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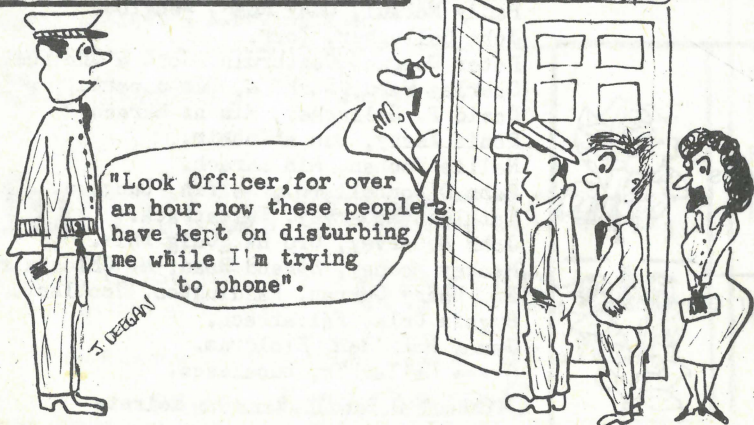
The recession has hit the Western world hard with unemployment steadily rising and inflation getting out of hand. Ireland has not escaped this modern 'black plaque'. School leavers face an uncertain future where job prospects look bleak. Many, face the fate of life on the dole because there are few jobs to go around.

Anseo ins an Iar-thuaisceart tá sé de chúram ar Údaras na Gaeltachta (Gaeltarra Éireann) tionscail a mhealladh chun na h-áite agus jobannaí a chuir ar fáil. Ach an bhfuil siad ag deanamh na h-óibre go h-éifeachtach agus go h-ionraiceach? An bhfuil daoine ag fáil jobannaí mar go bhfuil siad tuillte acu iad a fháil? An bhfuil an seans céanna ag achán nduiné?

"Níl" - a deir fear as Míin a'Chladaigh a raibh mé ag caint leis i rith na seachtaine. Ní raibh sé ag iarraidh a ainm a chur i gclo ach dúirt sé go raibh sé ar an 'dole' le 33 bliain agus go bhfuil aige le bheith beo ar £13.45 sa tseachtain. Chuir sé síos a ainm choinne job le Gaeltarra a deir sé (agus ní raibh siad i ndán a ainm a litriú i nGaeilge), cúpla bliain ó shoin ach ní bhfuair sé tada ó shoin agus ní siad ábalta inse dó cá bhfuil a ainm ar an liosta do dhaoine atá ag cuartú oibre. Tá sé ag meas go bhfuil dhá réasún le seo: (1) Go bhfuil Polaiteoirí ag tabhairt daoine isteach ins na monarcháin ar ghreim láimhe; (2) Nach bhfuil seans ar bith ag duine os cionn 45 bliain d'aois job a fháil - agus gur dhúirt fear labhartha de chuid an Údaraís 'seo go poiblí cúpla mí ó shoin.

Ta díospoireacht ar siúl le fada go bhfuil polaitíocht agus jobannaí ag gabháil le chéile ins an taobh seo tíre. Deirtear gur shiúl go leor daoine isteach s'na monarcháin i ndiaidh focal ó Theachtaí Dála nó ó Chomhairleoirí Contae! Agus má tá leatrom a dhéanamh ar dhaoine os cionn 45 bliain d'aois ó thaobh fostaíochta, tá pionós gear a ghearradh ar an chuid sin do'n phobal. Cé'n réiteach atá ar an scéal?

Dúirt fear Mhín a'Chladaigh gur chóif na ainmneacha a tharraing amach as an hata - muna raibh Gaeltarra 'gabháil a choinneáil liosta ainmneacha mar ba cheart. Deir sé fosta gur bhfearr leis i bhfad níos nó 'dole' a fháil agus obair a dhéanamh ar a shon. With our roads in such a dreadful condition and facilities so lacking in this country, perhaps it would be a good idea. We'd also find out how many people are really unemployed. Caidé tuairim Údaras na Gaeltachta?



### Turlagh MacSuibhne.

A health to you, Piper,  
And your pipes, silver-tongued, clear and sweet  
in their crooning.

Full of the music they gathered at morn,  
On your high heather hills from the lark on the wing,  
From the blackbird at eve on the blossoming thorn,  
From the little green linnets whose plaining they sing,  
And the joy and the hope in the heart of the spring,  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

Play us our Eire's most sorrowful songs,  
As she sits by her weeds near the wash of the wave,  
That the coldest may thrill at the count of her wrongs,  
That the sword may flash forth from the scabbard to save,  
And the wide land awake at the wrath of the brave,  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

Play as the bards played in days long ago,  
When O'Donnell, arrayed for the foray or feast,  
With your kinsmen from Bannat and Fannat and Duath (Doe),  
With piping and harping, and blessing of priest,  
Rode out in the blaze of the sun from the east,  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

Play as they played in that rapturous hour,  
When the clans heard in gladness his young fiery call,  
Who burst from the gloom of the Sassenach tower,  
And sped to the welcome in dear Dun-na-n-Gall,  
Then on to his hailing as chieftain of all—  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

Play as they played, when a trumpet of war,  
His voice for the rally, pealed up to the blue,  
And the cerns from the hills and the glens and the scour  
Marched after the banner of conquering Aodh,  
Led into the fray by a piper like you,  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

And surely no note of such music shall fail,  
Wherever the speech of our Eire is heard,  
To foster the hope of the passionate Gael,  
To fan the old hatred, relentless, when stirred,  
To strengthen our souls for the strife to be dared,  
O, Turlagh MacSuibhne.

ANNA JOHNSTON.



Micí Sheáin Néill agus cara dona chuid as an tSeapáin, cúpla bliain ó shoin.

We have all at one time or another bought something which turns out to be a dud, or at least of inferior quality and we wonder whether to go back with it or what to do. Up until now the laws protecting the consumer in this country were so antiquated that when you bought goods you were really taking a gamble. Fortunately, the Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980 has somewhat improved matters and the Office of Consumer Affairs has issued a booklet called 'Your Rights as a Consumer' as a guide to the Act. This booklet is available free from the Office of Consumer Affairs, 13 Hume Street, Dublin 2 and in these days of ever-increasing prices we should all be aware of our rights, so send for your copy right away!

"An tEagarthóir".

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### BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following couples on their new arrival:-

Mary agus Patrick Sweeney, Seascán Beag (girseach)  
Rose agus John McGarvey, Cnoc a'Stolaire, An Bunbeag (girseach)

Maeve agus Charlie Duffy, An Screaban, Gaoth Dobhair (gasúr)

Attie agus Sean Gallagher, Glen Road, Anagaire (girseach)

Eileen agus Eddie Crawford, Lifford (girseach)

Bridget agus Danny Gillespie, Anagaire (gasúr)

Marion agus Eamonn Sweeney, Machaire Gathlán (girseach)

Pauline agus Dan Sweeney, Keadue (girseach)

Mary agus Dinny Sweeney, Loch an Tuir (girseach)

Nora agus John Diver, Bun a Leaca (gasúr)

### MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following happy couples:

Margaret Ferry, An Charraic agus Pádraig S. Ó Donnail, Cnoc a'Stolaire.

Beatrice Bonner, Mín Beannad agus Eddie Farrelly, Kells.

Sheila Jones, Croveigh agus John Ward, Ceann Caslach.

Mary Burns, Glasgow agus John Campbell, Burtonport.

Patricia Campbell, Main Street, Dungloe agus John Ward (P) Arlands.

Margaret Boyle, Burtonport agus Keven Bonner, Doochary.

Nuala McGee, Dobhar agus John Quigg, Falcarrach.

Georgina Ní Bhaill, Rann na Feirste agus Antóin McBride, An Choitin.

Kathleen Ann Fleeting, Ailt an Eidhin agus

Martin Gallagher, Cnoc a'Stolaire.

Maura McBride, Anagaire agus Michael Gilmore,

Mín na Craobhe.

Sarah Cannon, Keeldrum agus Patrick O'Brien,

Machaire Rabhartaigh.

Mary McGeady, Bunaleaca agus Frank Gallagher, Derryreel.

Do'n mhuintir a eagraíonn agus a amharcann i ndiaidh buíon ceoil na bpáistí.

To the civic-minded member of the Atlantis community who lifted litter along the roadside in Burtonport.

To the people who only shop in their small grocers when the supermarkets are closed, or in an emergency.  
To those who removed and destroyed a 100 years old signpost in Kincasslagh.

All letters, articles, ads., competitions, etc., for our next edition must reach us by April 11th. Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Telefón - Bunbeag 265.

#### The Adventure of Life

Life is full of small adventures -  
Things to see and things to do  
Every day, has something special -  
Something that is all brand new.  
So, take the time to look around you  
Don't let good things pass you by  
'Cause life is full of small adventures  
Waiting just for you to try.



Congratulations to the Kincasslagh Tug-o-War team who became Donegal Indoor Champions on Saturday 21st in Ostan na Rosann by winning the 64 stone event, beating White Strand in the Final. Cranford won the Catchweight with Burtonport coming an impressive 2nd. The competition was organised by the Kincasslagh club who donated the proceeds - £250 to Donal K. O Boyle on behalf of the mentally handicapped.

### Doire Na Mainsear

Strangers and indeed friends often wonder how we survive in Doire na Mainsear. No shops, no pubs, no buses, etc. But we find that we are as well provided for - if not better than most small communities in rural Ireland. Come Sunday we have Danny Rua's minibus for early and late masses; Monday is Co-op delivery day; Tuesday we have Larkin, baker cum grocer calling; Wednesday is coal delivery day; Thursday "the Falcarragh man" (grocer cum greengrocer) and Larkin calls; Friday we have Donnchad's mobile mini-mart and Boyle's Butchers, and to finish off the week Larkin is back on Saturday evening. Campbell from Glenties visits his knitters once a month. Talking about knitting, our own Nellie Bhríde of "Old Morning Star" and "Knitmaster" fame visits us every fortnight. It has been said that Nellie's new knitmaster knitting machine can knit everything from 'willy warmers' to wonder over-coats. "Mallaigh Eoghain ghost" must have taken refuge on Hughie Mulligans Lane. Three cars ditched on this lane during the month. Mallaigh Eoghain at its worst never equalled that. Gracie says that nine must be the cause. Is that a nice way of saying one over the eight? That's a big four! Rosie's car is ready for the road again - and heavier than the last time, with yet another coat of paint. Caidé a bhíonn John Joe Eoghain a dhéanamh i nDoire na Mainsear? An Sarah Johnndy nó Danny Mhicí atá ag díol an gravel?

An encyclopaedia salesman, having sold a set to Maggie Eoghain asked who lived next door and was told Siubhán Eoghain. He knocked on Siubhán's door and when Siubhán answered he said, "Siubhán Eoghain this is," and he produced a volume of the red encyclopaedia. "No, No, No - not on your life!" screamed Siubhán, and with that she fainted. The salesman panicked and ran. They're still trying to convince Siubhán that it wasn't Eamonn Andrews.

"The Rock".

Sympathy is extended to the family of the following:

John McCole, Quay Road, Dungloe.

Mary Gallagher, Anagaire.

Michael Connaghan, Sraith na Corcra.

Madge Boyle, Meenatottan, Dungloe.

Paddy McPaul, Quay Road, Dungloe.

John Gallagher, Torr.

Peter Doogan, Ceathrúin, Gort a'Choirce.

Charles Ward, Roshine, Burtonport.

David P. Gallagher, Mín na Márach.

Donie Ferry, Bun a'Inbhir.

Nellie Doohan, Mín Lárach.

John O'Donnell (B), Leffin, Dungloe.

Kathleen McGarvey, Falcarrach.

John McGarvey, Cró na gCuig Fhia.

Mickey Mooney, Strand Road, M. Chlochair.

Fr. Henry Curran, Haddington, Scotland.

Hughie Colm, Falcarrach.

James McFadden, Keeldrum.

Grace Gallagher, Bunaleaca.

Mícheal Ó Baoill, Rann na Feirste

### DEATHS

Roses



Raspberries



# SAOUDOBHAR

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## Ceantar Pobail Dhoire Beaga

The latest club to emerge in the North-West is the over-21 club which had its first get-together in Ostan Ghaoth Dobhair on Friday, 20th. Although the turnout on the first night wasn't as big as expected the club is very optimistic about the future - and with Michael Stack at the helm, how can they go wrong.

It was a case of 'the people rule, OK' recently in Doire Beaga when local people got together and prevented the County Council from removing the traffic island at Molloy's.

Bhí comortas Peil faoi dhíol do chailíní ar siúl ins an Sean Teach Phobail i nDoire Beaga ar na mallaibh agus bhí an bhua ag foireann Telectron ar Ghaoth Dobhair A ins an chluiche ceannais. Is rud úr atá ann do ghirseacháí 'bheith ag imirt peile ach níl dabht ar bith nach go bhfuil cuid acu sár-mhaith - agus tá siad ag éirigh níos fearr!

Cé go raibh sé fuar go maith Lá Fhéil' Pádraig thiontaigh slua mór amach leis na Buíon Cheoil a choimhead agus tá moladh mór tuillte ag na Buíon ar fad - ach go h-áirithe na páistí.

Welcome news in the area is the formation of a number of a number of Macra na Tuaithe clubs (more clubs!) for young people in the 12-18 age group. Great credit is due especially to some of the I.C.A. members who originally came up with the idea.

## Ceantar Pobail Mhín Uí Bhaoill

Bhí dhá bhuíon ceoil Dhobhair ag buaileadh i Mhín Uí Bhaoill Lá Fhéil' Pádraig agus bhain an scaifte mór a bhí i láthair an-sult astu. Chuaigh na sean-bhoice amach a' shiúl tráthnóna agus chuaigh buíon na bpáistí go Falcarrach. Cibé ar bith bhí na cosa nimhneach an oíche sin!

Ag cruinniú i scoil Dhobhair ar na mallaibh bunaíodh cumann de chuid Macra na Tuaithe - choinne daoine óga idir 12 agus 18 bliain. Toghadh na h-oifigigh seo leanas: Cathaoirleach - Nóirín Nic Suibhne; Rúnaí - Oidhre Ní Bhraonáin; Cisteoir - Gearóidín Ní Bhaoill; P.R.O. - Caitlín Nic Suibhne. Tá suíl acu imeachtaí a bheith ar siúl ins an halla acu achán oíche Mháirt. Níonn muid comhghairdeachas le Noreen Tom Doalty atá i ndiaidh job a fháil ag Matt Bonner ins an tsiopa. Deirtear go bhfuil an trade suas go mór ó thosaigh Nóirín!

## Ceantar Pobail Bhun a' Leaca

Bhain muintir na h-áite sult mór as an dá bhanna ceoil - ceann páistí Bhun an Inbhir agus banna Faoi Chnoc, a bhí i láthair ag teach phobail Bhun a'Leaca Lá Fhéil' Pádraig.

Fosclaíodh Sár-mhargadh (Self-Service) i n-oifig poist Neily Ferry le gairid.

Níl ganntanas airgid sa cheantar seo, pé scéal é! Le dornán seachtainí fuair Bidy Bheag, Nábla Coyle agus Muiris Phaidí Jimmy carrannaí úra agus Paddy Gallagher mion-bhus úr.

Tá mé ag déanamh go bhfuil Piaras, mac Bharney, gnóiteach le tamall ag iarraidh table-tennis a fhoghlaim do Síle Bheag as Rann na Feirste.

## Dún Lúiche

League Champions - Dunlewey Darts Squad:  
John P. McCafferty, Joe McCafferty, Marius Lynch, John Murray, Pádraig O'Donnell, Tony McCauley, Manus McFadden, Dermot Gallagher and Phil Harkin. Comhghairdeachas a fheara!

McGinty was recently trying to empty a tractor into his turf shed. What a pity he forgot that it is trailers of turf that fit best - not the actual tractors.

John Mickey Sally has applied for the post of roving reporter with "Guth 7 Tuairim".

Those who said "it could not be done" have proved that "it can be done". Put some LIGHT on that or maybe HEAT?

Pub Spy perhaps has its effects or maybe it is New Year resolutions??

A squad of Saturday surveyors failed to locate traces of uranium in a recent organised dig over many yards of bog. Instead they buried plastic piping to satisfy curious men of the future.

"Krapp".

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## The Lower Rosses

Patrick Allen called a meeting in the local school, but nobody attended the meeting. Patrick says, "It's no wonder, they have nothing in Burtonport, only pubs!" By the way another pub has opened in Burtonport.

Like "Herbie", some cars have a mind of their own. Two incidents illustrate this fact. Incident No. 1 took place on a recent Sunday when onlookers stood aghast as a car took off and dived over the pier. The Harbour-master was soon on the job and discovered there was no-one in it. Paddy Neily recovered it when the tide went out. A few nights later a car belonging to Jimmy Bonner ran away from the house and landed in the 'screamers' garden while Jimmy was asleep at home. Peter soon got a gang out of the pub and landed with spades and picks. They soon had the car out of the garden, but the screamers got a fright. They were looking out the window and they thought the uranium miners had arrived. Owenie was standing idly by!

Did you know Dungloe Cope had a Panda Lorry - not a car?

A few alterations to the item on the Bachelor's and Spinsters in Lackenagh and Miltown:

James Ward (Post) is not a postman, he is in the fish trade; James Connaghan is still a shoemaker, but James Ward is a retired shoemaker. Just keeping the records straight.

Following the attempted coup in Spain a big coup took place in Dungloe when the Mayor was overthrown. It is now widely tipped that the Mayor is seeking membership of the F.F. Party.

The people of the area welcome the new sergeant Mr. Ward and his wife to Burtonport. He was transferred from Dublin. At the same time we are sorry to hear garda Pat Crean is leaving. Pat was very popular in the area.

Jogging is the craze here at the moment, but it has its dangers! Recently a jogger had a head-on collision with a pedestrian!

"The Listener".

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## Dungloe

On visiting the old church of St. Peter's I was surprised to find it packed - overflowing into the grounds in fact. What was the occasion? Goods were being auctioned off to the owners of the property - the parishioners. When the auctioneer asked me to give him a bid on a chamber-pot I readily agreed and bid him goodbye. It was very embarrassing - there I was standing in the "dead" centre, when your man says, "You look like one who could use one of these".

### Another Mayor?

There is little mention about the possibility a Mayoral Election in the Rosses, but hopes are high in Dungloe that the town will this year, elect its own Mayor.

### Lent

As usual, for the first few days everybody was off everything - all doing something negative. We shouldn't grumble however, at least they were trying. After the first week, the usual question comes up everywhere, "did you break it yet?" "Break what?" "Oh, your Lent!" Poor Breid Boyle (Pa) didn't even last a week. On the night of Ash Wednesday she broke two things - her ankle and her "Lent".

### The Development Committee

The recent Town Development Committee Election went by relatively quiet. This year, there appeared to be little or no canvassing. At least this was what was believed until the results came out. Then, there were all sorts of suggestions and Delila even suggested publicly that one candidate broke down the door of a rival and stole the ballot papers to achieve a good result. Anyway the official result was as follows:  
(1) Jim Gallagher, (324), (2) Michael Hanlon, (316), (3) Pat Gallagher, (191), (4) Dom Bonner, (187), (5) John A. Doherty, (167), (6) C. Boyle N.T., (7) M. J. N. O'Donnell, (8) C. Campbell, (9) Anthony O'Donnell, (10) Josie Sweeney, Joe Greene and C. Boyle (Cope). Delilah's statement which was made not far from the office in which she collects her pension.

Our best wishes go to the following, who sustained injuries at a recent Céilí in Meenacross - Rita Boyle, Breid Boyle and Breid McCole.

### The "Late Late"

I felt the recent show on the Disabled was excellent in that it afforded us an opportunity to see and perhaps understand how this unfortunate section of the community cope with everyday problems. Some, in fact, most of the critics' comments were damn hard to take. To say that the disabled were treated like "freaks" and "exhibits" served only to show that the critics resented the fact that they themselves weren't given the opportunity to tell the whole country how much they were doing for the disabled.

"The Kerryman".



St. Patrick's Day party in Oregon, U.S.A.

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## Cloich Cheann Fhaola

It must be the talk about Charles and Lady D; that started it up but Falcarrach is soon to have its own first Lady. Is the Mayor seeking a divorce? No, it could be something to do with women's Lib. or maybe something to do with the new copper roof? Anyway, don't forget to give the Ladies your vote. Tá Glór na nGael ar bun ins an Pharóiste anois agus bhí cruinniú acu ins san sean Tech' i nGort a'Choirce ar na mallaibh.

The National Federation of Youth Clubs held a very successful sports day in Falcarragh recently with clubs from Machaire Rabhartaigh and Gaioth Dobhair competing with the local club. The winners of the various competitions now go on to the County Finals in Letterkenny.

Bhí dinneár agus damhsa ag an Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i nÓstán Mhic Phaidin ar na mallaibh, áit a raibh Cathaoirleach na Contae, Mícheál Mac Giolla Easbuic i láthair. Tá Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh ceapaithe anois mar thraenálaí.

Sister Mary Oliver McCarthy has returned to Australia after spending a holiday - her 3rd since 1928 with her sisters in Falcarrach. She is attached to the Convent of Mercy in Perth.

"The Gang".

### Machaire Rabhartaigh agus Mín Lárach

Bhí cruinniú ag mná tí an dá bhaile le gairid le ceist na scoilairí samhraidh a phlé. Bhí Diarmuid Mac Donnchadh agus Donall Ó Móraín as Baile Atha Cliath i láthair agus gheall siad £5 dá mhéadú as gach scoilaire i mbliana ach deir cuid de na mná nach seo go leor os coinne an dóigh a deachaigh earraí siopa suas le bliain. Tá cúpla punt eile geallta ag Aire na Gaeltachta mar sin féin. Beidh Gael Linn ag teacht 4 tearma i mbliana ach beidh cuid mhór acu ag fanacht i nDoire Chonnaire mar go mbeidh scoil Chnoc na Naomh acu choinne ranganna. Tá Dan Neddy agus Denis Sheámuís ag tógáil tithe úra faoi láthair.

Níor thug an Comhairle Contae aird ar bith ar an Dr. P. Delap agus Seán Ó Ceallaigh nuair a thug siad aníos ceist an bhealaigh síos go dtí na 6 tithe úra i Mín Lárach. Tá an bealach seo go holl agus go bhfuil go leor tliomanaithe ag diúltadh tiomáint air. Tá na prátaí luath ar uachtar ag Joe Denis agus tá Charlie Hiúdaí réidh le na chuid 'early yorks' a bhaint lá ar bith acu seo.

Bhí Disco ar siúl san choláiste oíche hAoine amháin ar na mallaibh agus bhí Maighread, Jackie, Brigid, Nóirín agus Caitlín iontach briste nar thiontaigh cuid 'boot-boys' Ghaioth Dobhair suas ach chuala siad ó shoin gur tigh Jack a chaith na gasúirí an oíche.

Bhí Charlie Beag Joe Dennis sa bhaile ar feadh cúpla seachtain as Londain, áit a bhfuil sé ag obair i dTigh Tabhairne.

Tá súil ag Brian MacGrianna Tigh Dixon go mbeidh an Lounge úr réidh aige le foscladh ag an Cháisc. Dúirt Sarah Bhrianí leis e dhéanamh breá mór san dóigh go mbeidh sí abalta tréan damhsa a dhéanamh ann.

"An Mhaighdean Mhara".

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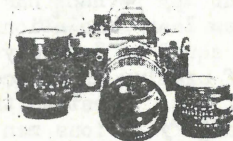
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Wedding bells for Margaret and Andy?

# KINCASSLAGH

Kincasslagh Community Centre Committee are holding an election to elect the **ROSSES PERSON OF THE YEAR**. This election will be run on the same basis as the Mayoral elections were ran off throughout the county last year, except that this will be of major benefit to all clubs etc. who put forward a candidate as when He/She returns the total money collected half of this will be given to a club or clubs nominated by them at the start of the campaign. The areas considered are: Annagry, Aranmore, Mullaghduff, Loughanure, Dungloe, Maghery, Leitir, Rann na Feirste, Burtonport and Kincasslagh. The closing date for nominations will be Saturday, 28th March and there will be a meeting the following week to get the campaign under way. In the final heat of the Rosses Superstars held in Jacks, Annagry on Sunday, 8th March, George Boyle, Paul Gallagher, and John Martin Gallagher, all representing Kincasslagh broke three records set up in previous heats, but the most impressive of all must have been George's skipping. He beat the previous record by 50! George did not do any training since a major operation last year, but it would be great to see him at his best.

Edenderry (Co. Offaly) Boxing Club were hosts to the Kincasslagh Club at a tournament recently. Top of the bill was the bout between Martin Brerton former Irish Champion and Stephen Friel from Buncrana. Brerton got the decision in a very close fought fight. The final results were 6 bouts each, Michael Boyle from Arlands won the award for boxer of the night.

Indoor Tug O War events were in great demand during February/March. Kincasslagh Seniors took part in 4 competitions and their results were: In Glenties they came 3rd with Cranford and Glengad in 1st and 2nd place. In the Milford Inn: they were 2nd novices and the affiliated sections again being beaten by Cranford and Whitestrand. In Owenies, Dungloe: they were beaten by one point in their section in the 63 stone by Whitestrand and in catchweight they were second in their section behind Maghery. Cranford again won the 63 st, and a very heavy Burtonport A team beat Maghery in the Final of the catchweight.

In Ardara the under 20 team took the awards with Maghery in 2nd place. In the 63 stone section Cranford again won with Whitestrand 2nd and Kincasslagh 3rd. Bill McGarvey has taken up Tug O War refereeing but Paddy Neily says that that Big John Doogan can raise his hands for higher and shout far louder.

"The Round Tower".

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Neil G. is still over in Annagry.

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The gantry is very well stocked and the price-list clearly displayed. A good pint of beer cost 70p and spirits 66p. Toilets were clean with soap, towel, etc. supplied.

A nice place, we enjoyed our visit but once again we were disappointed that there was no pub-grub available.

Pint Rating:

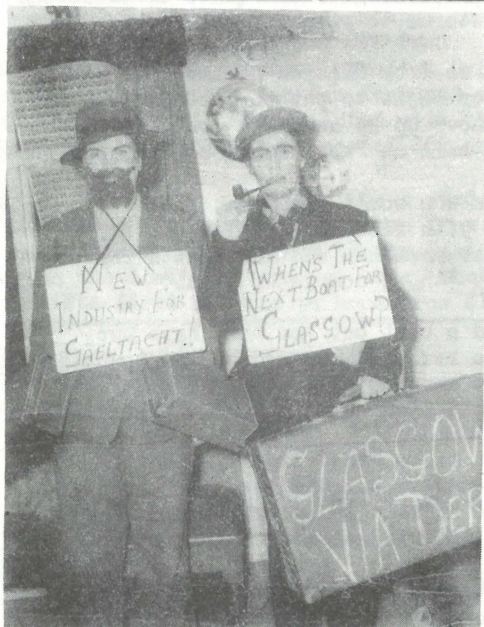


## Tá "idea" maith agam...

Why not ...paint murals on the walls of old houses to brighten up our towns and villages. (Artists - get in touch with this paper).

Start a gardening club (there seems to be clubs for everything else!) in the North West to exchange ideas, plants, etc.

... Compile a list of events and activities in the area in the Summer months to avoid clashing.



What happened to the Outlaw and Red Rose at the Youth Club?

Recognise these "gentlemen" from Falcarrach at a fancy dress competition in 1959?



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A Chara,

I've finally got around to putting pen to paper as regards women's Tug O'War teams. What's wrong with these young women who take part in such an unladylike sport? I think the days of Ladies having principles are gone when you see them lying around a mucky field or on a lounge floor. One has to admit it's degrading to say the least. They might argue it's nice to get trophies, etc. but why not take up a ladylike sport like tennis, badminton, athletics for example, if they have such a lot of surplus energy to burn. So come on girls - leave Tug O'War to the well - abled men. Girls were not made for such a sport, and please remember it's not a healthy sport for women. I'm glad to see the majority of girls in the area have their principles in Prospective! Looking forward to hearing the public's comments on the subject.

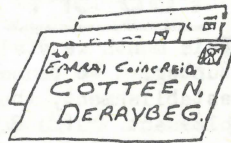
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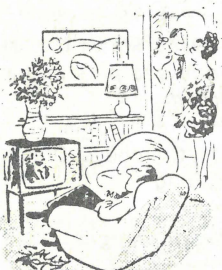
Once again, we return to Gaoth Dobhair - to the Derrybeg / Bunbeg Black Mile to focus on a spot where several accidents have occurred. It's the junction where the Strand Road comes on to the Machaire Chlochair road (the road down to Ostan Gaoth Dobhair).

If a driver pulls out of this turn onto the main road he finds a blind hump on either side of him. He cannot pull out safely to turn left but it's even more dangerous to turn right, towards Bunbeg. For the car approaching from Bunbeg this junction is concealed until the last moment. With the double attraction of the hotel and the superb beach this spot desperately needs remedying. We urgently need these humps removed and warning signs erected. With this being a very busy road, now is the time to do it before the Summer rush starts.

Now remember, check steering and suspension regularly - our roads are so bad that they cause extra wear and tear which can cause accidents.

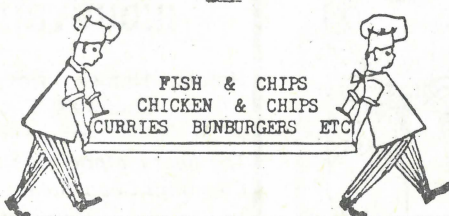
Food for thought - County Council ... This hazzard would not be so serious if our roads were like the new surface heading out of Dungloe towards Glenties. Please give us more of that nice "safe" surface.

"The Wheel".



"Frank's in the living room, having his intelligence insulted."

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### Doire Cholmcille

Nuair a d'fhág a' bád inniu ó chathair Dhoire scoir na míle smaointe ann mo cheann,  
Ar an chéidh sheas mo mháthair 'gus mo mhuintir ag síleadh súil 's ag cur a mbeannacht liom.

Siúd thall an Teampall mór thar barr na cathrach aít ar ulmhaigh mé do'n chreideamh 's do'n chre,  
I mo thoscadh ann Lá Saoire 's Dé Domhnaigh a Rí na gloire gile nach diúltaigh mé.

Tá mé anocht 's mé mo luí i lár na coigrígh tá mo thuras thart 's tá gach osna liom,  
Mé ag smaoiteamh ar mo dheartháir bocht i ngeibhinn ina luf ar leaba tais i gcampa lom.  
Mé ag smaoiteamh ar mo mháthair bhocht ag caoineadh is í fágtha léi féin ag briseadh croí,  
Ní fheicfidh mé níós mo thú mháthair dhúlis 'gus a Dhoire Cholmcille céad slán a choích'.

### The Carrickfinn Fishermen

You'll always see boats out on the high swell  
Who is it at times, it's hard to tell,  
'Cause they look much the same out at sea  
fishing through rocks around Inisfree.

Cookie says he goes out just for the sport,  
to save him a run for fish from the 'Port;  
But don't let him kid you, he sells the lot  
for 40p a pound outta the shop.

Barney reckons he knows the sea well,  
every rock around Gola and every high swell;  
But he's had a few frights and quite a few shocks  
fighting the storms to stay off the rocks.

When James comes from Glasgow he loves to fish  
for pollock for Majie to put on the dish,  
When a fish shows up he shouts, "dont fret",  
Just like the ball at Parkhead it's bound for the net.

Carson's a man who won't say much, just "Hi",  
on his way in with fish for Kathleen to fry;  
And if you ever meet him and ask what's fryin'  
he'll just say "Ah, a couple of bian!"

The Park's had a boat but now they have two,  
'cause Phillie reckoned the old one just wouldn't do;  
He said it got smashed and battered to hell,  
'cause it wasn't tied down to cope with the swell.

Richard's boat has a great big hole in it,  
but he's been out to Gola in it;  
Although it is ancient and looks an old heap,  
It goes often to Inisfree with a load of sheep.

Good luck to those boys who have a tough job,  
fishing the sea to earn a few bob;  
May they always be safe out at sea,  
fishing the rocks around Inisfree.

John Deegan.

Ghaith Teresa G. £££ ag phoneáil isteach/Cad chnige ar imigh Hugh Cissie agus Joe Frank Chonall na rith?

Is it true Maddy Beag is opening a factory to manufacture Green plastic specs?

Tá Lis agus Brendan gabhail na Spéinne i MI na Mealla.

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## POP POP POP POP Le Maestro

**WHAT'S ANOTHER SONG:** The standard of songs selected for the National Song Contest were an all time low. The winning entry 'Horoscope' performed by Sheeba was certainly the best of a bad lot. The Eurovision will be held in the R.D.S., Dublin on Saturday, 4th April. This year twenty songs will compete for the title. They are in order of appearance; 1-Austria, 2-Turkey, 3-Germany, 4-Luxembourg, 5-Israel, 6-Denmark, 7-Yugoslavia, 8-Finland, 9-France, 10-Spain, 11-Holland, 12-Ireland, 13-Norway, 14-Britain, 15-Portugal, 16-Belgium, 17-Greece, 18-Cyprus, 19-Switzerland, 20-Sweden. This year both Italy and Morocco have withdrawn from the contest, while Yugoslavia and Israel return to the event, and Cyprus makes her debut appearance. The show will be introduced in Irish, English and French by Doirean Ní Bhráin. The two hour fiasco will cost RTE in the region of £1 million. A big price for a poor show.

**TALENTED NEWCOMER:** Excellent reports on newcomer to the music business Daniel O'Donnell, who recently joined his sister Margo and her Band. The 18 year old newcomer has a versatile voice range, but his favourite numbers are country sounds. At the moment he sings around ten songs nightly, and is also featured on guitar. Manager Gerry Reynolds seeks new material so that both Margo and Daniel will be featured on disc together. Their next appearance in this area will be Wednesday, 22nd April in Ostan na Rosann, Dungloe. By then Margo will have completed her new album of Irish songs, and will give her audience a preview.

**NEW PLUTO LINE-UP:** After a three month break, Pluto have returned with two new faces in their line-up. Joining Mary B, Paul, and Jody in the line-up are Fintan Gallagher a brother of Paul and Jody, and outsider Damien Doherty. New manager is promoter Vernon Kelly. A great pop band, with the best sound and light show around. I hope they will make it this time round.

**SBB BAND ON STAGE:** Zanny Radio na Gaeltachta and RTE host Sean Ban Breathneach has ventured into the band business with the birth of the SBB Band. The band, featuring former Philosophers vocalist Dermot Ward are a four piece, with Sean Ban featured in a ninety minute disco. I was disappointed with the show. And the audience would like less of SBB and more disco or musical bands.

**SLAINTE:** 'The Irish Tradition' is a good new album from Sláinte a four piece folk group from Tyrone. They have a good mixture from 'Nancy Spain' to 'Paddy on the Road' featured on this, their debut album. The first of many we hope from Sláinte.

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### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The attitude of a friend which has been bothering you for some time now finally comes to a lead. Firmness could be the answer to your problem so stick to your guns. Lucky date 28th.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You have been very depressed lately. A visit to your local Doctor could be the remedy. You may have been letting your work get you down too much also. Perhaps you need a more active social interest.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Be careful of plans made for a future date. Re-check again to ensure that everything is as it should be. You may receive news from a long distance. If received early month it will be bad news if not you may expect good news.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

It is a good time for communication. You have something to say but keep it until after 31st. It would be advisable to look for new employment if you are not happy in the present one. Lucky date 28th.

### LEO (July 23 - Aug 23)

It is a good time to tidy up some loose ends concerning financial matters. A money surprise on the 20th is revealed - be ready for it. A short journey is indicated.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

The first two weeks of next month look routine but the scene is destined to improve. Business picks up and you use your natural instinct to make money. Lucky date 19th.

### LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Everything which you want this month seems to come your way. But someone who is less fortunate crosses your path and a relationship may be born. You may have concern for a member of the family. Lucky colour - Brown!

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

People who think you are reserved romantically will get a surprise this month. It is a good time to marry the one you love. You should hear some good news on the 4th - Lucky colour - Orange.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Plans you have made shall be shattered but all this turbulence will be to your advantage before the end of the month. Don't be too extravagant mid month as you have some sort of deadline on the 29th.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

You may be very annoyed at the beginning of the month but you will finally get your plans into action. The best time for romantic situations is between the 16th and the 21st.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Your good organising ability is put into practice this month. You may find all your time tied up but you could get into a rut. Your advice may be asked for an important issue and your ideas may help to further your career.

Owenie's team reckon Peter's Darts team are past it. Over aged!

### PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 30)

The time has come to look at your situation and decide what is the best thing to do. A happy occasion around mid-month.



P.J. agus Margaret

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6. Are meal times frequently delayed because of the drinker?
7. Do you make threats, such as, "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
8. When you kiss the drinker, do you secretly try to smell his or her breath?
9. Are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout?
10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behaviour?
11. Does it seem as if every holiday is spoiled because of drinking?
12. Have you considered calling the police because of drinking behaviour?
13. Do you find yourself searching for hidden drink?
14. Do you feel that if the drinker loved you, he or she would stop drinking to please you?
15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety?
16. Do you sometimes feel guilty when you think of the lengths you have gone to control the drinker?
17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?
18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker into saying "I'm sorry," or "I love you"?
19. Do you ever treat people (children, employees, parents, co-workers, etc.) unjustly because you are angry at someone else for drinking too much?
20. Do you feel there is no one who understands your problems?

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Verse or Worse?

If I write from the heart at random,  
Will my scribbling yield a theme.  
Will those seemingly empty verses,  
Form part of some greater scheme.

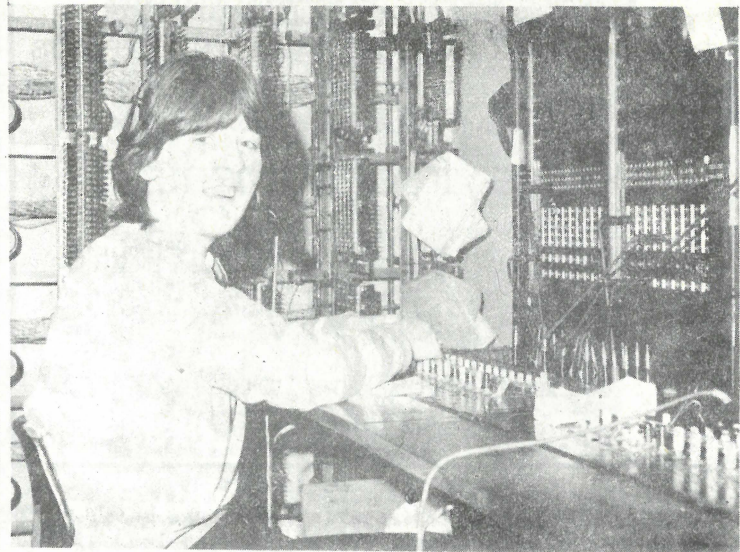
Will history's pages hold my name,  
In some far off future time.  
Because of some abstract half-born thoughts  
Which happened to be in rhyme.

If I forget the technical details,  
And just write down what I think  
Will I be creating a precious thing,  
Or just wasting paper and ink.

If someone reads a few verses,  
Written at will by me.  
Will they sneer and scornfully,  
Call me fool, or will they see poetry?

Pádraig Ó Gallchóir.

"HELLO"



Meet Grace Gallagher from Bunbeg who is a telephonist in the Bunbeg exchange. It's a demanding job requiring patience and with nearly 300 lines in operation it's all go, especially in the morning when the nearby factories are busiest. Grace, who was born in Scotland has worked as a telephonist for the last 2½ years and says she loves the job and would hate to work in a factory. Her pet hates? "People who book a call and if the number is engaged they keep ringing back and people who get annoyed when they're not answered immediately."

Deirtear go bhfuil Miall Sonny ag tógáil 'safety rail'.

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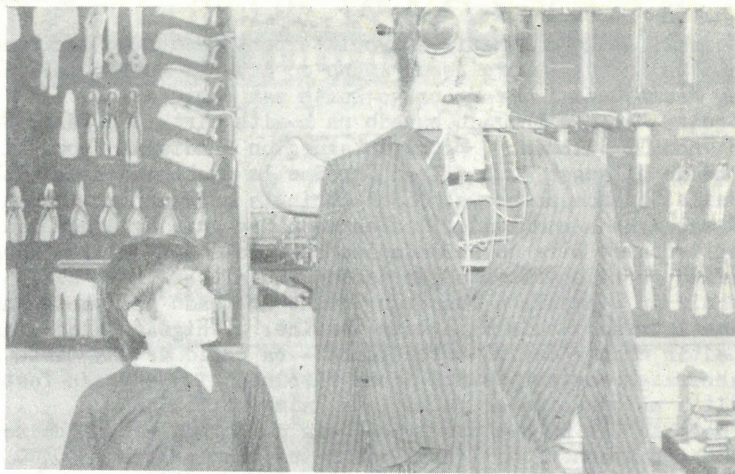
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The Falcarrach Young Scientists (ar leanúint ó mhí seo caite)

In this article we look at some more of the projects entered by the students of Pobalscoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola in the recent Young Scientists Exhibition in Dublin.

"Smacht ar Leictreachas" le Deaglan Ó Grádaigh  
Thaispeáin Deaglan doigheannaí a dtiocfadh linn smacht a choinneáil ar leictreachas. Rinne sé organ leictreach agus rinne sé 'Robot' mór ar ar bhaist sé Jack. His project earned Declan who is only twelve years old 1st place in the Junior section for Mathematical Science, Physics and Applied Chemistry. He was also awarded a special prize by the Institute of Physics.



Deaglan Ó Grádaigh lena chara 'Jack'.

"Cumhacht as Tnáthadh Gluaistean" le Muiris Ó Baoill  
Tá suim mhór ag Muiris i ngluaistean agus in innill agus fuair sé amach go bhfuil níos mó ná 20% de chumhacht peitiril (artola) ag gabháil i mogha - ag ealú amach tríd tnáthadh (exhaust) an ghluaistean. Thóg Muiris inneall agus d'úsaid sé an cumhacht seo le gléas fuaradh (cooling system) a oibriú, ag taispeáint gur féidir tairbhe a bhaint as an chumhacht seo.

"Múscailt" (Induction) le Marian Ní Ghrádaigh  
Marion, who has a great interest in Physics and electricity experimented with different methods of producing electricity e.g. the 'telsa coil'. She put her ideas into practice in the metalwork room and her efforts earned Marion (sister of Declan) 1st prize in the Intermediate section for Mathematical Science, Physics and Chemistry as well as a prize from the Institute of Physics.



O'chlé (Kevin Greene, Marion Ní Ghrádaigh, Muiris Ó Baoill).

## STAIR

"The Old Puffer" - A look at the old Lough Swilly Railway by J. Carr, Jnr., Falcarrach (Cuid a h-aon)

"Dear Mama, I'll be comin' home tomorrow, will you meet me at the train, Cos its good to touch the Green, Green, Grass of Home ..."

So Run the lines of a well-known C/W ballad and I was just thinking that those words may have been on many a young Donegal boy or girls lips as they returned home after six-month hard labour in the Lagan fields or when returning home from the picking of the Potatoe harvest in Scotland. (What some people today would call the "Good Old Days"). Returning to their beloved Donegal with their well earned few pounds and shillings. As I happen to reside not too far from what was once the Falcarrach Station, I decided to take a look back in history at the life and times of 'The Old Puffer' - a nick-name for the Old Lough Swilly Railway.

The beginning of the Railway - The first Public transport system in Donegal. The Derry-Letterkenny Rail line was completed and opened for traffic twenty years later - about 1883.

The Letterkenny-Burtonport line was authorised by the Letterkenny to Burtonport Extension Order of 1896 and in 1903 the railway blazed its way through the highways and the byways of Donegal to the fishing port of Burtonport on the Western Seaboard.

The Lough Swilly Railway Line was a narrow-gauge line throughout, and so, was the longest narrow-gauge line in the British Isles. For over half a century it grew, established itself and operated while the demand for a railway service existed.

The opening of the railway in Donegal brought the wild rugged mountainsides to life. Yes, the noisy "Puffing Billy" awakened the sleepy countryside. At Stations, crowds gathered on the arrival of a train.\* It was the only form of passenger and goods-transport there was. To the drivers it was a grand journey through the countryside when the weather was fine but, in the depth of winter and snow all around! ...Ah, sure they were great men those days! However, the railway served two world-wars and the "Troubles" that ended in the twenties.

Was it not our own dear St. Colmcille who prophesied that "a black pig would race from Derry to the Rosses"? And of course when the railway appeared, to many people Colmcille's prophecy had been fulfilled!

When the 'Old Puffer' was going up a hill the engine puffed and panted but, going down hill the engine was smooth, thus, people used to say that going up-hill she seemed to be saying -

"Will I make it, Will I make, Will I make it? And going down-hill it was - I made it, I made it, I made it!

The train worked on the power of steam until the end.

During the 1939 - 45 World War, the trains did a lot of smuggling! Sugar and butter, plentiful on this side of the border were carried 'North' while 'the North' sent us out tea and white bread. Many a good tale has been told of those by-gone days!

Services were suspended in 1940 when road transport for both passengers and goods began to appear on the roads.

A temporary goods train for the haulage of turf was reinstated during the second World War from May 1941 to May 1946. During those years it cost the sum of One Pound and eight shillings to send a load of turf by train from Falcarrach Station to Letterkenny Station.

The line eventually closed in January 1947 when the Lough Swilly Company established a replacement road service.

In 1863 the population of Donegal was 246,706. The population figures for 1929 stood at only 148,429. In those sixty years Donegal had witnessed continual emigration as its people left their homes to seek employment beyond the borders of Donegal and much further afield either on a permanent or seasonal basis. Therefore the trains were operating with only a handful of passengers. The people who did stay at home in the North-West of Donegal were very upset at the lose of the railway. As one poet put it "Though I'm 50 years of age  
wheels and I'll engage, to take 40 times the load of any bus!"

(Ar leanúint ar an mhí s'chugainn).

\*See photograph in last month's "Guth 7 Tuairim".

Is fada an lá ó tháinig an Chrístaíocht go dtí an taobh seo tíre. Gidh nach dtáinig Naomh Pádraig féin chun na h-áite tugadh an creideamh anseo go luath i ndiaidh a bháis, b'fhéidir am inteacht sa tseú aois. Bhí Cill bunaithe ag Naomh Crón i dTearmann go luath san ochtú aois.

Cróine Bheag a thugadh bunadh na h-áite uirthi. Dála Cholmcille agus Conal Caol agus Dubhthach ghéillraigh sí ó Chonall Gulbhan. Ba dé'n tseú gluín i ndiaidh Chonaill í - bhain Colmcille leis an cheathrú gluín. Sa tSamhradh théadh sí amach go h-oileán Chróine le machtnamh agus aithridh a dhéanamh agus sa Gheimhreadh théadh sí go Balle Chróine ar bhruach Loch Athinnis os cionn an Mhachaire. Bhí gnáth obair mhainistirí ar siúl ag Cróine Bheag agus a comhlúadar i dTearmann, ag guí, ag urnaí agus ag adhradh Dé, ag obair an talamh, ag soláthar bí, ag tabhairt aire do sheandaoine agus do dhaoine tinne agus ag scaipeadh an t-Soisceíl. Caithfidh muid cuimhniú áfach go raibh fíorbheagán daoine san áit an tráth sin.

Mhair an Teampall a bhunaigh Cróine ar feadh na n-aoiseanna. Sagairt Chonaill as Inis Caol a léadh an t-Aifreann ann i bhfad i ndiaidh aimsir Chróine. Thigeadh siad trasna na bailge ina gúid curacha. Bhí curam cheantair Leitir Mhic a' Bhaird orthu fosta - ba chuid de pharóiste Inis Caol Leitir anuas go dtí C. 1730. Deirtear gur shocraigh sagairt de ord Naomh Phroinsis i dTearmann fosta sa tSean-am. Bhí áit eile acu i Mín Leac na Leabhar, áit a mbíodh siad ag gabháil de láimh scríbhinní.

Thart fá lar na h-ochtú aoise déag ghlac Eaglais na hÉireann seilbh ar Theampall Cróine. Ní raibh ann an t-am sin ach teach phobail beag ceann tuí ach le deontas £400 a fuair siad ó Rialtas Shasana chóirigh siad é. Chuir siad ceann sclataí air, chuir siad lena mhéid agus thóg siad balla daingean cloch thart ar an reilig a bhí fá dtaobh de. Thóg na Caitlicigh scáthlann díofa féin dha chéad slat taobh thuaidh de'n mhainistir agus léadh Aifreann ariamh ina dhiaidh sin i dTeampall Cróine mar chonaicteas do na daoine go raibh an áit truaillithe. In aimsir na gearleanúna ní raibh ach sagart amháin ins na Rosa. Ní raibh sagart cunta ins na Rosa. Ní raibh sagart cunta ins na Rosa go dtí 1786 nuair a ceapadh Dónall Iarlaith a bhí ina shagart paróiste tamall ina dhiaidh sin. Ach i rith an ama sin thigeadh go leor sagairt an bealach seo ar a seachnadh. Tá go leor áiteach ar fud na Rosan a bhfuil carraig Aifrinn ionta, leithéid an Mhín Mhór, Seagan Romhainn, Béal na Cruite, Carraig Fhinne agus go leor eile. Ach an ceann is clúití ar fad ná carraig aifrinn Chlaon Doire ata ag amharc anuas ar Theampall Cróine. Tá carraig gheal (quartz) i n-aice na h-áite agus tá sí le feiceáil ar fud an cheantair. Nuair a thigeadh sagairt an bealach chluaití an charrag le séal mór dubh agus ba chomhartha í seo go rabhtar le h-aifreann a léamh. Chruinníodh muintir na h-áite ina gúid bádaí, d'éisteadh an sagart faoisín, léadh sé aifreann agus bheireadh sé cumaoine naofa. Creidim go dtabhareadh na daoine síntinísí beaga airgid dó agus ansin d'imíodh sé leis go formhothuithe.

Le Dom Ó Cnainní (ar leanúint ar an mhí s'chugainn).

Teampall Cróine .... ó phictiúr le Cathal mac Fhionnlaóich.



## ROSSES SPORTS

### GAMES AT LETTERKENNY.

Perhaps the first organised attempt to bring team honours home to the Rosses was made at the Games held in Letterkenny, for the purpose of raising funds for St. Eunan's Cathedral.

At that time the late Father Dan Sweeney was curate in Kincasslagh, and well aware of the athletic prowess of his parishioners, he selected a Caman team and a Tug of War team from among the young men of the Lower Rosses, to take part in the competitions.

The Caman team included the following:—Charles McBride (Capt.), Gortnasate; Frank O'Donnell, Cruit Island (Goals); James Rodgers, Belcruit; Teague Ward, Meenbannid; Charles Boyle (Neil), Cruit Island; Hugh O'Donnell, Cruit Island; Seamus O'Donnell, Kincasslagh, —all of whom are now deceased. The sole surviving member of the team, is Charles O'Donnell of Mullaghderg Mt., who at the time of writing is 81 years of age, and still hale and hearty.

The Tug of War team included the following:—Charles O'Donnell, Ballymanus; Charles Harley (Neil), Braade; Charles Harley (James) Braade; Mick Bonner, Arlands; Charles Bonner, Arlands; Anthony Gallagher, Glenahilt; Andrew Sharkey, Keadue; James O'Donnell, Ballymanus. The only one of the Tug of War team now alive, is John Boyle of Roshine.

It was certainly a big undertaking at that time to convey two teams from the Rosses to Letterkenny, a distance of 40 miles over bad roads. There was no train in those days, no motor cars, no buses—nothing only the horse drawn side car—but Father Dan Sweeney was undaunted, for he knew the worth of the Rosses men, and he wished for nothing better than to see them tested against the best in the County.

The day of the Games dawned, and Rosses people were early astir. The journey to Letterkenny via Glendowan, would take almost four hours, so that an early start had to be made. The skies were dark and sombre, as the members of the teams and supporters congregated at the meeting place in Kincasslagh. Then just before they set off on their long journey, the flood gates of the heavens opened, and the rain came down in torrents and it was in this deluge that the flower of the Rosses manhood set out to do battle for the honour of their parish. Thus began that nightmare journey over the bare, unsheltered roads of the Rosses, and the dark valleys of Glendowan.

The Caman team were the first to leave, as the competition in which they were engaged was first on the programme. Soaked to the skin and frozen to the marrow, after their long journey by side car, they arrived in Letterkenny just as the first game was due to commence.

The Rosses team had been drawn against Glenswilly. The men from the west did not ask for any postponement, in order to get dry clothing, but took the field immediately. The hardships they had suffered on their outward journey, seemed only to add sparkle to their play, as they rammed home, goal after goal without reply against a Glenswilly team that was completely demoralized before the end. The final score was—Rosses—8 goals, Glenswilly—0.

Rosses now met Letterkenny in the final. It was early apparent in this game, that the Letterkenny team was to provide much stiffer opposition than Glenswilly, but the Rosses men, now scenting victory, were not to be denied, and in the end ran out easy winners by 7 goals to 3. Positional changes were made in this game. Charles McBride replaced Frank O'Donnell in goals, and the latter playing now in the forwards, put more bite into the attack. Very little can now be learned of the course of play in the final game. It can be reliably stated, however, that Hugh O'Donnell, of Cruit scored the first goal, booting the ball home as he lost his stick in a clash with an opponent. Seamus O'Donnell of Kincasslagh, though injured, played on to the end. Thus the Rosses Caman team had triumphed. The big question now was, would the Tug of War team emulate their deeds, and so make victory complete.



(ar leanúint)

Did Dick a' Phointe look in the mirror with his other face?

Full Name: Dennis Peter Ward  
 Birthplace: Dungloe  
 Height: 5' 8"  
 Weight: 11st 8 lbs  
 Position: Right Half Back  
 Married: No  
 Favourite Player: Michael Sheehy (Kerry)  
 Favourite Other Team: Kerry  
 Most difficult opponents: They all are.  
 Most memorable matches: Intermediate Final '78  
 Biggest thrill: Voted footballer of the Year '75  
 Biggest disappointment: Not winning Senior Championship  
 Best place visited: London  
 Favourite Food: Steak and Chips  
 Miscellaneous Likes: Training and watching T.V.  
 Miscellaneous Dislikes: Bad weather  
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Live Mike, Match of the Day  
 Favourite Singers: The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt  
 Favourite Actors/Actresses: Clint Eastwood, Jerry Lewis, Joan Collins  
 Best Friends: I hope I have many  
 Biggest Influence on career: No one in particular  
 Biggest drag in football: Bad referee's  
 Honours: County under 14, 2 Minor, Junior and Intermediate Medals.  
 Personal Ambitions: To have a happy, healthy life  
 Football Ambitions: To win Senior County Championship  
 Which person in the world would you most like to meet? Pope John Paul.

Signature:

*Dennis Ward*



Bhí Bríd agus Hughie amuigh i Fálcarraich.

What was HD green fiat and SC red escort doing in the Foreland car-park on Sunday-afternoon. Viewing the scenery?



Foireann peile cailíní Telectron ins an bhliain 1974. (Where are they now?)

**Kincasslagh Boxing Club News**  
 Two members of the club are through to the Ulster Final. Packie Boyle is fighting in Derry on 28th March at 7st 7 while John Boyle is fighting in Craigavon on April 4th at 8st. Pat McGee lost narrowly to the All-Ireland Junior Champion, J. Toye in Monaghan recently while Joseph Gillespie was stopped with a cut eye but Michael Duggan had a very impressive knockout in the 1st round v P. Kelly, the Lenister Champion. The local club are organising a tournament on the 10th April against a Derry select.

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**SMAILCBHIA TEORANTA**

- Name the Irish cyclist who is making a big name for himself on the Continent at the moment?
- Who is Jim Renwich?
- What countries do the following footballers play for; (1) Van Moer; (2) Mickey Thomas; (3) Schumaker.

**SPORTS QUIZ**

Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Last month's winner: Séamus O Baoill, 25 Príomh Shráid, An Clochán Liath.

- Walker Smith is the real name of one of the greatest boxers of all time. What was his "ring" name?
  - Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?
- Freagraí ar an mhí s'chugainn.

**Pub Quiz**

The answers to last month's quiz:

- "Rise to vote sir" reads the same backwards and forwards.
- The children of Lir were Fionnuala, Aodh, Con, Fiachra



**focus on G. Roarty**

Full Name: James Gerard Roarty  
 Birthplace: Dungloe  
 Height: 5' 8"  
 Weight: 11st.  
 Position: Left back  
 Previous clubs: Dunlewey United  
 Married: No  
 Favourite player: Many  
 Favourite other teams: Manchester United and Finn Harps  
 Most difficult opponents: They're all difficult  
 Most memorable match: 1980 Cup Final  
 Biggest thrill: Playing in Cup Finals.  
 Biggest disappointment: Losing important matches  
 Best place visited: London  
 Favourite food: Steak Diane and Chips  
 Miscellaneous likes: Winning matches  
 Miscellaneous dislikes: Losing and bad referees  
 Favourite T.V. Shows: Match of the Day  
 Favourite singers: Billy Joel, Smokey  
 Favourite actors/Actresses: Clint Eastwood, Raquel Welch  
 Best friends: Many  
 Biggest influence on career: Seamas Gallagher  
 Biggest drag in football: Travelling and bad pitches  
 Honours: League & Cup runners-up 1978, Cup runners-up 1977 and league runners-up 1980, Young Player of the Year 1978

Personal ambitions: To be happy  
 Which person in the world would you most like to meet? Pele

Signature:

*G. Roarty*

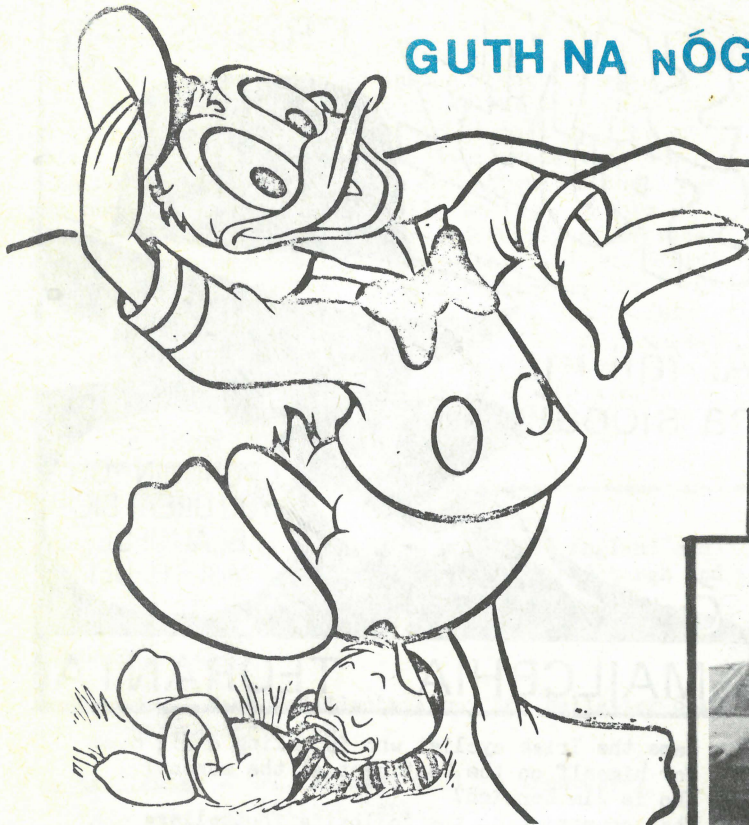
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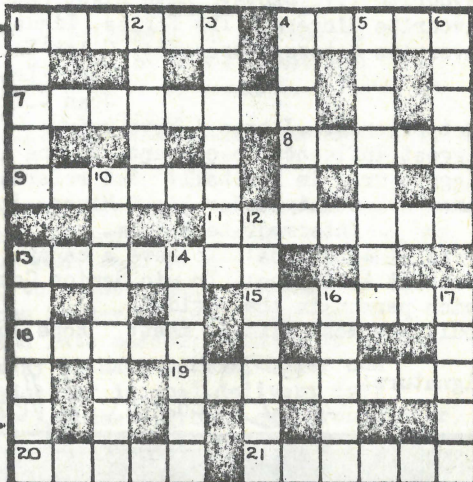
- Who led the first expedition to scale Mount Everest in 1953?
- Who was converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus?
- In 1968 Russian troops invaded a Communist state of Eastern Europe. What is the name of that state?
- How many states are there in the U.S.A.?
- Which countries have the following capitals?  
(a) Canberra (b) Lima (c) Bangkok (d) Helsinki.

Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga. Tá £2 le baint. Last month's winner was, Eanna Mac Gearraigh, Bóthar an Chaoráin Mhóir, An Clochán Liath.

Mar nach bhfuair muid freagra ceart ar bith do'n Chrosfhocal an mhí seo caite tá £4 le baint an iarraidh seo. Answers on a postcard to "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga.



(Rann na Feirste)



Across:

- Musical dramas
- Insert
- Shafts of sunlight
- Higher
- Thieved
- Ingredient
- Go before
- Cases
- Gems
- Uncomfortably
- Folds under
- Sting

Down:

- Ejects
- Revolt
- Scrutinised
- Guarantee
- Least complex
- Tower
- Pert. to opera
- Desk in church
- Instigate
- Follows
- Item of value
- Mode

Under 10 Painting Competition

Tá Pencilcase, crayons agus pencils daite le baint. Last month's winner: Siobhán Nic Eidigh, Machaire Rabhartai, Gort a'Choirce.

Ainm .....

Seoladh .....

Aois .....

Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim", Doire Beaga.



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All the winners will also receive plaques.

Feirm Iontrála / Entry Form

Bunscoil/National School

Meán-Scoil/Post Primary School

Ainm/Name .....

Aois/Age .....

Scoil/School .....

Rang/Class .....

Ainm an dain/Title of poem .....

Tá an dán seo nua-chuntha agus is mé féin a scríobh é/  
This poem is original and is all my own work.

Síniú/Signature .....

Dáta .....

Closing date for our poetry competition is Friday, 1st May. If you haven't yet put pen to paper remember you still have time. Perhaps you will be the next Yeats?

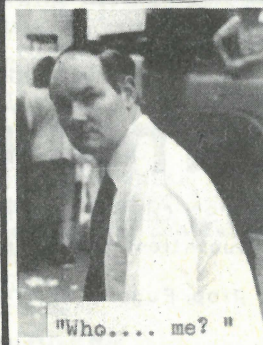


THERE ARE SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PICTURE 1 AND 2. CAN YOU SPOT ALL OF THEM?



"Your mother phoned and left a message"

Neil John likes red-heads.



"Who.... me?"