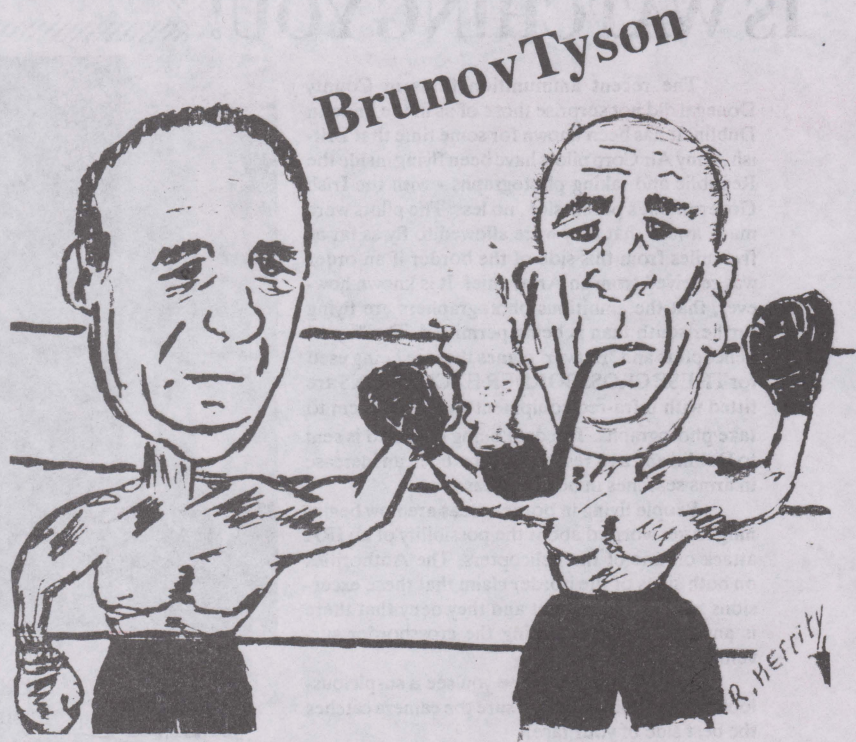


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Swilly Train Arriving Crolley Station in the 20s

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Watch out for our April edition which should be available on April 1st (and I'm not fooling !)

The deadline for receipt of letters, competitions, articles, photos, etc. is Sat 25th March. And remember this is YOUR paper, and we'd like to hear from you, so what about putting pen to paper... Seoladh: "The Leader", Lower Main Street, Letterkenny.

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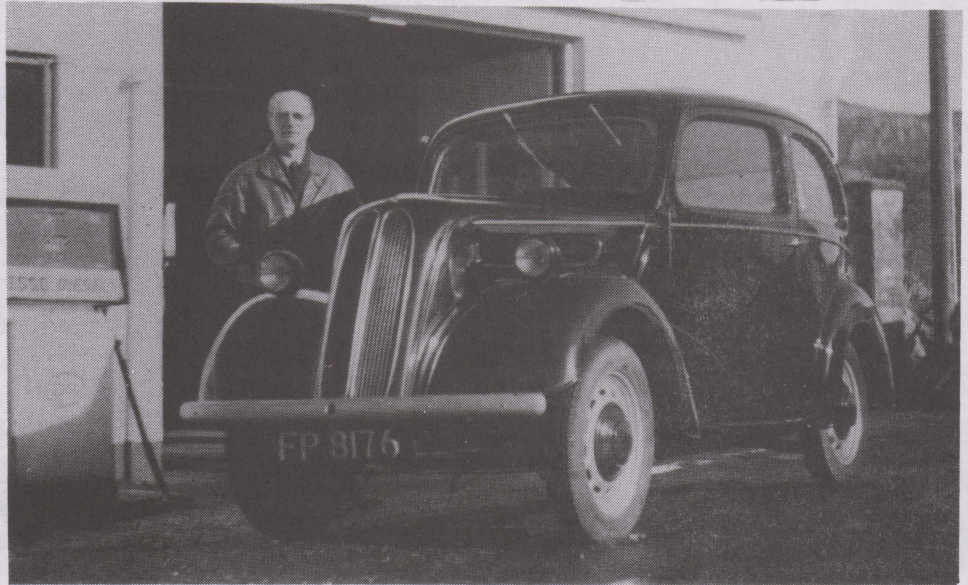
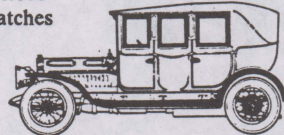
Our cover cartoon this month featuring "Tyson" v "Bruno" is the work of talented young Letterkenny artist Redmond Herrity, who is a student at Letterkenny Vocational School. Well done Redmond ! If you can draw, write poetry, a short story or have any other talent, we'd like to hear from you. So come on folks, pen to paper...

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU!

The recent ammunition finds in County Donegal did not surprise those of us in the know in Dublin. It has been known for some time that British Army Air Corp pilots have been flying inside the Republic and taking photographs - with the Irish Government's permission, no less. The pilots were made aware that they were allowed to fly as far as five miles from this side of the border if an order was received from an Army chief. It is known however, that the ambitious photographers are flying further south than is being permitted. The "Lynx" helicopters and "Beaver" planes that are being used for THESE CROSSBORDER EXCURSIONS are fitted with infra-red equipment to enable them to take photographs. The data being collected is sent to Dublin and as a result there has been an increase in arms searches in border areas.

People living in border areas are now beginning to get worried about the possibility of an IRA attack on one of the helicopters. The Authorities on both sides of the border claim that these excursions happen by accident and they deny that there is any agreement regarding the crossborder surveillance.

Anyway, the next time you see a suspicious-looking flying object, make sure the camera catches the best side of your face!

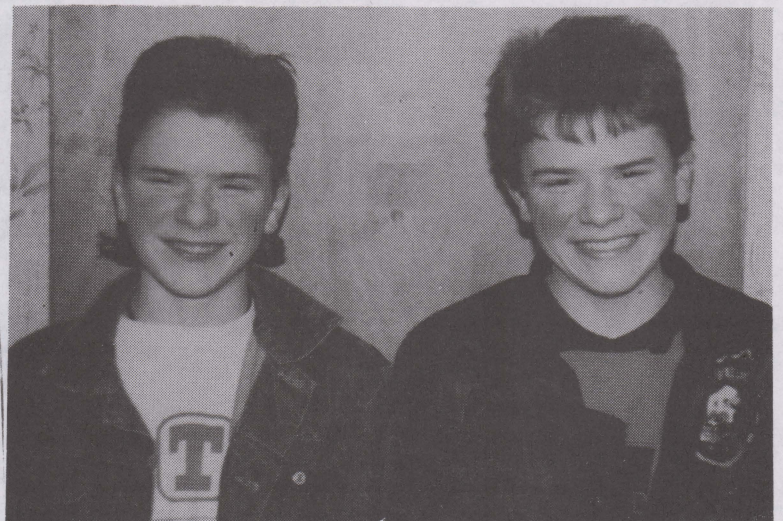


This here little beauty is a Ford Popular dating from 1958. She belongs to Robert Ward of Kerrykeely, who's in the business of selling Nissans but enjoys an occasional drive in this lovely immaculately kept Ford of yesteryear, which came complete with size 17 wheels and a wood floor. This model was actually replaced in '58 by the familiar 100E, so Robert's is one of the very last populars of this type produced. Fitted with an 8hp engine, the clock says 90mph ?? She was first registered in England on 15th July 1958 and bears the registration number FP 8176



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Twins Mark and Kevin McLean are from outside Letterkenny. They're 14 years old and students at Letterkenny Vocational School, Windyhall. Mark is keen on art while Kevin likes metalwork, but as yet they haven't followed in the footsteps of their famous father, and taken up music. Yes, the name is familiar, and the boys' dad is the one and only Mr. Hugh McLean.

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Denis Ward looks after the Menswear department in the Cope, Dungloe. He is married to Dolores, they live in Meenmore and have two wee girls, Anne and Denise.

he says he has seen many changes over the years in the business, but that you have to work a lot

harder now than 10 years ago. The Menswear department does consistently well and one reason for this, according to Denis, is that they always carry a big selection of mens and boys wear. They have a very good January sale this year, preceded by a very busy Christmas period.

One thing which Denis has noticed is the big increase in emigration recently, which has obviously affected business in the area. It was good to see a lot of good friends return at Christmas, but prospects are not looking too good in this area at the moment.

In his spare time, Denis likes to relax in front of the box. He enjoys watching all sports but his main interest is in the local GAA Club in Dungloe, where he has been a stalwart for years.

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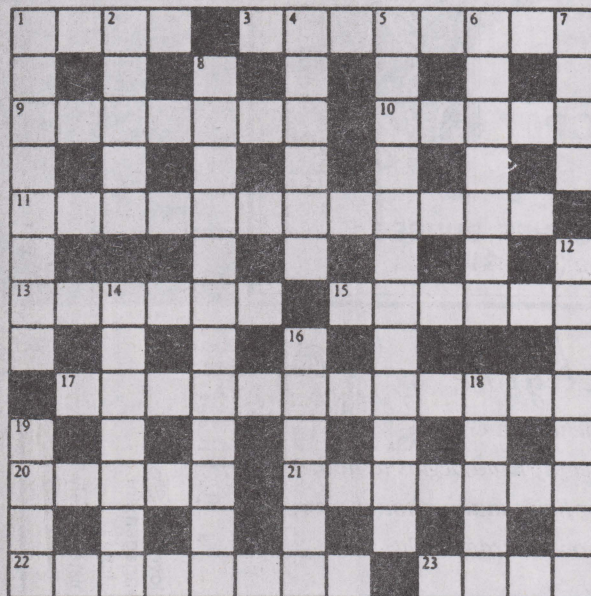
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PEOPLE AT WORK



DOWN

- 1 Capable of being achieved (8)
- 2 Any outdoor physical recreation (5)
- 4 Popular Scottish dish (6)
- 5 Despicable (12)
- 6 Passenger compartment on motorbike (7)
- 7 At that time (4)
- 8 Snooker player (6, 6)
- 12 An exclamation to show approval (4, 4)
- 14 Strew, disperse (7)
- 16 Small rounded stone (6)
- 18 A slight tint (5)
- 19 Garden pest (4)

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Nosegay (4)
- 3 Stocky in build (8)
- 9 Vibrating noise made when asleep (7)
- 10 Poke with the elbow (5)
- 11 Ability to understand and comprehend (12)

- 13 This describes specially protected old building (6)
- 15 Thinly scattered (6)
- 17 A till (4, 8)
- 20 Afterwards (5)
- 21 Equilibrium (7)
- 22 Person who likes to grow things (8)
- 23 Suddenly change direction (4)

ACROSS: 1 Posy; 3 Thickset; 9 Snoring; 10 Nudge; 11 Intelligence; 13 Listed; 15 Sparse; 17 Cash register; 20 Later; 21 Balance; 22 Gardener; 23 Veer.

DOWN: 1 Possible; 2 Sport; 4 Haggis; 5 Contemptible; 6 Sidecar; 7 Then; 8 Willie Thorne; 12 Hear hear; 14 Scatter; 16 Pebble; 18 Tinge; 19 Slug.

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BRADDOCK (18) Missing In Action III

When desperate men have a dirty job, they don't leave it to amateurs - they call Chuck Norris! Twelve years after the fall of Saigon, Colonel Braddock is shocked to learn his Vietnamese wife survived the fatal helicopter crash he witnesses. Sadly, he finds out there is a hell camp full of imprisoned children and enslaved American soldiers. It's not long before he explodes into action, causing incredible excitement, thrilling danger and blazing destruction through the film.

SALSA (PG)

From the choreographer of "Dirty Dancing" and "Shag" comes the red hot dance movie Salsa. Rico lives for just one thing - his dream is to win a trip to the Puerto Rican Festival by dancing his way to the title of King of Salsa. Rico's burning ambition jeopardises his relationship with girlfriend Vicki, and his family suffer. Can Rico overcome the personal pressures in his life and become the King of Salsa? A good exciting film full of good moves and good music.

VICE VERSA (PG)

The fun and excitement starts when top executive Marshall Seymour (Judge Reinhold - Beverly Hills Cop) finds himself switching bodies with his eleven year old son. Until a cure can be found, the father and son team have to live each other's lives! Marshall goes off to face the horror of school, while Charlie battles with big business, his dad's credit cards and a girlfriend. It's a good family film, full of fun and laughter.

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (15)

Steve Martin, John Candy. A new comedy from John Hughes, one of the most successful film makers of the 80s, and the man behind such hits as "Ferris Bueller's Day off", "Some Kind of Wonderful", "She's Having a Baby" and "The Great Outdoors". Neal Paye (Steve Martin), a successful urban advertising executive is on his way home from New York to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with his family. Unfortunately, he runs into a big blob called Del Griffith (John Candy) who causes despair and disaster for Neal, and also drives him crazy with his determination to be helpful. There should be a government health warning on people like Del Griffith. Will Neal make it home for Thanksgiving? Watch the film and you will see. It's a hilarious comedy and Steve Martin is excellent.

Look Out For - Crocodile Dundee II Rambo III Frankie

1. Fatal Attraction
2. Police Academy 5
3. Adventures in Babysitting
4. Braddocks - Missing in Action 3
5. Vice Versa
6. Planes, Trains & Automobiles
7. Wall Street
8. Overboard
9. Can't Buy Me Love
10. Salsa



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Religion



People often ask me do I believe in God,
As sometimes in the Chapel my head begins to nod.
It's not that I'm a heretic or have an unorthodox view, -
I might have been out late on Saturday night,
And had a drink or two.
I know a lot of holy people who go to extreme lengths,
For imaginary sins they eternally repent.
They pray on Sunday on their knees so mild and very meek,
Then they to to prey on others
For the rest of the week.
Religion is a personal thing that is your own affair
And should not really be anyone else's care.
I don't pray very often, only when in doubt,
Hoping he will come straight to my aid
When I give Him a shout.



Mr. X. Carrick.

Is it true that Rosemary reckons she's in love with Shaun D.
Congrats to Seamus & Ashling On their engagement.
Who calls himself Gorgeous? Eamonn McK
Why is Catherine C. so interested in upholstery lately?

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LOCAL AMNESTY GROUP'S CONCERN

The Letterkenny Amnesty Group wants to create awareness of the extent of human rights violations in Turkey, a country which is currently being promoted as a popular holiday destination for Irish tourists.

At their recent meeting, the Group expressed grave concern about the violation of human rights in Turkey. The research of Amnesty International consistently shows evidence of abuse of human rights on a wide scale. Amnesty has received increasing reports of widespread use of torture, detention without charge, unfair trials and death in custody.

Since 1980, over two hundred men and women have died in custody in Turkish prisons, and the Turkish authorities have provided no explanation whatsoever for one hundred and forty-four of these deaths.

Amnesty International charges that the Turkish Government has failed to eliminate the routine torture of political prisoners, and continues to deny basic human rights.

Una Marie McLoughlin
Secretary of Letterkenny Amnesty Group



DOCKSVIEW

Rónán Mac Aodha Bhuí -

A DONEGALMAN IN DUBLIN



"The Leader" is still alive! I must admit that, being the pessimistic person that I am, I never thought it would survive. When I was the Editor for the first couple of editions, although pretending to be confident, I was almost certain it would be a total failure. Obviously it wasn't and the people of the area have been loyal disciples to "The Leader". I was saddened to leave the paper but other duties had to be attended to in Dublin.

The present Editor seems to have hit upon the formula which sells a community magazine. It appeals to young and old or as he put it himself, "people from eight to eighty". Nevertheless, I feel that there is a lot missing from "the Leader". Has it succeeded in becoming the voice of the people, which was one of the main aims at the start. I think not!

I believe that Donegal needs a magazine which would analyse local news and current affairs in a way which the

weekly papers don't. Plenty of photographs, small features and gossip are alright, but the public want more. Perhaps there is a market for another magazine? When I was with "the Leader", I found myself torn between publishing what I wanted to read, and what I thought the public wanted to read. Most of the time, I ended up publishing snippets and short features, which would bring on a sudden bout of vomiting. What I wanted at the time was a Magill/ Phoenix/ New Nation/ Guth agus Tuairim all rolled into one type of magazine, with all the articles based on the county. It was probably an impossible thing to do, and I would more than likely end up being the only reader.

I hope I haven't sounded too harsh on the paper, or its publishers, and that "the Leader" will continue to grow. There is a need for a local magazine and I'll be very interested to see how it develops in the future.





"Who the hell is this prisoner, Jose Rodriguez?"

"He's just an illiterate peasant, Sir".

"He can't be, you idiot! This guy has thousands of friends all over the world who keep writing to me asking for his release".

In our January edition, we carried a brief report on Amnesty International. Here now is a more detailed look at this unique worldwide human rights movement.

A South American journalist was hanging naked by his knees from an iron bar in the torture cell of a prison in Brazil. His wrists and ankles were tied together, while an electric current was intermittently run through his body. During a short break in the torture, he asked his "interrogators" why they were doing this to him.

"Because", they replied, "you write articles saying that in Brazil we torture people, and you know that is not true". The journalist's laugh, as he realised that he finally understood the true meaning of absurd, was cut short as the current was switched on again. This incident was told in a recent report from Brazil by an official of Amnesty International.

On Trinity Sunday last May, the bells of St. Clement Dane's church in London's Strand rang out 5000 times. Each peal represented the 5,000 prisoners of conscience throughout the world for whose release Amnesty International is campaigning at any time. But the bells were also tolling to celebrate Amnesty's 25th birthday.

In late 1960 Peter Benenson, an English Catholic lawyer, read a newspaper report about two Portuguese students who were arrested in a Lisbon restaurant and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment for raising their glasses in a toast to freedom. His first reaction was to go to the Portuguese embassy in London and protest; but he realised that such an individual gesture would achieve little for the students themselves.

Ruthless repression of dissent by many governments throughout the world was a problem that had long worried Peter Benenson. During the 1950s, he had attended political trials in Hungary, Cyprus, South Africa and Spain, either as a legal observer or as a defence counsel. He had also written and broadcast widely about the problem.

Now he began to wonder how oppressive regimes might react to concerted worldwide protests at acts of political injustice, rather than to the individual protest he had contemplated in the case of the two Portuguese students. Gradually he conceived the ideal of a one-year international campaign to draw world attention to the plight of people detained under all sorts of political systems for the peaceful oppression of their political or religious opinions.

He discussed the idea with Eric Baker, a prominent English Quaker, and other friends. Their enthusiastic reactions led him to write an article entitled *The Forgotten Prisoners to The Observer* newspaper. His article and a report in the

Paris paper *Le Monde* the same day announced the launching of a one-year campaign called *Appeal for Amnesty 1961*. Its aim was to obtain an amnesty for all political and religious prisoners of conscience. Part of the campaign was to establish an office in London for collecting information about such prisoners and publicizing individual cases.

Peter Benenson, a devout Catholic, deliberately chose Trinity Sunday 1961 for launching Amnesty International. He did so, he said, because the liberation of the spirit is at the heart of Christian belief and because there are three worlds of making to be united in humanity. He proposed a three network: each group of Amnesty supporters would adopt three prisoners and work for their release. One would be from a Communist country, one from the capitalist West and the third from the Third World.

In his article *The Forgotten Prisoners*, Peter Benenson drew attention to the fact that a century after the abolition of slavery, man had found new ways of degrading man, that all over the world, in countries of every political persuasion, governments were imprisoning people because of their beliefs, while torture and executions were also widespread. He put forward the simple idea that these prisoners could be helped; first get the facts about abuses of human rights and then use them to mobilize public opinion so as to persuade governments to release prisoners of conscience - as well as to abolish torture and the death penalty.

The reaction was overwhelming. Within a month, more than 1000 offers of help were received together with a great amount of information about thousands of prisoners of conscience. The week after Amnesty was founded in London, an Irish section was set up by Sean McBride. Soon the campaign grew into a worldwide movement. The first international meeting was held 3 months later, and Sean McBride became chairman of the International Executive.

Amnesty International now has more than 500,000 members and subscribers in over 150 countries. It is independent of all governments, economic interests and political or religious groups. Its specific role in the protection of human rights focuses on the release of prisoners of conscience - men and women imprisoned for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin or religion, who have not used or advocated violence; it works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial; and it opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners. Its work is based on the principles set forth in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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The techniques it uses include long-term adoption of individual cases; campaigns on particular countries or human rights abuses; mobilizing professional occupational groups on behalf of colleagues; and, in cases where torture or death are feared, organising a network of volunteers to send urgent telegrams signalling international concern.

Letter writing is one of Amnesty's most important ways of working for prisoners. From the simple idea that ordinary people could, by letter writing, persuade governments to release prisoners of conscience, has grown a worldwide movement of over 500,000 people. When Amnesty began, people said that individuals could not hope to sway the minds of governments. But it has shown clearly that the free individual can do something to reduce the abuses of state power. Today, many governments simply have to take note of what Amnesty says and does.

The death penalty is still in force in 130 countries. Last year, 1489 prisoners were sentenced to death in 61 countries and 1125 of them in 44 countries were executed. These included 137 in South Africa, 135 in China, 57 in Pakistan, 45 in Saudi Arabia and 18 in the United States. The number waiting on Death Row in the US reached 1600 last year and is still increasing. During the year, Amnesty members wrote appeals for 68 prisoners under sentence to death.

Last year, 4562 prisoners were either adopted as prisoners of conscience or investigated as such by Amnesty, and it reported detention without trial of political detainees in 50 countries. It stated the torture is still being used in one-third of the world's countries. Since it began, Amnesty has adopted the cases for more than 30,000 prisoners.

In future editions of "The Leader", we intend to feature the cases of some of Amnesty's "prisoners of conscience" and hope that our readers will join the Letterwriting campaign on their behalf. And if you want to join Amnesty, there is a branch in Letterkenny which meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8pm. Venues vary. For enquiries, ring Sr. Gabrielle Murphy at (074) 22896. And wouldn't it be nice to see more branches starting up in Donegal. If you're interested, ring Sr. Gabrielle or contact Amnesty's Irish Headquarters at 8 Shaw Street, Dublin 2.



"The Dodgers", St. Conal's Football Team in the mid-70's Back (L. to R.) Dan Griffin, Neil Cullen, Charlie Cannon, P.J. Sweeney, Cathal Lynch, Peter McGlynn, Shaun Moloney.

Middle (L.to R.) Billy Doherty (deceased), John McDonagh, Jim Ferry, Charlie Collins Jnr., Dr. James McDaid Front (L. to R.) Hughie McDaid, Tommy McCafferty, Liam Blake, Charlie McHugh.



WHISPERS

Just what on earth have they done to the traffic lights at the Courthouse ? Some smart alec has obviously decided they were too efficient and proceeded to slow them down. So now you sit and wait for AGES. Alright, so it's only extra seconds but it seems like bloody hours.

A friend of mine swears he saw a sign on the main Dublin Road outside Omagh which said "litterbugs will be exterminated". As if there weren't enough people being exterminated up there !

Be warned folks ! The Regional Rag Week is coming up from 13th to 17th March so expect to see plenty of activities, fun, games, madness and general mayhem. It's all for a good cause of course, and money raised goes to local charities. Over £2,500 was collected by the students last year and so far this year they've raised over £1000 for Concern. So come on folks, don't be afraid to put your hands in your pockets.

We have good news for the Copper Kid, just back from a bumper meeting in Downpatrick - the recipe for Savoury Rice is now available in Dillons. The Port Bar had at 1st Birthday party recently and what a party ! All sorts of unusual folk turned up for the celebrations including colourful cowboy characters, heap good injuns and some ladies of ill-repute from the silver screen and elsewhere.

Congrats to Pauric McGroarty on his new Jalopy. It's er..very nice Pauric.

And before I go, wait till I tell you about the latest craze. You heard about the Brosettes of course, those dedicated followers of pop group Bros. Well now it's time for "the Danielettes". I joke you not - dedicated followers of Daniel O'Donnell. If you want to check them out then drop into the 4 Lanterns, and you'll find a few genuine Danielettes.

"The Con-Man".



Sandra Edwards and Leslie Speer who were married recently in the 1st Ramelton Presbyterian Church.

Photo: Donohue Studios, Letterkenny.

DEDICATION TO 8

D.C.R.

I'm awakened in the morning by the sound of Sean the Doc
 And Declan Gill - he's quite a thrill
 But this s-s-stuttering's g-g-got to stop.
 After that there's the ladies man, or Toy Boy should I say
 It's that wee Ryan O'Connor - he's a right little tearaway.
 Poor Pat McGrath - he's a decent bloke
 I love his little tash.
 The Country Boy himself's not bad, his haircut's really classy!
 Now after 12 o'clock at night I usually am asleep
 But a famous name like Patsy James would make your night a treat.
 I'm not familiar with Mickey Coyle, but I hear he's got the lot.
 And as for Ashley Martin - he's got my Valentine Rhyme Book.
 Charlie Collins is always on the ball
 While Wee Seamus reads the news
 As for Uncle Emmet and Bill Quinn - they ain't got nowt to lose.
 I mustn't forget the ladies team - Doreen, Roberta and Heather -
 and Stretch - Stretch - it's Una O'Toole
 She's done a great job on Ian Colhoun.
 And last but not least, there Dara - the Receptionist
 She likes Parachuting - and - well - I'll not tell the rest
 But should Auld Acquaintance be forgot,
 And never cause to mind,
 Good luck and thanks to all on D.C.R.
 Hope you's will be back in '89!



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GUESS WHO?

(27. WHO IS THIS YOUNG LADY?)

1. Who's caught with her trousers down ?
2. David feeling slightly fed up
3. The salmon hadn't a chance against "the men".
4. Happy Tina
5. Fill 'er up.
6. Jamboree time.
7. Camera-shy young lady
8. Ladies' nigh out
9. Iron Paul says "watch out Tyson"
10. What is Elizabeth thinking about
1. Smile, be happy!
12. Oh no, not that photographer again
13. Happy hour in Duffy's Tavern
14. Brendan & Co.
15. Sarah Jane before her Bros days. Is that really Sarah Jane ?
16. Marie finds trees fascinating.
17. Scorpions
18. Dancing the night away
19. A sad end to a great man (It must have been the beard)
20. True Love
21. Ha, ha, ha, ho, ho, hee, hee...
22. Tickets please
23. Please now don't anybody look at the camera
24. Ramelton Cub Scouts on a weekend away some years ago
25. Having a rare old time
26. The art of Jiving.



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Mark C - Come of your corner
 Thank God for Paul's going to England on the 24th
 Happy Anniversary Margaret & Billy Blaney (mar 28th)
 Paul G., who wants to go with Emma O'C (will it be yes or no ?)
 Mary Mac got a HUGE big Valentine Card.

LÁBREITHE

- Mick Lagan, 4 Lanterns, Feb 27
 Louise Curran, Clooney (17) Mar 7.
 Anna O'Donnell, Letterkenny (17) Mar 5
 Adrian Harkin, Cullion Rd., (18) Mar 5
 Patricia Gallagher, Trentagh (15) Mar 8.
 Alice Moore, Ramelton, Mar 1
 Karen McMenamin, L'keny (15) Mar 9.
 Marion McCormick, L'keny (16) Mar 17
 Bert McCloy, Mar 16
 Michelle Halligan, Letterkenny (16) Mar 19.
 Caroline Coyle, Ramelton (16) Mar 24.
 The Port Bar, Letterkenny (1) Feb 22.

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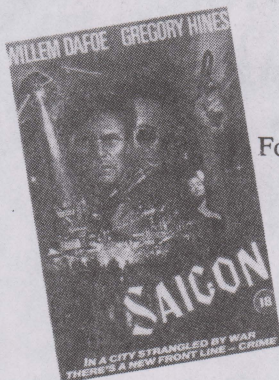
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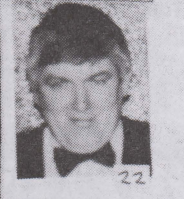
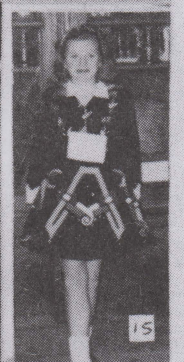
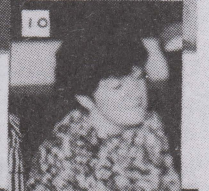
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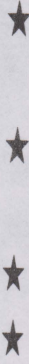
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BALLYBOE SUMMER PLAYScheme

The annual general meeting of the Ballyboe Holiday Playscheme took place in the Family Resource Centre, 5/6, Slieve Sneacht Road, Letterkenny, on Thursday, February 23rd '89.

Chairman, Mr. Michael McCormack, thanked everyone who took part in last year's Playscheme for all their hard work and hoped that their support would continue for this year's Playscheme.

Election of committee members for Playscheme '89 was as follows: Chairman, Michael Keane; Vice-Chairperson, Josephine Lynch; Secretary, Annie Kelly; P.R.O., Margo Baxter.

The next meeting of Playscheme '89 will take place on Thursday, March 9th '89 in F.R.C., 5/6, Slieve Sneacht Road.

Playscheme meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend and parents are encouraged to attend meetings as early in the year as possible to take part in discussions about Playscheme activities.

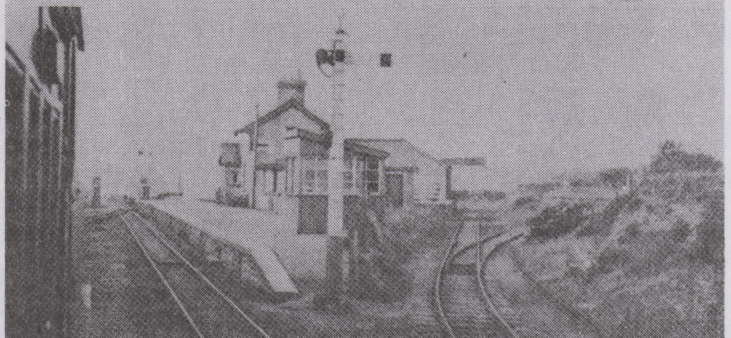
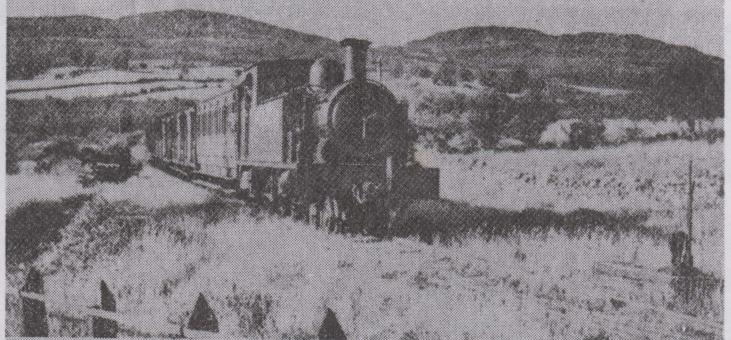
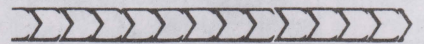
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NÓISEÁN (Who's Going with Who)

- Aoife O'Reilly & Cathal McGlynn
- Marion McCormack & James McMenamin
- Martina Gaffey & Denis Vellman
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- Helen Gibbons & Jarlath Duffy
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THE STORY OF THE LA SCALA BIG BAND -

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At the start, none of the band had day jobs, except Pdraig who was a hackney driver and they all lived off the music. The La Scala charged 8 Guineas a night in the beginning, later going up to 10 Guineas. Cathal Murray remembers one dance-hall owner who used to pack 400 to 500 into his hall. At the end of the night, he'd come to Pdraig who looked after the band's finances, and he'd count out ten pounds and Pdraig always had to remind him that the fee was ten Guineas. He'd have it in his back pocket all the time, and he'd hand it over and say "there, that's my profit all gone!" "This particular character was once let down by a band from Derry", says Cathal, "so he'd be so nervous come dance night we'd meet him two miles out the road and give him a lift in. But he'd always give you a good meal in the middle of the night, no matter what!"

During Lent of course, everything came to standstill, apart from the odd night in Maggie Neill's.

In those days, there were no fancy buses and the means of transport for a band were the huge big cars of the day. Cathal fondly remembers an old Chevy, registration number IU 9877, but their usual transport was a Ford Custom Line with a big V8 engine. They got special springs made for in in Bishopsgate in Derry - to carry up to 10 band members and all their kit. "We'd all just pack in", says Cathal, "and you'd get pins and needles between here and Mayo, so we'd have to stop to stretch the legs a couple of times. At one stage during the 50s, the Gweebarra bridge went down, and the band had to walk across the river with their instruments where they were picked up on the other side by McHugh's taxis from Clooney and taken to the dance.

The popular numbers in those days were "Henry Lee", "Fraulein", "Zam-bezi", "Sail Along Silvery Moon", "Saxaphobic", and the most requested song was "Oh Mine Papa". Another popular one was "Buttons and Bows", which was Margaret Murray's first song on stage.

The first number was always a quick step, followed by an Old Tyme Waltz, and a foxtrot. There'd be two "mixed-grills" in the night, consisting of a quick-step, tango, samba, rumba, barndance, highland, donkey, one part Siege of Venice and finished off with a quick step. There'd also be a full three part tango in the night. And of course there were the "ladies' choices", and the men would always be coming up asking for Ladies' Choices to be played. Also popular were Ladies and Gents "Excuse Me" dances - where you tapped your desired partner on the shoulder.

A lot of the halls were run by the clergy in those days and strict rules were enforced. It was not uncommon for a lassie to be marched out of the hall in front of everyone for talking to, or getting friendly with a member of the band. Alcohol was frowned upon, but even so some men usually turned up more than a little intoxicated, and if they got into the hall, it wouldn't take much to start a good scrap - perhaps a request read out by the band (which may have looked innocent enough). Of course, the few drinks were handy to drum up the courage to cross the floor because the girls stood on one side of the hall and the men on the other side, and it took a lot of nerve to cross that floor to ask a girl to dance. The trouble was, she might refuse and you'd have to walk back again! In some places a very elaborate sign language developed and a nod

might do the trick or even sticking out a shoe when asking a lady out to dance.

Money was scarce, and hall owners would tell you about different tricks that used to be played - like medals appearing with the top filed off them, and shilling hammered flat to make them look like two shilling pieces. Cathal remembers Sadler's Iona Hall in Ardara was 1/9 admission on a Sunday night. They put it up to two shillings and the following Sunday night hardly anyone turned up. Pdraig said to the owner "you better go back to 1/9 next Sunday or you'll have to close". Sadler wouldn't agree. "They'll be back!", he said. And so they were. From then on, the dances would go up 6d, maybe, and nobody would question it.

But the 60s brought the end to an era. The music changed. Along came the Beatles, the Mersey sound and the Rolling Stones. "The Beatles put a tin hat on it", reflects Cathal. "Guitars came on the scene and finished the brass". The showbands made a dramatic appearance on the Irish music scene. Very soon, the Lounge Bars also appeared - and social life in Ireland was never going to be the same again. The La Scala weren't interested in changing the music and so they went their separate ways with some of the members joining other bands. But such was their appeal that they never really hung up their instruments. People kept asking them to play at Charity dances and other fund-raising functions and they have been doing that until this day. Indeed over the years, the La Scala have helped to collect upwards of £25,000 for charity.

They have brought joy to thousands of people down through the years with their distinctive sound. Long may their music continue!

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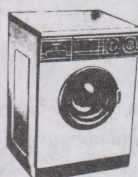
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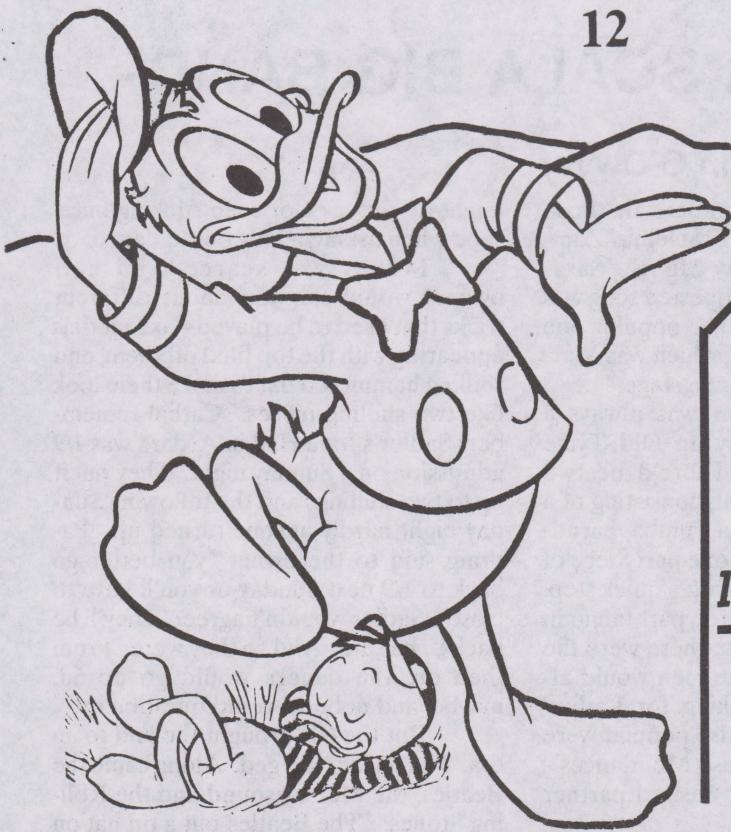
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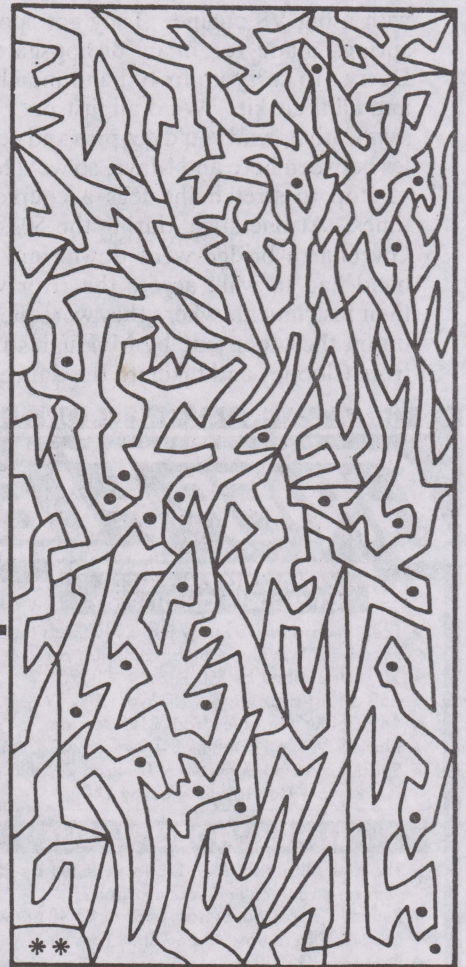
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St. Patrick's Day Trifle

Sponge Sandwich:

- 2ozs/ 50g Ranks Flour, self-raising
- Pinch of Salt
- 2ozs/ 50g Caster sugar
- 2 Eggs

Trifle:

- 2-3 tbsps. Sherry, optional
- 1 packet Greenagage Jelly
- 1 Med.tin Peaches or apricots
- 1/2 pint Thick custard
- 1/2 pint Fresh cream

Method:

1. Make up sponge base (in advance of making trifle). Whisk the eggs and sugar together until thick and creamy. Sieve flour and salt and very gently fold in using a tablespoon. Place in a greased and floured 8"/20cm sandwich tin and bake towards the top of the oven, 400°F, 200°C, Gas Mark 6, for about 15 mins, or until golden. Allow to cool on a wire tray.
2. Crumble sponge into glass serving bowl. Sprinkle on the sherry if used.
3. Open tin of fruit and drain off juice. Measure juice and for jelly make up to required quantity with water (as per packet instructions). When dissolved, pour over sponge and allow to set.
4. Arrange the fruit over jelly. Make up the custard to fairly thick consistency, then pour over



Ingredients:

For the Scone Base:

- 8ozs self-raising wholemeal flour
- 1 teaspoon mixed herbs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, black pepper
- 5 tablespoons (approx.) oil

For the Topping:

- 4 (drained) anchovy fillets
- 1oz (drained) capers
- 2ozs (") tuna fish
- 6ozs grated red cheddar cheese
- 2 medium tomatoes

fruit. When custard has cooled, whip the cream and pipe over top.

5. Sugar Decoration - place 2 teaspoons granulated sugar in a cup. Add a tiny drop of green colouring and stir, with a fork. Just before serving the trifle, sprinkle the sugar over cream.

N.B. If this is done in advance the colour will "run" into cream.



FRYING PAN PIZZA (Serves 4)

Method for Pizza Base:

- 1) Combine flour herbs, salt & pepper in a bowl
- 2) Make a well in centre & spoon in 2 tablespoons of oil, followed by 5-7 tablesp. water
- 3) Stir to form soft but not sticky dough
- 4) Turn out onto a floured board, knead then roll out to a round bit enough to fit the base of a 9-10 inch frying pan
- 5) Heat the pan then add a tablespoon of oil. Lay the dough on the pan and cook over low heat for 5-8 minutes until base is golden
- 6) While this is cooking, put anchovies, capers and tuna into the blender and process to a smooth paste. Drip in 2 tablespoons of oil and incorporate with paste.
- 7) When the pizza base is brown, invert the pan on to a large plate, add another tablespoon of oil to the pan and slip the dough back on to cook the other side for further 5-8 minutes or until golden.
- 8) Spread the tuna mixture on the cooked surface and arrange the sliced tomatoes on top (pre-heat the grill now)
- 9) When the underside of the pizza is cooked, transfer the lot to finish under the grill
- 10) Cook the tomatoes for 3 mins approx. and then scatter the pepper strips over the top, finishing by scattering the grated cheese. Grill until the cheese has melted, then serve

STAR OF THE MONTH

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Whoever said "cold as a fish" has never met a Pisces. There is more warmth, love and compassion in Pisces than in all other signs put together. Each little fish is a very special catch and should be cherished and guarded as a most valuable creature...Pisces are worth it! The Pisces woman is the warmest, most feminine, devoted and sentimental creature a man can catch. She adapts beautifully and lets him play boss. The Pisces man is compassionate and will always have time to listen to you and your problems. He is not weak but doesn't mind being led by someone stronger. He is very modest in his requirements as long as he can have his dreams. Pisceans are the dreamers of the Zodiac. Piscean ladies are identified by their long and elegant hands. Pisceans are quiet, trustful and loving souls. Pisces are frequently reluctant to face reality and find escape from problems in more highly spirited waters!

Pisces is compatible with Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, Aquarius and another Pisces.

Incompatible with Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius.

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STARSCOPE

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PISCES (FEB 19 - MAR 20) There is a certain significant change in the air for you. This will effect your whole future. Romantic situations are going through a sticky patch but this will clear up. Lucky date 14th.

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20) Job prospects look good and everything is going well for you. But beware of clouds on the horizon. You have been wanting something badly but you must work on this. Nothing comes easily. Lucky date 21st.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20) You have a big decision to make mid-month. Eventually you will decide on your own judgement, but it would be no harm to get a few opinions on the matter. There is some trouble at work but try not to get involved. It is not really your concern.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20) There is a big disappointment in store for you! It is a good time for meeting people and making new friends - you couldn't have too many and you may have lost one recently! Lucky dates 17th and 28th.

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 20) You have been acting far too sensibly lately and you must let yourself go! Get yourself invited to some parties or outings. Remember - life is what you make it. Wear shocking black.

LEO (JULY 21 - AUG 21) It is time you started doing something for others with some of your free time. You probably have been feeling a little guilty about this. You will meet an unusually sort of person towards the end of the month. Lucky colour white.

VIRGO (AUG 22 - SEPT 22) There is a journey forecast for you - to a hospital maybe? You may have been feeling depressed or lonely recently but you don't know why. Boredom? Get involved in something to keep your mind busy. Lucky date 11th.

LIBRA (SEPT 23 - OCT 22) Something new comes along for you to take an interest in. If you keep this interest up, it could lead to a more interesting hobby. Your home life is not so good but a visitor should ease things a bit.

SCORPIO (OCT 23 - NOV 21) Your contrariness in a matter at home may have been the cause of a serious row. You have to examine the situation from an outsider's point of view to see your mistake and get things in working order again. Lucky colour Blue.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 20) Your partner in this life is your best friend and deserves the respect you demand from him/her. You may be called on to prove this in the near future. There is much happiness to be got. Lucky colours grey and red.

CAPRICORN (DEC 21 - JAN 19) Life seems pretty lonely and pointless to you just now and you have to do something about it. Have a party or something. You could leave it all behind you and go away for a holiday.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18) A certain little monthly paper could change your whole life if you get involved in it. Plans you make are dashed but don't be deterred - make them again.

Country singer Hugh McLean returns to the recording spotlight with a new sixteen track album-cassette "Songs of Ireland". The Letterkenny based gentleman has included evergreen favourites from "Rathlin Island" to "The Ferryman" and from "The Poteen Song" to "Lovely Leitrim" to name but four. Hugh has collected a gold disc for his previous cassette, while his latest "Songs of Ireland" should also become a firm favourite.

After Brit Comes IRMA Awards

What shambles the annual BRIT Awards screened for the last time by the BBC. Now on Friday 10th, RTE are set to screen the annual bash, the IRMA Milk Music Awards, with 96 artists and bands nominated for ten awards. Names from Tracy Chapman to Enya, from Wet, Wet, Wet to Clannad, and from George Michael to Daniel, are seeking that coveted accolade. I find such award shows rather boring, and sadly the real talent are left out while the hyped performers are awarded such sham-bolic trophies, with the never ending "Thank you very much Mr. Eastwood" speeches.

Live on Video

Formed in Derry and now based in London, That Petrol Emotion issues their sixty-minute plus video debut. Recorded live in London's famed "Town and Country" club, the collection is issued under the title "Seen and Unseen". Performing in all seventeen tracks, such as "Big Decisions", "Swamp" and "Groove Check". That Petrol Emotion got off to a flying start, but between changing record labels, etc. their popularity seems to have taken a nosedive of late, which is a great pity.



TOP TEN SINGLES

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| 1. Belfast Child | Simple Minds |
| 2. Something's Gotten Hold of My Heart | Marc Almond & Gene Pitney |
| 3. Love Changes Everything | Michael Ball |
| 4. Stop | Sam Brown |
| 5. The Living Years | Mike & the Mechanics |
| 6. I Only Wanna Be With You | Sam Fox |
| 7. Especially For You | Kylie & Jason |
| 8. Crackers International | Erasure |
| 9. Cuddly Toy | Roachford |
| 10. Rocket | Def Leppard. |

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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| 1. The Raw and the Cooked | Fine Young Cannibals |
| 2. Legendary Roy Orbison | Roy Orbison |
| 3. Fisherman's Blues | Waterboys |
| 4. The Innocents | Erasure |
| 5. A New Flame | Simply Red |
| 6. Bad | M. Jackson |
| 7. The Marquee | Various |
| 8. Cocktail | Various |
| 9. My Feelings For You | John Hogan |
| 10. By the Time It Gets Dark | Mary Black |

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Eurosong '89

I pity the adjudicating panel selecting our Eurovision Song this year. The singers and composers have no new ideas - the same Euro-junk year in and out. The eight songs are: 1. This Isn't Love by John Dardis and Mary Alicia Post, singer Nicola Kerr. 2. It was Meant to Be by Michael Treacy and sung by Noelle. 3. Uaineach by Barry Ronan and Eugene Killeen, singer Barry Ronan. 4. Angel Eyes, singer and composer Kieve Connelly. 6. Easy composed by Richard Billings, singer is Honor Heffernan. 7. Here We Go by Alain Pentony, singer is Linda Martin. 8. Song for You by Mary A. Dolphin, sung by Dave Lawlor.

The "Eurosong '89" will be screened by RTE on Sunday 12th, the winner will be awarded £1,000, and head to Switzerland for the Eurovision on May 6th next.

Shores of America

Altan, that five piece traditional folk group are currently on a six week American tour that started in the Bottom Line, New York, and ends up in Portlan, then home via sunny Bermuda next month. Mairéad, Frankie, Ciaran, Mark, and newcomer Paul O'Shaughnessy hope that their second album for Green Linnet Records will be issued next month. After America, a British tour will be followed by tours of Germany, Finland and Denmark, between now and early Autumn. A busy schedule for Altan.

International Country Music Festival

All country music buffs will head off for Dublin on Thursday 30th for the first major Internahost, introducing such Nashville veteran old-timers as Buck Owens & His Buckaroos, Tammy Wynette and her band, Waylon Jennings, and Jessi Colter, and Sligo lass Sandy Kelly...the show, organised by Radio 2 FM in association with Kieran Cavanagh Promotions, will be recorded by RTE for future transmission. With such a bill of oldtimers, one wonders is this a treat or a threat to us poor television viewers.



Totally Untrue

With his new hair style, it is untrue to say that Seamus McGee of "Come Home Danny Boy" fame is the subject of the new telly advert for Peter Marks' "A Brush with Genius". Seamus will be spending St. Patrick's Day in Luton, and in Glasgow on the 18th and 19th in the County Inn. With a hair style like that, he could go far.

A Dumping Ground

People might think that we have suffered enough with Sellafield's nuclear pollution, but no greater health hazard must be the faded old names from the hit parade who are touring the circuit, names from Leo Sayer to Marianne Faithful, and from Showaddywaddy to the return yet again of Smokie, who return to play Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Easter Sunday. Looking at some of the acts the only original thing from their chart-topping days are the names. Most of the original line-ups have long since disbanded. And all of the artists say that Ireland is the launching pad for that great comeback. More like a launching pad for a quick buck. I wonder what ever happened to the Hollies, and indeed Dr. Hook, who were booked for Mount Errigal Hotel? One critic remarked that old pop stars never die, they just decompose on stage.



"A Brush with Genius" - Seamus McGee's new hair do



Faded hitmakers Smokie, (front row) pictured with Patricia & Lightening Strikes. The group are in Mount Errigal on Easter Sunday.

FOCUS ON **15**

Edward McGee

FULL NAME: Edward Columba McGee

BIRTHPLACE: Annagry

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 12st

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: yes, to Ann

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Hill St. Blues

FAVOURITE MUSICIANS: Various

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Eddie Murphy

BEST FRIENDS: Many

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Hughie (Rua) Gallagher, Donal McGee and John Barr

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Naomh Mhuire (GAA)

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS: Joe Logan (Swilly Rovers)

MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: Beating Culdaff in 1983.

BIGGEST THRILL: Birth of my son Eamon Michael

BEST PLACE VISITED: St. Louis, Missouri

BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL: Injuries

HONOURS: 3 Premier division titles 3 I.A.W.S. 3 Top Fours 2

Ulster Junior Cups Glenbeigh Cup 1986

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Colm McBride

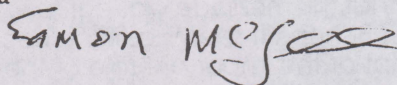
FOOTBALL AMBITIONS: To continue playing

PERSONAL AMBITIONS: To be happy

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE

TO MEET ? Nicki Lauda

SIGNATURE:




Glenea United F.C. in the early eighties.



The Lirelle team who won the C.Y.M.S. 7-a-side competition in the Convent Grounds a few years ago.

Dunfanaghy boxers put on a very good display in a recent tournament. Hugo McFadden recorded a 1st round knockout against a Ramelton Boxing Club boxer in the Corncutter's Rest. Michael McFadden was successful against a London Club boxer and also won his recent fight against T. Hughes from Twin Towns.

DUNFANAGHY BOXING CLUB



Hugo Durning won his fight against S. McGee of Donegal Town, while Patrick O'Donnell was unlucky to lose a thrilling fight on points. Patrick has just returned to the ring and should be back to his past sharpness shortly.

Anthony McFadden, who boxed for Ireland a few months ago, won his fight against a London Junior Champion.

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ON THE VOCATION AND THE MISSION
OF THE LAY FAITHFUL IN THE CHURCH
AND IN THE WORLD

THE VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE LAITY

POPE JOHN II - Veritas, 196 pgs. Paperback - £3.95

At the conclusion of the 1987 Synod of Bishops those present made known to the Pope their desires and requested that at an opportune time, a conclusive papal document on the topic of the lay faithful be offered to the Universal Church.

In writing the tract on the vocation and mission of the lay faithful in the Church and in the world, the Pope intended to stir and promote a deeper awareness among all the faithful of the gift and responsibility they share, both as a group and as individuals, in the communion and mission of the Church. The document says that it is not permissible for anyone to remain idle on the threshold of the Third Millennium. A new state of affairs today both in the Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful. The lay faithful may be described as those who have been baptised and are not in Holy Orders. The lay faithful are exhorted to participate in the threefold - priest, prophet/teacher, king/mission of Christ. The lay faithful have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

This document is putting a greater emphasis, if we have read it correctly, on the power of the laity in the Church today and also on their capacity for work. The laity seem to have a larger role than was obvious. They are seen as a force which will turn the tide of secularism through their living a Christian life; they are the labourers in the vineyard.

It would appear that this message was put forward by the bishops at the 1987 Synod of Bishops. It seems as if the need for the broadcasting of the concept of the important role of the laity came from the episcopal grassroots and that they have been helped in their thinking by the contributions of the lay attenders at the Synod. It does appear as if they requested the Pope to spell out this message of hope and responsibility for the lay faithful. All members of the laity who take their responsibility to the Church seriously should read this important tract.

JOHN BOYLE

GRAFFITI COLUMN

(Courtesy of Robocop)

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Thank God, I'm an Atheist

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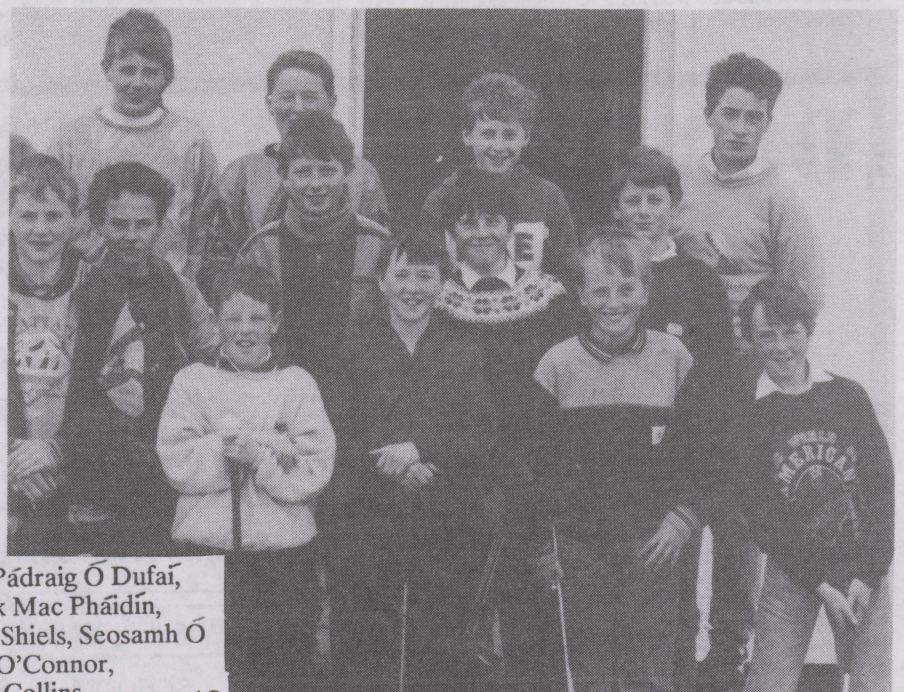
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as well.

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Kilroy stole my Parker Pen.

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