

# THE LEADER

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November 1989

## The Birmingham Six



In August 1975, six Irishmen were given life sentences for the Birmingham Pub bombings which had claimed 21 lives in November 1974. Hugh Callaghan, Paddy Joe Hill, Gerry Hunter, Richard McKelkeny, Billy Power and Johnny Walker were convicted of the biggest mass murder in British history.

Fifteen years later, the men are still in prison, still protesting their innocence. The release of the Guildford Four in October this year has focused attention on the Birmingham Six case and two of those released, Gerry Conlon and Paul Hill, have vowed to join the campaign to release the Birmingham Six.

Four of the Birmingham Six had signed confessions after many hours in custody, during which time the men were beaten, humiliated and deprived of sleep and food. Evidence is now emerging that some of the interrogators have since been involved in cases where other innocent men were wrongly convicted on the strength of statements falsified by the police.

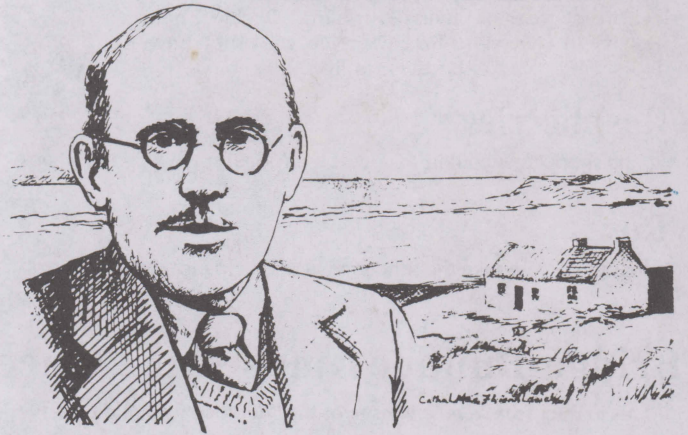
The forensic evidence, gathered by Dr. Frank Skuse, has been severely discredited since the men's conviction in 1975.

Yet the British Appeals process has so far failed to help the men. Appeal, which opened in 1987, failed to overturn the original convictions. This verdict came after a 28 day hearing in which the Appeal Judges heard an overwhelming body of evidence in the men's favour.

An inquiry is now underway into the conduct of the West Midlands police force but its scope is limited to cases from 1986. An anonymous donation to MP Clare Short has funded a university study which will study convictions pre-1986. If this study, being carried out by law facilities of Birmingham and Warwick Universities, reveals a systematic pattern of fabrication of evidence over the last two years, pressure will grow for the scope of the official enquiry to be extended.

The Birmingham Six Committee was set up in Dublin in 1986 following an appeal in the Irish Post from Paddy Joe Hill. The Committee is non-political and the only objective is the release and exoneration of the Birmingham Six. Most of its activities have taken place in Dublin but it has also organised a public meeting in Galway.

## Séamus Mac Grianna "Máire" COMÓRADH CÉAD BLIAIN



## Féile Rann na Feirste 17th-19th November

The Committee is seeking support from all areas of the campaign. One way in which Donegal people could help would be to distribute the Committee's monthly newsheet in their own locality and workplace. The Birmingham Six Committee's booklet on the case will shortly be relaunched in English, Irish, German, French and Spanish. The artistic world is also involved with artist Robert Ballagh donating a specially designed limited edition poster on the case which the Committee is selling at £30.00 unframed and £60.00 framed. These would make very suitable Christmas presents. A national poster competition on the theme of "justice" with Robert Ballagh as adjudicator is currently being organised. The competition will be open to students at secondary and vocational schools and application forms and rules are available by contacting the Committee. Specially produced Christmas cards are also on sale at four for a pound from the committee offices at Usher House, Usher Quay, Dublin 8, or telephone Marie Griffin at 793288.

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Meet little 3 year old twins Hugh and Declan Shakrey. They live at Gweedore Rd., Dungloe, and they have no bad words !!]



## Raspberries

To the shoppers who don't support their local small "Corner Shops".

## Roses

To all those who take the time to visit and help elderly neighbours.



## Bridge-Builder Amused the Queen

This extract from a recent issue of the "Scottish Catholic Observer" was sent to us by a reader. But can anybody tell us where in Donegal did James McBride come from ?

**This week's 20th anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Forth Road Bridge struck a chord with two Edinburgh priests.**

Musseiburgh parish priest Fr. Michael C. McCullagh and Fr. John Rogerson, PP at Blackburn, West Lothian, were official guests at the opening ceremony performed by Her Majesty the Queen on September 4, 1964.

Both were then curates in Dunfermline and got to know the leader of the Roads Squad, Donegal-born James McBride. A devout Catholic, James was a born leader and involved his men in many fundraising events for the Dunfermline parish.

Fr. McCullagh said this week: "When the bridge was officially opened, James was chosen as one of the 20 or so officials who would meet the Queen and Prince Philip.

"When she came to James she chatted for some time, then walked away a yard or so, before coming back to speak to him again.

"Fr. Rogerson and I were

amazed to see him put his arm around the Queen, as he pointed out the work he had been supervising on the northern approach-road".

Later the priests asked him what he had said to the Queen and he admitted: "I told her she was a fine young woman with a nice husband and two lovely children. She said: 'You're not from this part of the world, Mr McBride'.

"I said: No, I'm from Donegal!"

"How do you keep so healthy?" the Queen asked James, who had been brought back out of retirement by Wimpey to tackle the work on the bridge approach-road.

"Hard work and Irish Whiskey", said the bold McBride! The Queen was in stitches.

It was the same James McBride who built the church of St. Bride in Pitlochry, opened in November 1949. Irish labourers employed on hydro-electric schemes at Pitlochry, Clunie, Tummel Falls, Calvine and Tummel Bridge gave their labour and Wimpey loaned plant and transport free of charge.

Mrs McBride, his widow, now lives with their daughter in Inverkeithing — close to the mighty bridge that James helped to build.


# SAM SPUDZ

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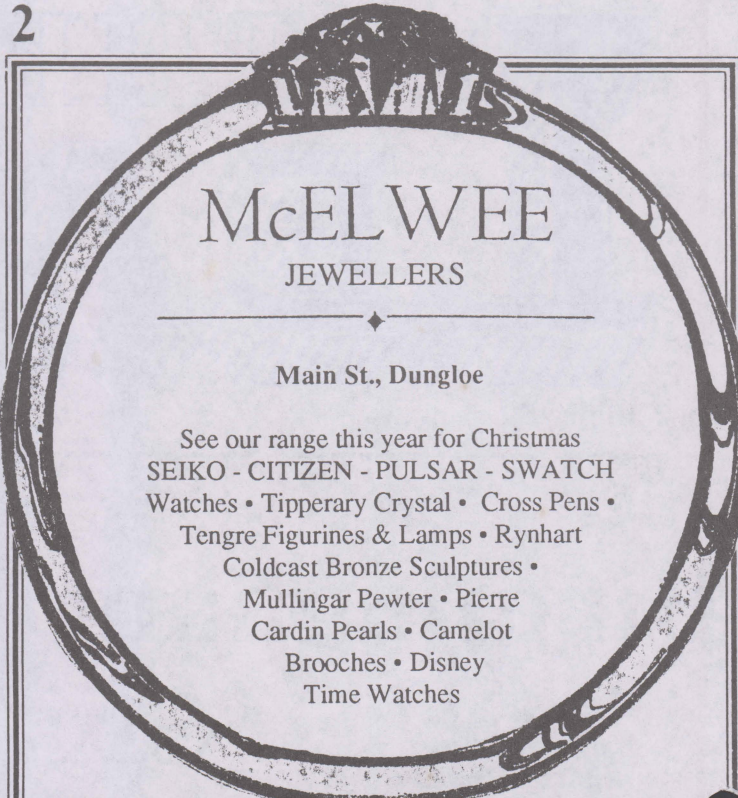
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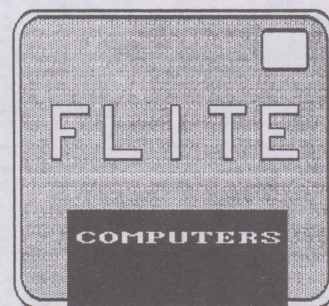
Talk is cheap, or so the saying goes. But the words we speak could cost a bundle - in friendships, trust or respect. Everybody likes to talk. It's one of the most important ways we have of communicating with our friends. Our Vocal chords are fine tuned like musical instruments. But some misuse their mouths. They don't seem to know when to put on the brakes, and their mouths run on and on like a scratched record. At times they even use words as weapons to hurt people.

Nobody likes to be in the company of a know-it-all, a gossip, a smart mouth or a garbage mouth. If at times you are having trouble keeping or making friends, maybe it's time to have an "open-mouth" check up!

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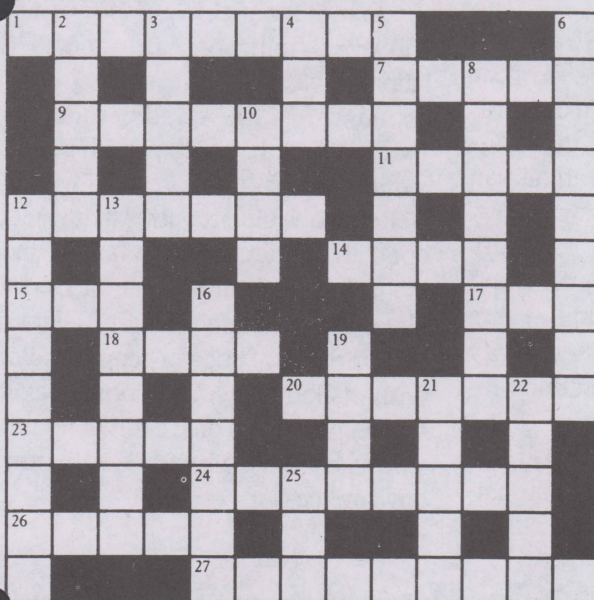
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Requiring great energy (9)
- 7 To coach (5)
- 9 Inability to fall asleep (8)
- 11 A scrooge (5)
- 12 Not very deep (7)
- 14 Information of current events (4)
- 15 Choose (3)
- 17 A mineral spring (3)
- 18 Country on Persian Gulf (4)
- 20 Batting turn of cricketer (7)
- 23 Not very old (5)
- 24 Fizzy drink (8)
- 26 Fat (5)
- 27 Napkin (9)

#### DOWN

- 2 Top of leg (5)
- 3 Artist's picture support (5)
- 4 Possess (3)
- 5 A speech disorder (7)
- 6 Behind with payments (2, 7)
- 8 Hired killer (8)
- 10 Natural satellite of the Earth (4)
- 12 Baggy sweater (6, 3)
- 13 Mental disposition (8)
- 16 Bracelets (7)
- 19 Unfasten (4)
- 21 Person's personality presented to the public (5)
- 22 Remarkable (5)
- 25 Spoil (3)

### Freagraí

ACROSS: 1 Strenuous; 7 Train; 9 Insomnia; 11 Miser; 12 Shallow; 14 News; 15 Opt; 17 Spa; 18 Iran; 20 Innings; 23 Young; 24 Lemonade; 26 Obese; 27 Serviette.  
DOWN: 2 Tight; 3 Ease; 4 Own; 5 Stammer; 6 In arrears; 8 Assassin; 10 Moon; 12 Sloppy Joe; 13 Attitude; 16 Bangles; 19 Undo; 21 Image; 22 Great; 25 Mar.

*We played badly from one to eleven*

Chris Rutherford, Finn Harps Manager after Harps were thrashed 6-2  
*Council officials need not think they can now rest on their laurels, as Ros Suilighé needs tarring next.*

Cllr. Fisher, L/Kenny U.D.C.

*Then the U.E.C. was going off it's rocker, but now we are going every so nicely.*

Sean McGee, Donegal V.E.C. meeting.

*Many unemployed people were now becoming alienated and the gimmicky job creation programmes were merely leading up a cul-de-sac.*

Councillor Seamus Rodgers

*Tourist visiting Donegal are not interested in going into Derry*

Mr. A.D. Kelly, Letterkenny Airport Committee.

*The person with fluent Irish will not find it difficult to achieve fluency also in a major European language.*

Pat "The Cope" Gallagher, Minister of State at the Dept. of the Gaeltacht

*Some "eejit" might come along with a spray can and deface the new walls.*

Cllr. Tadhg Culbert on L/Kenny Swimming Pool.

*A lovely building for graffiti*

Cllr. Lawrence Blake on the same Swimming Pool

*Vocational Education Committees have become as unnecessary as two blacksmiths in a one-horse town.*

Paddy Harte, T.D.

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## ISLAM

by Redwan El-Khayat, Letterkenny

Before I speak about Islam I would like to clarify a few points;

I think there is a general lack of knowledge about Islam in western societies.

- Most of what is known about Islam is distorted.

- The information about Islam has been represented by non - Muslims.

I think the majority of Muslims today misrepresent real Islam and they could be far from the true faith.

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE :

Muhammad (peace be upon him) was born in the year 570 A.D. in the city of Makkah in Arabia. He came of a noble family. At the age of 40 he received the first revelation. As soon as he started to preach Islam, he and his followers were persecuted and had to face severe hardships. He was, therefore, commanded by God to migrate to Madinah, another city in Arabia. During a short span of 23 years, he completed his mission of prophethood and died at the age of 63. He led a perfect life as his life was the embodiment of Quranic teachings.

\* - The Quran - The holy book which was revealed to the prophet Muhammad, and which contains the basic teaching of Islam.

### ISLAM AND MUSLIMS :

The Arabic word "Islam" means : Peace, submission and obedience. The religion of Islam is the complete acceptance of the teachings and guidance of God as revealed to his prophet Muhammad.

A Muslim is one who believes in God and strives for continuous organisation of his life according to His guidance. The word "Allah" is the proper name of God in Arabic. It is a unique term because it has no plural, and never been used for "false gods"

### CONTINUITY OF MESSAGE :

Islam is not a new religion. It is, in essence, the same message and guidance which Allah revealed to all prophets.

*"Say we believe in Allah and that which has been revealed to us, and that which was revealed to Abraham and Ismarl and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes and that which was given to Moses and Jesus and to other prophets, from their Lord. We make no distinctions between any of them, and to Him we submit"* Quran (3 : 83)

The message which was revealed to prophet Muhammad - as Muslims believe - is Islam in its comprehensive, complete and final form.

### THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM :

1. The Declaration of Faith : to bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah, and that Muhammad is his messenger to all human beings till the Day of Judgement.

2. Prayers : Five times a day as a duty towards Allah. They strengthen and enliven the belief in Allah and inspire man to a higher morality. They purify his heart and prevent temptations towards wrong-doings and evils.

3. Fasting the month of Ramadan : Muslims fast \* month of Lunar calendar. They abstain from food, drink

and sexual intercourse every day of this month from dawn to sunset. They should also abstain from evil intentions and desires. It teaches love, sincerity and devotion. It develops a sound social conscience, patience, unselfishness and will-power.

4. Zakat : To pay an annual charity 2.5% of ones net saving on which a year has passed, as a religious duty and purifying sum to be spent on poorer sections of the society

5. Pilgrimage to Makkah: it is to be performed once in a lifetime, if one can afford it financially and physically. It is like a huge congress, representatives from everywhere gather, at the same time, in the main mosque to perform a highly spiritual organised worship in simple clothes, subliming their souls for few days over the material life.

Man is the Viceroy of God on earth and every thing on earth and in the heavens has been created for him to continue his life on the right way. Every action that is done with good intention is considered an act of worship. Belief in one God requires that we look upon all humanity as one family under the universal omnipotence of God the Great and Nourisher of all. Islam rejects the idea of chosen people, making faith in God and good actions the only way to heaven. Thus, a direct relationship is established with God, without any intercessor.



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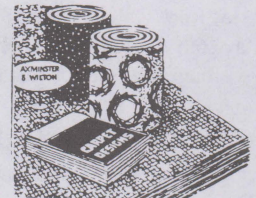
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Since we started this column we have featured lots of old cars, a lovely old lorry and an old motorbike. But this month's golden oldie is a lot older than them all. Our photograph shows a Larkin's Bakery horse-drawn Bread Van which is a hundred years old. It did a bread run around Letterkenny for many years and is still kept by the Larkin family in perfect condition. This photo was taken about 1977 during the Festival parade. Barney McDaid is sitting up on the van along with John G. Larkin and in the Larkin's Bakery Transit Van coming up behind is Gabriel Larkin and Eddie McDermott. Geraldine McEwan is standing in the crowd, but can you recognise anyone else?



## VIDEO

**RENTAL GUIDE**

### Tequila Sunrise (15)

Mel Gibson wants out...but no one is going to make it easy for him in the scorching action thriller Tequila Sunrise. Mac McKussie choose a drug dealing career to get rich quick. He's looking for a way to kick the habit and his best friend, Nick Frescia (Kurt Russell) has order to put him behind bars. Their college interests in surfing, fast cars and attractive women still bond them together. But beautiful restaurant owner Jo Ann Ballenari (Michelle Pfeiffer) is about to come between them.

### Dead Bang (18)

An all-action, nail-biting film starring Don 'Miami Vice' Johnson as Detective Jerry Beck. At the outset he is on the verge of a breakdown; his marriage is coming apart and he's developed a

serious drinking problem. When he is assigned to hunt for a police killer, Beck throws himself into the task with all the energy of a man trying to focus his attentions anywhere other than on his private life. Further complications arise when the murder hunt leads him to a dangerous white supremacy organisation.

### Willow (PG)

A magical fantasy from master film-maker George Lucas and director Ron Howard, who takes you into a world of sorcery and scary monsters, hope and heroism. Willow Ulgood (Warwick Davis) is a small Nelwyn Farmer with big dreams to be a sorcerer. His chance arrives when he becomes guardian to a baby girl who according to prophecy is destined to bring down the evil sorceress Queen Barmanda. It is a touching story that's beautifully filmed and well worth watching.



## The Donegal Special

The who's who in dear old Donegal attended a special edition of the recording of "The Daniel O'Donnell Show" in RTE some weeks back. The entertainers included John Kerr, Bridie Gallagher, Seamus McGee, Ann Travers, Leo Brennan, The McDevitts, as well as his legendary sister Margo, and his mother Julia. In the audience we had elected representatives Minister for State Pat "The Cope" Gallagher, T.D., Deputies Dinny McGinley and Mary Coughlan, our Donegal Man of the Year Fergus Cleary, Carmel Kelly, our Mary from Dungloe '89, Kieran McCready of the Donegal Association, and many more including Daniel's most ardent fans Marie "Rua" Gallagher and Sally Blake. The show will be screened on Sunday 26th at 9.15pm. Daniel is currently on a major British tour and has a new album and video on release under the title "Thoughts of Home".

## U2 Love Comes to Town

Tickets for the five U2 "Love Comes to Town" concerts from the 26th to 31st of December will be limited to two per person. The Point's audience capacity has been reduced to 4,500 per show, U2 realising that demand will outstrip supply, have insisted on a fair distribution system. The tickets go on sale on Saturday 19th and will be available from the Tape Centre, in Letterkeny at £18 and £16 each, also from a special ticket line (Telephone 01-600000), or from the Point Box Office, for credit card and postal bookings telephone 01-363633. The special guest artist will be lendarar blues singer B.B. King.

## New Management Deal

Ego Minefield have signed a new management deal with Up Front Management, the people who look after Cry Before Dawn and Clannad. The Letterkenny four - Mark, John, Danny and Martin - are currently working on material for their much awaited debut release which will be produced by Christ O'Brien and Aslan's own Joe Jewell. Ego Minefield have won many new fans since they started playing the highly important Dublin gigs. Another band enjoying attention are Eye Spy featuring Paul Ward as lead singer and guitarist joined by his sister Sandra on bass and Gary Porter on drums. With three newly composed songs the trio have just returned from a recording session in the Slane Recording Studio. Two new local groups certainly on them up for the 90s.

Work on Donegal Highland Radio's new studios at Mountain Top in Letterkenny is on target for lift off on December 31st next. The new independent station will be broadcasting from 7.00am till around 1.00am daily, and will employ a team of twenty-six to provide the best in entertainment throughout the county. DHR are set for that big launch, but as yet who's who behind the mike will be a top secret for the moment. We hope to give details of programmes, dee-jays, etc next month.

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The closing date for entries for the 13th Cavan International Song Contest is November 20th. Entry forms from Lennon & Maloney, Competition Office, Drumelis, Cavan. The contest will be staged in Hotel Kilmore, Cavan in mid-February, and offers a £6000 prize fund. The Foyle Arts Centre in Derry will stage a two-day seminar on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th on the subject "An Overview of the Music Business", topics discussed will include the role of popular music, as well as songwriting, publishing, performing rights etc. More information available if you telephone (080504) 360215

## Dressed to Kill

Seamus McGee is back on the country recording market with a new EP. The Arduns artist recently appeared on television shows such as "Bibi" and "Live at 3" singing tracks from the new recording, and will be performing another track "The Boat Song" when he appears on the "Daniel O'Donnell Show" later in the month. One critic remarked that Seamus was the "most over-dressed" artist to appear on the "Bibi" series, while his management stable mates Mary B. and Pluto were rated as the most "under-dressed" act. The tracks on his new EP include "The Boat Song", two Jim Reeves songs "Not Until the Next Time" and "He'll Have to Go", and "Beautiful Peace", Seamus says the EP was produced by Crawford Bell.

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## LÁ BREITHE

Rosaleen Ferry, Bun a Leaca (20) Nov. 26  
 Frankie Greene, Rann na Feirsde, Nov. 22  
 Anne Gallagher, Cnoc a Stolaire, Nov. 4  
 Sarah Greene, Bun a Leaca (13) Nov. 21  
 Marie Mc Fadden, Mín an Iolair, Dec Nov. 5  
 Jim Coyle, Crollly & London, Nov. 7  
 Éamonn Curran, Gort a Choirce, Nov. 1  
 Johnnie Reggie, Nov.  
 Bríd Doherty, Cnoc a Stolaire (17), Nov. 18  
 Helen O'Donnell, Anagaire (20), Nov. 14  
 Éamonn O'Brien, Ardaí (21+), Nov. 26  
 Deirdre Ní Dhomhnaill, Cnoc a Stolaire (7), Nov. 29  
 Joe Mc Bride, Anagaire (19), Nov. 16  
 Stephen Brady, Min Larach (7), Nov. 28  
 Caitlín Gallagher, Carraic (18), Nov. 16  
 Ciara Mc Fadden, Loch an Iuir (1) Oct. 27

Liz Doherty, Bun Beag, Oct. 30  
 Noel Coyle, Bun a Leaca (6), Nov. 21  
 Bidelle Gallagher, Luinnigh (17), Nov.  
 Gerald Mc Shea, Meenacross (6), Nov. 11  
 Teague Mc Cole, Anagaire (25), Nov. 24  
 Michael Mc Bride, Carraic a tSeascain (21), Nov. 16  
 Paddy O'Donnell, Bun a Leaca, Nov. 28  
 Dermot Gallagher, Dún Lúiche (19), Nov.  
 Brian Mc Bride, Carraic a tSeascain (20), Nov. 25  
 Cordelia Nic Fhearraigh, Doire Chonnaire, Nov.  
 Clare Doherty, Meenacross (1), Nov. 20  
 Noeleen Doherty, Machaire Loisce, Nov. 26  
 Maureen Harden, Anagaire (30+), Nov. 27  
 Liam Hickey, Machaire Chlochair (18), Nov.  
 Anne Marie Martin, Bun an Inbhir (15), Nov. 21  
 Hugh Martin, Anagaire (16), Nov.

## CLOICH CHEANN FHAOLA

### Glór Na nGael

The Falcarragh branch of Glór na nGael held their annual general meeting recently. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: chairperson Maureen Doohan, secretary Bríd Dolan, treasurer Maire Mhic Shuibhne, P.R.O Maire Nic Ghairbheith.

### New Appointment

Sean O'Carraoin a native of Oldtown, Falcarragh has been appointed to the newly-created post of editor/director of programmes on Radio na Gaeltachta. Sean has worked with Radio na Gaeltachta as a journalist for about ten years, he also worked in the publicity department of Comhdail Náisiunta Na Gaeilge in Dublin.

### Re-appointed

Three representatives on the board of management of Pobailscoil Church Cheann Fhaola were recently reappointed to serve on the above body for the next three years. The members were:

Seán O'Ceallagh, Aodh Mac Aoidh and Hugh McGarvey

### Athletic Training

Training for members of St. Fionán's Athletic Club takes place each Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 to 7.30 in the Community School Gymnasium in Falcarragh.

### Karate News

A number of members of Falcarragh Karate Club took part in an invitation karate tournament in St. Colm's Hall in Buncrana. Three of those amongst the winners were: Paul Ferry, Kathleen Ferry and Hugh Gallagher.

### Whist Drive

Whist drive will take place at the Old School in Gortahork on Fridays at 8.30 and Sundays at 8pm, with turkeys galore along with other prizes to be won each night. Anyone who would like to take part is most welcome.

This month you'll find a special supplement with your "Leader" which is the first part of a project we first mentioned in February 1989 (Iml. 1 Uimh 8). It is a list of all the dwellings in 4 Gaoth Dobhair townlands with a suggested number for each one. The "object of the exercise" as they say is to encourage people to use numbers with their addresses to help solve the problems caused by all those identical names in the various townlands. Ba mhaith linn daoine a fháil le cuidiu linn an rud céanna dhéanamh i mbailte fearainn eile. Faigh i dteangmháil leis an "Leader" le dó thoil.

## NÓISEÁIN

Maggie B. & Charles C.; Jacqueline B. & John A.; Corna Mc C. & Hugh S.; Trina & Joe (Mór), Tessie & Shane.; Jacintha Mc G. & Brendan R. Maire Rua & Daniel O'D.; Síle Mc G. & Brian G.; Annabel D. & Paul G.; Síle C. & Charlie F. Sharon D. & John (The Cure); Julie K. & Gary Michelle & Pádraig D.; Claire & Seán Cathal Síle C. & Cathal G.; Ellen Mc F. & Patrick Mc F.; Paula Mc G. & Shaun R.

## Never See One Without The Other

Daniel G. + Cathal G. + Maurice S. + John Bosco; Bríd G. + Catherine Mc G.; Patricia W. + Sarah G.; Sorcha F. + Sinéad G. Jacintha Mc G. + Anne W.; Síle Mc G. + Annabel D.

## Under 13 County Final

Congratulations to Cloich Cheannfhaola under 13s who won the County final on Sunday 22nd and to their two managers Hugh McFadden and Seosamh Kelly, and to anyone who helped in any way.

A brilliantly saved penalty mid-way through the second half spurred Cloughaneely Boys on to victory in what was one of the best ever under age finals displays by Cloughaneely, who held St. Eunans to only one point from play for the hour.

The young boys worked hard for the last 2 months and at the final whistle on Sunday they had reaped the benefit of their hard training when they received the trophy from Bord na nÓg chairman Pat Conaghan. The club thanks all the great supporters who travelled to the final and it was great to hear so many fans cheering on the team.

Indoor football will be on every Friday for 6-10 and 10-12, and on Sunday for under 12-14 from 2-5.

The GAA Club sincerely thank An t-Athair Seán Ó Gallcobhair for arranging the two challenge matches during the week for the under 13 against the P.C.C. and for refereeing the games himself as those games were of tremendous help for the lads in preparing for the county finals.

# Uimhreacha Tithe - House Numbers

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### Baile an Droichid

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mary Coyle         | 26. Jimmy Wynne       | 35. John Boyle            |
| 2. Nóra Boyle         | 27. Bella Boyle       | 36. Síle Friel            |
| 3. Joe O'Donnell      | 28. Patrick Boyle     | 37. Annie Mc Ginley       |
| 4. Michael O'Donnell  | 29. Mary Boyle        | 38. Theresa Sweeney       |
| 5. Manus O'Donnell    | 30. Burns             | 39. Peadar Doherty        |
| 6. Mary Riley         | 31. Hugh Boyle        | 40. Meghdie Sheáin Ruaidh |
| 7. Mary Riley         | 32. Mary Doalty Boyle | 41. Edward Mulhern        |
| 8. Johnnie Mór Mc Gee | 33. Rose Campbell     | 42. Edward Doherty        |
| 9. Maggie Mooney      | 34. Raymond Griffin   | 43. Mc Grory's            |
| 10. Jimmy Mc Bride    |                       |                           |
| 11. William Boyle     |                       |                           |
| 12. Charlie Gallagher |                       |                           |
| 13. Patrick Mc Garvey |                       |                           |
| 14. Jimmy Mc Garvey   |                       |                           |
| 15. Mary Boyle        |                       |                           |
| 16. Séamus Mc Garvey  |                       |                           |
| 17. Anthony Mc Cole   |                       |                           |
| 18. Michael O'Donnell |                       |                           |
| 19. Danny Sweeney     |                       |                           |
| 20. Máire Mc Bride    |                       |                           |
| 21. Cormac Gillespie  |                       |                           |
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9. Owenie McBride
10. Michael Devenney
11. Doherty's
12. Ann Doherty
13. Annie Mc Garvey
14. Michael Woods
15. Danny Doherty
16. Jimmy Sweeney
17. Dr. Miller
18. John Woods
19. Frances Mc Ginley
20. Kelly's
21. Jimmy Gallagher
22. Sarah Gallagher
23. Gerry Gallagher
24. James McGee
25. Marie Doherty
26. Jack Doherty
27. Micheal Roarty
28. Seán Mc Bride
29. Jimmy Doherty
30. Sharkey's
31. Noel Mc Fadden
32. Frances Campbell
33. Pádraig O'Donnell
34. Garáiste
35. Danny O'Donnell
36. Bidy O'Donnell
37. Maggie Roarty
38. Máire O'Brien
39. Ferry's
40. Connie O'Donnell
41. Dinny Doherty  
(Old House)
42. Dinny Doherty
43. Hannah Healy
44. Hughie Ferry
45. Owenie Gallagher
46. Máire O'Donnell
47. Frances O'Donnell
48. John O'Donnell
49. Annie Mc Fadden
50. New House
51. Danny O'Donnell
52. Diarmuid Mc Garvey
53. Bridie O'Donnell
54. Patrick Sweeney
55. Pat Boland
56. Gerry Collum
57. John Mc Devitt
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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 66. Saldie's                  | 74. Charlie Gallagher | 82. Hughie Bonner      |
| 67. Jimmy Slevin              | 75. John Mc Garvey    | 83. Charlie Sweeney    |
| 68. Eugene Coll               | 76. Dan Gallagher     | 84. Connie Mc Bride    |
| 69. Niall Mc Bride            | 77. Frances O'Donnell | 85. Owen O'Donnell     |
| 70. Pádraig (P.J) Ó Domhnaill | 78. Máire Rodgers     | 86. Nellie Duffy       |
| 71. Charlie Gallagher         | 79. Bridie Mc Bride   | 87. Old House          |
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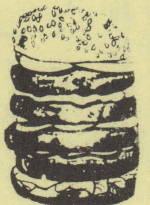
## Muine Dhubh

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| 1. Pat Mc Garvey             | 5. Hiúdaí Ferry's  | 9. Old House          |
| 2. Old House (Pat Mc Garvey) | 6. John Gallagher  | 10. Mary Gallagher    |
| 3. Ferry's                   | 7. Danny Mc Fadden | 11. Pádraig Mc Garvey |
| 4. Finbarr O'Boyle           | 8. Old House       |                       |

### NOTES

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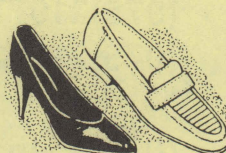


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SNASTA**

*"Scoil na mbróg"*

— Fáilte Isteac —



# Machaire Loisce

- |                        |                           |                        |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Boyle's             | 16. New House             | 31. Patrick Mc Fadden  |
| 2. Gallagher's         | 17. Niall Diver           | 32. Patrick Greene     |
| 3. Patrick Boyle       | 18. Gerry Loughran        | 33. Old House          |
| 4. Máire Rua Gallagher | 19. Manus Gallagher       | 34. Old House          |
| 5. Máire Rua Gallagher | 20. Charlie Boyle         | 35. Ann Mc Nulty       |
| 6. Vincent Mc Aleavey  | 21. Tom Gallagher         | 36. Patrick Doherty(T) |
| 7. Patrick Doherty     | 22. Sarah Coyle           | 37. Patrick Doherty(H) |
| 8. Maggie Boyle        | 23. Dinny Mc Ginley, T.D. | 38. John Butler        |
| 9. Danny Boyle         | 24. Charlie Mc Garvey     |                        |
| 10. Maureen Doherty    | 25. Owenie Mc Garvey      |                        |
| 11. Neil Crossan       | 26. Teague Mc Ginley      |                        |
| 12. Muiris Mc Bride    | 27. Teague Gallagher      |                        |
| 13. Bidy Mc Bride      | 28. Danny Sweeney         |                        |
| 14. Dan Doherty        | 29. Danny Sweeney         |                        |
| 15. Mary Mc Gettigan   | 30. George Doherty        |                        |

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## Féile Rann na Feirsde

17ú - 19ú Samhain

### Aoine, 17ú Samhain: Coláiste Bhríde

- 7.30 Cláru  
 8.00 Oscailt Oifigiúil - An Dr. Seamus Ó'hEigeartaigh  
 8.30 Léacht: "Maire" - An Dr. Nollaig Mac Congail  
 9.30 Foilsiú leabhair - Ma e: Clar Saothair  
 10.00 Béile Éadrom  
 11.00 Ceili Banna Ceoil Ard na Scríne, Co. Dhoire

### Satharn, 18ú Samhain:

- 10.30 Cuimhní Pearsanta ar Mháire - Colaiste Bhríde  
 Niall Ó Dónaill  
 Conall Ó Domhnaill  
 Donncha Ó Domhnaill  
 Tom Hodgins  
 Cathal Mac Fhionnlaoidh  
 An tAth Lorcan Ó Searchaigh  
 2.30 Cuairt a áiteanna Stairiúla i Rann na Feirste. An tAth Lorcan, Biddy Sheain Neill agus Seán Ó Duibhennaigh Teacht le cheile ag an Cholaiste  
 5.00 Taispeántas Grianghraf agus Taispeántas leabhar sa Scoil Náisiúnta  
 8.00 Oíche Cheoil agus Sheanchais i gColaiste Bhríde. Fear a 'Ti: Donncha Ó Domhnaill.  
 11.00 Céili: Banna Ceoil na Seamróige

### Domhnach, 19ú Samhain

- 11.00 Aifreann - an Cairdineal Ó Fiach ag ceiliuradh.  
 12.00 Nochtadh Leachta

Beidh Feis Dhamsa i gcuimhne Dhonal Mac Eamharcaigh ann ar feadh an lae.

- Why as Éamonn Sailor parked in the Caoran ?
- Éamonn & Carl say goodbye Rottytoy hello foreland.
- Is Charlie D. getting a transfer to the new Annagry Fire Brigade as Chief Fire Officer ?
- Will Martin be the next Stephen Roche ?

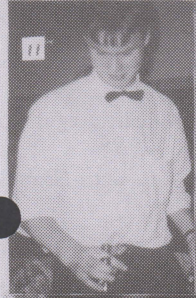
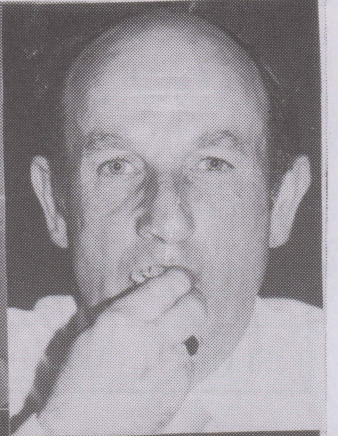
## Guess Who ?



1. Teresa, now I'm king I'm going to make you my princess. Con always keeps his word.
2. Dream lover where are you...
3. The Sweeny in America
4. "You thought the Barn Bracks were good, wait till you taste our Christmas Cakes!", says Young John (who'll also tell you a good story about Derry).
5. Breid McCole getting a perm from Cairtíona
6. Fear as Loch an Iúir enjoying his sausage roll.
7. Denis agus Josie ins an Amharclann.
8. Top footballer, Bernie D.
9. M... Machaire Rabhartaí 1989.
10. Niamh from Cork with a sort of...well, unusual birthday cake.
11. Donal says he can lift 20 bottles with each hand.
12. Lá an wedding.
13. For 24 years I've been livin' next door to Alice...(well, I don't know any songs about Alison).
14. The msot hard-working super Tea-Ladies in Dungloe.
15. Pádraig & Margaret enjoying the wedding.
16. These 2 boys walked from Letterkenny. I think Neil A. got home first because he has more feet.
17. Going up.
18. Mary is all smiles
19. The boys taking a wee break from the dancing.
20. Patsy agus na cailíní. (What - Eileen wearing a skirt!)
21. Ráca Junior & the opposition.
22. The Booze Brothers in Concert in Dungloe.
23. Aaagh...don't take my picture (Sorry ma'am - too late!)
24. Spanish holiday romance.
26. Gerry shows us why the women find him sexy.
27. Bhí an Scadán galanta a Hughie.
28. Time for a dance before the shopping in Matts.
29. Sto fán - cara mór do chuid Sam.
30. "Scoot me Baby", and from now on fold my trousers, eh!!!
31. Rosbeg's sleeping beauty (or is it Annagry's)
32. Snapped at last - Marie was too busy to see the camera.

- Thanks for the lifts everybody!  
 - Hughie got a Lotto surprise when he came to Annagry to buy the ticket.  
 - It won't be long till Christmas - especially for a young lady in Sweeney's Hotel who thinks Nov. is Dec.

GUESS WHO?



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Tues. - Darts 9 p.m.  
Live Music Weekends & during the week  
Quiz - Wed. night

### The Gweedore Bar, Fálcarrach

Live Music every Weekend  
Fri. 10 - Country Express  
Sat. 11 - Transit  
Sun. 12 - Jeanette  
Fri. 17 - AB Sound  
Sat. 18 - Barney & Joey  
Sun. 19 - Brian Mc Laughlin  
Fri. 24 - Hi C  
Sat. 25 - John Mc Carry  
Sun. 26 - Seamus Sweeney  
Fri. 1 - John Charles

### The Anchor Bar, Fálcarrach

Fri. nights - Sugarfoot or Eye Spy  
Sat. nights - Emma & Paddy or Spiral Dance  
Every 2nd Sun. - Emma & Paddy  
Thurs. - Darts - 9 pm.

**Atlantic Bar, Dungloe**  
Fri. - Goats Don't Shave  
Sat. - Roaring Meg  
Sun. - Live Music  
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**Bayview, Dungloe**  
25 Card Drive every Mon. night 8.00

**Midway Bar, Dungloe**  
25 Card Drive every Wed.

**Bonner's Bar, Mullaghduff**  
Rock Sunday 4pm to 10pm (every Sun.)  
Happy Hour 6-7

**Sea View Hotel, Bunbeg**  
Music in Lounge every Sun. night

**Teach Phaidí Óig, Crolly**  
Sat. 18th and every 2nd Sat. - Table Quiz  
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25 Card Drive every Tues. & Thurs.

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- Does Mary T. really love her Galway shawl or does the Dracula in him turn her on.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following happy couples:  
Caitlín Raghallaigh, Rann na Feirste agus Jody Doohan, Carraic.

Marie Diver, Áit a tSean Tí agus John Ferry, Carraic.

Eileen O'Donnell, Coiteann agus Pat Mc Cafferty, Dún Luíche.

Sheila O'Donnell, Rann na Feirste agus Pól Ferry, Carraic.

Maire Mc Gee, Bun a Leaca agus Séamus Doherty, Coiteann.

## BIRTHS



Anne Marie agus Charlie The Yank Boyle, Anagaire (Gasur)

Kathleen agus Hughie O'Donnell, Cloughwally, (Twins - Gasúr agus Girseach)

Rosemary agus Liam Sweeney, Quay RD., Dungloe (Girseach)

Kathleen agus John Duggan, Míin na Loch, (Girseach - Tara Louise Bernadette)

Adele agus Edward Coyle, Glasgow (Girseach)

Ann Marie agus Mícheal Boyle, Míin Doire na Slua (Girseach)

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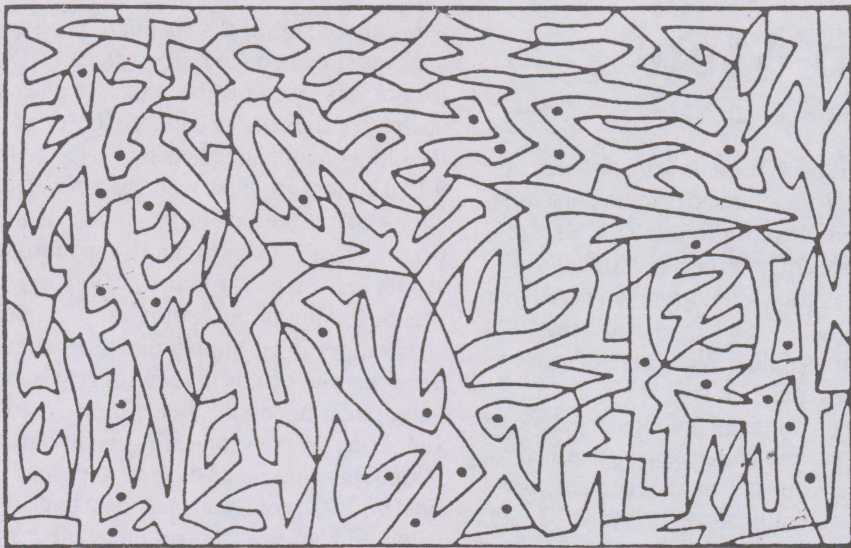
Siobhan Doherty agus Conall Hunter.

## The View from Iompaine

Recently I walked the so-called "Golden Mile" from Bunbeg to Derrybeg. I went into Matt's and bought a can of coke which I finished by Middletown. So what did I do with the empty can? There isn't a litter-bin in sight, so anybody finding themselves in this situation can (a) take it home (very unlikely) or (b) throw it over the fence. Seems most people throw their rubbish over the fence or just about anywhere because the place is one massive rubbish dump. Of course the County Council will provide litterbins - sometime in the middle of the next century. (I'd say nobody has bothered to ask them. Please come back Parish Council, all is forgiven!). Meanwhile, why don't some of the civic-minded businesses in the Parish provide litterbins outside their premises and along the main roads? If first impressions are as important as they say, then an awful lot of people must think of this Parish and say, "what a dump!".  
An Chrúbóg



Club Oige Ghaoth Dobhair ag glacadh páirt ann lá Glanta na paroiste ann 1984



## Magic show

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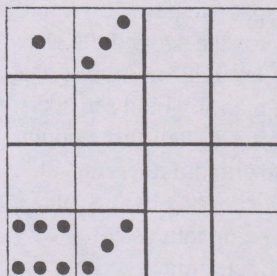
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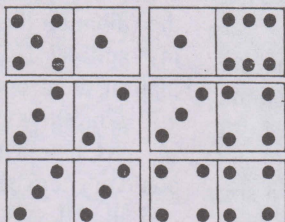
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Ciaran Scanlon, Ballyness, Fálcarrach



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#### ON THE SPOT



Can you place the dominoes into the grid so that the four vertical, four horizontal and both diagonal rows each have a spot total of 13

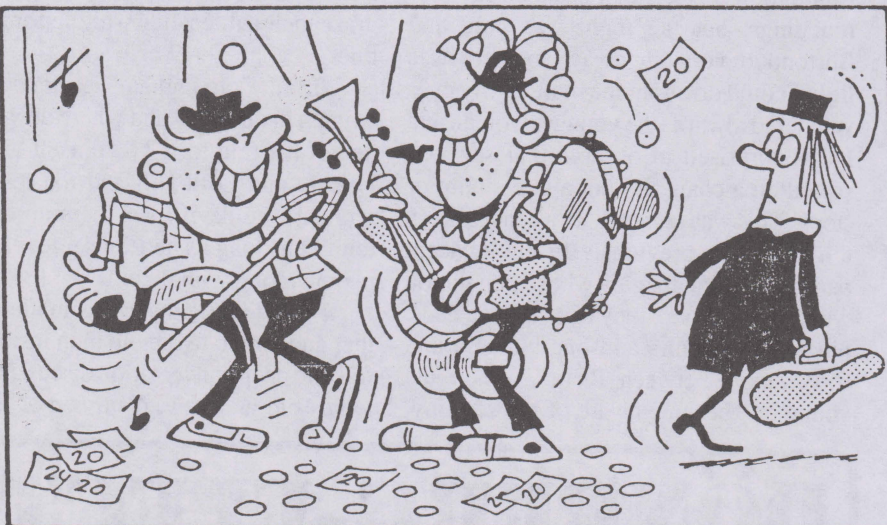
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3. Tequila Sunrise
4. Alien Nation
5. The Accused
6. Cocktail
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8. The Presidio
9. D.O.A.
10. Kick Boxer

"Anything to ease the overcrowding"



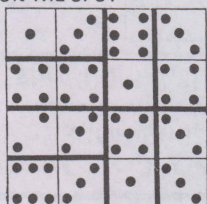
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Can you spot the five differences between those two pictures?



#### ON THE SPOT



"Say When!"

# 12 The Luinnagh Men

by Brian O'Byrne (Continued from last month)



By now I was getting exasperated with the "third degree" scrutiny I was undergoing, and wished they would offer me a shake-down of some sorts or simply tell me to go.

"Am I what" I more or less snapped.

"Are you a Luinnagh man, or are you not", she demanded.

"See here my good woman", I panted hotly, "I am no Luinnagh man nor was I born within ten miles of the place. And even if I were, I cannot figure out what difference that would make. All I'm asking for is a few hours shelter from the frost of the night, if you are willing to grant that much. If not, just say so and I'll be on my way".

For a minute or more after this outburst she kept her eyes on my face. Then suddenly her stare relaxed, and a faint trace of a smile crossed her lips. "Sit down by the fire stranger", she beamed as she procured a stool and placed it by the fire for my comfort. The old man winked at me furtively and drawing forward another stool, placed it beside mine. "Such queer folk", I thought to myself as I scanned my surroundings, but the night was cold and Burtonport very far away, so there was little I could do about the matter. My eyes wandered towards the younger woman and I was surprised to observe that she was seated on a chair and not a tree-stump or stool. This was unusual. In a census taken thirteen years previously in the adjacent parish of Tullghabegley whose population was nine thousand, they had only ten beds, ninety three chairs and one hundred and forty stools between them. When the young one became aware of my scrutiny,

she tossed back her hair once or twice and looking across at me spoke for the first time.

"There are queer folk in the Rosses too, as far as I heard", she began. "Sure it's only a few years back since a woman buried her dog in a consecrated graveyard that was meant for people. What sort of persons would do a trick like that?"

I recalled the unique incident she was alluding to, and being certain that her remarks were directed at me I decided to say something in mitigation. "Ah now", I said, "Sure that same woman, Connaght Mary as we called her, was a bit of an eccentric if not partly insane as some people thought. You cannot judge a whole community on an isolated incident like that".

"Quite right", said the old man as he spat into the ashes. "Far be it from me to criticize the clergy, but from what I heard the priest had nobody to blame but himself. Sure he had no right to turn her potato-patch into a burial ground in the first case".

"You could be right there", I agreed, "but when it comes to rights, then she had no title to the land either. It was a gift from Lord Conyngnam to the local islanders to graze their cattle while waiting for the ebb-tide".

"Lord Conyngnam", snarled the old woman in disgust, "and where do you think he got his title to it? Himself and Lord Leitrim and Lord Hill and the rest of the tyrants! The devil roast them all on a spit tonight as long as he flings a few Luinnagh men in along with them".

I decided to pursue this matter no further and turned to the old man instead. We fell into deep conversation discussing many topics old and new, disturbed at intervals

when he rose to stir the big pot of porridge that was singing on the fire. After a while, the pot was taken off the hook and placed down near the door to cool. In due course the old woman handed each of us a stoup full of buttermilk and a wooden spoon, and after placing the pot in the centre of the floor, all four of us sat around it supping our supper in silence. The long trek from Derry was beginning to tell on my muscles and after supper I was hoping that they would show me where to lay my head or give some hint of their intentions, but as they did not, I undid my laces and placed my boots on the floor beside me while I lit up my pipe for the final puff. The old man picked up both my boots and after scanning them all over placed them down again.

"Mayboles" he commented.

"Mayboles indeed", I answered proudly, "one silver pound in the town of Maybole itself last Saturday morning."

"Just the self same kind the Luinnagh men wore" he sort of muttered to himself and then he added caustically, "God's curse on them".

"You give me the impression that you haven't much regard for the men of Luinnagh" I ventured cautiously. "What brought that about?"

"Regard", he spat, "regard; how could I have any regard for the scoundrels after the ruination they brought on myself and my family? Huh man, I would see every man of them burning in hell this minute, wives, mothers and grandmothers and all".

His hatred was very obvious and I could not help but being interested. Weary and all as I was, I determined to hear the story that caused so much animosity in such a Christian house.

(continued next month)



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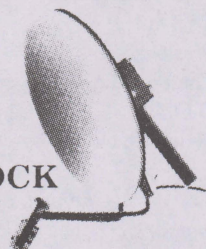
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You'll get a chance soon to do something which has been an ambition of yours for a long time now. If you go to the proper source for help there will be no problem. Your most profitable time this month will be near the end. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

You may meet someone through very strange circumstances in the near future. A strong relationship may be formed through this meeting. A personal problem which you have had will turn out OK but take a lesson from this problem.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)**

You have been very childish and stubborn for the past while and something will happen to bring this home to you. Your financial situation may look good at the beginning of this month but it is not all that health.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 18)**

Maybe it is that you are trying too hard to impress and it is not working out too good for you. You should just act naturally, you will find that you will make more friends. Lucky colour - green.

**PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)**

If you find that in your job you deal a lot with money, you may also find the need to get away from this responsibility for a while. You have maybe a problem at home as well. Seek advice from a responsible person.

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)**

Your only way out of a difficulty just now is to plunge right into it. Although hard to do, it is the best way. Your attitude to a friend's problem may have great effect on him so be sympathetic. Lucky date 17th.

**TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)**

You are going through a sticky patch in romantic relationships just now but a talk with someone who was in a similar situation would help tremendously. It is a good time to get down to a job which you have been putting off.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**

You have been working pretty hard lately and a break could be just what you need, and this will enable you to cope better afterwards. You may be tempted into a little dishonest business but just remember that it never pays, in the long run. Lucky colour - Blue.



PISCES



ARIES



TAURUS

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

If you have had a recent sad occasion in your life you have probably been trying to get over it all by yourself. Let your friends help you. They really do understand, you know. You may have a bit of travelling to do in the near future.

**LEO (July 23-Aug 21)**

It would be advisable for you to be extra careful if you are going on a journey just now. It is not a good time to take chances. Money matters are looking up, and about time too. Lucky date 28th.

**VIRGO (Aug 22-Sept 23)**

The moon has been influencing your life for some time now. This could mean a new romantic phase in your life. You have wasted an opportunity lately so be careful to make the right impression next time. Watch out for the initials M and C. Lucky number 7.

**LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)**

There is much excitement in your private life and great plans for some occasion. Mid-month you may have to use your wiles to get out of a sticky situation. You may come face to face with someone whom you had been trying to avoid, so be prepared. Lucky colour Red - Lucky date 12th.



Looking for a partner for life? Forget about Dateline, Lisdoonvarna and the local pub and buy a C.B. radio! Because what sounds like a romantic story from the pages of Mills & Boon good buddies is a true-life fairytale. Our photograph shows happy couple Geraldine Diver, Lunnigh, Derrybeg and Kevin Gillespie, Mullaghduff who met over the C.B. radio - and who were engaged on October 21st. Congratulations Geraldine & Kevin and don't forget to invite us to the wedding - is that a big 10-4?

## Recipes

**Rich Cherry Cake**

- 8 oz margarine
- 8 oz castor sugar
- 12 oz plain flour
- 1/2 oz glacé cherries
- 2 level teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 level teaspoons of salt
- 4 level tablespoons semolina
- 2 oz ground almonds
- 3 teaspoons vanilla or almond essence
- 4 standard eggs
- 4 tablespoons milk

**Chicken Soup Recipe**

- 4-5 pounds of chicken parts
- 3 carrots, scrubbed or peeled, cut in thirds
- 2 parsnips, scrubbed, cut in thirds
- 2 celery stalks with leaves, cut in thirds
- 1 large onion cut in half
- 1 green pepper, cut in half and cleaned out
- 2 spring dill (optional), or 1/2 teaspoonsful of dill seeds
- 4 parsley sprigs
- 4 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 to 2 teaspoonsful of salt
- 10 cups of water



1. Pre-heat the oven to moderate (350F - Gas Mark 4)
2. Brush a 7" cake tin square with melted fat. Line the base and sides with greaseproof paper.
3. Halve the cherries, then wash and dry thoroughly.
4. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and semolina. Stir in ground almonds
5. Cream the margarine with the sugar and essence until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs (one at a time), adding a dessert spoon dry ingredients with each. Stir in the cherries. Then using a large spoon fold in the remaining dry ingredients alternately with milk.
6. Bake in the centre of oven for 1 hour 45 mins until well risen and golden.

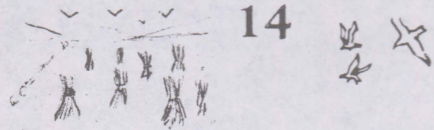
Add the chicken, carrots, parsnips, celery, onion, green pepper, water and salt to a big pot. Wrap the dill or dill seeds, parsley and garlic in cheesecloth and add that to the pot. Bring it to a boil, clean off the scum from the top of the soup, cover and simmer for 2.5 hours to 2 hours. If, after 3 hours, the soup is lacking the flavour you want, add a few chicken bouillon cubes to taste. Remove the chicken and the vegetables. Refrigerate the soup overnight. Next day, before heating the soup, remove the top layer of fat, skimming the surface with a spoon. Add the vegetables, heat and Eat! Eat! Before it gets cold!

**Colds/ Flu**

If you're out there with a red, runny nose, chest congestion and that achy flu feeling, instead of making much awoo about nothing, keep reading for a simple cold-helping hint.

The first round of ammunition for fighting the cold war is Chicken Soup (Jewish Penicillin). According to Medical World News, the director of medical services at Mount Sinai Medical Centre, Dr. Sackner, proved that chicken soup can help cure a cold.

Using a bronchofiberscope and cinerentgenograms and measurements of mucus velocity, Dr. Sackner tested the effectiveness of hot chicken soup and hot and cold water. Cold water lowered nasal clearance, hot water improved it, but it was nothing compared to the improvement after hot chicken soup.



# The Green Harvest Stubble

*Ar choinnigh ghlais an fhomhair, a stóirín gur dhearc mé uaim  
Ba deas do chos i mbróig 'sba ró-dheas leagan siúil  
Dó ghruaigh ar dhath na rósaí sdó chúrníní bhí fite dluth  
Mo nuair! gan sinn 'ar pósadh nó' r bord luinge 'tríall chun siúil.  
- My lasting love, my joy supreme,  
In autumn lean I looked from me  
To find the wind of wisdom old in hazeland health on nutting tree  
Your features red as any rose, your heels and hose old hags begrudge  
My grief that we're not on the foam beyond their hate and elbo nudge.*

When the green harvest stubble stabbed up through the after-grass of a corn field it was time to start gathering the stiling for the haystack. Bushes were cut and hauled to the haggard where they were expertly placed on the stack-head. Over these were spread a layer of dried fern so that not a coinneog of hay would be damaged from the rigging of the stack to the stiling on the ground.

Rushes were mown and tied in neat bundles for handiness when the stack was ready for the thatch and great clews of hayrope were twisted and stowed away in the barn for as long as a fortnight before.



You know there's a 'trade' in letting out rope properly. Any bodach can twist a rope if he has a middling trawhook, but to let out a rope properly you need to have served your time to the task. Man dear! some of the old hands could let out a rope nearly as fine as a sprigging thread and you could moor a boat, tether a goat or hang your mother-in-law with it as the cant-man said long ago.

There was generally a meitheal of men at haystacks in the mountainy districts in old times.

The carters, numbering three or four, began to draw in the hay from the out-lying fields as soon as the dew dried off the grass. Around



dinner-time of day they'd have the thirty-five or forty, five-fathom meadow ricks in the haggard and good appetite worked up for a tightener of turnips, boiled bacon and flowery Kerrs' Pinks potatoes, that was always washed down with steaming mugs of strong tea.

The amson or stack-builder usually had an apprentice or two who helped him to tramp the hay and shape the stack until it was past the 'ring'. The hay was forked or pitched to the master-builder and his assistants by two of the sturdiest young heroes in the townland.

Nor must we forget the trimmers who raked and combed the shapely stack until there wasn't a coinneog of hay out of place. When she was thatched, roped and propped to everyone's satisfaction the men with the horses and carts headed for home. The others stayed and made their ceili until bedtime, for this was not only the day the hay was put in, it was also a harvest celebration.

Many good yarn was spun round the open hearth where a fire that would roast on ox sent shadows chasing one another down the white-washed walls. There were stories of the Stubble Moon and the great romances that ripened round the harvest time, or the trawhook, back safely behind the couple beam would jolt a story-teller's mind towards the tale of The Twisting of the Rope.

"Oh aye!", he'd begin, "the woman who gets the better of a fiddler must rise early. But, come to think of it did you ever meet a mountain woman who lay to dinner-time? There was this fiddler one time and he was coming from playing at a dance and had a long way to go. It came on a very stormy night with forked lightening and the odd brattle of thunder. The fiddler was feared high wind for on such nights the Sluagh Sidhe were abroad.

There was only one small, single-end house on his road and there were only two lonely women living in it. It's likes himself passed away some months before. He went up to the door. It was still on the latch so he made his way in.

He asked them to come and stay until morning as he was cold and tired and had a long way to go. Besides he was scared out of his wits of high wind.

'Well now you can't stay', the elder woman told him, 'for there's no man about the house. If himself were alive you could stay, no bother. But what would the neighbours say if they heard we harboured a strange man? We'd be read off the alter and we'd have to leave this country altogether and g'way and live in Pettigo!'

Ah, now you could let me stay rightly. I would never sit on I was next or near your house. With first light I'd be away over Meenaroy before cock-crow.'

'Are you any good at twisting ropes?' says she to him or did you ever do anything only play a fiddle?'

'You're my man so', she told him. 'I have a cock of good hay out there in the haggard and I'd like to get a couple of ropes made and tie on it. It would be a poor thing to let it blow away all over the country and that's a mighty wind out there. Here, take this trawhook and I'll let out the rope! and she reached him a trawhook.

He took it and joined to twist. 'Twist on, twist on now ye boyo, open the door and g'way on down the street!' He twisted away and twisted away and backed away out the doorway and down the street as he was told. But as soon as the daughter got him clear of the door she banged it shut and barred and bolted it.

'Myeo!' says he, 'I'm bested', and hunkering down in the shelter of a rickety 'seal-fascadh', he reached for the fiddle that was still hanging on the inside button of his overcoat and composed the song-air now called Casdh An tSúgan or The Twisting of the Rope.'

And when the song was sung the old melodeon was taken from the half-loft over the fire-place and a half-set was soon in full swing for the haystackers had been joined by strange girls from the next townland who arrived for a couple of hours crack. And so the fun went on until bed-time.

Alas! today hay gathering is not attended by song, dance and merry-making. It is mostly a matter of mechanical baler and binder-twine and although the same binder-twine inspired a Waterford bard to compose a song in its praise it can never measure up to Co-innleach Glas An Fhomhair or Casadh An tSúgan.

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## Charlie Mulgrew St. Eunan's & Donegal



**Full Name:** Chalres Enda Mulgrew  
**Birthplace:** Dungannon Co. Tyrone  
**Height:** 5' 10 3/4"  
**Weight:** 13 stone  
**Position:** Utility player  
**Previous Clubs:** St. Mary's Maghery, Donegal N.Y.  
**Married:** Yes, to Ursula  
**Favourite Players:** Colm O'Rourke, Leslie McGettigan, Frank Comiskey  
**Favourite Other Teams:** Kerry, Down, Armagh  
**Most Difficult Opponents:** Down  
**Most Memorable Matches:** All Ireland U21, 1982, All Ireland Semi-Final 1983  
**Biggest Thrill:** Snow skiing  
**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing Ulster Final 1989  
**Best Place Visited:** Istanbul  
**Miscellaneous Likes:** Tennents  
**Miscellaneous Dislikes:** Bad referees, greedy players  
**Favourite TV Shows:** Cagney & Lacey, World in Action  
**Favourite Music:** All types  
**Favourite Other Sports:** Rugby, basketball, soccer  
**Best Friends:** Many  
**Biggest Drag in Football:** Injuries  
**Biggest Influence on Career:** Paddy Tunney Jr. and Brian McEniff  
**Football Ambitions:** To win an All Ireland with Donegal  
**Personal Ambitions:** To be happy and succeed in life.  
**Which Person in the World would you most like to meet?** Serge Blanco  
**Signature:**

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## Christmas is Coming...

The December/Christmas edition of "The Leader" should be available during the first week of December. Deadline for receipt of all articles, news, birthdays, painting competitions, photos etc. is Friday 24th November. Seoladh: "The Leader" Lower Main St., Letterkenny.

## And the crack will be 90s Leader

Look for our 1990 Annual which will also be available before Christmas. It will be packed with interesting features, Quiz's, photos old and new, and fun for all the family. Just the think in fact to have around the house when R.T.E. starts showing Gone With the Wind, Airplane 1975, Casablanca and all those other repeats of repeats of repeats. So, order your copy of the Leader Annual 1990 from your friendly newsagent right now.



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Dear Sir,

I travelled to Dublin recently by coach and boy was I glad to see Dublin. No, no it wasn't the coach - it was very modern, fast and comfortable. What made the journey a misery for me (and for other passengers I am sure) was those selfish people who insist on smoking their filthy cigarettes in such a confined space and who show no consideration for other passengers.

A lady sitting behind me (with a child who kept coughing - I wonder why?) continuously blew clouds of smoke over me although a non-smoking sign was clearly displayed on the window. Word of complaint though - only a few windows at the front of the bus carried the no smoking sign and I would appeal to the bus owners to recognise the rights of the majority and put up a lot more of these signs. Indeed I think it's time all buses were declared smoke-free zones by the Government.

Signed,  
Clean-air Lover  
(name and address with editor)

*Editor's Note: I personally agree with most of what you say. Travelling in the confined space of a bus filled with smoke on a long journey can be a very unpleasant experience indeed for non-smokers. But what do the smokers think? Send your views to "The Leader", Lr. Main St., Letterkenny. Best letter published receives £5*

**Brendan's Wee House**

Forget about Glenveagh Park! For more visitors have come from far and near to see Brendan Bonner's "wee house" at Glassagh, Gweedore. Thousands, from as far away as Australia & U.S.A. have stopped to see the tiny little realistic looking cottage sitting in Brendan's garden and to photograph it. And he says the Yankees actually think the "little people" visit it at times.

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- Quarrels are like babies, they grow bigger by nursing.
- Every genius is a self-made man.
- Irritation is the enemy of inspiration.
- A comfortable house is a great source of happiness.
- Nothing ruins a vacation like a briefcase among the baggage.
- Half measures are the worst form of short weight.
- A wiseacre covers a lot of ground but never goes far below the surface.
- The man who sill not take his time usually ends up wasting other people's.

**Donegal Man's Advice to  
Police - "Learn Irish")**

Extract from the Irish News, July 27, 1905

At Carndonagh Petty Sessions yesterday, a case of great interest to the inhabitants of Inishowen was heard in which Constable Dougall summoned a farmer from Malin Head district for having used in the public street of Carndonagh his cart without having his name and address painted "legibly" thereon, according to law.

Doherty, it appeared, had his name painted in Irish. The constable stated that the name was not legible so that he could not read it. Apparently, the constable did not know an Irish character as when asked by one of the magistrates, he replied that he didn't know. In support of his confession on the part of the constable, the sergeant of the station stated that "the constabulary were not supposed to know the Irish language." Only the constable's evidence was put forth in support of the contention that the name on the cart was illegible.

Defendant said all the people of

the county could read the name. Children on the street could read it, and it was strange that the constabulary couldn't. He further stated that he had been using the same cart, with the same characters printed on it, through County Donegal and Derry for the last three years and had never been insulted until he came to Carndonagh. To prevent further prosecutions of this kind, defendant suggested that the constabulary should learn the Irish language.

The majority of the magistrates decided to fine the defendant one penny and costs. Asked if he would pay the fine, defendant replied emphatically, "I will not". During the hearing it transpired that defendant was not the owner of the cart, but was only selling gavin for his mother who was the real owner. Defendant further added, amid laughter, that the constable brought the case because he did not get the gavin cheap enough.