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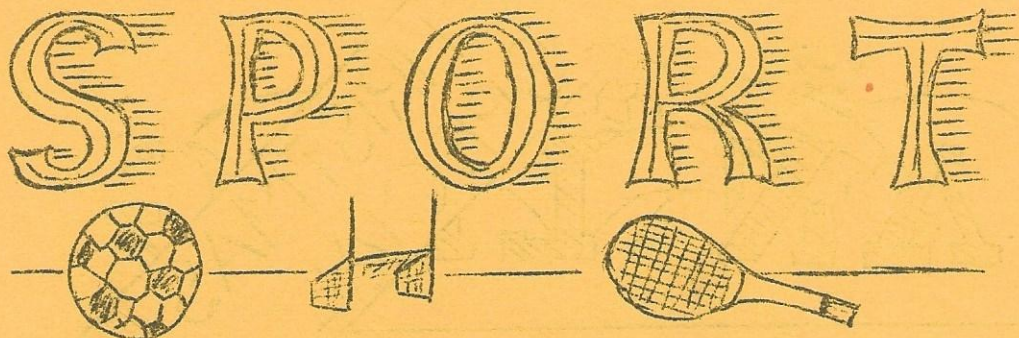
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AN LIAG

"nollaig
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faoi mhaise"
dar léitheoirí uile



ST. COLUMBA'S BRING HOME THE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS

Keeness and determination to win overcame the strength of the opposition and the terrible conditions when St. Columba's Senior team took the Donegal League Cup title three weeks ago in Glenties. The pitch was in a fearful condition -- waterlogged in many places and it was a cold wet day.

The local side played with the wind in the first half and took the natural advantage to notch up an eight point tally by half-time against Gweedore's three points. Chief among the scorers were Kevin McGinley and Rory McNelis.

In the second half Gweedore were set to take over the match but their early pressure brought them no scores as the stout Glen defenders held strong. Then after about ten minutes of the second half had elapsed Finian Ward engineered a Glen attack which resulted in a point. Gweedore seemed to falter and lose heart as St. Columba's carried the ball forward against the wind and kept possession which might have resulted in a greater tally of scores except for some unlucky breaks. With five minutes to go it was all over and the Gweedore attempts were rewarded with a goal in the last minute but by then it was too late. St. Columba's were worthy victors and were completely dominant on the day.

There were celebrations in every location from the Highlands in Glenties to the Glenbay. *Conhghairdeachas.*

THE NEW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There were 602 valid ballot papers to be counted after voting took place recently for the Carrick Development Committee. The twenty people with the most votes were declared elected out of the thirtynine who went forward. The voting was as follows:

Cathal Doogan, Main Street Carrick	564	votes
Hugh Cunningham, Upper Carrick	531	votes
Sean Burke, Upper Carrick	494	votes
Brian McAuley, Main Street, Carrick	477	votes
Padraig O Beirn, Cappagh, Teelin	472	votes
Jim Cunningham, Main Street, Carrick	464	votes
Michael Gallagher, Senior, Carrick	419	votes
Alphonsus Ward, Cappagh, Teelin	414	votes
Seamus McBrearty, Bogagh	412	votes
Francis Cunningham, Straleel	410	votes
Paddy Hegarty, Upper Carrick	387	votes
Paddy Maloney, Aghragh	380	votes
Phonsie O'Donnell, Meenaneary	376	votes
Phelin Doherty, Lower Carrick	361	votes
Una O Beirn, Cappagh Teelin	359	votes
Christine Moore, Main Street, Carrick	353	votes
Bernie McNelis, Main Street, Carrick	336	votes
Michael Gallagher, Junior, Carrick	329	votes
Sean Byrne, Crove	319	votes
Jimmy Enright, Teelin	314	votes

The votes were counted by the students at the Vocational School and two delegates from Killybegs Development Committee, Jim Carson and Danny Tuohy, were present at the final selection and rechecking of the votes. The first meeting of the new committee was held in the Vocational School on Tuesday 7th of December. Meetings will be held once a month from now on and the present committee will probably remain for two years.

Pádraig Ó Beirn

- an appreciation

Padraig has slipped away to his reward - a kind, considerate wee gentleman, he will be sadly missed by all.

I remember him as a kindly senior in St. Eunan's who had a consoling word for a heartbroken junior in his new surroundings.

After graduating with an M.A. degree - his subjects and chief interests being Celtic Studies, Gaelic Literature and the language - he came back from the Folklore Commission to teach in Ballyshannon.

Later he was to take over as Headmaster of the Carrick Vocational School and under his guidance the number of students increased from 30 to over 220. He was well-beloved by staff and students alike and it is to his credit that he has built up a fine tradition of scholarship and achievement in a few short years.

He has done so in spite of many difficulties of accommodation; in spite of heartbreak due to unfulfilled promises from politicians and educational authorities. In all the frustrations of negotiating at meetings or on delegations, Padraig could always be relied upon to say the right word.

Padraig loved his work - it was his whole life - and our children will certainly be the poorer for his passing. He was always the perfect gentleman and yet even though he had reached the highest awards of scholarship he found his greatest enjoyment in chatting to his neighbours and companions in his well-beloved Teelin. He was probably happiest when he listened in Biddy Ann's or in John Moloney's to Jim Pat James, John Carr or Conall retell the stories and yarns as only they could tell them in Gaeilge bhinn bhlasta Theileann.

He served as a loyal member on local Committees extending to the Development Committee any facilities he could offer from the Vocational School. To all the students at the school he was a fatherly figure preferring to offer good advice rather than use the harsh word.

To his wife Una and to his mother we extend the
sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.
May God rest his sweet and gentle soul.

Tá sé inithe ar shlua na bhfíréan,
Inithe uainn mar cheo an tsléibh'
Maistir modhúil ba dual le cách é,
Léannta, uasal, saothúil, ciúin.
Gael de Ghaela 'dteanga ársa,
Stairí, léachtóir, scéalaí, saoi,
Fear cacin uasal, gáireach, suaimhneach,
Solas síorraí dó - ár nguí.

- E. Mac C.

The tragic death occurred recently of Angela O'Gara,
8 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O'Gara of
Meenadiff. Angela died of an illness in Sligo
hospital is ta si inithe ar neamh.

NOLLAIG MHAITH

DHIBH UILIG AGUS

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NA

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O

SHEAN O MAOILDHOMHNAIGH

An Slabh
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"OL, CEOL IS

SUAIMHNEAS."

DR. ? CASEBOOK

The saga continues... The local Development Committees received a swift response from the Tanaiste through the Northwestern Health Board to the effect that Dr. Dunleavy was to take up his appointment on Monday 13th December but that was swiftly followed by a memo to say that the doctor would not be ready on that date and that a locum would be appointed for the interim period. The latest telephone communication from the Board is that the locum will be busy for some time and that Dr. Gallagher has agreed to continue working in the area for a further week.

Many people believe that a second doctor is needed in the area and that now would be the time to request one. Certainly the work-load on any local doctor is very heavy, especially in terms of distance to be covered on house calls and it might be the time for local representatives and committees to put their case before the Health Board.

Nora Mc Ginley
& Staff

WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS

a happy christmas and
bright new year



TEEN TALK

OUR GREAT LOSS

NOBODY would have thought it that on the Friday, when snow and frost prevented many from coming to school, that it would be the last day that we would have Master Byrne with us. It was a shock and tragic loss and the stunning effect showed on the faces of the students as they walked quietly to the chapel last Monday and stood gravely outside as their headmaster was laid to rest. It was a time for sudden decisions. The Christmas party so carefully planned this year was immediately cancelled and the money collected was put to the mournful task of buying wreaths for "Our Master Byrne". Each class bought a wreath. The school cannot be the same but hopefully the good work so well directed by Padraig will be continued through the remaining months of this school year.

BAD WEATHER

Friday fortnight was a dodger's delight as the buses could not run due to the bad weather conditions. The few students that did turn up were in danger due to icy conditions in the paths around the school but it was a cosy atmosphere with the full attendance fitting into 2 rooms.

EXAMS

The Christmas exams have come and gone and now the ordeal of the reports is awaited. I think, maybe they should be sent after Christmas because if the news is not so good it mightn't go down well with the pudding on the 25th - but then again Man and Dad might forget it in the jollity of the occasion.

VICTORY

Our footballers have done it again but I think they have a page to themselves somewhere else on this issue so we will surmise with congratulations to Master Barry and the team.

THEIR AND THEIR

UP AND DOWN

"It's downright dangerous", said Hugh Cunningham, when he tripped on the new footpath and came flying out of the telephone box on Carrick Main Street last week. Now nobody would accuse Hugh of being on the beer so we went and investigated the problem and found that the new footpath at McGinleys has left the box sunk into the ground. We hope the P 7 T boys - our old friends - will be on the job soon and have the matter put right.

PRINTED HERE

The "Killybegs News" - our sister paper out the way had a problem recently and AN LIAG stepped into the breach - they used our facilities to print their Christmas edition.

CONGRATS

A big congratulation to Maire McConigly (now Griffin) of Sydney Australia who had a bouncing baby boy recently.

MARRIAGE AT MEENANEARY

Congratulations to Tadhg Kennedy of Meenaneary and Catherine Anne Doherty of Altclough on their recent marriage . The ceremony was at Meenaneary Church and the reception afterwards was in Donegal Town.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

Glencolumbkille Community Care Council held a very successful Bazaar in Halla Mhuire a week ago. It was a night of strange happenings for John Gillespie who acted as Santa Claus - he won a little doll!! But sure then it wasn't the best week for John altogether, what with the bus not being able to get up the hill half of the time!

NEW CAR

Hugh Cunningham of Croaghlinn has acquired a new Cortina. Go nairir is go gcaithir.

Senior Citizens' Party

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There were some high-stepping old-stagers at the Senior Citizens party at the Old School, Carrick on Wednesday 8th December. The party was organised by the I.C.A., Carrick Branch in association with the Community Care Council. A really fine spread was provided with aperitifs beforehand. Fr. McDyer mentioned that he was delighted to see so many present and really felt at home with the over-sixties! Dancing took place afterwards with Music by Miceal Carr and Brian McAuley. Spot prizes were handed out and a special prize went to Mary Cunningham of Lower Carrick, the oldest lady present (she is over 21) and Francis Lawrence Cunningham of Upper Carrick was declared the oldest gentleman (he is over 25) although we believe Johnny Doherty was there earlier and he should be over 30. There was entertainment in the form of beautiful dancing from pupils of the Primary school and Master Ward played the violin and sang.

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EXTEND TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

a happy

christmas

WE SAY

We would like to wish all a merry Christmas; we would like to offer words of cheer, to express happiness and jollity suitable to the birth of our Saviour, but we have suffered a great loss, our hearts are heavy. It will be noticed in this issue that many references have been made to Padraig O Beirn who died so tragically last Saturday. It is but a small indication how Padraig touched our lives in so many ways and with such quietness and gentleness. AN LIAG owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude - without his help and support the paper would never have appeared. He generously provided facilities and help without stint - and advice when it was solicited. And all this despite the misgivings he must have had that eager young spirits might not have taken proper care with the machinery for which he was responsible. And yet, he is happier now, having received the reward of so much fruitful labour. To the ones left behind we offer our sincere sympathies and condolences.

THE

MANAGEMENT

AND

STAFF

OF

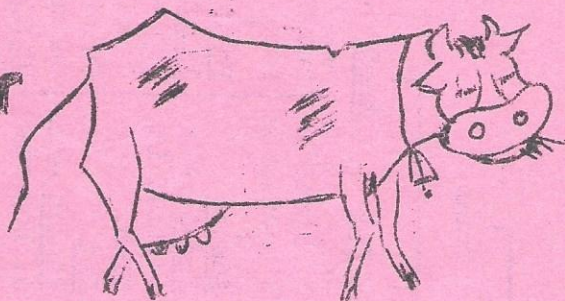
ALTCLOUGH QUARRIES

WISH ALL A VERY HOLY AND A HAPPY

CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

All Together Like ...



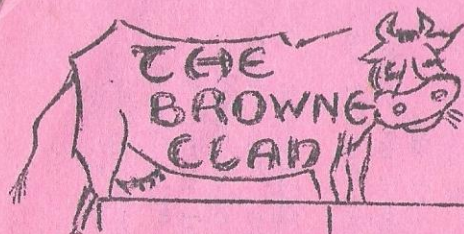
The invitations had gone out far and wide and a good attendance was expected at the Glenbay hotel on last Saturday, 18th December. It was to be the first "get-together" of the Browne Clan - or to be more precise of the descendants of Jamie Browne's family. And as it turned out it was a fantastic night with 150 of the clan making an appearance.

Jimmy McBrearty of Bogagh read out a "potted" history of the family back to Conor Browne and we provide a brief glimpse of this on the next page. We must apologise to Jimmy for shortening it but I'm afraid if we were to give you all the facts the "Browne Clan" genealogy would fill up a whole copy of AN LIAG - even one with 40 pages!

Senior members of the family who attended were Mary Campbell of Unisken (88) who married Pat Browne who in turn was a son of Jamie's son Patrick (if you follow me because it's all very complicated). Sarah a daughter of Patrick's (married to Jamie James) who is a hearty 84 regaled the company with three rousing rebel songs - even despite the machinations of Conor Cruise.

We would not have space here to detail all the sides of the family that attended but Jimmy assured us that Jamie's children all had representatives there, in so far as that was physically possible.

The original Conor had two brothers in Killybegs and one of his nieces married a Cone of Killybegs, the other marrying a Rogers. Conor's wife was a Miss Ward of Carrick. Jamie, whose wife was Norah McBrearty of Straleel moved to Ballymoon in 1850 and bought land there - hence "The Brownes of Ballymoon. His son Johnny remained behind, keeping the Browne name in the town.



Conor Browne

Jamie

John

Brian

Johnny

His wife was
Doogan of
Leitir

Phil m. Susan
Sweeney of
Straleel.

Patrick

Hugh m. Doogan
from Malinbeg

John

Mary & Mrs. Mc
Neeley of
Ardara

Annie- Mrs.
Byrne of Grove

Lucy-Mrs. Mc
Loughlin of
Stranorlar

Maggie - died
young

Patrick

m. Mary Mc
Ginley of
Unisken

Pat - m. Mary
Campbell of
Unisken.

John - m. Lil
Dunne, Offaly

Peter - m.
Mary Higgins,
Kilcar.

Hannah - m.

Paddy O'Don-
nell, Bally-
macfadden.

Margaret - m.

Mickey O'Don-
nell, Grove.

Mary - m. J.

Veitch, Cavan

Sarah - m.

Jamie James

Ann - m. P.
Curry,

Ned

m. Cecily
McNelis N.T.
Shannagh.

James, Edward
-both died as
children.

Hannah - m.

John Carr of
Coguish.

Ann - m. J.
McGinley of
Unisken

Cecily - m.M.
Cunnighan of
Carrick Lower

Maggie - m.

Pat O'Donnell

Agnes - m. Joe

McDevitt

Mary

Catherine

Norah

m.
Condy
Mc
Shane

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Condy
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lived

where
Jerry
Kennedy

has his
shop
today

Mary

m.
James
Doogan of
Strabrinna

Con
James

Phil

John

Mary - m.

J. Gallagh-
er of

Churchtown

Hannah- m.

H. Morrison

Bavin.

Maggie- m.

M. O'Donn-
ell, Kilcar

Elly - Mrs.

Bolger.

Madge - m.

F. Doogan of
Leiter

Margaret

m.
A. Byrne
B'macfadden

Edward
James -
settled in

Glen.

Pat

Hannah - m.

J. Hegarty

Mary - m.

B. Byrne in

Unisken

Brigid

Ann

Una - m.

M. McShane

of Kilcasey

Maedi

m. Paddy
Cunningham
Derrylahan

Patrick
James

Ned - m.

Cassie

Cunningham

Cuskry

Danny

Johnny

Kitty - m

J. Cunningham

Up. Carrick

Annie - m.

J. McConnell

Hannah

Mary - m.

D. Byrne
Coguish

Gael Linn (Teileann)
An Charraig,
22-12-'76

A Chara,

Ag tagairt don alt a scríobh ár gcara Éanna ar lch. 9 den eagrair 26/11/'76, ba chóir macnamh a dhéanamh ar chúpla pointe:

- (1) Níor ath-tógadh an Teach Ósta clúthuíl a bhí doite ar an gCarraig i 1923!!
- (2) Ag ardú bhur súile chun na bhflaitheas cífidh sibh an brat scamail anuas ar an gleann seo ó Shliabh Liag. Is minic nuair atá na daoine á ngriannú... fein ar an trá i nGleann Cholm Cille go mbíonn báisteach againn-ne - an nbeadh cuairteoirí sásta leis sin??
- (3) Cá bhfaightheá scór go leith, sa lá atá inniu ann, sásta obair ar an tuarastal céanna a thug na Tiarnaí Talún amach! - Micheál O Donnabháin.

C H R I S T M A S

G R E E T I N G S

T O A L L O U R C U S T O M E R S
F R O M

**THE CO-OP
SHOP**

Recent Bereavements

Pádraig O Beirn

The tragic death occurred last Saturday, 18th December, at 10 o'clock in Letterkenny hospital of Pádraig O Beirn M.A. of Cappagh Teelin. Headmaster of the local Vocational School, Pádraig had been in hospital a week. He went in on Monday 13th to have an operation for appendicitis and was in a coma from then until he died. He is mourned by his wife Una, friends and relatives and by his colleagues and students at the school. Pádraig was 51. Ar dheis De go raibh se.

Terence Moorhead

The death occurred on 30th of November in Loughrea of Mr. Terence Moorhead ~~husband~~ ^{of} Mary Browne of Carrick. Mr. Moorhead, who was 66 had been a guard in Carrick for some time in the past. Sonas na bhFlaitheas dá anam.

Lena McAuley

The death occurred recently, after a long illness of Mrs. Lena McAuley of Drogheda, mother of local teacher Brian McAuley. Mrs. McAuley was 71. Ar dheis De go raibh sí.

Bridget McCauley

Bridget of Meenacannon, the Glen, died in Letterkenny hospital on the 7th December at the age of 82 years. Mrs. McCauley (nee Carr) is survived by her two sons, John and James and by her brother and sisters. Go ndéana Dia trócaire dá hanam.

Angela O Gara

The tragic death occurred recently in Dublin of Angela O' Gara wife of School Inspector Michael O' Gara (formerly of Lower Carrick). Mrs. O' Gara (nee Dunne) who has been sick for some time is survived by her husband and seven young children. She was 41. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sí.

OFF TO ENGLAND

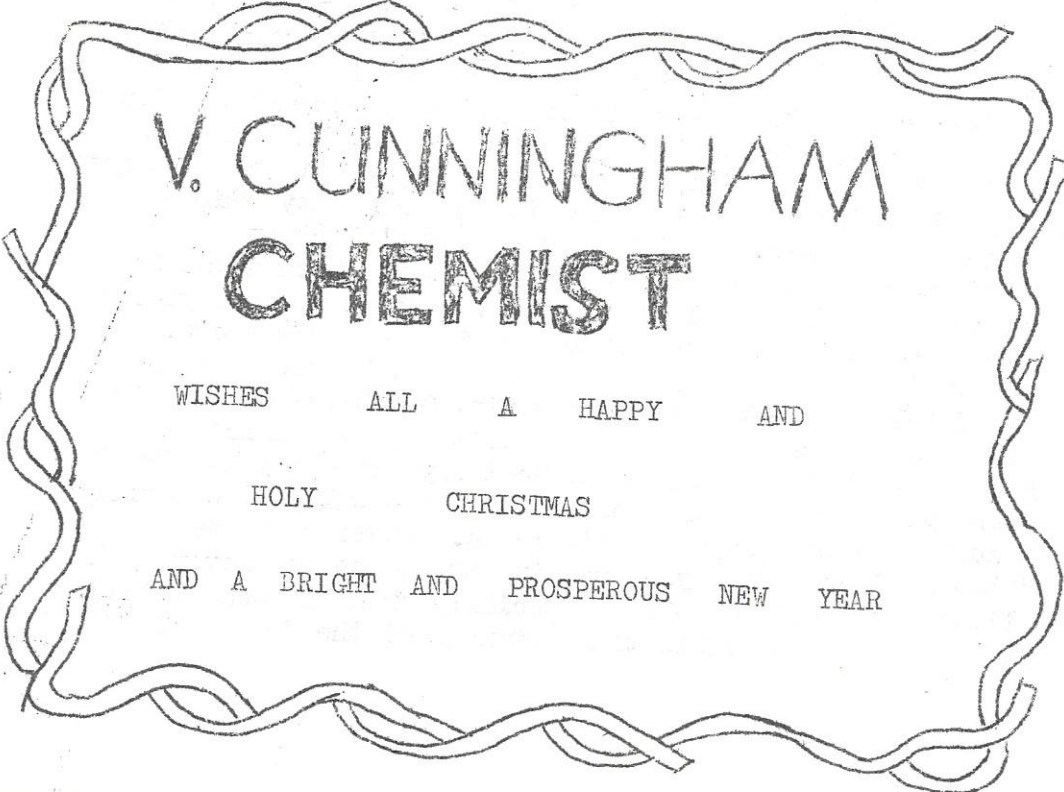
Liam and Liz McCarthy have left for England for the Christmas. We hope Christine is managing to cope well enough with "Mickser".

RE-OPENED

The Star Ballroom in Kilcar has been re-opened under the management of Gerry Kennedy.

WEDDING IN DUBLIN

The marriage of Maire McGuinness (daughter of Brid nee Cunningham of Lower Carrick) to Paul Moran took place at Dublin Airport Church on Saturday 11th of December. The reception was held in the St. Lawrence Hotel, Howth and the happy couple went to the Canary Islands for their honeymoon. Present at the wedding were Josephus and Sarah of Upper Carrick and Sheila and Lucy of Lower Carrick.



V. CUNNINGHAM CHEMIST

WISHES ALL A HAPPY AND

HOLY CHRISTMAS

AND A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS IN CARRICK LONG AGO



We asked two people from the area what it was like say, fifty years ago, ro so at Christmas time and we print their stories here and on page 25.

"There wasn't as much of the hullabaloo in our time as there is now. There were no turkeys or presents going about - when you grew up and beyond the age for Santa there weren't any presents from your parents. Mostly for Christmas dinner we would have a leg of mutton.

On Christmas Eve we would go to Ned Byrnes - the dancing postman - who lived where Maggie John Colm resides today. Ned was our dancing teacher and he looked upon us as 'his clients'. After his tea ned would spread the "lux" on the floor, put on his dancing shoes and the dance would begin. Christopher Gildea and Louis would be there and Josie, Michael, Eddie and Charles Cunningham and they would provide the music. We might start at 6 o'clock and go on until twelve - we had no midnight mass in those days. Of course the ladies would be present: Catherine Ann Boyle, Mona Gildea, Maggie and Cissie Cunningham, Mary Brown, Teresa Cannon, and Madge and Annie Ward. Brigid Doherty and Kathleen might be in from Bavin. On Christmas day there might be a dance in the school with visting musicians like Mick Carr of Meenaneary, Andy McGinley and Paddy and Frank Cassidy. We danced all the old dances - waltzes, quadrilles, mazurkas, barn dances and highlands. There would be no "whooping" when Ned Byrne was in attendance, he never allowed that kind of thing especially from his own clients. We had a very enjoyable time but none of the frills of today".

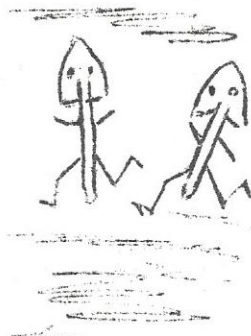
SHOVEL-LESS

You might be forgiven if you thought that Carrick and district had suffered the same fate as Dublin and other big cities with bus shortages on Friday 10th of December.

You might have thought that John had gone off on a rationalisation course to cut out overtime, as you stood in the cold hoping that the bus might come any minute.

But you would have been wrong and this thought might have struck you as well

as your feet failed to hold firm on the road and you fell on your ear. By then you would have realised that no self-respecting bus would have made the climb up the hill from Cashel and that in fact John was ice-bound. Mind you that very thought struck the County Council (not too forcibly we hope) and two men were dispatched to Cashel to solve the problem. Unfortunately, they failed - they forgot to bring their shovels!!



BERNIE

AND

FAMILY

EXTEND

SEASON'S

GREETINGS

TO

ALL

OUR

PATRONS

THE BRIDGE BAR

GOOD WISHES

Paddy Haughey of Roxborough returned from hospital last week and has recovered well from his ill ness.

Jinny Donegan is in great form in Letterkenny hospital after his recent operation.

A SON!

Congratulations to Jinmy and Rhona Curran of Teelin who had a baby boy recently.

A HARD WINTER

An enormous flock of geese was sighted moving south recently which means we are probably in for a hard winter.

CHANGES

There have been some changes of staff at the Co-op Shop recently. Nabla Curran has gone to do hairdressing in Sligo and Mrs. Bownan is working in the shop.

CARRICK GUEST HOUSE

JARLATH, MAIRE AND ANDREW SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
TO ALL

YOUNG LINE

WINTER

COMÓRTAS DATHADÓIREACHTA

Fuaireamar an-chuid iarratais don chomórtas deireannach agus bhí sé an-doiligh orainn buaitheoir a phiocadh. Sa deireadh thoghamar Seán Ó Beirn, Fargail, Cill Chartha don chéad áit agus beimid ag seoladh £1 chuige gan rhoill. Tá comórtas eile againn ar leathanach 22 den eagrán seo.

WHY DON'T PENGUINS GET FROSTBITTEN FEET?

When we touch ice in the refriferator our fingers often stick and burn. This is because we sweat through the skin of our hands (and feet) and the thin layer of salty water freezes instantly on contact with something very cold. This doesn't happen to the penguin as it has no sweat glands on its feet and there are other devices which help it as well. The Blood in the arteries is cooled as it runs down to the feet because the arteries are placed very close to the veins; the cold blood returning to its Heart takes heat from these arteries to save on overall heat loss,

When a penguin stands it may arch its feet to rest only on heels and toes, or it may rock right back so that its tail feathers support it. On the soles of its feet it has little bumpy pads called papillae and only these small areas touch the ground.



If you have any questions for YOUNG LINE information Corner send them to AN LIAG, Carrick).

make your own christmas candles

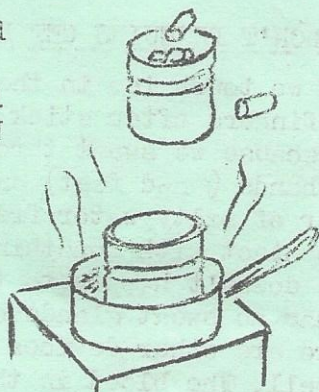


First of all you must get the materials ready. You will need:

1. Some butts of candles - or whole candles if you like.
2. The wick of a candle or some cotton thread.
3. A can or tin that will fit in a pot.
4. Some moulds - like yogurt containers or maybe a cream or milk carton or paper cup.

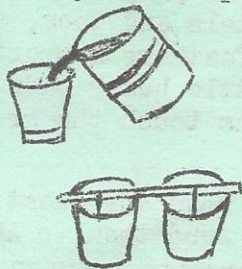
(a) Break the old candle or butts into the tin and remove the wicks. If you want to make coloured candles you can get some grease crayons and put them in the tin as well.

(b) Put the tin in a pot half-filled with water and let the water boil. The candles in the tin will gradually melt. NEVER PUT THE TIN ON THE STOVE DIRECTLY AS WAX IS INFLAMMABLE AND IT MAY START A FIRE. Make sure your tin is water-tight before you start or the wax may flow out so put some water in the tin first and see are there any leaks.



(c) If you have wicks from candles you will be ready for the next stage if not get some cotton string and dip it in melted wax and let it dry on newspaper.

(d) Get your containers and pour in the wax. Take a pencil and tie the wick around it and fix it in the centre of the container with the pencil lying across the top. Make sure the wick is straight in the centre. Wait about two



hours and the candle will be hard and you can remove it.

STRANGE

There was a strange sight seen about 2 miles outside Killybegs during the frosty period recently. A lady in a long black and white dress was seen pushing a car. Maybe it has something to do with the mystery, phantom car that has been sighted recently - we should get the guards on to it!

FISHING

We are glad to hear that Eddie McBrearty and John Doherty of Roxborough are carrying on the old tradition of fishing for "sians" off the rocks with a line. They were seen doing great business recently.

WEDDING

Thomas Keeney of Cashel got married recently to Kathleen Friel of Inver. The reception was in Glenties.

Michael McGinley has acquired a new fiat 128 car.

best wishes FOR
CHRISTMAS AND
THE NEW YEAR

C. DOOGAN
& SONS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nora Doogan of Carrick on her recent engagement to John Harkin from Glenlies.

NEW TRANSPORT

John Charlie has invested in a new vehicle - a new Anglia van.

FOR A SHORT STAY

Home from New Zealand for a brief stay recently was Paddy O'Connor husband of Maire Burke of Carrick. Paddy, a former garda was called as a witness in a case in Dublin with which he had been involved. He took the opportunity to visit all his relatives and flew back to New Zealand on the 18th of December.

VINCENT DE PAUL

A meeting was held of branches of the two parishes to organise a senior citizens party for January in the Glenbay Hotel.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND
A BRIGHT NEW YEAR
FROM

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THE
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GATE

CHRISTMAS IN GLEN LONG AGO



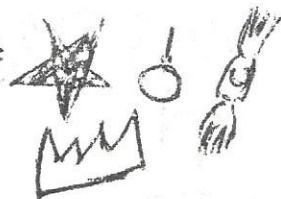
"It was a really exciting time. For the weeks beforehand we would have been preparing for Christmas. We made great cakes of currant bread with maybe 3 or 4 eggs in each which were cooked in the pot oven. Then there would be "Carvey Bread" made with carraway seeds. Of course there would be great cleaning of the house - the fireplace would be whitewashed, maybe new curtains put up and my father would make baskets with sally rods which would be given as presents for Christmas. They were called "white baskets" as he boiled the rods and took the skin off them. Some of the baskets were made wide so that they would be used for draining potatoes.

We never sent Christmas cards it was the person to touch in those days, we went round and visited. Of course many people looked forward to the letter from America at that time of the year.

Christmas Eve was a "set day" and we fasted and had dinner in the evening - usually fish and potatoes with a bowl of milk, the fish, of course was white, dried and we had then in the laths. On that night the ladies would gather into one house and have a chat and the boys would be out for a stroll. Of course all had to be back in the house at 10 o'clock for the Rosary.

On Christmas morning we were up at the "skrieks" with the excitement of it and after Mass we had currants bread for breakfast. We would have sweets and toffees and liquorice and Brewsters biscuits bought at Maurice Byrne's of Cashel. We would have a bird for dinner and in the evening a dance in Cashel school with Johnny Boyle of Braade, Phonsie Boyle, the Leslies and Johnny Lyons providing the music.

High - Jinks



There were many dinner dances in the area leading up to the Christmas and we received reports of many enjoyable events. Unfortunately two of the biggest employers in the area, Sintuis Eireann and Errigal Fish had their annual dance on the same night and many who would like to have attended both had to be content with choosing one.

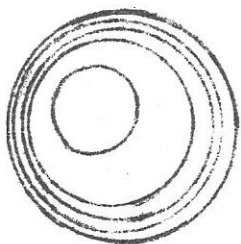
The Gaeltearra Eireann dance was held in the Glenbay hotel on Saturday 11th December. The Gaeltearra Chief Cathal MacGowan was present.

Meenaneary Factory went to the Central Hotel in Donegal for their party and all waited with bated breath for Jarlath's rendition of "16 Tons" which he sang with great gusto - 3 times. It was a very enjoyable night with spot prizes galore. Charlie Cunningham regaled those present with "Silent Night" and Dollymount Strand" and Joe Joe Boyle also obliged. Maggie Maloney of Aghragh and Paddy Doogan of Bogadh took the prize for the best Highland Dance.

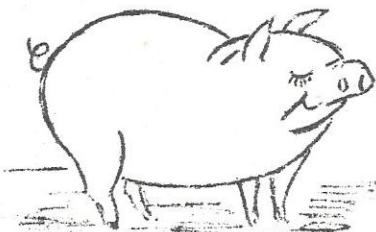
The same night Ballymoon factory employees and friends went to the Glenbay Hotel and had a very enjoyable night. There were over 100 present and music was supplied by the Saloon Beats with guest artist Paddy McDevitt. M.C. for the night was Tony McIntyre and he distributed spot prizes generously. Among the lucky winners were Mary C. Diver, Cait McGinley, Nora McShane and Gerry McKenna. Arthur Bownan, manager, gave a short address thanking all.

The annual Teelin social was held in the Glenbay Hotel on Tuesday 21st December. The organisers this year were Niall Cassidy and Francie Haughey. After a hearty feed the partygoers were treated to music from the Saloon Beats. Of course there was much singing and dancing throughout the night and Fr. McDyer congratulated the Teelin people on their friendliness.

The "Browne Affair" took place in the Glenbay on Saturday 18th December and we have reported this "happening" elsewhere.



FOCUS



Gael Linn (Teileann) Teoranta

"Is thart fán áit seo, a scríobh sé é", aduirt Micheal O Donnabháin liom agus é ag tagairt don dán úd a scríobh Allingham - "Up the airy mountain etc." Shín sé a láimh amach ag taispeáint don an sliabh, an bóthar an gleann agus radharcanna eile. "Tá daoine ann," adeir sé, "a cheapann go nba chóir ostan a thógáil anseo. Ach rud anháin cinnte ní bhíonn orthu féin conaí san áit seo. Cinnte tá radharc álainn ón nhuclann ach nuair a bhíonn an ghrian ag taitneadh sa Charraig ní bhíonn splean ar bith de anseo agus fosta séideann an ghaoth trín bhearna sin ag Mín an Mhíin agus buaileann sé i gcoinne na sléibhe agus trasna anseo chugainn - bheitheá preácha anseo sa gheinhreadh. Níl an áit seo oiriúnach ó thaobh aimsire de mar shuíomh de theach ósta."

Agus ceard faoi na muca? Bhuel bhí an seanteach ag titin as a chéile agus ní raibh teas ar bith ann agus thóg Micheal dhá theach nua thart ar trí bhliana ó shoin. "Seard a bhí i gceist againn go nbeadh ionad anseo chun muca a chríochnú sula dtéann siad don mhargadh. Bhí sé i mo intinn Comharchumann do mhuca a bhunú agus go nbeadh aonaid bheaga ag mórán de fheirmeoirí an cheanntair agus lárionad mór anseo. Thógfadh muidne na muca isteach len iad a chríochnú. Ach faraoir ní dheachaigh mórán d'fheirmeoirí an cheanntair isteach san obair agus rud is measa fós níl suin ag na feirmeoirí óga sa ghnó seo - agus geallainse dhuit go bhfuil airgead sna muca faoi láthair."

Ach céard tá ag siúl ag Gael Linn Teo. anois. "Bhuel tá an da' theach anseo againn do na muca," lean Micheal. Feicfidh tú féin go bhfuil ord agus eagar a' chuile short, na cráin againn istigh anseo agus na muca le beathú sa teach eile. Tá an bia riartha go maith againn leis an silo

nór sin taobh amuigh. Gan anhras tá bia do na muca an-daor faoi láthair. Is beag brabús atá a dhéanamh againn anois ach le cúnamh Dé agus beagán obair crua beidh talamh slán sroiste againn sara fada agus ansin beidh airgead maith le déanamh."

Tá cúpla scéin agan chun an áit a dhéanamh níos fearr, go hairithe ó thaobh na turasóireachta de. Ba nhaith lion áit sui (layby) a sholáthar amuigh taobh leis an nbóthar ansin i dtreo is go bhféadfadh daoine stopadh agus taitneamh a bhaint as na radharcanna áilne anseo. Nílín cinnte nach féidir conharchunann do mhuca a bhunú. Is dócha nar shíl tusa go raibh a lethéid seo de áit thart fa'n pharoiste sula dtainig tú anseo."

Agus sin an fhárinne. The Gael Linn pig unit is a very advanced project with the most modern methods being employed. Hopefully the whole scheme is in its infancy and if Micheal O'Donnabhain can make reality of some of the dreams in his head it will certainly be a big boost to the economy of Carrick and its environs.

a happy christmas
a prosperous new year
from

MICHAEL GALLAGHER
& SONS

Nollaig 1847

Bliain an drochshaoil a bhí ann agus gan amhras níor bhréag é an droch-shaoil a thabhairt air. Bhí sé ag tarraingt ar an Nollaig. Bhí os cionn 50,000 duine i dtithe na mbocht agus seachtain na Nollag fuair 1,139 duine bás iontu. Bhí na preataí lofa agus na daoine ocrach. Bhí 8p. sa tseachtain costas ar Bhord Ceanntar na mbocht chun duine a choinneáil ar lóistín i dteach na mbocht ar na Gleanntaí.

Istigh i Mín na Croise ghlan an la go gruama do Pheadar Uí Bheirn. Ní raibh greim beo faoi creatacha an tí. Bhí bean Pheadair ag ionpar clainne agus í nór, meaithe caite; 'na luí ar an tsruideoig ag a taobh. Bhí bláth na hóige seargtha caite agus na súile ag stánadh go crua gan nothú, gan brón, gan suin. Bhí an leanbh óg nach raibh bliain go fóill agus ochtar eile ina gcodladh faoi cheirteacha salach tais. Thosaigh cailín óg ag casachtaigh - bhí an créatur réabtha, caite leis an casachtaigh céanna le seachtain agus an braon deireannach den charraigín reaithe. D'éirigh Peadar agus tharraing air a sheancheirteacha. Chuir se a cheann amach an doras agus chrith sé. Is beag nár bhain an síon an t-anas as. Bhí cascairt ann ón sneachta a bhí tron ar an talamh le seachtain - cascairt fuar nínhneach. Tharraing sé a bhearad go teann thart ar a chluasa, fuair greim ar shean sac agus a bhata ó duil an dorais agus amach leis. Chuala sé go raibh Mín Bhuí á roinnt ar an Charraig agus d'imigh leis trasna an chnoic. Amach leis thar na leachtaí, thar Alt Cloch agus síos fríd Mín an Aodhaire. Bhí sé mhíle siúlta aige



sular ghlas sé scíste ar foscadh ó chioth thron a fhliuch go craicim é.

Bhí sé ag tarraingt ar a deich a chlog nuair a bhain sé Sráid na Carraige amach. Bhí líne fada fuar ansin roinhe ag síneadh fad na sráide - cuid acu ansin ó nhaidin luath - iad suairneach ocrach ag bogadh i dtreo ionad ina nbeadh Teach Ústa suite ina dhiaidh sin, an áit a raibh Míin Bhuí á roinnt. Ghluais an líne ar aghaidh go fadálach - bhí Peadar dha' uair ina sheasamh agus é ag tarraingt ar a sheal nuair a chuala se guth ard - "sorry men, no more today. We hope to have another consignment for Christmas."

Ní raibh le déanamh aige ach aghaidh a thabhairt ar ais an bealach a dtáinig sé - fuar, folamh. Shiúil sé leis go mall fadálach ar ais bealach Míin na Croise - ní raibh i ndán dó ach Teach na MBocht don Nollaig.

Bhí an la ag bisiú. Tháinig teas sa ghrian agus shiúil Pádraig leis isteach thar na Leachtaí suas Míin na Croise. Shiúil sé leis thar an teach gan dul isteach. Bheannaigh comharsa dó ach níor labhair sé. d'Inigh sé leis trasna na genoc ag tarraingt ar Phort agus an Tor Mór. Bhí éanacha farraige fairsing ar an Tor Mór - bia dó féin agus don chlann. Ní bheadh sé folamh ag teacht abhaile. Bhí an fharraige ciúin agus ní bheadh moill air an Tor Mór a bhaint amach.

d'Éirigh seabhac ón fhraoch ag a chosa agus lig sé an chearc fhraoich ina chrúba titim. Léim Peadar air agus d'ith sé an t-éan go hocrach. Tháinig nothú agus fuinneamh beag ar ais ann agus d'inigh sé leis trasna an chladaigh ag tarraingt ar an Tor Mór.

Bhí an trathnóna ag teacht agus an taoide ag líonadh. Chaithfeadh sé difriú. Léim sé isteach san uisce agus shnámh sé an cúpla slat. Bhí sé i dtír ar an Tor Mór. Dhreapaigh sé suas aghaidh na binne. Shleamhaigh sé agus baineadh an t-anál as san uisce thíos. Suas leis ar ais. Bhí an t-an ag imeacht. Le strachail agus stracadh d'Éirigh leis barr na binne a bhaint amach. Bhí sé sna smeachanna deireannacha. D'Éirigh na faoileoga de scread mire san aer os a chionn. Bhí Peadar bocht lag. D'fhéach sé grein a fhail ar éan acu agus thit sé. Bhí an fhuinneamh caite. D'fhéach sé arís agus arís eile ach ní raibh gar ann. Bhí an taoide ag líonadh agus an solas ag imeacht. Luí sé lena scíste a dhéanamh tanall. Tháinig na réaltóga amach ach níor bhog sé.

Thuirling faoileog ar a ucht - thuirling tuilleadh.

D'éirigh an ghaoth roimh mhaidin. Níor phill Peadar agus chuaigh na conharsain ar a lorg. Bhí sé seachtain sular bhfuair siad i dtír ar an Tor Mór agus ní raibh fágtha ansin ach an sean sac agus conablach Pheadair. Thug siad leo go curanach é agus cuireadh é an tráthnóna sin.

Lá Nollag a bhí ann.

Saoladh páiste úr i Mín na Croise an mhaidin cheánna.

- ÉANNA MAC CUINNEAGÁIN

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES

There was a good attendance at the last Civil Defence meeting before Christmas, despite the bad weather. Three films on respiration, burns and injuries were shown and Mr. Ben Griffin, second-in-command in the county was present. The next meeting of the Carrick Branch will be held on the 17th of January. The Kilcar section were unable to get a class together for their last meeting of the year. Hopefully things will return to normal in the new year.

**CHRISTY
DOOGAN**

AND STAFF AND FAMILY

extend SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO FRIENDS
AND

CUSTOMERS

CHARITY SHOW

A concert group from the two parishes went to Drumbeg House Inver on Sunday 12th December to entertain the mentally handicapped patients there. The outing was organised by the local branches of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Carrick Community Care Council. The group was led by Fr. McAuley from Glen. Among the singers and musicians were Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Gillespie, Tony O'Malley, John Hegarty, Mr. & Mrs. Brian McAuley, Michael Carr, Mrs. O'Gara, Colm Cuinneá and Sean Burke who acted as M.C. for the occasion.

The patients at the centre were entertained to singing and dancing and in turn entertained the visitors with their own singing and dancing. There are four nuns running the centre and they are presently trying to build a recreation centre at Drumbeg House. All the nuns hail from Lancashire in England and they would love to see the local communities become more involved with Drumbeg House.

A VERY HOLY AND
HAPPY CHRISTMAS

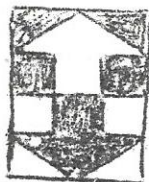
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A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

FROM

TOM CARR

MACRA NOTES



THE BEST LAID PLANS

At the Macra na Tuithe meeting on the 2nd of December the sub-committee on the sponsored walk made their report but it was felt that enough groundwork had not been done and with school exams coming up the idea was put off until after Christmas. A new quiz team was formed with Sean Donovan and company and they won all their rounds.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

At the last meeting on the 16th of December a vote of sympathy was passed for the late Mrs. Lena McAuley, mother of Macra Leader, Brian McAuley.

CLUBS GET TOGETHER

Carrick, Kilcar and Glenties Macra Clubs will have a get-together after Christmas. No venue has been set for the meeting as yet. It was suggested at the Carrick meeting that the other two clubs could send in reports of their activities to AN LIAG.

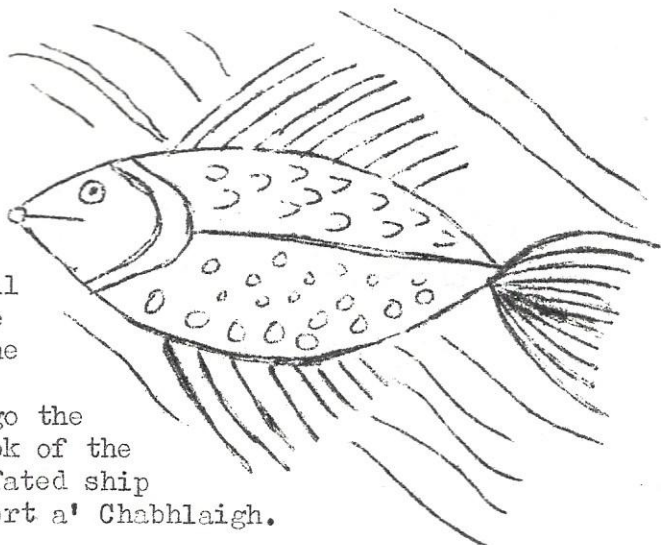
FILMS

Following the suggestion of some time ago the P.R.O. Francis Cunningham has sent away for a list of films from CONCERN.

ROLES CHANGE

A change of positions took place at the meeting of 2nd Dec. when Seamus Haughey took the chair and began to realise some of the problems of chairman, Eunan Cunningham. Macra leaders and members extend sympathy to Mrs. Beirne on the recent death of Master Padraig who provided so many facilities for the Club.

FISHING NOTES



The herring season is now in full swing and yet we are still reminded of the recent tragedy.

About three weeks ago the wallet and prayerbook of the skipper of the ill-fated ship were washed in to Port a' Chabhlaigh.

INCIDENTS

Someone described the herrin' season as "a gold rush" and with this years excellent prices there's no doubt but that any boat which is catching fish will do well. However as in any gold rush there are always accidents and with the larger trawlers fishing inshore the dangers multiply. A man fell from a Killybegs trawler into the sea off Rathlin O Beirne a fortnight ago. Two trawlers from the Rosses had near-misses when they got stuck in rocks off Malinbeg. Thankfully all the incidents ended without damage or loss of life.

NETS LOST

With the arrival of the larger trawlers our local small fishermen are having a harder time than usual. Liam McCarthy has had some of his nets destroyed by the bigger boats and his own boat even sustained some damage. Local fishermen are hoping that these problems will be sorted out soon and that they can rest assured in future that their nets and gear will not be disturbed.

GOOD SEASON

It is a moderately good season for the Teelin fishermen and most boats are able to get some herring in. Let's hope the season and weather continue good for them.

C.D.C. NOTES

At the first meeting of the new Development Committee in the Vocational School on Tuesday 7th of December new Officers of the Committee were elected. Brian McAuley was elected Chairman, Una O Beirn was elected secretary and joint treasurers elected were Jim Cunningham and Hugh Cunningham. A vote of thanks was proposed by the new Chairman to the past committee.

The question of the new doctor and the appeal against planning permission to Mr. Goss at Prot a'Chabhlaigh was discussed. Francis Cunningham suggested that the Committee draw up a programme of projects for the year and this will be carried out at the next meeting. A constitution will be drawn up also at the next meeting. The fact that some areas have no representative on the committee was noted and will come up for discussion in the future. The election process was explained by Brian McAuley and it was agreed that the students involved should be treated by the Committee.

PERFECT
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CHILDREN'S
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-LADIES' FASHIONS

BOWMAN'S OF CLOUTIER

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO

ALL OUR

FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS

ROUND AND ABOUT

DARTS

The Golden Gate Darts team are doing extremely well in the Donegal Darts League. At the moment they are on top of the table with a two point lead. There will be no more games in this competition until the 8th of January.

The big bonanza prize of £100 was up for grabs at the Golden Gate last Sunday when eventually the knockout tournament reached the final stage. The two men in the final round were Jimmy Doogan of Fintra and Danny Breslin of Frosses. Not wishing to look a gift horse in the mouth the two boys decided to divide the prize taking £40 each and then they played 3 games for the remaining £20. Jimmy Doogan came out on top in this encounter. The runner up for 3rd position in the overall competition was Paddy Byrne of Glennalin who got £10.

TO THE CARDS

Many of the local card men and women took to the game to help bring home the goods for Christmas. There were plenty of opportunities with games in Tom Carrs, in the



MILFORD CAKES

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
CAKES IN THE LOCAL
SHOPS...



Mc Ginley's, in the Golden Gate. All offered Turkeys and chickens for prizes and the same fare could be found in Coguish Community Centre and at the Glenbay. The Golden Gate offered Darts competitions while Bernie McNelis is running a pool competition for the turkey. Christy John Shile set the running early when he won two turkeys and a chicken - in fact he had one turkey cooking while he was out playing and he arrived home with another on the same night!! Big Eddie Cunningham also found a winning streak winning two turkeys and 3 chickens. Francis Lawrence is assured of the Christmas dinner with Proinsias winning.

BINGO

Congratulations to Michael Thomas McShane on his recent winning streak. It is always a good time of year to be lucky.

We hear Mickey Breslin is having a hard time these days carting down all the Christmas trees!

The SEIBUKAN KARATE CLUB of Carrick

advises its members of its affiliation with the British Karate Federation (which represents European Karate), and the all-Japan Budo Federation - President, Masafumi Suzuki, 9th Dan.

The Annual fee for the British Karate Federation is £3.50 for those under 16 years, and £5.50 for those who are over 16 years. Two photographs are also required - one for the file and one for the membership card.

The monthly subscription remains unchanged - £1.50 for students and £3.00 for others. No change for the ladies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

please call on Mondays or Wednesdays at Carrick Old School between 8.00 and 11.00 p.m.

THANKS

This will be the last issue of AN LIAG for 1976 and as we look back over the year we find there are so many people to thank for the success of the paper. Our first issue came out in May and consisted of 12 pages; this issue has 40 pages. We printed 50 copies of the first issue and the print for this edition is 500 copies.

A great debt of gratitude is due to the shops which distribute the paper - McGinley's, Carrick; The Co-Op Shop, Doogan; O'Donnell's, Meenaneary, The Post Office in Malinbeg and Cashel, Blaine's, Malinmore, Byrne's, Kilcar, Bernie Mc Nelis, Carrick and Gallaghers in Teelin.

We also say a big Thank You to those who have advertised in the paper - they have helped in no small way to defray the costs of printing the paper.

Thanks are also due to the many people who contribute articles to the paper, most of whom would wish to remain anonymous.

Lastly we wish to thank our readers for their support and encouragement.

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ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CARRICK VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

THEY HAD TAKEN THE UNDER-15 AND UNDER-17 TITLES LAST YEAR BUT THE LOCAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WERE DEEMED TO BE WELL "OUT OF THEIR DEPTH" IN ATTEMPTING A SENIOR UNDER-19

DONEGAL COMPETITION. With such a small number of pupils in the school the team was, in good part, recruited from the junior ranks. They had defeated a fancied Donegal town side in the early stages but the opposition in the final was something else - Glenties Comprehensive School team - which had six players selected for a County side.

It was a David versus Goliath event and Goliath, in this case was so confident that a victory dance had been arranged in Glenties for that evening. Two buses of supporters had been ferried to Fintra from Glenties and the cheerleaders poised themselves for a landslide victory.

It was Glenties who, as expected started the attack but were unable to hotch up any scores. The odd time that Carrick made a break the sure foot of Martin McHugh found the target and by half time the

young Carrick side was leading.

In the second half the Carrick boys took over with Jimmy White, Jimmy McGinley and Peter Molloy holding the centre and Barry McNelis, Paul McShane and Martin McHugh doing trojan work in the forward line.

In the middle of the second half Glenties were awarded a disputed goal which put them within a point of level terms but the Carrick side were not to be deterred and won out with four points to spare. The Carrick team was O. O'Gara, S. Cunningham, M. Carr, C. Galligan, J. McGinley, P. Molloy, C. O'Malley, J. White, J. McGinley, B. McNelis, P. McShane, M. McHugh, C. McGinley, E. Doherty, E. Cunningham. The trainer and architect of the victory was Master Barry Campbell. Congratulations to the team on their excellent victory.



