

During the month's ahead thousands of tourists will visit this area and whether they spend a few days with us or just pass-through they will form some opinions of the people and the place. First impressions are important they say, so you can imagine the surprise of many of them when they reach Falcarrach to be met by the eyesore pictured at the bottom of this page. For months now, several scrapped cars have been lying rotting by the main road outside the garda barracks. While the rest of the town is neat and tidy and the people take pride in their lovely well-kept houses and gardens these wrecks paint a false picture of the area. Hopefully the appropriate authorities will remove them before the holiday season begins in earnest.

In Bunaman, Anagaire we have another example of an eyesore in a public place. It is of course the "boats" lying by the side of the road near the fibre-glass factory. I am certain that there must be somewhere else where they could be stored away from the public eye.

There are many more such examples around here, and over the next few months we will be featuring a different "eyesore" monthly in the hope that the people responsible will remove them. Nature has blessed us with a beautiful countryside, clean beaches, lakes and rivers and we probably have the best-kept houses anywhere. Why then, should a few careless individuals be allowed to spoil the beauty of the area which is responsible for attracting so many visitors to us. Wouldn't it be nice to see a clean-up operation starting now!



The one that got away

Changing Times

The smell of the wool, the whirl of the wheel, The clicking of needles at turning the heel; The blaze glowing high of a fire of peat, The hearth giving out warmth was tidy and neat.

The rafters above supported the "scraw", Keeping in the heat along with the straw; The white of the lime I'll always recall, The style of your mansion compares not at all.

The sweet heart of Jesus was always exposed, We prayed for the dead and wished them repose; With the beads on the wall the prayers we all said, We settled with God and retired to bed.

Hugh Mc Gowan, N.T.

An Ardaí Bheag.

But what have we now but paper and paint, No place in the house for angel or saint; God we have banished like a lamb to the hill, Turn off the Telly and forget not the pill.



EAGARALT

A crazy situation exists in this country, unlike most other countries, where dances usually begin at midnight and finish at 2 or 2.30 in the morning. The result is that most people are unfit for work the following day and it leads to high absenteeism (especially on Mondays). With bar-extensions running until 1 a.m. many people are still drinking alcohol until after 2 a.m. and this undoubtedly leads to inefficiency and low production at work the following morning. The country must be losing millions of pounds annually because of this. And there is no reason whatsoever why the system couldn't be changed with dances and disco's starting earlier and finishing at 12 or at least 1 o'clock. Caide bhur dtuairim? "An tEagarthóir"

Letters, articles, competitions, photographs, ads, etc. for our next edition must reach us by June 30. Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim," Doire Beaga. Fon -Bunbeag 265.

ANAGAIRE

Anagaire's 2nd Feile has come and gone but it's memory will linger on, having been once again blessed with glorious weather. This year's Féile was even a greater success than last years, with the regatta in Carrickfin as an added attraction. The Committee wish to thank all those who contributed in any way towards the running of the Féile, congratulate all those sporting and talented people who were successful and also all those people who could accept their defeat with dignity and sportsmanship.

Bhí la mór ag na paistí fosta ar na mallaibh nuair a chuaigh scaifte mor acu ag an chead chomaoineach. There is a strong rumour now circulating that Neily Gildea might join the church choir, as the male vocal section is still very weak in numbers.

The recent election campaign brought a rash of promises from the political parties. If it had gone on for another month no-one would have to work again. I just hope the parties will show the same enthusiasm when it comes to removing their posters. Here's where they can take a lead from Féile Anagaire's Committee who took down their bunting immediately after the festival.

That time of year has come again when people are in the process of carrying out exterior decorating on their houses. Let's hope that the village will look as neat and tidy this year as it did last year.

Congratulations to the following couples on their new arrival:

BIRTHS

Maureen agus Declan Ferry, GaothDobhair (girseach). Frances agus Hughie Beag O Duibheannaigh, Rann na Feirste, (girseach).

Sarah Lewtas agus Ian Gordon, Dún Lúiche, (girseach). Ann agus Seamus Boyle, Bun na mBeann (gasúr). Rose agus Michael Boyle, Leitir, (girseach).

Ann agus Muiris Beag O Fearraigh, An t Beag, (girseach). Mr. & Mrs Denis Bonner, Leitir, (girseach). agus Muiris Beag O Fearraigh, An tSeascan

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following happy couples:

Ann Melly, Leitir agus Brian Boyle, Dungloe. Eileen Gallagher, Mín Lárach agus Josie Cannon, Dún Luiche.

Marie Greene, Dungloe agus Gerry Quinn, Dungloe.

To the footballers who by their unsporting and childish behavior set a bad example for younger players.

To the business people who employ young people for extremely low wages. Raspberries

Do'n mhuintir a rinne suas a n-intinn féin fa'n toghchan gan aird a thabhairt ar an amaidí uilig. To those who don't practice crazy "round buying" in pubs. Roses

(Nota: Opinions expressed in this column may not necessarily be those of the Editor.)

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Roise Eoin and Gracie Mulligan are back home from their Lourdes pilgrimage. Roise says that next to Doire na Mainsear it's the best in the world, while Gracie raves about the dry bath she had !! (Miracles happen)

Those who were disappointed when John Sheain retired at the New Year will be delighted to hear that he has decided to come out of retirement to help his neighbours due to the bad weather on the turf-saving front.

The local community were annoyed and disappointed when they discovered that the leprauchans that graced Nellie Bhride's gateposts for decades were vandalised one Friday night recently. What would leprauchans and disco's have in commor, may we ask? In early May a big noisy bird circled Doire na Mainsear all day. Word spread that this rare bird made or found a rare nest. Within hours world attention was focused on us as good citizens came from far and near, some with "Special B" degrees and some with 28th Bat. degrees to search for this rare nest. Mar a tá 'fhios ag an domhan anois fuarthas an nead seo agus í te. Ach mar is gnath go minic le neadracha mar seo bhí na scolamáin ar shiul.

Some time ago a local lady approached a priest and requested that he read two masses for her departed friends. The good cleric agreed and asked for a £2 donation. The good lady was surprised and said she could get four masses read in Ards. The priest shook his head in disbelief and replied, "Is it any wonder that they're walking about out there with their toes out." "The Rock"

GWEEBARRA

barra Leitir soccer team have completed their first year in the Donegal League, and what a year it has been for them! In the IAWS Cup competition a magnificent run only the h saw them reach the final where they went down one-nil there en did to top Fremier League side Mulroy in spite of playing the better football. Katie and Sophia are still hoarse from all the shouting.

Is th When Meanwhile on the G.A.A. front Na Rossa are settling well in their new division since they got promotion last year and their eyes are fixed on the Junior championship.

Ta an chéad scaifte de scolairí Gaeilge i ndiaidh theacht chun a' Dubhchoraigh agus beidh dha scaifte eile ag teacht ar an mhí s'chugainn agus i mí Lúnasa. Beidh am gnóitheach ag Peadar Mór agus ag Joey! The salmon season has started on the Gweebarra and signs so far have been very promising, especially

Germany in Corr Point. AnCo have employed 10 young men from Lettermacaward and they are working on the graveyard at present ln making new paths and improving old ones. Peter is a "quiet" gaffer.

Teresa Is it hoped that work on the Lettermacaward Group Water Scheme will commence later this year. The people of the area have fought for this "luxury" Cu since 1973.

Tá Leitir ag glacadh páirt i gcomórtas "an Gaeltacht Beo" i mbliana agus tá an Cóiste Forbartha iontach Fraul gnoitheach o thus na bliana. Exausted and needing a holiday after the Election - Chris, Ann, Jackie, s a and

2 Paddy's and Charlie! Work on the new factory in Meenacara is progressing This 1 Maire satisfactorily. The road was not strong enough for Michael's Merc. Dim and Patsy are really sweating in making a new road. Tony hasn't ventured "in" yet. Eamon K. is not very happy with his "picture" yet. Someone said that Hugo is blowing the "picture" with a scrambler. Eamon hears many a tale! "The Bridge" W

Sympathy is extended to the family of the following: DEATHS

Máire Mc Fadden, An Charraic Mary Roarty, Falcarrach Bernard Mc Carry, Tubberkeen Mary Gallagher, An Bhealtaine Annie Curran, An Ghlaisigh Brigid Gallagher, Glasgow & Magheralosk John Coyle, Ardaí Bheag Joan Mc Grotty, Dungloe Jimmy Doogan, Min an Iolair Antoin Healy, Anagaire & Scotland

Rann na Feirste

Buiochas do Dhia, fuair muid an t-uisce ins a' deireach - ach ar phraghas. Tá díogacha gearrtha amuch achán áit agus tá an bealach i níroch staid. An mbeidh sé mar seo anois 'rith an tsachraidh agus oiread cuairteoirí 'tarraingtisteach n h-áite.

Tá James Shíle Móire thíos fúinn anois - tá sé ar shiul na h-Astráile. Tá an geinhreadh acu amuigh ansin ach chuala mé go bhfuil an aimsir i bhfad níos fearr nó an samhradh ata againne.

Bhain Maureen Micheail Ghracie craobh ag Féile Anagaire choinne faoi 12 bliain. Fuair Máire agus Caitriona, iníonacha Dhónaill Buaidh craobh a'duine agus bhain Daniel Mary craobh na sinsear. Bhí an bhuaidh ag Bríd Anna Mí Dhaoill ins an scéalaíocht agus bhain Michelle Róise Bhraighní ceithre bhonn choinne damhsa.

Beidh na scolairí gaeilge linn aris ar an la deireannach do'n mhí seo agus tá oiread rachairt ar an chursa nach bhfuil go leor tithe leis na

micléinn a choinneáil. Bhain Biddie Sheáin 950 ag an Bhingo ar an Chlochan Liath agus Nóra Frank 2100 i nGaoth Dobhair ar na mallaibh.

Ag fléadh Chomhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann ar an Chlochán Liath fuair buíonn ceoil Rann na Feirste ainmniúchán go dtí craobh na contae ar an mhí s'chugainn. Fach mhillteanach an nheancog a rinne Fadreig fa'n scoil. Caithfidh go síleann sé go bhfuil na daoine "glas" go maith!

mullaghduff

At a recent Development Committee meeting it was decided that a Di-Lingual signpost would be erected at Carrickfin road-junction to replace the one recently stolen. It would seem that the only way around the 'Irish only' roadsign law is for local communities to erect their own bi-lingual signs or have the law changed, which would be the sensible thing to do.

The Mullaghduff Dand got a tremendous boost at Feile Anagaire when they climbed off the bottom in the Band Competition to pass the wooden spoon over to Annagry. Some reports say it was the Loughanure drums, others say it was the return of Charlie the Yank, but Tony Ban who was interviewed in Ostan na Rosann that night reckoned it was the beginning of a new 'dawn' which will see the Mullaghduff Band back on top. Meanwhile it's been runoured in Annagry that Danny Kaye is seeking asylum in Keadue. Full praise must go to Michael Doyle (Peggie) who jum ed into the tide fully clothed to rescue young Danny Mc Ginley who got into difficulties when his cance overturned. Winners of the final draw in the Mullaghduff/ Carrickfin silver circle were; Danny Mc Ginley (Jr) £100, Colm Sharkey 550. The Development Association wish to thank all those who contributed towards the community centre. Work has almost been completed on one room, which will be used for meetings, card games etc. Mystery surrounds the fire which started in Dernie's Darn! Diddy is in charge of the inquiry in

her office at the mobile home, but Kevin is saying nothing - he got such a fright it put him off the fags!

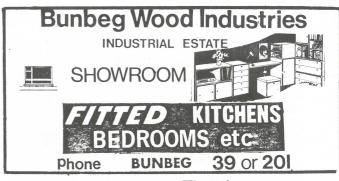
Was Joseph really changing tapes or was he after something else? Reports from Loughanure indicate he

was after something else! On the Music scene there are reports that Mick the drunner is getting ready to form his own group, while leter Grubb is forming a Nock outfit. Is this the end of Grubb Spy? Food for thought!

We send our congratulations to Michael Gillespie from Mullaghduff who recently won a League Championship medal with Scottish club Queen's Fark. Michael is currently enjoying an all-expenses paid holiday in Majorca.

A spokesman for the Miduff Band wishes to deny the report that they are having fibre-glass flutes made in Annagry factory. A local woman - who will be named later was heard to remark that, "every man had a good "lute - if they only knew how to use them!" Good Foint! (but don't get confused).

"Rangers fan" Stan na Rosann in Dungloe is the place to be mary next wedensday night 24th when the Eary TRO Jungloe Done-al Final takes place. Guth ., Tuairim FROM: will of course be represented, so we want you to dungloe be there to cheer for our entrant.



Cloich Cheann Fhaola

Ag teacht agus ag imeacht! Tá an tAthair Mc Loone ceapaithe mar shagart cunta i nGort a' Choirce agus ta an tAthair Mac Grianna ag fágáil na paróiste. Bhí meas mór ar an Athair Mac Grianna ins an cheantar agus guíonn ruid sonas air ina phost úr. Also leaving the area will be Fr. Hegarty who is leaving Fálcarrach Community School where he has been principal since it opened. Mr. Michael Ward has been appointed as the new principal.

The Loft Fub has recently changed hands and it is reported that there were plenty of drinks on the house for a while.

Chuir cuid Aisteoirí Cileán Thoraí an dráma "Seán Bán No Ghrá" ar an stáitse i halla Kaomh Fionnáin ar na mallaibh agus bhain an slua mór a bhí i láthair an-sult as. Chuaigh an tairgead a tógadh isteach ins an chiste togála.

for Fr Work! All the political parties participated in the Election Foster Competition. First on display was Mc Ginley, followed by Kelly. For two days they reigned supreme but overnight Faddy the Cope took the poles by storm. good

Indeed, he topled the pole! A disco-dancing competition was held in the hall on Friday June 5th and Evelyn Doogan of Ballina emerged the as the winner with Willie Keehan coming second. up

Congratulations to Tom Cannon for catching his first salmon. The rest of them say it was a fluke however.

3 peci Keep peci The S.M.A. Fathers organised a pilgrimage to Knock recently which attracted a coachload from the parish. In spite of the bad weather it was a very pleasant day out.



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Sile likes Coca-Cola and Mary likes Yorkie.

Evelyn Doogan from Falcarrach who won the recent Disco-Dancing competition in St. Finian's hall.



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Ceantar Phobail Dhoire Beaga

Its Summer again - well it's supposed to be Summer, and no doubt nearly every one of us will at one time or another go down to lachaire Gathlan (never a truer word was said). Seriously, though we will be down there at some stage during the Summer, wheter it is to play golf, to watch or play football, to go to the beach, the graveyard or the garage. Which brings us to the problem; what a mess they've made of the road. The place could soon be famous for another sport obstacles races. Further down after you've managed to avoid being hit by flying objects you see a large sign i mbearla. Nach mbíonn fear na feasóige abhus anseo? Duirt Sean Jack 30 mbeadh a sha eagla air theacht anuas no go ndreasodh se Spot ann. Beidh Oireachtas Uladh ar siúl i nGaoth Dobhair i mbliana arís ar an 10-12 Iúil agus tathar ag súil le scaifte mor isteach na h-aite.

Tá scaifte mór anseo mar atá muid - "luchtna Gaeilge" mar a thugtar ar na scolairí. Tá ranganna ar siúl i nArd Scoil Mhuire i mbliana.

Duirt Tom Fhaidí Sheonaí nach raibh bliain go h-olc ann ariamh choinne mónadh agus muna n-athraíonn an aimsir go gcaithfidh muid creagacha nó rud éigin a dhou an geimhreadh s'chugainn.

Ceantar Pobail Mhin Uí Bhaeill

Beidh Aonach Jack ar siúl i lín na Leice arís i mbliana do'n chéad uair le blianta. It is being organised to raise funds as part of the Year of the Disabled and it commences on Thursday 16th July. Ma ta bo no gamhain le díol agat

Níl fírinne ar bith ins an sceal is cosúil, go bhfuil bakery le foscailt ag scoil Dhobhair. Agus is mór an gar mar tá na mna gnóitheach ag slimeáil agus chuirfeadh na cacaí milse sin uilig rudaí bun os cionn.

Oíche Shatharn bhí Jareh Devenney, Tom Doalty agus Máire Mhicí ag doú fear agus tyres ag halla Dhobhair in 'onóir' Fat the Cope. Fuair Jarah póg as a cuid oibre.

Tá fáilte roimhe Clannad atá sa bhaile arís indiaidh

tour i Sasaln. Duirt Fadraig Eoghan Eamoinn go mbeidh stócach as Dobhar agus cailín og as Gola ag tabhairt la mor duinn gan mhoill.

Tá ag éirí go maith le Faddy agus a chlann mhac ag an stoc-car in Leitirceannain. Tá Sale trophies

le bheith ag Mary Green gan mhoill.

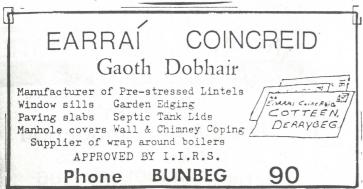
Ceantar Fobail Bhun a Leaca

Tháinig slua mór scolairí Gaeilge chun na h-áite sa dara seachtain don mhí.

Ar an Domhnach deireannach do mhí Bhealtaine, thug an tEaspag cuairt ar an cheanntar agus choisreac sé an chros ar uaighe an Chanonaigh hic Eiteagain, i reilig Bhun a' Leaca. Fuair an Canónach Eac Eiteagáin bás in 1977. Dhí banna ceoil Chnoc Fola i lathair .

Cheannaigh Faddy Eartin mion bhus úr (Transit) ar na mallaibh agus Jinny Dubh carr. Tá Eicí (Annie) Ó Fearraigh ag tógail teach úr i mBun a' Leaca.

The Listener has been reported missing! he has failed to send in his notes this month and we have received unconfirmed reports from furtonport 0 that he has disappeared with the English lady. Feter was reported to be giving drinks on the house.





The Kincasslagh junior oarsmen were victorious at the regatta in Carrickfin recently. The team was: John M. Gallagher, Joe Rodgers, Paul Gallagher and Hugh Gorman. This was the first regatta of the season and it was staged by the newly formed Annagry/Mullaghduff boat Club.

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The annual Regatta was held at Kincasslagh Fier on Sunday and the crowd braved the weather to see a great days skiff racing. The teams that were in attendance were all from the upper side of the Gweebarra with the exception of the local teams and Mullaghduff/Annagry teams. Donegal Mens won the senior skiff section with Killybegs in second place and Bruckless in third place. In the ladies section all the teams were from the upper side of the Gweebarra and Killybegs ran out winners with Ardara in second place and Tullycleave in third place. In the junior section Ardara were victorious with Donegal in second place and Kincasslagh in third place. There was an entry of 23 teams and only four of these were from the Rosses. The starters of the races were Dom Mc Devitt, Francie Kc Bride and John Bosco and the judges on the finishing line were Tommy Boyle, Tullycleave, Sean Gallagher, Annagry and Bill Mc Garvey, Kincasslagh. While competing in the East of Ireland Golf Championships recently Fr. Mc Dride finished in a very respectable seventh place. Every-body in the area wish Phil Ward a speedy recovery from a back injury which he incurred.

Salmon fishing has begun in the area with some good catches recorded but the price has fallen to a very low 21.35 per pound.

Work has commenced on the extension of the fish processing plant at Kincasslagh Fier and we only hope this will be the first of many such projects in the area.

- make) The longest timed pull in tug o war was recorded in Annagry recently between Kincasslagh and Glenties, it lasted 6_2^{\downarrow} mins. and again the Burtonport and Kincasslagh pull lasted 5 mins.

Jimmy Doogan launched his new boat and the workmanship on the craft has been admired by everyone, it really is a masterpiece.

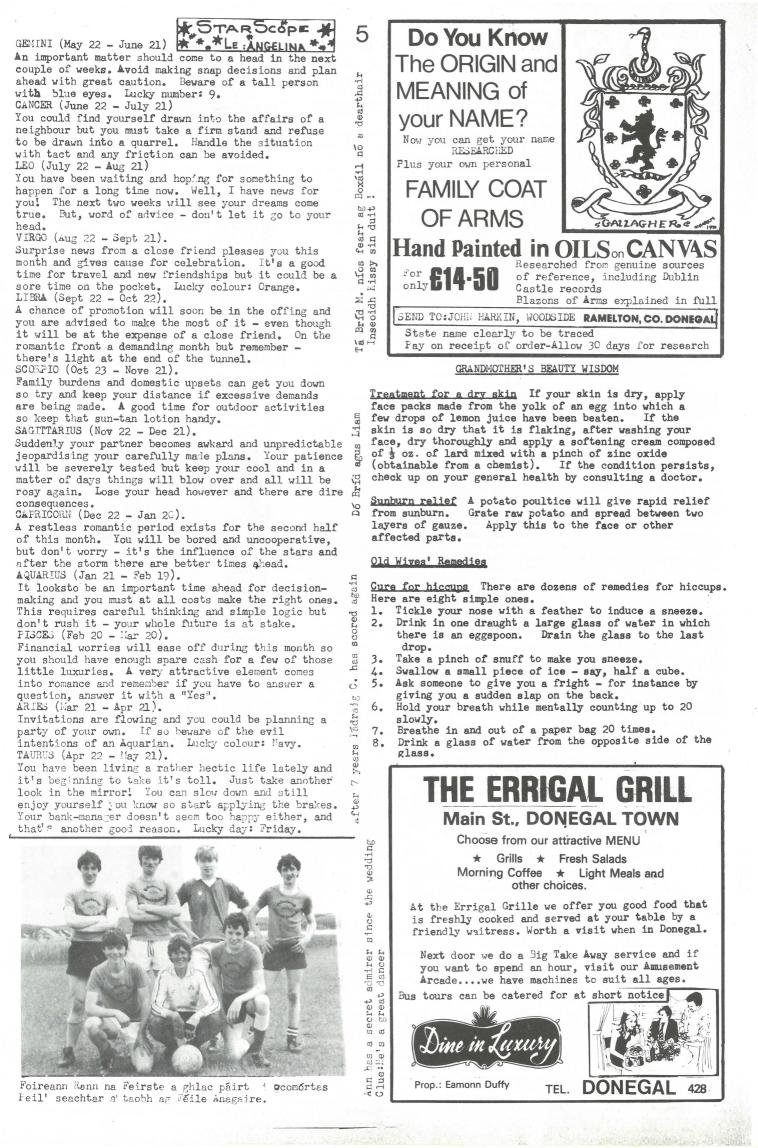
"The Round Tower"



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Bryan Ferry

<u>Photo-finish!</u> Résa sealaíochta na mbuachaillí(Sinsearach) ay la luthchlessaíochts Fhobal Scoil Ghaoth Dobhair



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When we are dealing with someting as spiritual as the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth, politicians cannot be asked to give what they have before they have given what they are. Giving is a consequence of being. When the heart is given to the Lord it is easier to extend the hand; but it is very hard to open the hand with a gift when the heart is closed. If the heart-gift to the Sacred Heart is sincere, the hand-gift will follow.

Generosity follows spirituality. Giving follows grace, as the bride follows the bridesmaids. Hence the problem is not to get politicians to give: it is to get politicians to consecrate themselves to God. If they don't appreciate the wealth of culture and tradition and christianity that is contained in Tory. then they will show no interest. And showing no interest they will do nothing. And doing nothing they will find new reasons for doing nothing and so continue with that policy. We leave the "give" campaigns to the secular and material world where the giving is first. We want to spiritualize the politicians, especially the comfortable and fur-coated ones: then they will give. Will a child give himself to a stranger whom he does not love? Not even a dog will go to one he does not know, but he will go to his master because he loves him. We cannot be exp cted to sacrifice for the cause of Christ on Tory until we first love Him who died for Tory. The problem lies fair and square with the politicians who apparently have a man-size job on the hands, themselves.

Fride, respect, strength — this is what Tory has to offer. That, together with action from the pol.ticians must be a good formula for success. This pride and respect was nowhere more exemplified than in the recent upsurge of interest in the production of Drama on the Island. Even official cynicism didn't abort this movement. When Roinn na Gaeltachta were asked for advice and help in developing this cultural interest — they were asked for £100 to defray the cost of converting a store into a makeshift theatre. The letter wasn't even acknowledged. But Aisteoiri Thorai were not to be daunted. With nothing more than a red-hot conviction that this was the way, they produced their first drama, a translation of the French comedy called An Cruiteachain, the Hunchback,

They played to full houses, so obviously a nerve was touched. Even competition from the T.V. couldn't dampen this new-found enthusiasm. And so, Aisteoiri Thorai was born. The spillover brought the children on to the stage with their own productions, and now they are all agog. This community effort saw the children and the adults working for the commongood. The men cleaned out a filthy store where oil-drums and nets were stored and mended, with no glass in the windows and no electricity. In one day this was all changed including the installation of electricity and a gleaming clean theatre with a stage and props and curtains and benches from the Church, all going to make up a makeshift theatre.

No way does this indicate laziness or lack of purpose or interest. But instead given half a chance things can happen on Tory. And what is amazing, this was not costly. Some panes of glass, curtains and electrical appliances didn't cost the earth. And now after so many years of utter neglect it wouldn't be that costly for the authorities to put Tory on a firm economic basis. That's not the monumental problem, the cost. The big problem for the authorities is to reach a conviction themselves that Tory is unique. That even now in 1981 it offers to the country and the world a way of life that is not to be found anywhere else in Ireland to-day.

The Irish way of life here is seen to be more alive and much better than it is in any other Gaeltacht area. This is the way it was right through the country at one time. The old customs are still cherished by the people and the ancient sayings are still on their lips. "Féar leath-bó, asal, agus a chuid práiti, or, half a cow's grass, a donkey and some potatoes." This being the minimum a man needs to survive. And from young and old alike there is still the remarkable céad mile fáilte, the note of hospitality that was and still is the hall-mark of the Island.

When Pope John Paul II said his first words in Irish on Irish soil, "moladh go deo le Dia", he was underlining what the media chose to underscore on that famous visit. The media at the time unfortunately seized upon the wrong headlines, stop the violence and so on, and chose to ignore the Pope's positive message when he spoke to those millions all over the world, moladh go deo le Dia. By speaking Irish he was saluting the rich tradition that enshrined the faith of the country. He wanted to identify himself as closely as possible with this rich faith of the Irish people. He spoke Irish and in speaking Irish he identified himself with the country, the nation and with all the families of Ireland. By his own life and example he showed us what we should be aiming at and doing. He was merely saying what he believed in. That the Irish language enshrined a way of life that was priceless, like his native Polish which stood for everything he held dear. And throughout his life he kept that idea alive himself by organising clandestine Drama groups, when his country was oppressed, and wiped off the map of Europe. It was the Polish language that kept the national consciousness and faith alive. Tory stands for all this and more. Not alone has it pride and respect but it obviously has strength. To choke it through economic pressures or to ignore it and so let it slowly disintegrate, would be a disaster for the country

So, we are obviously not just talking about plans and roads and potholes and smelly sewage, about breakwaters and boats. We are talking here about something very precious. What price is put on the real Irish way of life. Or does it matter. One day a rooster went over to an ostritch farm and gathered up a big big ostritch egg, flew back into the hennery, crowed and gathered all the hens. The rooster put the ostritch egg in the midst of all the hens and addressed them saying, "This is to let you know what is going on in other barnyards." It is fitting that we make comparison between what the authorities here are doing and what they are doing in other foreign countries, for islands as bad or worse than Tory. Hestur is a little island in the Faroes. It only has sixty inhabitants. They are barely able to eke out an existence with a little farming and a little fishing — just like Tory. But this is where the comparison stops. They have themselves built a fine indoor swimmingpool in connection with an assembly building. The swimmingpool is 17×6 metres. The 55 kW mill is meant to deliver current for heating the water in the pool, the meeting hall, the school and also a house for drying salted codfish. They are not saying what the Department of Energy is saying: You have such an embarrasing amount of wind on Tory there are bound to be snags. So, wait, we don't know yet what all the snags are with those windmills. Better wait and see. No, on Hestur they have gone straight ahead and heated their swimmingpool with electricity generated from a windmill. They are not thinking about evacuating the island. Apparently the Government sees fit to act with courage and determination and the island has only sixty inhabitants. The scale of values is wrong somewhere. When an Island like Tory can be neglected for so long by so many different administrations, it is time to call a halt.

Not so long ago the English artist, Derek Hill, a great friend of Tory, was painting a scene on the Island. One of the Islanders watching with interest said, "That's a fine picture, but I could do it better than that." "Fine" said Derek, "I'm sure you could". And so was born a wonderful partnership that was to enrich life on the Island by producing a school of Art. These Island painters have exhibited here and abroad. Given half a chance, and a bit of encouragement Tory has produced in modern times something which is unique in any Gaeltacht area, a School of Art.

Carl-Otto Schander, a Swedish artist and journalist and another good friend of Tory, went along personally to Sligo with a group from Comhar Chumann Thorai Teoranta, including Jimmie, Mhaire, Bhillie and Patsy Dan to interview the Minister for the Gaeltacht at that time, Mr Denis Gallagher, T.D. about the deplorable state of Tory. As a result of this meeting new generators for the electricity network were installed. And so the electricity network was saved (Ar leanuint ar 1th.







Mr Fat Ward, Keadue, Burtonport Champion Draughts player of the Rosses.

The potato blight and public works in Gweedore.

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To the Editor of The Times

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Sir, - The potato blight is an indisputable fact. In Gweedore it is estimated that but one-fourth of the crop will be saved. It is true that the loss of the potato crop in Donegal will not cause as acute distress as it did in 1830. The people are in a more substantial condition. Reduced rents, improved means of communication, better earings in Scotland and England, and increased industrial work, have combined to give them a power of reserve which they did not possess ten years ago. The outlook is nevertheless gloomy enough, and the present condition of things is most disappointing. When I was in Gweedore a month ago I though I had never seen the country look so prosperous. The people were also full of hope. They were better fed, better clad, better housed, more fully occupied with wage-earning work, and possessed more property in the way of stock and sheep than had been the case during the past seven years. Foor the people certainly were; but it was an endurable poverty, and they were beginning to make headway against the load of debts which have so long oppressed them. Even then, however, there were ominous signs of the doom which was pending, and within the last month the blight has rapidly spread, and destroyed the crop on which the people largely depend for food. It is the very poor who will, of course, at once suffer most acutely; but all will feel the strain of the sudden loss of a great food supply, and it is estimated that one-fifth of the population of Gweedore will be able to hold their own and need no help, but that four-fifths will suffer more or less from the loss of their crop. It is most disappointing to see a people who have long made a brave struggle against calamity, and who were just attaining comparative prosperity, struck again by a disaster so great as the potato blight. The question is, however, what is to be done? There are four things on which the Donegal people depend in crises like the present - 1, credit; 2, charity; 3, public works; 4, industrial employment.

1. Credit. - The Donegal peasants, unfortunately, subsist largely on credit, and the bills for meal and the November rents are paid when the wage-earners return home in the late autumn from farm-hiring in Scotland and the Laggan. During the long period of distress between 1879-85 debts accumulated. Of recent years great efforts have been made to clear them off, and in the good year 1889 considerable progress was made in this direction. I find on inquiry that the indebtedness of the people of Gweedore to the shopkeepers still amounts, however, on an average to £10 per family. An increase of credit is therefore out of the question and could not be advocated. 2. Charity. - All of us who are interested in the welfare of the people and the development of the country are determined, unless absolutely compelled, to make no appeals to the charity of the public for gifts which, however satisfactory to the donor, are injurious to the recipient. Thank goodness, the Donegal people never ask for

charity, but only for work.

3. Public Works. - The Government received last year a vote from Farliament of £600,000 to provide the means of transit in the congested districts of Ireland. Fart of this money will, I believe, be applied to the construction of a short railway in Galway and to the extension of the line from Donegal to Killybegs, in county Donegal. The bulk of the remaining money will be devoted, it is anticipated, to the promotion of light railways, piers, and harbours in the congested districts of Donegal. The grand juries will be called together to consider and pronounce upon the various schemes which are being promoted. It is not my purpose to enter here into any discussion as to the expediency of narrow or broad gauge railways; but it is certain that, in order to fulfil the object for which the money was granted, a railway, whether narrow or broad gauge, should pass through Glenties, the Rosses, and Gweedore, the heart of the congested districts, where there exists a crowded agricultural population with scarcely any means of the transit of produce and goods. There are those, and I am among them, who consider that the sea-board population of congested Donegal would be better served by giving them sea communication with the great centres of industry by means of good serviceable and commercial piers and harbours, rather than by railways, which, notwithstanding high freight charges, will be a heavy burden on the country to keep up.

This Letter, which was written by Alice M. Hart (Mrs. Ernest Hart) will be continued next month.

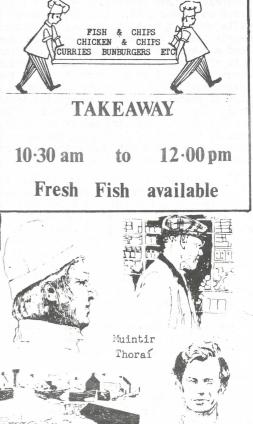


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from a complete breakdown, having been abandoned by the E.S.B. after erection in 1970. They also set the wheels in motion to have a harbour built at Tory. Bred and grocery supplies, which were always thretened by storms in the past, was another matter that was successfully solved by trawler transport. Carl is obviously a man of action and he has now formed a group of Swedes, friends of Tory, interested in the welfare of Tory and has also produced a brochure illustrated with some of his wonderful paintings, giving us on the one hand, a vivid picture of a prosperous Tory and on the other an island that had to be evacuated because of Government neglect.

Finally the Islanders have written their own three Act Drama which embodies all we are saying here in this account. They wrote it out of frustration in trying to get some Drama books from the Mainland. Surely there is pride, respect and strength here.

Drama, poetry and painting. There is no Gaeltacht area can compare with this record. But the Government, through the mouth of the Minister for the Gaeltacht, says, "SCRUB IT". - AN TATHAIR DIARMUID ÔPEÎCÎN. C.I.



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in I used to believe that the people in the parish of a xcept dryin got a new f people in the North into civil war, a war in which the rest of Ireland will be embroiled, and that the purpose of this strategy is to prevent the further development of a viable rish economy. I would not have come to this conclusion if the evidence were not clear. What the London government is doing in the North cannot be explained in any other way.

It is my belief that you cannot then discuss your economy without discussing the London policy of destroying it. If that seens an unacceptable explanation to

those of your constituents who do not believe that governments work in this way, could you remind them that British policy in Ireland in the 18th and 19th centuries was precisely that - to prevent the l monday mornings a special ile man who emergence of a viable Irish economy? What the historians are not afraid to say about British policy in those centuries we should not be afraid to say about English policy today.

I deliberately avoid the use of the term "British" in relation to the present London government. Of the 22 members of the London cabinet, 2^0 are members for English constituences - the only Scots and Welsh representatives are Secretaries of State for each of those countries, both of whom are appointed by the english Prime Minister. We cannot properly blame the Scots and Welsh for what an English government does.

Nor can we blame our Catholic or protestant fellow citizens in the North for what is happening there. For many years many of us worked for reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants in the North. Then it became apparent that both sides knew very well how to live peacefully together but they were continually prevented from doing so by a corrosive, bitter and economically-based government policy, designed to keep them apart. Until the power of those who devised this policy is dissolved, reconciliation will not come.

The London government has never protected the interests of our Protestant fellow citizens in the North and never will. Instead, it woold them with gifts while it tried to destroy the Catholics by deprivation. But whether by gifts or blows the London government was controlling and manipulating both of them. And the Frotestant experience has shown - in the loss of Stormont and in the government's toying with new political arrangements that if necessary it will change its tactics and betray the Frotestants just as it so often betrayed the Catholics. The survival of the English economy, even at the cost of destroying the economy of a friendly neighbour nation, is the main consideration, and in times of economic crisis like this, the only one.

one. The only people who can protect the interests of our Frotestant friends are the Frotestants themselves in union with their Catholic fellow citizens, in union too with the many of our citizens who are neither Catholic nor Protestant. I have seen what is happening and I have come to conclusions which a few years ago would have been to me unthinkable.

I believe that the policy of the London government is to create a civil war in the North which will inevitably involve the rest of Ireland, and the reason for this strategy is, as in the past, to prevent the development of an Irish economy which the London government can no longer control by occupation and other military means.

You cannot discuss your economy without discussing the North.

With every good wish, Yours sincerely Fr. Desmond Wilson



Allow me to use some space in your paper to ask the following question. When will the Rosses Co-Operative (Enitting) hold their next Annual General Meeting? After two years I feel its very much overdue.

been unable to obtain a job since leaving school a

year ago. What makes my blood boil is the fact that

so many married women who have a male salary coming

in are getting jobs which I feel should be allocated

to young people starting off in life. Many of these

women have comfortable homes, two cars, etc. but they

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Joe Sharkey, on behalf of The Central Bar, Anagaire presenting a football to Connie Gillespie, Treasurer Naomh Muire Football Club.





(Scotchie) O'Donnell.

(Phone Bunbeg 265)

g "HELLO"



Meet Máire Ferry, who is a telephonist in the Gweedore post office exchange. Máire has worked as a telephonist for six years and enjoys the work immensely. Her hobbies include bookreading and dancing and she dislikes "people who have no patience". So next time you want that number in a hurry spare a thought for the busy telephonists like Maire Ferry.

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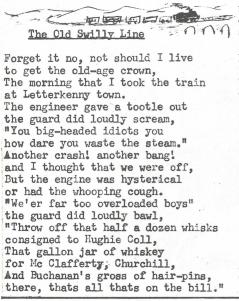
Is minic a chluin muid iomra ar na mallaibh go raibh Bazaar anseo nó ansuid, ach ní dheanfadh siad paiste ar na Bazaaranna a bhíodh ann s'na sean-laetha. Dá réir mar 'thuigim sé an rud is mó a théid ar aghaidh anois ná ag crá daoine le díol ticéidí chomh tiubh glan agus a thig leo. Ní ar phócaí folamh a d'fhéadfa dhul chuig Bazaar anois.

Bhí go leor ag reachtáil Bazaaranna cúpla scór bliain ó shoin, ach creidim gurbh é Johnny Tom a ba iomrathaí 'sna ceantracha seo. Ba é ceann de ocáidí móra an gheimhridh é nuair a bhéarfadh Johnny agus Jimmy Mc Gilligan cuairt ar na bailte móra agus bailte tuaithe a rabh hallaí damhsa iontu le Dazaar a reachtáil a mhairfeadh ar a laghad coicís. Bhíodh na hallaí sin plódaithe gach oíche, agus leoga is iomaí prios agus dreisiúr a bhfuil cuid delph Johnny Tom iontu go fóill. Is beag an rud is buaine na an duine! Is le Lorraí de chuid comhlucht an Loch Súile a dhéanfadh Johnny a chuid 'stuf' a aistriú o ionad go h-ionad.

Bheir sé barúil daoibh sin nach bhfaca é ariamh caidé an méid treallamh a bhí leis nuair a bhí Lorraí riachtanach. Is maith is cuimhne le go leor na boscaí móra ina mbeadh gach rud pacáilte go slachtmhar le cochán agus páipeár nuachta. Ba é páirt do'n tsearmanais go mbeadh páistí an bhaile cruinn ar feadh cúpla la ag cuidiú le Johnny agus Jimmy gach rud a chur i n-ait agus i n-ordú do'n olche a d'fhosclófaí an Bazaar.

Bhí leagan amach mór ar an halla! Sa chóirneál bhíodh sórt altóir ar a mbíodh rudaí beannaithe mar deilbh, pictúirí naofa, coróinacha Muire, boinn bheannaithe, leabharthaí urnaí, sæl (Ba ghnáth le Johnny dhul chuig na Misiún fosta agus creidim go raibh an stuf seo i gcónaí ar lamh aige). I lar an halla bhí clór a raibh uimhreacha air agus airteagal ar dhéanamh láimh claige a chasfaí thart agus dá stopfadh sé ag an uimhir a raibh do phingin agat air bhainfea duais ar bith a ba mhaith leat a thógail o na duaiseanna a bhí leagtha thart ar imeall an bhoird. De ghnáth airteagail delph nó gloine a bhíodh iontu seo - cupaí, plataí, soithí ime agus siúchre, coinnleoirí, taephotaí, sul. "Wheel of Fortune", creidin an t-ainm ar seo, ach bhí ainm ar leith ag Johnny air mar "Róise". Is maith is cuimhne le móran an scairt sin, "Coinnigh do shúil ar Róise". Le na chois sin bhí an "Bagatelle" ann, cluich nach raibh inchosúil le pool an lae inniu. Ba é Juais an Bhagatelle na leath an méid airgid a bhaileofaí i rith na h-oíche do'n té a b'airde scór. Bhí táille iontrála ar gach iomraitheor. Is cuichne liom fein fear amháin a d'imir rith oíche agus a raibh cúig scilling caite aige i ndeireadh na h-oíche -airgead rór an t-am sin. Ar ndóigh bhí an scór a b'airde aige i ndeireadh na h-oíche. Thug fear an Bhazaar leath-choráin do agus ar seisean, "You were lucky tonight me boy!" (Níor bh'e Johnny Tom e seo nó bhí Johnny fiuntach).

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We scarcely had got started when a native overtook, Calling "Hi, you) there let me have a look." He had merely stopped to ask us if we met a stray buck-goat, We told him "No" and prayed and hoped we would not meet the brute! for should he butt the boiler he'd put his head clean through, if he tried the buffer plate that might withstand the strain, But the danger was none-the-less he might derail the train. The gradient now is all our own which proves a friend indeed, For a great big bull of Rutherfords intended us to spill, With heaving flanks and tail erect pursued us to Churchill. We scarcely had apt started when a voice fell on my ears, a voice I'll still remember should I live a thousand years.

T'was that old-ti... the Master Jack Delap shouting, "Will you get a move on there and shift this heap of scrap." "Full steam ahead, full steam ahead" shouts the Guard Mc Cool; "Full steam my eye!" the fireman said sure there's not an ounce of coal. The bearings too are all red hot and there's not a drop of oil." "Well spit on them and cool them," said the driver Hughie Boyle. "Alas, Alas," the driver says, "This is a pretty pass, Will someone go to Morrison's for the lend of his jackass, Cr better still, try old Dick Graham he's not a bad old sort, for a creel of peat to steam us from Churchill to Burtonport."

Nóta - Tá muid buíoch do Joe Carr, a thug cóip do'n dán seo duinn.

The United Nations Organisation designates every second year for a particular purpose. This present year 1981, has been named "International Year of Disabled Persons" or IYDP.

By designating a year in this way, attention in each member-country around the globe is focussed on a common subject, concern or group. Thus, the problems and difficulties of a designated group might be better understood by other members of the community. Such International Years serve to mark out periods in time when definite projects can actually be undertaken in order to help deal with the problems of the named group.

During this "International Year of Disabled Persons", the attention of the community in this country and in other member-countries of the United Nations Organisation, will be focussed on the handicapped and their problems. The handicapped can be divided broadly into three groups – the physically handicapped, the mentally handicapped and the mentally ill or the emotionally disabled.

The Mental Health Association of Ireland is primarily concerned with the needs and problems of the latter group. These persons do not usually have serious difficulties in the way in which their bodies function as do the physically handicapped. Nor do they have a disturbance of their intellectual functioning as do the mentally handicapped. They do, however, experience problems with their inability to cope normally with the demands of life.

In some cases, this inability to cope takes the form of a disorder such as *depression*. People who suffer from this kind of disorder can experience overwhelming feelings of sadness, of anxiety and of their own worthlessness. These feelings can sometimes be so strong that the person is unable to work up any energy or enthusiasm for life. In other cases, these emotions may be less strong, but like a nagging toothache, prevent persons from realising their full potential in life.

There are many kinds and degrees of mental and emotional disability. Some are so severe that people suffering from them may have to spend time in a psychiatric hospital. Others are much less severe and can be dealt with on an out-patient basis.

Nowadays, those who have to go into hospital, usually spend a relatively short period of time there. Very few become so disabled as to require permanent hospital care.

However, we still have a legacy of some 12,000 people in our psychiatric hospitals who have been there for two or more years, some for as long as 20 to 30 years. Often the reason for this long period of hospitalisation has been mainly due to the fact that they have no homes to go to, or no relatives to care for them or no community prepared to support them.

Accordingly, during this "International Year of Disabled Persons", the Mental Health Association of Ireland will be endeavouring to promote in our communities a sense of caring for the mentally and emotionally disabled. We will attempt to do this by devoting much of our energies and resources to projects which have been designed specifically to focus public attention on their needs. We hope that public concern for these people will be expressed through community involvement in our projects and as a result, the plight of mentally and emotionally disabled persons in our society will be better understood.

Chairman The Mental Health Association / Openh of Ireland.



ICI has announced the discovery of a new fire-fighting agent known as WATER (Wonderful And Total Extinguishing Resource). It is particularly suitable for dealing with fires in buildings, timber yards and ware-houses, and is fairly cheap to produce. It is intended that quantities of about a million gallons should be stored in open ponds or reservoirs near urban areas and installations of high risk.

WATER is already encountering strong opposition from safety and environmental groups. Professor Derek O'Lacla (no relation) has pointed out that if anyone immersed their head in a bucket of WATER, it would prove fatal in as little as three minutes. Each of ICI's proposed reservoirs will contain enough WATER to fill half a million two-gallon buckets. Each bucketful could be used a hundred times, so there is enough WATER in one reservoir to kill the entire population of the UK.

Did we know, asked a Fire Brigades spokesman, (John Coyle) what would happen to this new medium when it was exposed to intense heat? It had been reported that WATER was a consituent of beer. Did this mean that firemen would be intoxiacted by the fumes? The I.C.A. said that they had obtained a sample of WATER and found it made clothes shrink. If it did this to cotton, what would it do to men? In Dáil Eireann the Minister for the environment was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new material. A full investigation was needed, he replied, and the Major Hazards committee way would be asked to report.



Many wonderful stories showing the intelligence of this animal,are based An example is the fox who lies down for a rest right on top of an ant nest. He suddenly jumps up when bitten by the ants and while he runs away, he is too smart to scratch or nibble the itching bites. Se. Slowly he submerges and then lets go of the grass on which the ants have, by that time,taken refuge. His next move is to collect a mouthful of grass and then nearest WW He backs into the wate slowly, and as soon as the ants feel it, they creep away in the direction of the fox's head. While the ants drift away on their island the fox climbs out of the water feeling ver much relieved to be rid of them. 0 V.DUL D 57 TORAT NA LTOMA e aller Under 10 Painting Competition Ta pencilcase, pinn daite agus crayons le baint. Last month's winner: Máire Ní Dhonnchadh, Machaire Rabhartaí, Gort a' Choirce. Ainm..... Seoladh. No, it's not Lady Di running Seoladh: "Guth 7 Tuairim," Doire Beaga. Antóin Ó Baoill as Anagaire a away from the Press ! bhuaidh bonn ins an rása-bóthair It's Sheila wearing a dress. le linn na Féile. Ceist: What did the big biscuit say when the little biscuit got run over by a car? Freagra: Oh crumbs! What did the hat say to the scarf? You hang around and I'll go on a head. C: F: C: What did the big chimney say to the small chimney? He : You're too young to be smoking. C: What did the big telephone say to the little 000 telephone? 0 0 F: You're too young to be engaged. Yum 1700 Moira, Loch an Iúir. Ceangal na pointí 9 0 15 16 22 21.20 23 .24 .30 .75 44 35 43. Ť .2" 42.38 *'4*| 40 .39 000 Comortas 1. What do the initials N.C.O stand for? 7UM 2. Why are the initials D.C. placed after Washington, the capital of America? 3. Who first reached the North Pole? In the Bible, what happened to Lot's wife?
Which was the first car to be mass-produced? Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "Guth , Tuairim," Doire Deaga. Tá £2 le baint. Last month's winner: Dónal O Dochartaigh, Rann na

Feirste, Anagaire.

There are ten differences between the two pictures. Can you find them?