's health soon, it could be your own. Wear Orange for love!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You may be in the mood for buying new things but dont get carried away. If you are travelling for a distance you would be wise to take the necessary precautions. Do not interfere with something which doesn't concern you. Lucky date for romance 22nd.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You will find relief from something which you have been concerned about for some time now. If things go wrong for you try not to despair. You must have hope for the future. Without hope you have nothing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20)

All partnerships will need extra thought and attention for the next few weeks. If you are looking for a new job, be prepared for stiff competition. If something good happens; it will be very good but if something bad happens ... Lucky colour Green.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Now is the time to brighten up your social life - You could make a big hit with a Leo subject. Dont be hesitant in promoting your own ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You may have a bit of trouble on the 20th but the important thing is not to panic. This is a good time for major decisions. Dont try to keep up with any Arians you know. Lucky colour Violet.

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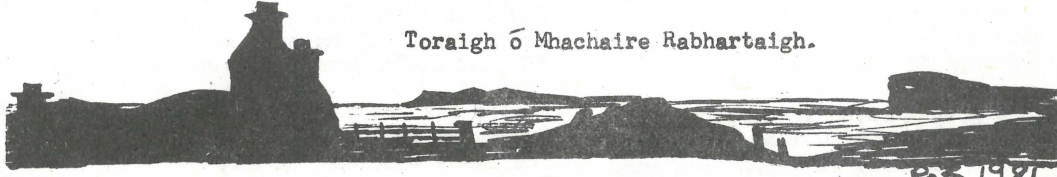
Oileán Thoraigh

Radharc aoibhinn samhraidh agus radharc cianmhar geimhridh atá i nOileán Thoraigh le dearcadh amach air thar na naoi míle farrage atá idir é féin agus cuid cóstaí Thír Chonaill. Níl ann ach mar bheadh meall creige ann os cionn an uisce agus níl ins na tithe beaga geala ach mar bheadh faoileoga ann ina suif air. Níl ann ach oileán beag - trí mhíle ar fad agus míle amháin ar leithead. Agus ina dhiaidh sin agus uile tá bunús trí chéad duine ina gcónaí air. Dálta formhór na n-oileánach thart timpeall na h-Eireann níl ar mhuintir Thoraigh ach gléas bocht beatha. Níl talamh ar bith acu ar fiú a oibriú; níl mórín acu le h-aghaidh tineadh ach na túrtógáí garbha creafóige a thriomú agus a dhóu chomh maith agus a thig leo. Níl ach rud amháin acu a bhfuil siad cinnte de - iasc na farrage. Iascairí iontacha iad. Faigheann siad iasc nuair nach mbíonn uchtach ag bunadh an chladaigh drannadh leis an mhuir chaobaigh. I rith séasúir na scadán bíonn na lampaí ar a gcuid bádaí le feiceáil ó oíche go maidin ag trillsiú mar bheadh réalta ann fá bhun na spéire. Níl de cheird acu ach i agus tá sí acu go maith. Tá a dtír beag féin a g muintir an oileáin. Tá a sagart féin acu, agus a máistir scoile féin, agus a n-dlíodh féin, agus tá a Rí agus a mBanríon féin acu leis an dlí sin a chur i bhfeidhm. Is iomaí rud suimiúl atá ar an oileán. Ó'n am a bhanuigh Naomh Colmcille na péiste de ní fhacthas luchóg air ariamh ó shoin. Tá sé de bhuaidh ag an chreafóg ná mairfidh luchóg nó francach beo inntí i bhfad, agus is annamh a théid aonduine as an móir-thír isteach gan grainín do a thabhairt leo amach leis na rudaí fuathmhara seo a choinneáil ar shiúl ó ragcuid tithe féin. Ach is suimiúl b'fhéidir ná rud ar bith eile cloch atá ansin i gceart lar an oileáin. Tá fíor bheagán daoine in uachtar Thír Chonaill nár chuala iomrá ar chloch Thoraigh. Is í an chloch sciath cosanta an oileáin ar oic agus ar urchóid an domhain agus tá sé ráite ná bhfuil dadaí ná geuirfidh sí cosc leis má iompaítear ina éadan í. Níl ach fear amháin ar an oileán a bhfuil cead aige lámh a chur leithe. Níor chuala mé ariamh caidé chuir tús leis an pheisreog fá'n chloch ach duine ar bith a théann chun na h-áite ní mholfaínn do beagán a dhéanamh de na cumhacht i láthair na muintire ar leo í. Ach is fiú do gach duine an turas a dhéanamh leis an oileán féin a fheiceáil. Bheirfidh sé tuairim duit níos fearr ná aon pháirt den Ghaeltacht caidé mar bhí Éire nuair a bhí an fíor-ghaelachas in uachtar. Tá sé beo i dToraigh go fóill mar a bhí ar fud na tíre seo tráth. Tá na sean-nósa céanna ag na daoine. Tá an fialas céanna iontu agus taobh amuigh de'n tsagart agus de mháistir na scoile bheadh sé crua ort leat-dhosan daoine a fháil a bheadh i ndán cúig bhomaite de chomhrá síosmaideach a dhéanamh i dteanga ar bith ach ina dteanga féin.

"Bacach Bheinn Eibhne".

Toraigh ó Mhachaire Rabhartaigh.

Charlie came into Dungloe in a 3 piece suit and left in a 2 piece. Well Bridie??? That's her sitting on the right, Susan. He can't waltz since. Who broke the Big Yin's toe at the Hogmanay. Ní bhfuair síad "Amárach" i nGort a'Choirce inné nó inniú ach b'fhéidir go mbéadh sé acu amárach. Connie McF. is well used to the vampires says Braid.



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TOGETHER AGAIN: At a special dance in Ostán na Rosann, Dungloe on Friday 6th of February, band leader Con Boyle re-assembles his old popular band of the 60's The Keynotes. United on the bandstand will be former vocalists Paddy Joe, Johnny Gallagher, and of course the one and only Margo. The Keynotes were one of the leading outfits of their day, touring Scotland and England with tremendous success. At fourteen Margo joined their ranks, and it was after the release of her debut single 'Dear God' which enjoyed chart success in 1968 that she won national popularity. More hits followed and in late 1969 she quit the Keynotes to form her own band. The band changed musicians, and vocalists, and the final lead singer was Benny Quinn when the Keynotes decided to call it a day in the early 70's. Margo has had many hits with different named and managed bands since. Her current release 'Thank You For The Roses' is enjoying moderate air-spins. Singer Paddy Joe issued a successful LP 'Little Isle of Green' five years ago. So we look forward to this great get-together, as the old faces now in retirement dust the dust off their stage gear, and lead Margo, Paddy Joe and the original Keynotes back into action.

DELAY'S DELAY'S: What ever happened to that long awaited album from An Clannad. Well after much problems with the printing of the sleeve Polygram Records hope to have 'Crann Ull' in the shops within a matter of days. The album was recorded in Germany. last June and was issued there several weeks ago, after the inter-related family group returned there on tour. While their Irish tour was highly successful, its sad to note that their two special concerts in their native Gweedore were badly attended. Intercord TV which filmed their last tour hope to feature it in the Cork International Film Festival later in the year, with screening also perhaps by RTE. The group return from their European tour for a brief rest at the end of February.

LITTLE STAR STATUS: You dice with disaster, when you flirt with failure, and most promoters who booked the Johnny Logan Tour, will agree with such a statement. To say that series of concerts was less than successful would be a kind remark to the artist. Many of the promoters were informed that Johnny was to get good television exposure over Christmas - six such appearances with five days. Such exposure did more harm than good for the artist and his four piece band. Since the singer won the Eurovision both artist and management made a number of monumental goof's, one was to compare Johnny with Abba, and charge the poor public the same admission price.

Female Power! When E. runs out of petrol, S, J, S, M, C and D. get out and push. What 3 Loch an Iúir girls ate the loaf and a pound of ham?

Le tamall anuas bhí atheagrú a dhéanamh ag RTE ar a gcuid cláracha Raidió. Chuir siad tús le clár úr amháin. Ceol tradisiúnta/folk. Ciallaíonn sé seo go bhfuil siad le fiche clár den chineál seo ar an aer anois, idir an dá RTE agus Raidió na Gaeltachta. Seo mar atá siad ó lá go lá.

FOLK

Dé Luain

The Lone Note ar RTE Raidió 1 (7.02 i.n.), curtha i láthair ag Paddy Glackin. Bíonn Paddy ag caint le ceoltóirí éagsúla, ag amharc siar ar a gcuid ceoil, ar cheirníní úra agus ag plé an ceol tradisiúnta go ginearalta.

The Heather Breeze ar RTE 2 ag (8.00 i.n.) le Aine Hensey, clar maith eile de cheol tradisiúnta na hÉireann. Bíonn na ceirníní úra is fearr aici i gcónaí.

Aidan San Iarnóin ar RTE I (4.01 i.n.) le Aidan O Hara. Seo an clár úr. Bíonn sé ar an aer ach an lá ón Luan go dtí Déar Daoin. Níor chuala mé fhéin go fóill é ach rud ar bith a mbíonn baint ag Aidan leis bíonn sé maith.

Dé Máirt

Buaitheoirí an Oireachtais ar R.n.G. (ag 7.30 i.n.) Seo sraith cláracha ina ndéantar agallamh le ceoltóirí éagsúla agus bíonn a gcuid ceoil le cloisteáil fosta.

Dé Céadaoine

Binneas ar RTE I (ag 9.15 r.n.) le Máire de Barra ina mbíonn ceol as ach an áit.

Toss the Feathers ar RTE 2 (ag 8.00 i.n.) le Marian Richardson. Ceol na tíre seo chomh maith le ceol as Sasainn ag Meiriceá. Bíonn ach an rud ó amháin sean-nois go American bluegrass ar an chlár seo. Is féidir na ceirníní is úire a chloisteáil air, go minic sula dthig siad ar an mhargadh. Bíonn agallamh ann fosta de ghnách.

Aoi Cheoltóir na Seachtaine ar R.n.G. (ag 8.00 i.n.) le Seán Bán Breathnach. Bíonn Seán Bán ag caint le ceoltóir amháin ach an tseachtain go háirithe ceoltóirí as an Ghaeltacht.

Dé Sathairn

Mora Dhibh ar RTE I (ag 6.33 r.n.) le Pat Butler. Tá an ceann seo luath ach bíonn an ceol iontach maith. Bíonn quiz ann ach an tseachtain.

Úire Cheoil ar R.n.G. (ag 5.30 i.n.) le S.B.B. Seo clár de na ceirníní is úire a thig ar an mhargadh cé go mbíonn ganntanas acu ann corr uair nuair a thugtar cuireadh isteach do James Last!

Ceili House Requests ar RTE I (ag 9.20 i.n.) le Sean O Murchú.

Dé Domhnaigh

Mo Cheol Thu ar RTE I (ag 10.02 r.n.) le Ciarán Mac Mathúna. Seo clár atá ar an aer le bliantaí. Bíonn meascán maith den tsean cheol tradisiúnta agus ceoltóirí óga an lae inniu aige.

Binnis ag Ceol ar R.n.G. (ag 11.45 r.n.). Clár ceoil as na ceanntracha Gaeltachta éagsúla.

Folkland ar RTE I (ag 7.20 i.n.) curtha i láthair ag Séamus Ó Cathain. Seo clár ina mbíonn sean scéaltaí agus ceol tradisiúnta as ach an áit sa tír.

Sean Bán Breathnach a chuid ceirníní agus a chairde ar R.n.G. (ag 7.30 i.n.). Bíonn ceoltóirí as ach an áit sa tír aige.

Sunday Folk ar RTE 2 (ag 8.00 i.n.) ar RTE 2 le Pat Butler agus Marian Richardson. Chomh maith le ceol as an tír agus tíortha eile bíonn agallamh ann ach an tseachtain le ceoltóir clúiteach inteacht. Deirfainn gur seo an clár ceirníní is fearr.

Airneán ar RTE I (ag 11.12 i.n.) le Ciarán Mac Mathúna. Bíonn an clár seo ar an aer dara ach an mhí. Bíonn aoi úr ur ann ach an tseachtain ag caint fá ghnéithe éagsúla de shaol na tíre seo agus tréan ceoil fosta.

Bíonn cláracha iarratais Togha agus Rogha ar Raidió na Gaeltachta cúl la sa tseachtain ach go minic bíonn an ceol ar na cláracha seo ar chaigh - dean an Fitzgerald Ceile Band le ganntanas mór de na ceirníní is úire. Fosta, ar BBC Radio 2 oíche Luain ag 8.00 bíonn clár ceoil as Sasain, Albain le corr cheoltóir as Éirinn fosta.

Le Seán Ó Dómhnaill.

BOOKS BY JENNY JAMES

All except "Room to breathe" are published by Caliban Books. They're available post free at the prices quoted after each book from; Atlantis, Burtonport, Co Donegal.

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On the road, dim into others as you
Tá aithne níos fearr anois ar an "outlaw" mar
Johnnie Logan ó bhain sé an song-contest ar an
chicken-box.

Anseo 7 Ansiúd

Marriage Encounter in Donegal

Within the last 6 years Marriage Encounter has spread its wings to Donegal. Through the enthusiasm and generosity of married couples and priests in Northern Ireland, the movement continues to grow and give us all great hope for the future. Marriage Encounter weekends are held on average, one every month. The experience of moving a weekend gives the husband and wife an opportunity to examine their relationship with each other in an atmosphere free from everyday distractions. The amount of benefit that a couple can get from the weekend depends on the amount of effort and work that couple put into the weekend. We ourselves had the opportunity of experiencing an encounter weekend back in September 1978 and we found it very rewarding and beneficial. In fact we would point to it as being very much a milestone in our lives, and we wish to ask married couples of all ages if they have the opportunity to do a marriage encounter weekend.
Gloria & Tom Lynch

Marriage Encounter weekends scheduled for early this year are: January 23rd and February 27th in Ostan Gaoth Dobhair.

For further information on Marriage Encounter please contact any of the following: Rev. Hugh Sweeney, C.C., Telephone Bunbeg 107; Rev. Des Sweeney, C.C., Telephone Anagaire 77; Rev. Seamus Hegarty, Telephone Falcarrach 58; Aidan & Bridie McCarron, Meetinghouse Street, Raphoe, Telephone (074) 45393; Gloria & Tom Lynch, Oldtown, Letterkenny, Telephone (074) 21765.

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Of Pot-holes, Disco's and Afghani's

Let me introduce myself - my name is Basil Ó Falty, I'm from Kerry and I'm just up here in Donegal, in the cold north to marvel at the way things work here - or don't. Your pot-holes fascinate me so when I heard that the Association of Pot-Holers were holding their A.G.M., naturally, I went along. At the meeting a new idea was 'uncovered'. Seems rich-Americans are going to be persuaded to 'rent-a-pothole'. Can you imagine it! For just 100 dollars a week they'll be able to own their dream pot-hole in Donegal. For this ridiculously low sum they'll be able to share with the people of this county our magnificent pot-holes. By the way, I heard the Co. Council were looking for a Potologist - and I'm interested. The successful candidate will be given the job of looking into them. At the A.G.M. also, a new competition was announced. Anybody who owns a motor vehicle can enter. What to do is this! You drive furiously, like mad (you do anyway) over a 'particularly pot-holed area of road' (road?) with the object of causing as much damage to the vehicle as possible. Owners of brand new cars especially will be encouraged to enter. The person who does most damage to his vehicle is the winner. And the beauty of it is, the term 'particularly pot-holed area of road' (P.P.H.A.R.) can be applied to every road in Donegal, so you see how easy it is to join. The Co. Council are sponsoring the competition and the lucky winners will be taken on a coach tour of the M.I. Motorway in Northern Ireland.

When I'm not 'pot-holing' I like to watch the 'box' and one of my favourite programmes is "Are You Being Served?" last week I found it hilarious and I'll repeat part of it here. Mr. Rumbold, "Are you free Mr. Lucas?" Mr. Lucas, "No I'm not, but I will be tomorrow night for the Disco". Mr. Rumbold, "But the Disco is rubbish and nobody goes to it". Mr. Lucas, "Ah! But the Disco is free. Young Mr. Grace's way of repaying his patrons you see". What a programme - if you don't laugh at that you have no sense of humour. When I'm watching T.V. I like to eat crisps. Which reminds me - what is this guy selling anyway? Blazers? Ties? Shirts? He's in the papers week in, week out, (even in G 7 T now) in the company of all the sports fellahs from here to Kabul (where the Russians are training the Afghans for the Olympics - shooting competitions, etc.). I refer of course to Sam Spudz. I heard he even sells crisps as well sometimes. Well folks, I must go back to Kerry but I hope to see you again soon.

Tá dúil mhór ag Outlaw, Flasher agus Rino in Ludo.

"Basil Ó Falty".

Mary locked the van, but we'd like to know how Peter opened it.

FOCUS ON F. O. CUIREAIN

Cloich Cheann Fhaola

Full Name: Fionán Ó Cuireáin
 Birthplace: Gort a'Choirce
 Height: 5' 9"
 Weight: 11 - 0

C.L.C.G.



Position: Half-back
 Married: No
 Favourite Player: Dermot Earley
 Favourite Other team: Glenties United
 Most difficult opponents: Neily Gallagher and Martin Carney
 Most memorable matches: Intermediate Final and Replay 1980.
 Biggest Thrill: Scoring and Winning
 Biggest disappointment: Losing Intermediate Final 1980
 Best Place Visited: The Burren in Co. Clare
 Favourite Food: Braised Steak
 Miscellaneous Likes: Touring, sightseeing, being fit.
 Miscellaneous Dislikes: Dishonest people and Businesses, Training
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Tom and Gerry, All sports programmes.
 Favourite singers: Planxty, Tommy Makem, Neil Young, Dolores Keane
 Favourite actors/actresses: Charles Bronson, Rosaleen Leneghan
 Best Friends: I have a few
 Biggest influence on career: My Family
 Biggest drag in football: Bad pitches, biased referees
 Honours: League and Championship Medals with D.L.S., Manchester
 Personal Ambitions: To be happy among happy people
 Football ambitions: To win League & Championship with Cloich Cheann Fhaola
 Which person in the world would you most like to meet: Mother Teresa

Signature: *Fionán Ó Cuireáin*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which former Irish Soccer International now manages Drogheda United?
2. With which sport do you associate the Ryder Cup?
3. Which Ulster County last played in an All-Ireland Football Final?
4. Name the body which controls greyhound racing in this country?
5. Which national rugby team is nicknamed the Springboks?

Tá £3 le baint. Last month's winner: Martin O'Donnell, Doochary, Co. Donegal. Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga.

After a jolly (hic) Christmas, M.L., B and K. are going straight again.

SAM SPUBZ

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TEORANTA

FOCUS ON V. Gallagher

Full Name: Patrick Vincent Gallagher
 Birthplace: Stranabrocey
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 11st 10lbs
 Position: Centre-half or midfield
 Previous Clubs: Gweedore Guilds
 Married: No
 Favourite Player: A few
 Favourite other teams: Gweedore Celtic
 Most difficult opponent: Many
 Most memorable matches: Beating Fanad (last Christmas)



Biggest thrill: Scoring
 Biggest disappointment: Not scoring and losing
 Best Place visited: England
 Favourite Food: Steak and chips
 Miscellaneous Likes: Television, training
 Miscellaneous dislikes: Bad weather
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Minder
 Favourite singers: Police, David Bowie
 Favourite Actors/Actresses: Clint Eastwood
 Best Friends: A few (I hope)
 Biggest influence on career: Colm McBride
 Biggest drag in football: Losing when we should win
 Honours: Reserve "Player of the Year" 1979-80
 Personal Ambitions: To enjoy myself
 Football Ambitions: To win something
 Which person in the world would you most like to meet: Clint Eastwood

Signature: *Vincent Gallagher*

GWEEDORE Reserves

Who said Josie M. is going to England soon to get engaged?



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1. Which country occupied Vietnam before the Americans?
2. What is the capital of Columbia?
3. Who is the Prime Minister of Canada?
4. Where is Lichenstein?
5. Why is it summer in Australia while it is winter here?



Is it true that Bríd B. is a great drummer?
Deir Donnchadh B. gur ainm posh (Mar)tina.



Muintir Anagaire

Under 10 Painting Competition

Tá Fencilcase, crayons agus pencils daite le baint. Last month's winner: Bríd Ní Chnaimhsí, Doire Beaga. An Ghlaisigh,

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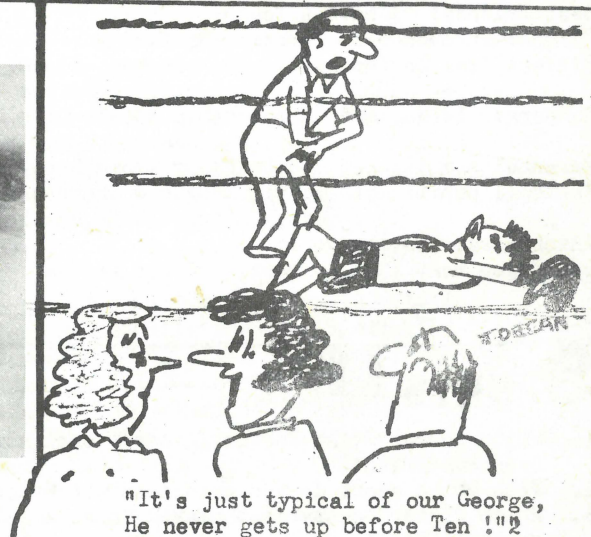
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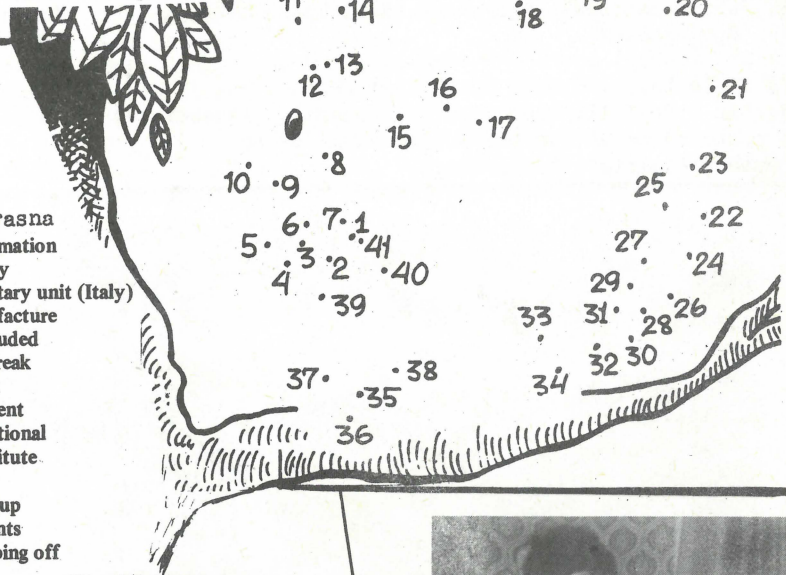


GUESS WHO?



"It's just typical of our George, He never gets up before Ten!"

Faigh amach cé'n t-ainmhí é seo. Join the dots together.



Freagraí chuig "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Tá £2 le baint. Last month's winner: Eamonn Ó Guireáin, Gort a'Choirce.

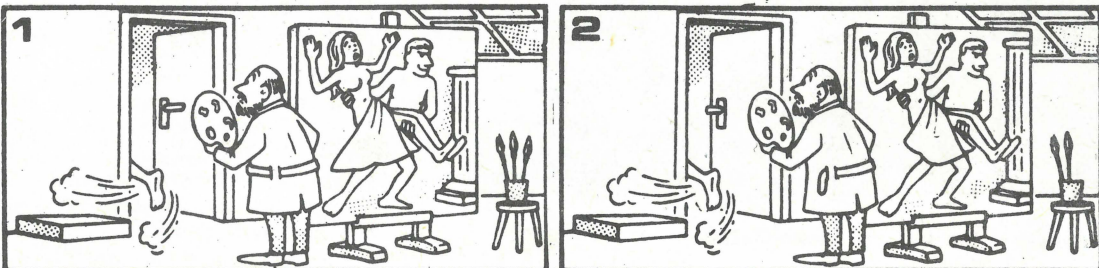
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9. Join
10. Defrauded
11. Salvors
12. Daybreak
13. Land measure
14. Inclines head
15. Frock
16. Drudge
17. Box
18. Price
19. Sensational
20. Of no value
21. Substitute
22. Shed blood
23. Clear up
24. Gems
25. Entrance
26. Rodents
27. Appends
29. Stripping off
30. Metal
31. Notion
32. Employers
33. Bygone

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE 6



Tá sí i mBaile Átha Cliath anois.