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MARY FROM DUNGLOE

The 21st "Mary from Dungloe" Festival has now come and gone. But it was a Festival so brilliantly planned and so magnificently executed that it will live on in the memory for many many years to come. It was a true tour de force, something which must make Pat "Nora" Gallagher and his wonderful committee justifiably proud.

Everything was planned to a tee. But the weather question lay in the lap of God. Our summer weather had been so cruel since 1985 and had hitherto been proving something of a spoilsport. The success or failure of the festival hinged on the weather. The weather prophets of gloom and doom warned us to expect the worst - gales for the opening weekend no less! But somebody had been praying and the town basked in glorious sunshine for the whole weekend. The weather on the first Monday was just beautiful and Daniel and his legion of fans just lapped it up. There was total traffic chaos in and around Dungloe that day. Nobody seemed to care. Everything was going Dungloe's way! A bad omen for Gweedore! I'm sure the Gweedoremen would

have preferred to play the Co. Championship quarter-final v Dungloe on a day which might have been less favourable to the latter.

Having got over the first weekend so well, everybody breathed a sigh of relief. The weather was somewhat indifferent during the course of the week, but did nothing to seriously interrupt the programme. All were hopeful that the sun would come out again for the second weekend. And so it did! The huge Carnival Parade was a joy to watch in the glorious sunshine. So many bands and so many floats! Then the crowning glory with the crowning cabaret and Gay Byrne. And Maureen B. Connolly, a most deserving winner.

The festival proved to be the end of an era for Pat Nora. He has been at the helm for five years now and bowed out in a blaze of glory. Everybody is singing his praises. He gathered around him a hard core of competent committee members. They got their heads together in 1984 and began to wonder how they might inject a new lease of life into the festival. Their answer was STREET MUSIC. People had complained before-



This years MARY from DUNGLOE pictured with, DONEGAL MARY, AnneMarie O'Donnell.

hand about the lack of entertainment on the street both before and after the Carnival Parade. This committee set out with the objective of putting that right. They would even go further and make the street music theme the central core of their programme.

In the early days of their efforts, it was nice to stroll up the street and be pleasantly surprised at the sight of Denis Allen performing on one of the platforms. Musicians began to breeze in by the dozen when they heard about the new emphasis. The place became alive to the sound of music. As well as the music, there was also a very varied programme to suit all tastes. As Pat Nora said, it would be

a family Festival. And it also serves as a great unification force as it draws all the members of families together again from far and wide.

The "Mary from Dungloe" Festival has come of age. It has come a long, long way from 1967 when, perhaps, the emphasis was on much simpler things. But, like anything else, it grows and changes, and probably will continue to do so in the years ahead. But whatever happens, Pat Nora and his committee will always be remembered for breathing some fresh air into proceedings and for putting it on a plane never before realised. Go maire ar bhFeile i bhFad!



Ard Scoil Mhuire ag tus na seascaidi. Ca bhfuil siad anois.

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Seo e an dara eagrair don LEADER agus leis an eagrair seo a fhoilsionn muid an chead umhir de eagrair an iar -Thuaiscirt. Is iris miosuil pobail ata sa LEADER agus ta suil againn go nglacfaidh an pobal pairt mhor ann tre altanna a scriobh, tuairimi a leiriu, cur in iul duinn fa fadhbanna agus mar sin de. Ta muid ag cludu ceantar an iar thuaisceart anois, rud nach ndearna muid leis an chead eagrair. Ce gur ceantacha ina labhairtear bearla is mo a bheas muid ag freastal orthu, ba mhaith linn altanna gaeilge a bheith againn dona ceantacha Gaeltachta. Cuireann muid failte roimhe altanna i ngaeilge, go speisialta ma bhaineann siad le saol na Gaeltachta. Ciumhnigi, is e seo bhur bpaipear pobail - bigi pairteach!

This is the North West edition of the LEADER which, we hope, will be to your liking. We hope to provide you with local news, views, photographs and crack on a monthly basis. As this is a community newspaper, we want you, the readers, to participate by writing articles, sending viewpoints, information, ideas, suggestions etc. to us at the address given. Articles of local interest would be welcomed. Also, if you feel that you have information which you feel should be made available to the public in the form of a news story, write to us. Remember, this is YOUR newspaper - use it!

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

As has been the case for a long time now, Dr. McDermott's legacy, the Meenacross Agricultural Show, rounded off the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival nicely. Beautiful weather once again was the order of the day as the sun stayed over for the Monday and indeed beyond. The newly-crowned "Mary from Dungloe" was guest of honour at the proceedings, accompanied by her escort, committee member James Shovlin.

If there was something to suit everyone at the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival, then the Meenacross Agricultural Show was no different. Among the animals there were cattle, horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, dogs, rabbits and what have you. There were some beautiful flowers on display. The handicrafts and knitwear bore testimony to the skills which have been synonymous with this part of the country for a long time now. And the farm home produce really did serve to make the mouth water!

As well as the usual events associated with such a show, there were many other events and competitions also to keep the large crowd amused and on its toes. Among these were Musical Chairs for ponies, a tractor reversing competition, cross-country running, novelty events, tug o'war and a rope-making competition, the winners of which being the subject of a question in the final Maghery "King" Quiz in the Strand View Bar & Lounge, Maghery, the following night.

There were two essay competitions also - one for over 14s and the other for under 14s. Marie Brennan, Meenacross, won the over 14s section, while the prize-winners in the under 14 section are as follows: 1st Deirdre Brennan, Meenacross 2nd: Caitriona Bonner, Meendrain. 3rd: Emma Smith, Meendrain.

The newly-formed Rosses' Pipe Band paid a visit as well and regaled all with a very fine performance. All those who found themselves getting thirsty in the heat resorted to the Crib!

Jimmy Brennan was a very busy man co-ordinating the whole show. Peter Brennan took the photographs. All those involved deserve great credit for what was indeed a wonderfully successful show. I'm sure Dr. McDermott was looking down from Heaven and smiling. No less than 13 judges were involved in judging the various categories of competition.

The day was rounded off with a hooley in the Social Centre. Music was supplied by Highland Folk. The winners of the Waltzing Competition were John O'Donnell, Meenacross, and Kathleen O'Donnell, Saltpans. Comhghairdeachas, a phobail Mhin na Croise. Rinne sibh sar-eacht aris in mbliana agus ta moladh mor tuillete agaih. The Irish flag flew proudly everhead as the people of a tiny community outside Dungloe showed what real community spirit can do, irrespective of the size of the community itself.

TUBAISTE BHAILE MHANUIS Paidí Mac Gairbhgh

Bhi na tonnta geal ag briseadh ar chladaigh Bhaile Mhanuis an trathnona brea samhraidh sin, an deiceadh la de mhi na Bealtaine 1943. Bhi marbh-theas sa trathnona agus an ghrian dhearg ag dul a lui ar chul Aranna. Da reir chuma bheadh la brea eile anamarach. Bhi t-aos og Mhullach Dubh agus an ceantar maguaird ag deanamh a sciste i ndiaidh la cruaidh oibre, mar gur aimsear bhaint na mona a bhi ann agus bun ar an aimsear. ba bheag a bhi ag cur buartha ar na daoine oga seo an trathnona sin agus ba bheag a shil siad go raibh an bas ag duil le moran aca agus go mbeadh siad sa tSiorraiocht fa chionn chupla uair. Bhi oibriu na farraige moire ag tabhairt udair an bhais sin ni ba deise daofa le achan tonn da raibh ag buaileadh ar an chladach uaigneach sin. Mar duirt an sean rann, "Thainig an bas go failli chugainn ar cuairt".

Amuigh sa bhaige ni ba luaithe an trathnona sin, thug Seamus O Dugain as Gort Lios Saighead faoi dear rud coimhthioch ag bogadail i gcaiceann an uisce, tuairim ar mhile ar shiul o'n ait a dtainig se i dtir nios moille an la sin. Taireis do e a bhreathnu go gear mheas se nach a dhath maith a bhi ann agus chuir se scairt guthain o Oifig Poist Chionn Caslach chuig an Sairsint Allen a bhi i nAnagaire san am. Bhi an Sairsint e fein ar dualgas, agus chuaigh se i gcomhairle leis an Gharda Costa, an tUasal O'Duinnleibhe agus chuaigh an bheirt acu go traigh Bhaile Mhanuis. I ndiaidh scrudu a dheanamh ar an "rud" seo a bhi anois cupla cead slat amach o'n chladach, mheas siad gur mianach bhi ann agus mhol siad dona daoine a bhi fa na h-airde agus ar na gaobhair ait ar bith a bheith cinnte agus coinneal amach o'n chladach, na go raibh contuirt mhor ann rudai mar sin i naimsear cogaidh. Cuireadh sceala fa choinne an Airm a bhi a t-am sin (agus anois) bunaithe i Rockhill i n-aice Leitir Ceanainn. Mar duirt me ba aimsear an dara Cogadh Mor 1939-45 a bhi ann agus ainneoin go raibh na daoine ar a n-airdeall ar rudai a thiofcadh fa thir, bhi go leor a rachfadh i gcontuirt a mbaite le theacht ar eadalacha a thiofcadh i dtir san am. Bhi se ag eiri mall sa trathnona anois agus bhi an "rud" seo na lui idir gharbh-chlocha i slodain uisce. Bhi achan rud faoi smacht, sileadh - ach ni mar a shiltear ach mar chinntear.

Dala t-aos og achan ait, bhi buachaill oga na Brad, Bhaile Mhanuis, Rinn Ui Thuathail agus Mhullach Dubh fiosrach agus mar ata fhios ag achan 'nduine an rud a chosfar ar an oige is doigh gur sin an rud is doigh daofa a dheanamh. Ba ghoirid i ndiaidh do'n sceala scabadh go raibh rud coimhthioch nite isteach ar an traigh, go raibh baicle de ogaigh an cheantar ag tarraingt ar an chladach. Ainneoin gur mhol daoine a bhi nios sean-aimsire na iad do no daoine oga seo aris coinneal amach o'n chladach, bhi na cathuithre ro laidir ag daoine gan cheill. Chuaigh cuid acu sios go dtearn siad e a bhreathnu o achair shabailte agus phill siad arais chuig na daoine a bhi ni b'fuide siar agus nach raibh go mor-uchtail sin. Ba doigh leo nach raibh moran dochar ins an rud seo a bhi ar dheanamh pota agus spici ag sathadh amach as. Chuaigh siad sios an dara h-uair agus chuaigh siad ni ba chongarai, agus nior tharla faic. D'eiri siad mor-mhisneach, agus cuireadh fa choinne ropa. Caitheadh an ropa a raibh lubog air trasna ar an mhianach agus chuaigh se in bhfasto i gcionn de na spici. Rinneadh e a tharraingt nior faide anois agus breathnu e o bhun go barr, ach da reir cuma bhi se gan dochar. Ni raibh fhios aca e faraor, ach bhi siad anois ag utamail le spici an bhais. Fiu anois nil muid cinnte ar thuig na daoine seo caide an scrios a thiofcadh le mianach mar seo a dheanamh da bpleasacadh se. Is cosuil nar thuig.

Bhi se anois ag druidim leis an deich a chlog, bhi an t-arm ar a mbealach as Rockhill. Bhi scaifte cruinnithe thart ar an mhianach nuair a buaileadh cionn de na spici ar doigh eigin agus reab an mianach a bhi lan le cuig chead punta de abhar pleascach. Chualas an phleasc sin fhad ar shiul le Leitir Ceanainn agus na Cealla Beaga. Leoga bhi se raithe gur chraith se an deilf ar na dreisiuir i bFanaid agus ins na Dunaibh leath chead mile ar shiul. Dala mar a bhi fhios ag achan duine ca raibh siad agus caide a bhi siad a dheanamh an oiche a thainig sceala bais an Uachtairain Ui Chinneide i 1963, ba a dhalta sin ag bunadh na Rosann e maidir leis an trathnona sin i 1943. Bhi go leor ar a mbealach sios nuair a tharla an taisme agus ba e an solas gorm agus an phleasc a leag ar an talamh iad, agus a d'fag dall agus bodhar iad ar fea seal tamaill, ach bhi siad slan. Fuairea fear amhain nios moille a bhi ar a bhealach sios gus an t-airgead a bhi ann a phoca cam, casta, agus meastar gur sin an rud a shabhail e. Is cosuil gur bhuail giota do'n mhiotal a bhi sa mhianach e ach gur 'san ait a raibh an t-airgead ina phoca a bhuail se e. Ach nior bhe sin de na creatuir eile e a bhi ar an traigh, ni thainig duine aca slan. Bhi ocht gloigine deag na lui marbh ar an traigh, moran aca as aithne. Fuair an duine eile Sean O Cearsoin bas an la ar na mharach.

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Three well-known charities - Concern, Friends of St. Lukes and Raphoe Mission to Peru, are joining forces to run a sponsored cycle from Galway to Letterkenny on Sept 3rd and 4th.

Concern mainly work in bringing relief to areas of famine and natural disasters in the Third World. Friends of St. Lukes endeavour to improve facilities at St. Lukes Hospital in Dublin, which 1,700 Donegal people

The 160 mile 2-day cycle will leave Galway on Saturday morning, 3rd September, and after spending Saturday night in Sligo, will reach Letterkenny on Sunday evening, the 4th. So far, over 75 willing people have committed themselves to taking part, including two sets of married couples and a grandmother.

For further information or sponsorship cards, please phone Denis O'Don-



(L-R) Mick Redmond (Sec. Letterkenny Concern), Bridget McCusker (Cyclist), Joe McCusker (Cyclist), Adrienne McGlinchey (Cyclist), Marion McCormick (Cyclist), Mary Roarty (Cyclist) and Caroline McGettigan (Organiser)

attend each year, while the Raphoe Mission to Peru aims to improve conditions in poverty stricken Peru in South America and is run by four Donegal priests.

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St. Lukes Hospital has an empty room where they hope to install a high energy treatment machine as a Linear Accelerator. The Government already provided one treatment machine, but because of the present cutbacks, the hospital has to raise the £140,000 for a 2nd machine through fund-raising activities. In the photograph, Professor

O'Halloran, St. Lukes Hospital, explains how the Treatment Machine is used to cyclists who took part in last year's Sponsored Cycle from Dublin to Letterkenny, which raised £16,054.57p.

Concern in Letterkenny have raised over £50,000 since 1984. It's six members have organised 5 cycles and 4 Christmas fasts.



THE CATHERINE CARBRERY INTERVIEW



Catherine Carbrery, (McCormack before marriage) was born in Gleann Domhain near Churchill. Catherine has worked hard all her life, having worked in America for years. She is now 91 years old and has lived in Letterkenny since 1944.

This is an ordinary woman's story; Catherine isn't famous, but what she has to say deserves to be heard.

Catherine talked to Ronan McCormack about her life.

RMC: What language did you speak at home?

CATH: It was all Irish we spoke at home. It was all Irish my father and mother spoke. We learned English then when we went to school.

(This interview was conducted through Irish)

Did your husband have Irish?

He didn't. He was from Letterkenny. He went to the Brothers - his mother had a bit of Irish. It was all Irish I had. Baisteadh mise insa teagasc criostai i ngaelic. Gaelic uilig a bhi againn i gconai.

When were you born?

I was born on the 15th of April 1897.

You're looking well for your age.

Ah, that's what everybody says (roiste mor gaire). I'm a bit stiff now... but I'm able to move around, make the tea and that.

I believe you spent some time in America?

I left for America in 1914 when I was seventeen years old. My father left me up in Derry where I got the boat for New York. I met my sisters Nellie and Fanny McCormack in Philadelphia. I got work with a relation of my sister's employer. I didn't like the big town. I remember in my first job, that was doing everything - cook, chambermaid, everything. I got on well. I was two years there in a house, and then I moved to another house in the country owned by the same people. There was a girl from Termon working alongside me, and she came home the time we came home as well.

How long did you spend there?

I was six years there the first time. Then I came home and stayed about a year. We went back and we were only there 3 months when my father died in August. He is sixty years dead this month. We stayed away four years and they came back because one of my sisters was marrying. Fanny married and stayed there. We went back then and stayed another six years. You'd be a week travelling across. There was a mass on the boat on Sunday and it was very nice; y'know, having a mass in the middle of the sea. We came back then for my other sister's marriage. I stayed in Churchill and a year later I married.

Were you all married to Irishmen?

Oh definitely, we all married Irishmen in Ireland. We met them at home. We didn't go near the American men. My husband was born in Letterkenny, but he went out to Gleann Domhain, where he stayed for a while, and it was there that I met him. He was a cobbler, he had a shop where Clarke's Newsagents is now. We've been here for forty-four years, since 1944. He is eight years dead now.

Do you every get lonely?

No, I'm never lonely, thank God and the Virgin Mary. I can go to sleep. My sister's daughter comes in to make the tea for me. I have one sister, Bidy, who is living in Gleann Domhain. She's younger than me, she's 82, nine years younger than me.

Was it a big family?

Nine. Five girls and four boys. They're all dead now except for myself and Bidy. They're all out in Dughlaesigh Graveyard near Churchill. Did you not hear the song about it: "Back in Dughlaisi

once again, near Gartan's lovely Bay".

Do you have any memories of the Troubles?

Ah, I was away when they were fighting. I do not remember any of it. De Valera visited America in those days and I met him there. We welcomed him when he came. He was a great man.

Do you remember the Black and Tans?

They raided our house in Gleann Domhain. A lot of the old IRA members on the run would stay in our house. They took one of my brothers to prison following one raid. I was in America at the time. The Black and Tans were devils. One man was hiding at the bottom of our lane, and he was caught. They sent him to Dartmoor prison for four years. Our house was very Republican.

What do you think of the present IRA?

I don't think much of them. They aren't like the old boys. I support Charlie Haughey.

Where was the first place you ever worked?

I used in work in Termon during the Spring for 6 months. I was fourteen years old at the time. I earned five pounds for the 6 months work. When I went to America I was earning 8 Dollars a week. America was a big change from running after cattle.

Would you like to go back to America?

I would, I have a cousin over there, but I wouldn't go up in a plane. If there was a boat going, I would go in the morning.

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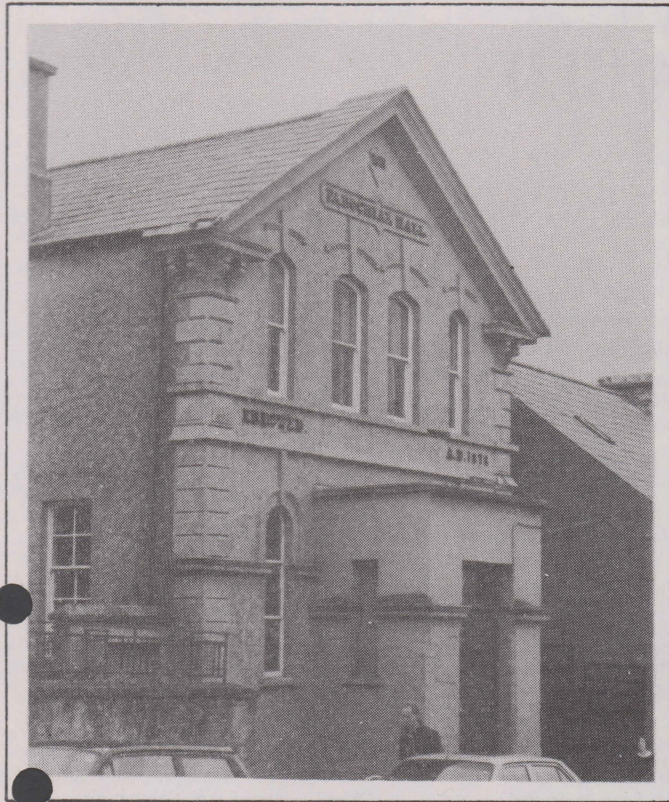
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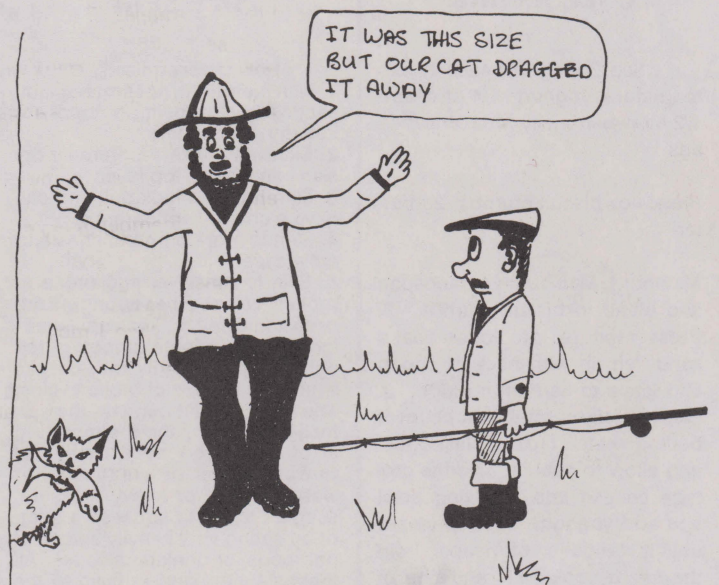
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WELL HELLO!

I'm a happy woman. It's great to get the response (although I expected more men to be sent my way) from you, the readers, in the form of letters, suggestions, ideas and so on. Some of you it seems felt that I was insulting to my own sex by referring to the fact that I'm a hot shot (well, I am). One female wrote to tell me that the article was very, very silly.

Well, a chailini, how did you spend your month? I enjoyed myself anyway. I visited the Mary from Dungloe Festival which, naturally enough, took place in Don-gloe. My God, the place was full of people of all shapes and sizes. There was a band playing loud music on the street and young and old were hopping to the sounds. Me, I drank my fill and danced the night away in a certain establishment which shall not be named here. The crack was simply mighty, non-stop crack. God bless Pat Nora and his committee, they certainly did a great job.

As I said in the last edition, I want you to send ideas, recipes, news, photos, gossip, crack etc. to me: Rachel, "The Leader", Lower Main Street, L/Kenny. Until we meet again, bigi maith!

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

8oz Cottage Cheese 1 carton natural yoghurt 1/4 pt cream 1/2 strawberry jelly 4oz strawberries

Base: 4oz biscuit crumbs 2g butter

Method: 1. Melt butter in saucepan and blend in biscuit crumbs. 2. Press mixture into loose-based sandwich tin with back of spoon and leave to harden in fridge. 3. Dissolve jelly in smallest amount of boiling water (1p2 tablespoons) and allow to cool. 4. Sive the cottage cheese into a mixing bowl and add yoghurt. 5. Whip cream until it stands in soft heaps. Fold the cream, cooled jelly and most of strawberries into cheese and yoghurt mixture. 6. Pour over the biscuit base in tin, and allow to set. When set (2hrs) decorate with strawberries. This cheesecake can be made with flavour or jelly if you wish.

BEAUTY HINTS Dry Skin

How to recognise:

1. Skin feels tight, not firm but taut, especially after being outdoors or in a dry atmosphere.
2. Skin may flake. Extremely dry skin can lose its top layer.
3. Skin tends to look dull and can have a chappy appearance.
4. Skin is more prone to lines and crow's feet.
5. Skin is sensitive, and prone to broken veins. These range from occasional tiny broken capillaries - looking like minute stripes of red lightening - to vividly rosy cheeks which are a mass of broken veins. The veins lie just beneath the surface of the skin, and the rupturing is often caused by extremes of temperatures or weather, hot water, a blow or heavy pressure, such as trying to squeeze a spot; or by eating very heavily spiced of hot foods, or drinking alcohol. All these cause blood to flush to the surface of the skin where it then cools quickly.

Where most common?

Throat, cheeks, either side of forehead - there are fewer sebaceous glands in these areas. Though of course any area can be dry through harsh conditions or treatment.

Look into next month's issue for oily skin.



STARSCOPE *Le Angelina*

LEO (JULY 21 - AUG 21)

Good news in the post and more money coming your way. All is not rosy, though, there could be a set-back. wear Green for luck.

VIRGO (AUG 22 - SEPT 22)

Someone you fancy starts to pay attention. A word of warning though, play it cool, don't go overboard. Keep a clear head. He may only be after one thing - your money.

LIBRA (SEPT 23 - OCT 22) You may have words with someone close to you. Don't let pride stand in the way of happiness. Make the first move to put things right.

SCORPIO (OCT 23 - NOV 21)

A change of scene or new surroundings are indicated mid-month. A celebration or a trip will be your highlight this month! Lucky day - Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 20)

It is a time to be very close to your family. Avoid arguments and difficulties. A proposition is made to you. Think it over very carefully as there may be set-backs.

CAPRICORN (DEC 21 - JAN 19)

Cash is not too plentiful this month, so care will have to be taken. Excess spending early in the month may leave you short. Good news is on the way. Wear dark brown for good luck!

AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18)

A good time to splash out on something new. The colour white means something special. The initials "G" and "T" are going to be very lucky for you.

PISCES (FEB 19 - MAR 20)

Luck is shining your way in the form of a victory - in sports perhaps. Beware of water, there are danger signs. A change in the romantic scene would be a good idea.

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20)

If you are feeling down, you must snap out of it. Go out with the gang. A few late nights is what you need to feel on top again.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20)

A trying time at work for you when everything goes wrong. Even romance is not so bright. A journey will restore your good luck in the near future. Lucky day Saturday.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

There is sorrow for you soon. A family illness, perhaps. But all ends well and life will be running smoothly again. Lucky colour red.

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 20)

A friend from the past comes into your life again. Don't linger too much on memories. It could spoil your holiday. Live for today. Lucky day Tuesday.

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Time once more for the 20th Letterkenny Folk Festival, which will be staged from 25th-28th of August. Entertainers from Europe, Britain, South America, and homespun talent such as Celtic Fusion, Three Strawmen, Napper Tandy etc. A prize fund of £1,000 is on offer in the Busking Competition, and another £700 on offer at the Folk Group Singing Competition. A top weekend for all festival followers.

A DECLINE IN SALES

Old favourite pop journals such as NME, Sounds, Melody Maker, RM, and even Kerrang have suffered a massive decline in sales, while new glossy publications such as Smash Hits, Just 17 and Q have boosted their sales. Next month, DJ Jonathan King launches his new fortnightly rock mag R.A.W.

IN CONCERT

While "I'm Sorry" failed to set the charts alight for Hothouse Flowers, Liam and the lads turn home for a special open-air concert in the R.D.S. Dublin on September 3rd. Also touring around the country will be the Belfast Cowboy Van Morrison and The Chieftans, trying to boost sales for their album "Irish Heartbeat". In aid of the Polio Fellowship of Ireland, tenor Frank Patterson, Eily O'Grady, Na Casaidigh and Des Keogh will be in action in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey, on Sunday 28th August.

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ROCK ON MEG

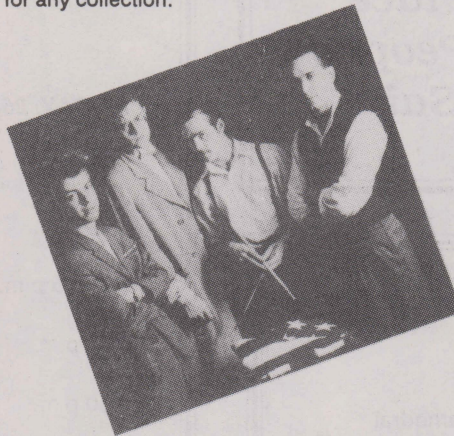
From the ashes of 3PM, Patrick Gallagher and Peter Healy have teamed up with Shaun Doherty and Hughie Boyle to launch Roarin Meg. Playing their own self-composed material, the lads visited Recording Studio, to record a newly issued cassette entitled "Roaring Meg", of course.

THE CHOP

My choice for the "Wooden Disc" award this month should go to Kathy Durkin singing "The Clock in the Tower". The lyrics deal with death, a person awaiting the hangman. I ask who would buy such rubbish, and what kind of mind would have a record such duff material. This single deserves the chop, to say the least.

THE AIRCREW

Good to see the return of Ghost of an American Airman (GAA), with a superb debut album "Someday". Ten great tracks from Dodge and the band. Numbers from "Dance on Air" and "Big Lights", their debut single "I Hear Voices" are also included. The group from Belfast are back on the road, and winning over new fans with each live gig. "Someday" - an album for any collection.



After "Screen Test" a debut album from Ghost of an American Airman.

VIDEO TOP TEN

1. Masters of the Universe 2. Innerspace 3. Big Foot and the Hendersons 4. Beverly Hills Cop 2 5. Flight of the Navigator 6. Full Metal Jacket 7. Eight Million Ways to Die 8. Wish You Were Here 9. No Way Out 10. Dirty Dancing

CRITICAL CONDITION

Starring Richard Pryor, this wacky comedy is the story of what happens one night when all the lights go out - in a major hospital. Pryor portrays a convicted criminal who fakes insanity to avoid going to prison. When a hurricane hits the hospital's power, he takes up his position as a doctor, delivering babies, conducting examinations, and causing general chaos.

Cert 15 Hilarious.

THE STEPFATHER

Starring Terry O'Quinn, Jill Schoelen and Shelly Hack. It centres on Stephenie, whose brand new father is Jerry. He seems kind, loving and anxious to please, but there's a certain something about him. Gradually he begins to lose his cool more and more often as his past secrets emerge. To the outsider he's a perfect father - and that's the problem - he has a psychotic obsession to be the head of a perfect family.

Cert 18 A film not to be missed.

EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO DIE

Starring Jeff Bridges, Rosann Arquette, Alexandra Paul, Randy Brooks.

In attempting to arrest a suspect, he shoots with lethal effect. He is forced to resign, from the police force. He is then hired by a damsel in distress as her body guard, which turns out more than he bargained for when she is killed. He is now more involved than he thought. When he investigates, he discovers a major drugs ring. The story deepens.

Cert 18 Highly Recommended.

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME - (cont'd).

SUNDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 10.30 a.m. Festival Morning Prayer: Conwal Parish Church.
- 11.15 a.m. Folk Mass, St. Eunan's Cathedral
- 2.30 p.m. Music, Dance & Song - Platform Market Sq.
- 2.30 p.m. Carrolls Folk Singing/Music Competition in Port Centre
- 3 - 6 p.m. Busking Comp. venues throughout town.
- 7.30 p.m. Reynolds Family Trophy Competition at Market Square

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THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 7.45 p.m. Parade of Folk Groups from Golden Grill Car Park to Market Square (Sponsored by ESB)
- 8.30 p.m. Official Opening by Packie Bonner (Ireland's International Goalkeeper)
- 9.00 p.m. "L'u i Dos de Torrent, Valencia" (Spain)
Steel & Skin (Birmingham)
Three Show Men (London)
Aughtterby Band (Scotland)
Hammersmith Morris Men (England).
Skittles at Skittle Alley.
- 9.30 p.m. Singing Pub Competition Final.
- 10.00 p.m. Festival Ball & Festival Queen with Swing Revival - Disco in "Bella's"
- 10.00 p.m. Ceili in G.A.A. Clubhouse, O'Donnell Park
Music by Aughtterby Band
Festival Folk Music in Downtown with Deanta and Tarmac

FRIDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 12.00 noon
- 2.00 p.m. Deanta Folk Group in Downtown
- 2 - 3 p.m. Workshop in Robinson's Hall, Port Road
- 2.30 p.m. Baby Show in Golden Grill. Sponsored by Victors Gift Shop
- 2.30 - 5 p.m. Folk Music, Song & Dance on Platform at Market Square.
- 6.30 p.m. Children's Street Events. Soap Box Derby, Egg & Spoon Races (Contact Festival Office)
- 7.30 p.m. Folk Music, Song & Dance on Platform at Market Square

Where To Eat...

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|----------------------------|--|
| McGettigans | Self Service Restaurant in Shopping Centre |
| O'Boyces Cafe - Nite & Day | Teas and lunches |
| Tin Wing | T/A or sit in Fish, burgers and chips |
| Steers | Chinese t/a- varies |
| Rumpoles | Fish, burger and chips etc. t/a or sit in |
| MAIN ST. | Sit in breakfast, lunches and tea - varied menu |
| Gandhis | Indian restaurant |
| Dolphin Cafe | Oldest fish & chip shop in town, sit in or t/a |
| Dillons Cafe | (in supermarket) breakfast, lunch |
| Pat's Pizza | Also serves salads, baked potatoes, kebabs coffee. Home baking. sit in till 12.30am, t/a till 3am Fri & Sat. |
| Mews | Evening meals |
| 4 Lantrens | Sit in or t/a. Fish, burgers, pies, pizza & chips. |
| The Granery | Variety of salads and hot lunches. Plus teas. |
| Crusty Kitchen | Coffee, teas & home baking |
| LOWER MAIN ST. | |
| Chat & Chew | opp. Dunnes Tea & snacks. |
| Tin Tai | Chinese rest. Sit in or t/a. |
| RAILWAY ROAD | |
| Town & Country | Restaurant |
| Charlie's | Fish, burgers, pies & chips |
| HIGH ROAD | |
| Fabi's | T/a fish, burgers & chips etc. |

There are also a number of bars which do hot lunches including:

ANAL FOLK FESTIVAL - PROGRAMME

- 8.30 p.m. Friends of Festival presents Gary Goodman (American Pianist) in Loreto Convent
- Folk Evenings: Mount Errigal (featuring Birmingham), Golf Club-house, Bearnhill, Howdens Leap, Rugby Club: Half Way Line. Augherby Band & Morris Dancers, Clems, Port Road: Legacy and Celtic Fusion.
- 10.00 p.m. Downtown: Inchiquin, Deanta, Michael Bird, Three Straw Men.
Disco in Bellas and Millionaire Club.
- SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1988:-**
- 12.30 - 2.30 Busking Comp. (£1,000 in Prizemoney) at Venues on the Street. Festival Office for Registration.
- 2 - 3 p.m. Workshop - Howdens Leap
- 2.30 p.m. Agricultural and Industrial Carnival Parade from Station Square to Dunnes Corner.
(Sponsored by Donegal Oil Comp[any])
- 4.00 p.m. Folk Singing & Dancing at Market Square Platform
- 5 - 6 p.m. Festival Music in Downtown - Celtic Fusion
- 5.30 p.m. Presentation of Prizes at Market Square
- 5.30 - 7.30 Busking Competition
- 7.00 p.m. Folk Music on Platform at Market Square
- 8 p.m. Port Centre - International Concert - Featuring: Las Paraguayos and Three Straw Men
- 9 - 10 p.m. Downtown Folk Night: Featuring - Legacy, Tarmac, Michael Bird and Augherby Band
- 9 p.m. Disco in Golden Grill
- 10 - 2 a.m. Three Ways Motel - Irish Night: Napper Tandy, Rakin Ramblers, Deanta, Celtic Fusion & Legacy
- 10 p.m. Mount Errigal: Disco.

Where to Stay...

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Hotels:

Gallagher's Hotel, Grade B, 110 Upper Main st., L'keny	(074) 22066	£17.50
Mount Errigal Hotel, Grade B, Ballyraine, Letterkeny	(074) 22700	£22.00

Bed and Breakfasts:

B&B per person sharing rate

Mrs. J. Bradley, Radharc na Giuis, Carnamuggagh, L'keny	(074) 22090	£10.00
Mrs. E. Cullen, "Ardlee", Gortlee, Letterkeny	(074) 21943	£10.00
Mrs. R. Gill, Septora, Convent Rd., Letterkeny	(074) 22330	£9.75
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Mrs. S.M O'Hagan, Swilly View, Kilmacrennan Rd., L'keny	(074) 21137	£9.50
Mrs. Alice O'Donnell, Ard na Greine, Sentry Hill, L'keny	(074) 21383	£9.75



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SUNDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1988 (cont'd):-

- 10 p.m. Official Closing Ceremony at Market Square by Mr. Eamonn Doherty, Commissioner, Garda Siochana & Donegal Person of Year Festival Folk Evenings:-
- Downtown - Tarmac & Michael Bird. Port Centre: Spain, Celtic Fusion. Clems: Birmingham, Napper Tandy. Grand Finale in Mount Errigal Hotel featuring the best of overseas & Irish Groups:- Spain, Morris Men, Augherby Band, Howdens Leap.

Note:- (Programme subject to Alterations).

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SPOTLIGHT ON MICHAEL OG HANLON

Everybody throughout the length and breadth of Ireland and beyond knows Michael Og Hanlon. He is Mr. "Mary from Dungloe" Festival. Michael is a permanent fixture on the Main street of Dungloe. And if you happen to come to town and don't see him, then something must be wrong !

I wonder how many of you are aware that Michael was born in Falcarragh ! Not long after Michael's birth, the family moved to Quay Road, Dungloe. Michael's parents were called Grace and Michael. As well as Michael (Junior), there were two other boys in the family, John and Joe. Joe died in Dungloe when he was only 14, and John died in England without reaching his 50th birthday. With both parents also dead, Michael is the last surviving member of his family.

For many years, Michael joined the hordes of migrant seasonal farm workers, mainly from the North-West, who were employed in Scotland during the potato harvest. These workers of course were called "tatie hokers". Indeed, this writer can well remember the "tatie workers" of old board their minibus on the Main St. and head for Scotland. Michael Og Hanlon was one of those. But, like so many, maybe all of our emigrants, he longed to return home one day and settle down on a permanent basis.

This he did in 1968. No sooner was he home than he settled down to giving Dungloe and the community at large all the service he could. His dynamic personality earned him many friends and much respect. The "Mary from Dungloe" Festival was just beginning. Michael became a committee member and has been an ever-present on the committee ever since. He is a tireless worker who gives his all and puts everything into whatever project he



Street entertainer during the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival.

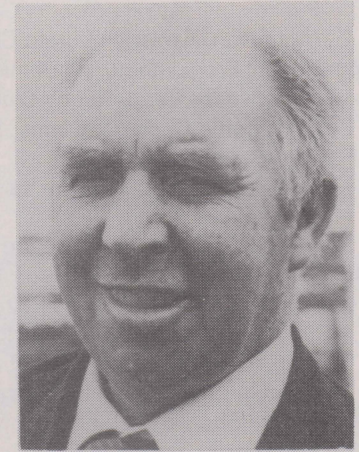
may be associated with. He sells tickets for the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival Committee outside the Cope, day in day out, and does so humbly and patiently, such is the nature of this wonderful man. And, as someone asked during the Festival, who else would do it ?

Come hail, rain or shine, Michael will also be seen collecting the money at the field for Dungloe GAA Club. But the greatest work of all that he does is for charity. Whatever the cause, Michael is willing to help. He can never be repaid fully for all that he has done for charity. It is little wonder that he was presented recently with a framed certificate from the Irish Guide

Dogs Association. It was a simple token of gratitude Michael was so pleased to receive it, but it was no more than he would have asked for. Michael is not in the business of receiving - he is in the business of giving.

And he has given more than his share to this community over the past 20 years. In recognition of the work he has done for the Festival, he was presented with a Cavan Irish Crystal Handmade Clock by Guinness at the crowning cabaret. He also received 600 cigarettes from Carrolls.

He says he loves Dungloe and its people and thanks them for responding so generously always. He has friends all over the Rosses and Gweedore. He is very fond of Glencolmcille and was delighted to be invited to the official opening of the Letterkenny Folk Festival on one occasion. He says that, like Gene Tunney and Rocky Marciano, he retired undefeated from his position as Lord Mayor of the Rosses. He feels that sooner or later, they will see the light out in Maghery and crown him King. Among his



Michael Hanlon.

school friends he remembers John Gorman (R.I.P), James McBrearty (Ardara), Andy and Michael Carr and "Big" Frank O'Donnell (Kilcar), a one time Co. Donegal footballer. He also remembers going to school with Nora Galligan's mother and sister ! They lived in the Quay Rd. cottages then. His last word was for Pat Nora, whom he describes as "one of the best", not forgetting his good wife, Ann, and the wonderful M.F.D. Committee. He says Dungloe should never forget the last five years.

THE EARWIGGER

EMETT, THE ACE REPORTER

Emmet McIlhatton deserves praise for his amazing reporting skills on Donegal Community Radio recently. On Thursday 4th August we were treated to an excellent interview with Noel O'Gara, who claims that Peter Sutcliffe is not the real Yorkshire Ripper, but that it is an Irishman who still stalks the

streets. Emmet's interview and investigating followed a front page story in that morning's Daily Star which carried O'Gara's story, and claimed that Yorkshire detectives had visited him recently to discuss the matter. Not only did he interview O'Gara but he also rang the police in Yorkshire and spoke to the Chief Superin-

tendent there. D.C.R listeners heard the exchange between McIlhatton and the Chief Superintendent, the latter repeating the fact that he knew nothing about the case. Emmett also carried a story on the I.D.A. during the same bulletin, where he interviewed Donegal County Council chairman, Eddie O'Donnell, about his grievances. Fair play to you Emmett for bringing us a very professional presentation of the news.



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GLEBE KENNELS
The Glebe
Letterkenny

24/7/88

Dear Sir,

I must reply to your "sport snippet" article on Dr. McDaid's dog "gismo". The snippet is totally inaccurate. The Greyhound bitch Gismo is in fact owned by Dr. McDaid's son Gareth. There is no such race as the Ulster Derby. There is no racing at the Bradywell on a Saturday, and she has won 14 out of 42 races so far in her career.

The true facts are that Gismo has qualified for the Respond Derby Trial Stakes Final at Lifford Track on Saturday 30th July. The winner receiving £300 and free entry to the Derby proper at Shelbourne Park, for a winner's prize of £30,000. Although Gismo is one of the top dogs at Lifford at the moment, she will be an outsider to win the race on Saturday night as she is just returning to racing after injury. I hope you print these facts because there is a large Greyhound following in Letterkenny, as such inaccuracies make a joke of the owner-trainer and dog.

Thanking you, Carl Hogg.

Watch You r Own Wee Boy

The law has finally caught your boy
and you think that shouldn't be,
You always thought your son was perfect
and not a crook like me.
You couldn't see past your own wee boy
You were sure he was the best,
A nice wee boy that's well behaved
and not like all the rest.

Whenever I did something wrong
you were first to criticize,
Then you told it to your neighbours
and added on some lies.
You told you son to watch me
and to keep well away,
From hooligans like me
that might lead him astray.

You made my life your business
and everything I'd done,
You were so busy watching me
you forgot to watch your son.
And while you ears were open
for news concerning me,

You son got up to all the tricks -
you somehow failed to see

I guess I was a hooligan at times -
but not the only one,
And I saw you nice wee boy do things
I wouldn't have done.

I know you don't believe it
'cause you just don't want to see
That the boy you thought was perfect
was worse in fact than me.

To parents who are reading this
my message is to you:
Leave your neighbours sons alone,
whatever else you do.
There may be long green grass
on your neighbour's lawn,
But you shouldn't criticize it folks -
until you've mowed you own.

Le John Deegan, Glasgow.



6: Rascals of yesteryear.

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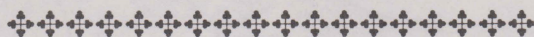
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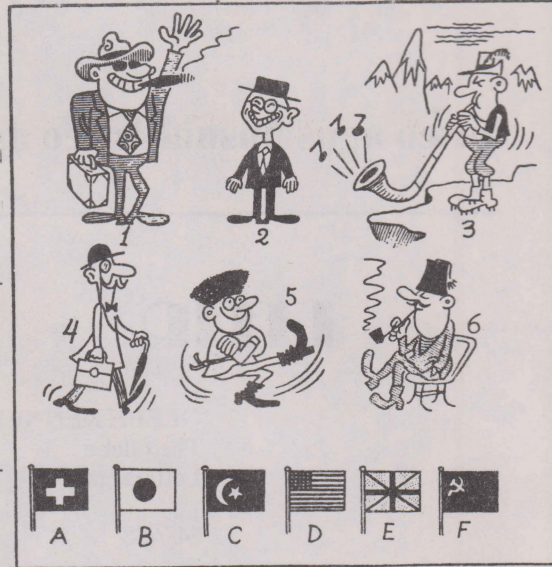
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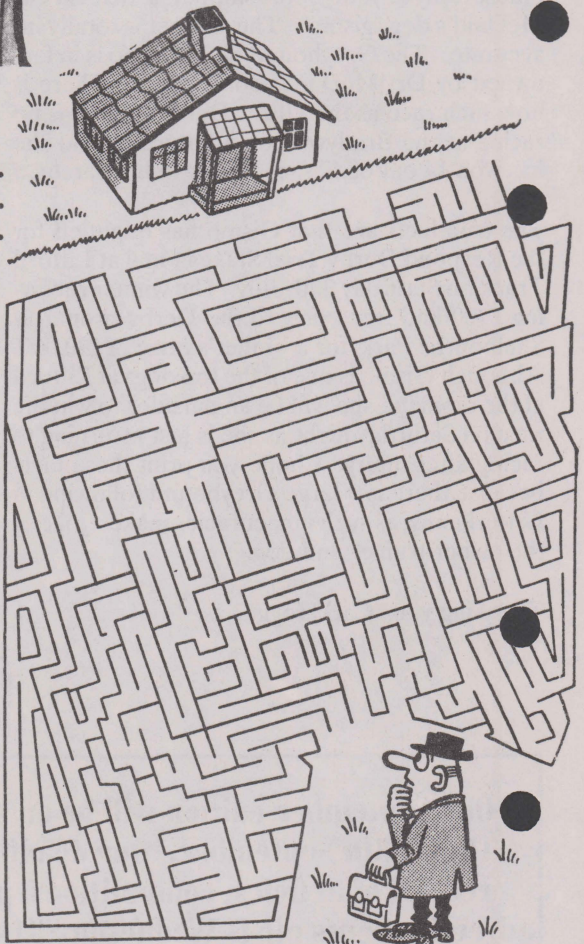


Which national flag belongs to which gentleman?

UNDER TEN PAINTING COMPETITION

NAME.....
 ADDRESS.....
 AGE.....

LAST MONTHS WINNER: Geraldine Forrester,
 Drumchapel, Glasgow.



WONDERS of NATURE

Many wonderful stories showing the intelligence of this animal, are based on fact.

By Sway

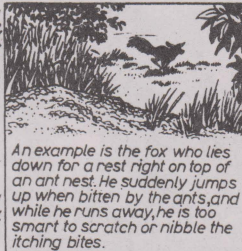
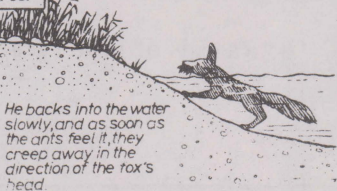
The fox is known as the sliest of all members of the animal world.



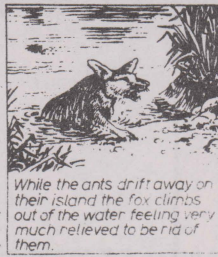
His next move is to collect a mouthful of dried grass and then head for the nearest water.

He backs into the water slowly, and as soon as the ants feel it, they creep away in the direction of the fox's head.

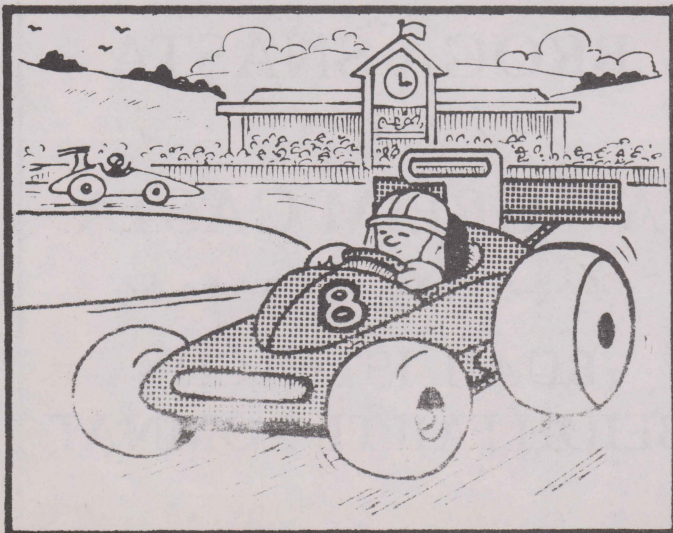
Slowly he submerges and then lets go of the grass on which the ants have, by that time, taken refuge.



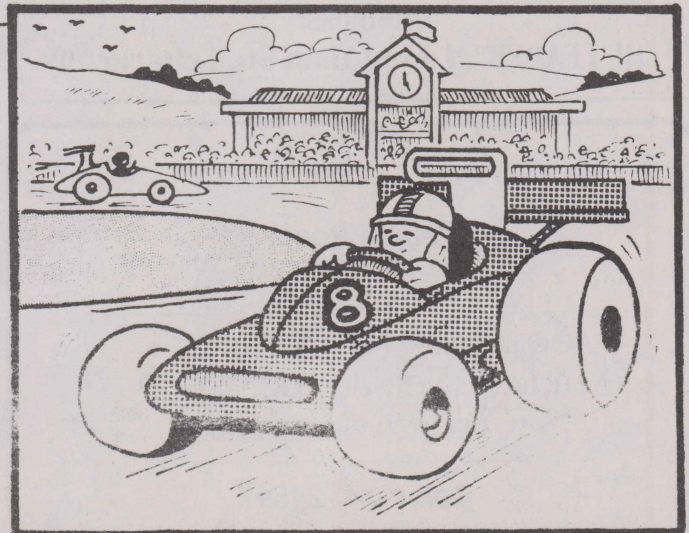
An example is the fox who lies down for a rest right on top of an ant nest. He suddenly jumps up when bitten by the ants, and while he runs away, he is too smart to scratch or nibble the itching bites.



While the ants drift away on their island, the fox climbs out of the water, feeling very much relieved to be rid of them.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE x 10



FOCUS ON Joe Winston

St. Eunans



FULL NAME: Patrick Joseph Winston
BIRTHPLACE: Dungloe
HEIGHT: 5' 11"
WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs
POSITION: Forward in Gaelic, defender in Soccer.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Robert Emmets (London), Oliver Plunketts (Dublin)
MARRIED: Yes
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Ciaran Murray (Monaghan) and Jimmy Kennedy Jnr. (Soccer)
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Dublin (Gaelic) and Liverpool (Soccer)
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS: Mick Ryan (Offaly) and Pat Cannon Killybegs in soccer.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: Ulster Final 1972 and County Final v St. Josephs in 1967
BIGGEST THRILL: Seeing both Brian Touhy and John Cunningham lifting All Ireland U21 Cups
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Never winning All Ireland Senior
BEST PLACE VISITED: Long Island, New York.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Irish Stew
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: All sports
FAVOURITE T.V SHOWS: Running Late, Channel 4
FAVOURITE MUSICIANS: Bette Midler and Bryan Ferry
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ ACTRESSES: Jack Nicholson & Jane Fonda
BEST FRIEND: Personally, I don't dislike anybody.
BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL: Donegal not winning Ulster Minor in 1988
HONOURS: Ulster & Club championship medals. League Titles in soccer with Letterkenny Rovers and Glen Rovers.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: School - Bro. Morris Club - John Hannigan County - Brain McEniff
FOOTBALL AMBITIONS: Nothing at this stage of my career
PERSONAL AMBITIONS: Win the top prize at Convoy GAA draw.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET ?: Sugar Ray Leonard
SIGNATURE:

Donegal Mountain Rescue Activities June/ July

June 10th-12th

Members of the team received instruction from members of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team on aspects of general and night navigation; this was given in the Dunlewy Community Centre and on the hillside in the area of Slieve Snacht and Loch Maam.

July 2nd

The team visited Tedin, where a search was made of some

of the more hazardous cliffs in the area in an attempt to find a farmer who had been reported missing.

July 10th

The team, in co-operation with a number of the Ordnance Survey Office, played a major part in the organisation of landing and refueling of the three helicopters involved, and ensured public safety, during the Millennium Charity Hill-Climb in aid of Cheshire Homes.



USRA Squash Prizegiving Dance in Belfast, May 1985
 (From Left to Right): P. J. Bonnar, Brian Harkin, Jim Ferry, Charlie McLaughlin, Tadhg Culbert, Frankie McNulty and Joe English.

LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE Sports & Leisure Programme 1988/89

If variety is what you're after this coming year, then the Letterkenny Community Centre Sports & Leisure programme has a terrific choice for you.

Each year we try to cater for as many activities as possible and this year is certainly no exception.

There are new courses starting in Weight Watching, over 40s Keep Fit, Yoga, Girl's Weight Training, Ladies Lunchtime Training, along with all the other regular courses and classes. The range is fantastic and there is qualified coaching in every activity.

You also have the option of using our terrific Sauna and Sunbed facilities which were installed during the past year. These have added a complete new dimension to the Community Centre and are available to the public at very reasonable rates.

As always the Centre's facilities are available for booking any day (Monday - Sunday 10am-11pm). If you or your Group wish to book any of our facilities, you can do so by calling 22761.

HOURS OF OPENING
 Monday to Friday 10am to 11pm
 Saturday 10am to 6pm

DAY	TIME	GROUP
MONDAY	12.30-2.00	Women
	2.00-4.00	Women
	4.00-10.30	Men
TUESDAY	10.30-12.30	Women
	12.30-2.00	Men
	2.00-6.30	Men
	7.00-10.30	Women
WEDNESDAY	12.30-2.00	Women
	2.00-4.00	Women
	4.00-10.30	Men
THURSDAY	10.30-12.30	Women
	12.30-2.00	Men
	2.00-6.30	Men
	7.00-10.30	Women
FRIDAY	12.30-2.00	Mixed
	2.00-5.00	Men
	5.00-8.00	Women
	8.00-10.30	Men
SATURDAY	10.30-12.30	Women
	1.00-5.00	Men

SPORTS QUIZ

1. A testimonial was played at Windsor Park recently for a former Soccer great. Who was he, what was the score and name 4 scorers ?
2. With which sports do you associate the following ? (a) Grete Waitz (b) Chris Broad (c) Martin Carney ?
3. Which horse won this year's English Grand National ?

Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "THE LEADER", Lower Main St., Letterkenny. The first correct entry out of the bag receives a prize of £5.

Last month's winner: Martin Devine, 47 Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny.

GUESS WHO



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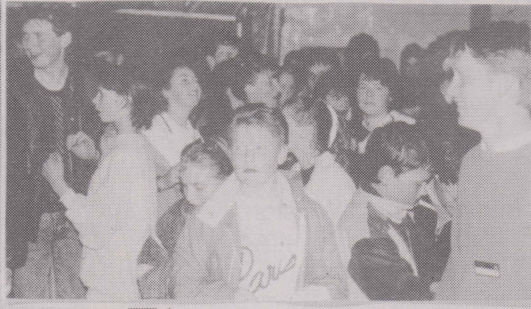
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TORAI NA dTONN

- Feile Thorai '88

"Caithfidh se gur brionglóid a bhi agam" a duirt lead og as Gaoth Dobhair liom agus muid ar an bhad ag pilleadh as Oilean Thorai De Luain seo chuaigh thart. "Ca hait eile a gcluinfear gaeilge chomh saibhir, ceol traidisiúnta den chuid is fearr agus a chifear mna chomh galanta, daoine chomh cairdiúil, agus ceithre fhear as Doire a bhi chomh cam le hadharca gabhar ag ceol "Don't Leave Me This Way".

Nil aon dabht i mo intinn nuair a deirim nach bhfuil ait chomh pleisiúrtha in Eirinn agus ata Oilean Thorai.

Bhi caint ar Tir Mor i nGaoth Dobhair go mbeadh Feile i dTorai an deireadh seachtaine. Thug Eoin agus Tarlach Garbh aghaidh ar Mhachaire Rabhartai ar a tSatharn, ait a bhfuair muid bad a bhi ag gabhail 'un oileain. Bhi slua mor as Doire ar an bhad agus is acu a bhi an chraic agus an beer.

Bhi muid fliuch baite, "is-teach go dti na knickers" mar a duirt Tarlach nuair a shroich muid an cheidh ar an Bhaile Thoir i dTorai. Bhi tri Thacsai ag fanacht linn, taracoiri breatha a bhi iontu agus an slua ar fad agus a mbagaiste ina shuí ar na leantoiri. Bhi dha mhadadh ag cuir taispeantais gneis ar fail duinn fhad is bhi muid ag fanacht leis an tacsai bogadh.

Bhi muid ag fanacht sa mhonarchan, ait gur ghnach leo geansaithe Thorai a dheanamh go dti gur theip ar a gno airithe sin. D'fhan slua mor idir fir, mna agus ti sa tseomra ceanna - ach is liom a ra libh, a leitheoiri dhilse, nach raibh moran codhladh i gceist. Chaith muid oiche Shathairn ar fad ag ol agus ag ceol. Bhi an chraic ninety. Thug Pol Mac Ruairi pleisúir don slua leis na fuaimanna iontach a bhi se ag baint ona bhocsa ceoil. "Six

hundred and ninety-nine pounds a bhi si sin" a duirt se faoin bhocsa ceoil ur a cheannaigh se i mBaile Atha Cliath. Bhi Patsy Dan ag tabhairt tionlacan do ar an bhanjo, silim (ag an staid seo ni raibh mo chuimhne ag oibriú mar is coir). "Togfar 6 theach ura ag Cómhairle na Condae" a bheic Patsy Dan o'n ardan agus thoisigh an slua ar fad ag buaileadh bos. Bhi rudai ag eirigh olc anois. Bhi dha Phatsy ar an ardan agus dhar bhanjo.

**"By God,
is againn a bhi
an chraic".**

Bhi muintir Dhoire ag baint pleisúir mhor as an oiche, ar nos muid uilig, fair play daofa. Chonaic me an leab gharbh (hold on, chan seo Arainn) agus Amanda a b'aimn di (self-confessed feminist as Edinburgh na hAlbana a bhi inti). Thoisigh si ag gearan liom nuair a rinne me iarracht chat brea gaelach a bheith agam leis an barmaid (bean bhrea Amme Marie). Chun rudai a dheanamh nios measa bhi me ag comhra le bean bhrea gaelach as Toraigh a mhionnaigh (swore) gur Doimnic a b'aimn di. "Is brea iad na mna ata ar oilean Thoraigh" a duirt an file oimraiteach Tarlach Garbh.

Thainig an uair go raibh ar fear an Bhear muid a chiceal amach (fear measartha ata in Denis). Amach an doras linn ar fad agus muid ag leanúint Pol Mac Ruairi a bhi ag siúl romhainn ag buaileadh a bhocsa (Pied Piper

Thorai). Chuaigh scaifte againn ag airneal ag Pol agus by God is againn a bhi an chraic. Labhair muid faoi na seanlaetha agus faoina athar, Pdraig Mac Ruairi, Ri Thorai, a fuair bas le gairid. Ta cuid mhor cosulachtaí idir Pol (a chip off the old block) agus a athar, fear a bhi nios leannta na duine ar bith i dTeach Laigheann. Cheol muid agus d'ol muid agus cheol muid go raibh se in am a dhul in Aifrin. Bhi mo chomradai gaelach go foill ar meisce agus rinne se iarracht tractor a ghoid (joyriders ar oilean Thorai). I ndiadh an Aifrin chuaigh muid fhad leis an chlub a it ar chaith muid an la. (barmaid ar doigh ata in Frances). Bhi Pol aris ag buaileadh a bhocsa agus thainig Patsy isteach chun cuidiu leis. Thriall muid cupla uair a chloig codlata a fhail sular deachaigh muid 'dti 'n Ceili Mor oiche Dhomhnaigh, acn nior eirigh ro-mhaith linn. Bhi an Ceili Mor as power maith. Bhi rock 'n roll le cluinstitín fiu amhain -o Eamonn, agus bhi an slua ag screa-

daigh le hathas. Bhi seisiuin ceoil Roc ar siúl i leithris na bhfear ar feadh tamall agus bhi an chraic mighty. Thoisigh cuid idiots Ghaobh Dobhair ag ceol "Gleann-tain Ghlas Ghaoth Dobhair" agus fair play don slua thug siad eis-teacht mhaith duinn. Chuaigh muid ar fad síos go dti an chippy ag a cuig ar maidin. Ta bialann iontach maith ag Mary McGinty ar an oilean ansin le bliain anuas.

Ar a bhad amach, maidin De Luain, bhi cuid ceoil bhocsa ceoil Phol MacRuairi go foill a chluinstin againn. Bhi muid piosa fada on oilean agus thiontaigh me ag mo chomradhai, "Sin tiun ar doigh, the Ould Triangle". "Se bhal, sin an tiun ceanna a chluinimse" arsa seisear. Ta ceol Thorai go foill a chluinstin agam anseo i nGaoth Dobhair. Nil daoine chomh cairdiúil, failteach agus ceolmhar le fail in ait ar bith in Eirinn. Glac mo chomhairle, a chairde, tabhair cuairt ar Thorai agus blas an ghaelachas duit fein.

WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to the following Happy Couples

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D'Eirigh go maith le Feile DHun LUICHE a reachtaileadh le gairid. Ba e an file iomraiteach Cathal O Searcaigh as Gort a' Choirce a d'oscail Feile an Earagail. Duirt an tUasal O Searcaigh gurbh onor mhor a bhi ann do an fheile a oscailt.

Who was the Gaoth DOBhair Shop Assistant who sold Father G. two left shoes???. John ain't no bang!

Who was the Gaoth DOBhair Shop Assistant who told a certain Gentleman that all handbags had leather Uppers???.

Gina - I'll miss you, beep beep.

Hello Bertie Basil the Liquerice Man.

BIRTH: Norah and Jerry lowedioes (baby girl).

GUESS WHO?

*1: Young Ladies. 2: Maggie and Bidy. 3: Enjoying Mary's street entertainment . . . 4; Miss Anagaire '88. 5: Guess who this young lady is?. 6: What more can we say?. 7: The Famous Five. 8: Open Air Fun. 9: Miss Anagaire '77. 10: Bella. 11: Say cheese. 12: Outside No. 39. 13: The coalman, the milkman and the 14: Giggler of the month. 15: Happy Hawthorn Heighters. 16: : : Wood you know this lady?. 17: Hello Ann. 18: Footballer. 19: Cabbage Patch and friends. 20: Denis is a big hit with the girls. 21: Arainn Mhor model. 22: : : Rockin' the night away in Dungloe. 23: The next Hot House Flowers?. 24: The Pogues in concert. 25: Down on the beach. 26: The fab 4. 27: Ta si cuig bliana d'aois i mbliana. 28: Eoghan agus a chuid girseachai. 29: Lassie and friends. 30: Threas a new Sheriff in town. 31: GRUB SPIED. 32: Marina, Brid and Boyfriends. 33: When the boys were boys (I dig the hairstyle). 34: Getting ready for the Olympics. 35: True love ways. 36: Maria agus Hughie ag comhra. 37: POg na Miosa.

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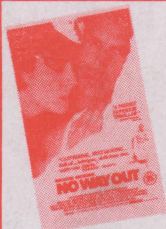
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