

Chronology 1950-1959

National & International.

1950.

Belfast and Dublin governments agree in June on an Erne drainage and electricity scheme

Sir Gilbert Laithwaite and John Dulanty are installed as the first UK ambassador to Ireland and Irish ambassador to the UK respectively.

The Industrial Development Authority is founded in the Republic.

An eight-week bank strike commences.

Pope Pius XII brings to a close the Holy Year. This was the 25th Holy Year and almost 4,000,000 were received in audience by the Pope.

Births.

Gabriel Byrne (television and film actor) in Dublin

Anne Chambers (biographer and screenwriter) in Co. Mayo

Michael Davitt (poet) in Cork

Mary Dorsey (poet and fiction writer) in Dublin

Marian Finucane (broadcaster)

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Fianna Fáil politician) (5/9)

Desmond Hogan (fiction writer and dramatist) in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Neil Jordan (film-maker and writer) in Sligo

Brain Keenan (teacher, Beirut hostage and writer) in Belfast

Martin Lynch (playwright) in Belfast

Medbh McGuckian (poet) in Belfast

Martin McGuinness (Sinn Féin politician) in Derry/Londonderry

Liam Ó Muirthile (Irish-language poet and journalist) in Cork

Micheál Ó Súilleabháin (musician, composer and academic) in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Dick Spring (politician; Labour Party leader and Tánaiste) in Tralee, Co. Kerry (29/8)

Charles Tyrrell (artist) in Trim, Co. Meath

Michael Warren (sculptor) in Gorey, Co. Wexford

Bill Whelan (musician and composer - Riverdance) in Limerick (22/5)

Deaths.

Sara Allgood

Osborn Joseph Bergin

Arthur Conway

Johnny Doran

Stephen Gwynn

James Owen Hannay

Rex Ingram

R.A.S. MacAlister

George Bernard Shaw

James Sleator

James Stephens

Local Events

500114 Irvinestown Rural District Council is to require the owner of the 8 houses in Hawthorne Terrace, Belleek to install water closets. The house rents were 2-3 and 2-6 per week and installing the closets would cost £50 each. Even if the owner increased the rents by the maximum of 8% it would take about 12 years to recoup the outlay.

500114 There has been an epidemic of bicycle stealing in Ballyshannon.

500114 Case against Garrison man fails. Thomas Allingham, Slattinagh was charged at Belleek Court along with Thomas Mc Elroy, Kiltyclogher of being concerned in removing 8 cows contrary to the Customs Act.

500107 Catholic Ireland joins in the Holy Year. Vast crowds attend the Midnight Masses. Scenes of wonderful fervour and devotion. Crowded congregations attended the first midnight masses known in many areas since the dawn of the century. In Armagh, Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop-Primate, in an address to the people referred to the danger that Catholic Schools in the Six Counties might be threatened in the near future.

500101 Ceili Mor in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek, Friday 6th January, 1950. Dancing 9pm –2am. Music by T. Boyd and his band. Admission 2-6.

500101 Miss Ima Weight – World's Fattest Girl – Quarter Ton!! Will visit Enniskillen on Friday 15th January for two days. On view from 3 to 12 daily. Admission Adults 6d, Children 3d.

500121 Miss Valerie Elliott, Pettigo who is employed in the firm of Myles and Son, Ballyshannon has suffered bereavement by the death of her brother who was one of the victims of the recent British submarine disaster in the Thames Estuary.

500121 Since the advent of the Erne Scheme Ballyshannon has come to be regarded as a minor boom town, and no doubt this is partly true, since the increase in population and employment has provided a temporary prosperity reminiscent of the town's golden days when it was an important Atlantic port and the natural gateway between Connaught and the North.

500121 Mr. T. Campbell, Belleek, at the Fermanagh GAA County Convention, said that a member of the RUC had taken part in last year's competitions and several members of the RAF. He said it was a rule of the GAA that they should not be allowed to play. It was unfortunate that a rule was necessary to prevent these people from playing. There should be enough national pride in the clubs to have no association at all with these people.

500128. The recently organised Devenish Band has reached an advanced stage of training and to use a favourite expression, "will soon be on the air."

500204. Cahir Healy unanimously selected at big convention to stand for election in Fermanagh South Tyrone.

500218 Area and local news – Ballyshannon and Bundoran. There is general disapproval at the suggestion of Fermanagh GAA officials that members of the British Forces should be debarred from Gaelic Games. It is doubtful if many playing members would sanction their narrow view. That members of the RUC should play Gaelic games must surely be regarded as a moral victory by all reasonable men associated with the movement. The original spirit of the GAA was synonymous with a missionary ideal, a crusade not only to foster a love of race and nationhood but also to give something original and wholesome to the world of sport. Now when it is expanding and prosperous such an attitude is childish, obsolete and retrogressive.

500218 Reflections on Voting in the old days. A priest once accosted a voter who was said to have openly voted for the landlord. "I am told you sold your vote to the landlord for two pounds. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" The reply was "Sure Father it was all I could get." At one election where the electorate only numbered 300 the bill for whiskey treats alone (at 3 pence per glass) came to £547.

500218 Sean Mc Bride, Irish Minister for External Affairs is coming to Enniskillen on Thursday evening to address a public meeting in Paget Square in support of Cahir Healy. This is the first occasion on which a member of the Irish Cabinet will have taken part in a Six-County Election since Partition.

500225 Poteen drinking is made a reserved sin. The crime of Partition and its evil consequences. Lord Bishop of Clogher, Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Callaghan's Lenten Pastoral." Smuggling is one of the dire consequences arising from the mutilation of our country, and the unnatural border which has cut our diocese in twain. The moral evils are deplorable. Some people appear to live for this illegal traffic. Little heed is paid to the virtue of truth, and perjury is on the increase. Our secular judges complain of the want of truth, and the lamentable disregard for the sacredness of an oath."

500304 If Dublin is "the city of dreadful rumours," Ballyshannon may fairly be described as the town of hopeful rumour. It has had during the past two years, successive rumours of the establishment of a trans-Atlantic airport in the Wardtown area, a Butlin Holiday Camp at Rossnowlough, and an American sponsored air base for the Irish Air Force at Finner Camp. The latest persistent rumour, though less sensational, has brought warm hope to many locals, and is to the effect that one of the town's fine cinemas is to soon cease as such and to be turned into a sort of town hall for housing large scale social functions such as concerts, dances and stage shows. It has long been felt that when the Erne Scheme is completed the decreased local population could not support two cinemas as large as the "Abbey" and the "Erne" it is fortunate that the transition from cinema to Townhall would, in present conditions, be a profitable move.

500311 GAA trial games on Sunday next. Lisnaskea, champions for ten years until deposed by Belleek will play the Rest of South Fermanagh while Belleek, the reigning League and Championship winners will play the rest of North Fermanagh.

500318 The death has taken place of Mr. James McGurl, Farnacassidy, Belleek, after a lengthy illness.

500415 Erne Scheme Tragedies. John O'Dowd, Tullycrusheen, Tubbercurry, County Sligo, employed as a greaser by Cementation Co., Ltd., on the Erne Scheme at Ballyshannon, lost his life as a result of severe burns, received when he was refuelling an engine on a barge engaged in excavation operations. Petrol splashed on the heated exhaust pipe became ignited. The petrol in the can caught alight, and the unfortunate man was enveloped in flames. He jumped into the river and although suffering great agony, was able to pull himself on board again. He was conveyed to the Shiel Hospital, where he died. This is the second tragedy on the Erne within the past few days. Bernard Moore, Elphin, County Roscommon, having been killed when he fell over 100 feet down a shaft.

500415 Sensational County Board Developments. Mr. Gerald Magee MPS, Irvinestown, County Chairman resigns over certain incidents connected with the Fermanagh-Monaghan game at Clones on Sunday week. He is being asked to reconsider. This year there are only four senior teams in the county, Belleek, Lisnaskea, Irvinestown and Roslea. There are twelve junior teams divided into three sections with Derrygonnelly, Garrison, Cashel and Ederney in section A.

500506 Advertisement - For Springtime – Rabbit dishes. Delicately appetising for warmer days, rabbit is really nourishing too. Easy to get now, inexpensive, and one rabbit gives big helpings for four to six people. Here is an easy to do suggestion. Rabbit stew: With a little bacon, a touch of onion, seasoning to taste, and cooked, dried or canned peas added before serving.

500506 Advertisement. Have you got your new Ration Book? Some people haven't got their new Ration Books yet! Are you one of these? If so don't leave it any longer. Get your new book right away please – you will need it from 21st May.

500506 Devenish girl, Miss Bridget Agnes Feely of Glen West, Garrison, receives the holy habit at Franciscan Hope Castle, Castleblaney, County Monaghan. Her sister is a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor in France.

500506 Widespread sympathy has been evoked in Dromore, County Tyrone and Mulleek, County Fermanagh by the sudden demise due to a railway accident at an early age of Patrick O'Connor, Garvary, Leggs, County Fermanagh. He was secretary and playing member of Mulleek and a member of the Mulleek branch of the Anti-Partition League. His loss to the community is a great one but greatest of all to his sorrowing mother, brothers and sister.

500513 Cashel and Ederney draw. Ederney travelled to Cashel on Sunday last to fulfil their Junior League fixture. This was Ederney's first appearance in Fermanagh fixtures from 1947. Considering that this is practically a new look team Ederney gave a grand display to hold Cashel to a draw. The final score was Cashel 3-3, Ederney 2-6. The scorers for Cashel were Tracey, Leonard, Gallagher and Mc Laughlin and for Ederney, Monaghan, Mc Hugh, Murphy, Maguire and Lunny.

500513 Fermanagh Woman's tragic fate at Bundoran. Inquest verdict of accidental death. The body of Mrs Ellen Hennessy sister of Charles Reilly of Drumbinnis, Kinawley was found on the rocks of Rogey, Bundoran.

500513 Harnessing the Erne for Hydro-Electrification. Dublin and Belfast agree on joint plan to drain Lough Erne Area. The total cost of both schemes will be £1,090,000 of which the government of the Republic will pay £750,000 and the Six Counties £350,000. The river will be deepened from Roscor to Belleek where a new bridge will be built. The new river channel will have a capacity of 660,000 cubic feet per minute. The prospect of hydro-electrification of Donegal are now very bright. This may mean that not a single area in the scattered county will be omitted from the benefits of rural electrification.

500520 The change over from hand passing to boxing the ball has caused some players a lot of difficulty. At one match on the first Sunday in May, it was amusing to watch the despairing gestures of one player who realised that little bit too late that flicked passes were banned. He was not so resourceful as his colleague who erred against the new rule, but carried on as if everything were normal and scored a goal. He was lucky the referee (who shall be nameless) had forgotten also.

500520 Until recently only one Fermanagh referee has been entrusted with a whistle outside the county, Jimmy Kelly, Farnamullan, Lisbellaw. Lately Ederney's popular Johnny Monaghan's worth has been recognised and his name is down several times in this year's inter county fixture list.

500527 Green is definitely first choice with Fermanagh teams when choosing jerseys. All four teams in Division A of the Junior League favoured the National colour, Cashel's jersey having a white stripe added, while Derrygonnelly, Ederney and Devenish sported green and orange. The similarity of the jerseys caused great confusion in all the matches in this division. Derrygonnelly have now secured a new outfit which, as far as it can be ascertained will clash with no other club's colours.

500610 Fatal Ballyshannon Shooting Accident. Seamus Gordon, a 25 year old fitter's helper of the Abbey, Ballyshannon was the victim of a tragic shooting affair when the rifle he was carrying on a fox hunting expedition went off, apparently as he was crossing a stone ditch and the bullet entered his head.

500701 Early on Sunday morning the Russian sponsored North Korean Government invaded South Korea following a declaration of war. On Tuesday President Truman ordered US air and naval forces into action into Korea and instructed the Seventh Fleet to prevent any attack on Formosa.

500708 Belleek Young Emmetts per Mr. T. Campbell have subscribed £35 to the County Minor Training. Contingents of players arrived in Irvinestown on Monday and Tuesday to begin training under the famous Cavan footballer, Tony Tighe. On Monday night the boys were provided with a cinema entertainment in Irvinestown.

500708 Fermanagh Minors for the next round of the Championship defeating Tyrone by 1-1 to 3 points. Throne had appealed the match on the grounds that Billy Charlton of Fermanagh had taken a penalty which struck the crossbar and he had collected the rebound and scored a goal. Tyrone appealed to the Ulster Council and quoted the rule that another player had to touch the ball before the taker could play it again. The appeal was turned down. This was the only part of the meeting conducted in English the rest being in Irish.

500715 Cashel Annual Sports held were attended by almost 1,000 people. In the match between Cashelnadrea and Kiltyclogher the ball was thrown in by the newly ordained Fr. Sean McKeaney, OMI.

500715 Fermanagh Minors train for Ulster Minor Championship v Armagh. Under Tony Tighe, trainer and Malachy Mahon assistant the boys are going through a thorough training programme which fills their days and which is having many obviously good effects. Accommodated on 22 beds in St. Molaise Hall they have a portable wireless set and a gramophone and at their disposal two billiard tables. Rising daily at 7.30 am the boys have a cup of tea and a couple of miles walk before breakfast at 9.00. They have physical exercises, ball practice and tactics before having a light lunch at 1.30. Between then and 4.30 when they have a cup of tea they have more ball practice, tactics, and a football match between fifteen of the players and the remainder strengthened by local St. Molaise players. Finally they have after tea, physical training, long distance running and sprinting, followed by a mile walk and then before 10 o'clock to bed.

500715 Newly ordained Garrison priest at Oblate College, Piltown, County Kilkenny, Rev John J McKeaney. Son of Michael McKeaney, Scribbagh, Garrison and the late Mrs McKeaney. He has two sisters nuns.

500722 Death of Mrs Mary Quinn, Teebunion, Cashel on June 30th, 1950.

500722 Fermanagh heavily defeated by Armagh 5-5 to 4 points in the Ulster Minor Championship. Sean Gonnigle of Belleek on the team, John Maguire of Ederney and Pat Casey of Garrison.

500722 Kesh Bank cashier gets four years. Samuel H. Henderson of the Belfast Banking Company, Kesh, aged 47 married with one child pleaded guilty to stealing c £9000. He had been a faultless employee for 30 years and will lose a pension of £500 p.a. He had been asked to reduce his overdraft by the bank and turned to moneylenders to do this and then to gambling money from accounts in sums of £40 and £50 on football pools. His local stature was such that when he was bailed his bailsmen were people from whose accounts he had taken money.

500729 Armagh win Ulster GAA title for 47 years to record their third victory. They beat Cavan.

500812 Belleek Man Sells a Rat – Mr. Bill Thornton, Belleek, who lives alone in a house with about 30 rats, sold one a few days ago to an Omagh publican for 8/6. So enamoured was the customer with his bargain that he paid a second visit to Mr. Thornton to make a second purchase, but Mr. Thornton refused to part with another of his pets. Mr. Thornton feeds the rats and looks after them as people do of more normal pets. They swarm around him at feeding time and he can fondle them and handle them without the slightest danger of being bitten.

500812 The new teams of 1950, Ederney, Cashel and Kinawley are engaged in a special competition for new teams. The trophy for this competition will be the old Championship cup which is being replaced as Senior Championship trophy for the county by the beautiful Gold Cup presented to the Fermanagh GAA by the Fermanagh Men's Association in New York.

500812 Tommy Gallagher, Belleek, who emigrated last week, was one of the best men of the New York team that conquered Cavan recently at Croke Park and won the National League. At centre full he had the measure of O'Donoghue and Mick Higgins and completely subdued both. This played a big part in the victory.

500812 Trout fishing on Lough Melvin. Trout fishing has vastly improved on Lough Melvin as a result of the recent heavy rains and consequent flooding of rivers. Professor Marshall of Derry caught 21 trout in a few hours fishing during the weekend and had catches of 16 and 17 trout last week. Other anglers had catches of a dozen each.

500923 Fermanagh heavily defeated last Sunday by Tyrone. Two of the chosen team turned up without boots and togs, "and some of the others did not exert themselves unduly at any stage of the game." Final score Tyrone 3-12 Fermanagh nil.

500930 Details of the Erne Development Scheme unveiled. It is estimated to cost £750,000.

500930 Mayo take the All-Ireland Football Title by defeating Lough by 2-5 to 1-6 in a dourly contested game.

501007 In Irvinestown Lisnaskea recapture the Senior Football title from Belleek by a score of 1-8 to 1-4. Best for Belleek were Kevin Mc Cann, M. McGurn, J. P. Mc Cann, Patsy Rooney, Matt Regan, Brendan Faughnan and John Doogan. Belleek's new centre forward Brendan Faughnan was so impressive he was afterwards picked to play on the county team. Eddie Mc Caffrey was a surprise selection in goals for Belleek as he normally plays wing half. Admission 1 shilling. Sideline 1 shilling extra.

501014 Blessing of the foundation stone of new Franciscan Church at Rossnowlagh by Monsignor McGinley PP, Ballyshannon. The friars have been here since 22nd July, 1946. Their first church was a large Nissan hut made up of two ordinary sized Nissan huts.

501014 Devenish Annual Sports were held in St. Mary's Park despite the bad weather. In a Minor Match Devenish defeated Derrygonnelly by 5 points to 1 point. Mr. Kevin Mc Cann, Belleek, refereed. The youngest competitor was Master Chivers who is six and the oldest spectator was Mr. John Mc Garrigle.

501014 Irvinestown Rural District Council is ordering 100 Orlit houses. There is great difficulty in obtaining suitably priced tenders to erect these houses which are factory made at a cost of £823 each. The question is being asked will they stand up to rural conditions with their two to three inch exterior walls and half inch plasterboard wall on the inside.

501014 Walter Kerr of Carn West, Garrison was fined £10. He had taken 11 cattle to last March 17th Belleek Fair via the concession road but only had 8 when he arrived. He claimed he had sold them on the way to the fair.

501021 Devenish Division AOH at their quarterly meeting in Brollagh Hall passed voted of sympathy with Brothers Bernard and William Magee of Knockaraven on the death of their mother and with the relatives of Bernard McGowan of Muggainagrow and the late Bernard Flanagan of Tullymore.

501021 Dr. E. Grey Turner, at a Conservative meeting at Welling, Kent, said that in his opinion there was a drug cure to Tuberculosis "just around the corner." "There will be a drug cure within the next ten years," he said.

501021 Fermanagh defeated by Donegal in the Dr. Lagan Cup by 12 points to 3 points. Brendan Faughnan at full forward twice went narrowly wide from attempts at goal after being fouled close in. The Fermanagh team was E. Mc Caffrey, Belleek, E. Duffy, Lisnaskea, S. Gunn, Lisnaskea, F McAneney, Gaels, M McGauran, Belleek, J. Cassidy, Teemore, J. Martin, Ballyshannon, F. Maguire, Lisnaskea, M. Regan, Belleek, M. Mahon, Irvinestown, J. Doogan, Belleek, P. Clarke, Teemore, T. Dundass, B. Faughnan, Belleek, K. Shannon, Morans.

501021 The Late Mrs Austin Stack's Enniskillen Associations. Una Stack was a daughter of the late

501028 Minor League Final on Sunday – Devenish V Roslea. Referee Bill Thompson.

501028 The leg injury sustained by John Doogan in the Lagan Cup game against Donegal has proved more serious than was thought at first and is slow to respond to treatment. It is to be hoped that this popular Belleek player's recovery will not be long delayed. John first played schoolboy for Drumavanty, a junior team no unhappily no longer in existence. Drumavanty did not win many matches but like the fine sports they were they carried on ear after year until finally emigration left them without a team.

501028 Ederney fans may recall an occasion when they entertained Drumavanty who at that time had not won a match for almost two years. Ederney were then one of the most powerful Junior teams but their visitors created the sensation of the year by administering a strong beating and ending the home team's interest in that particular competition.

501104 Belleek Co-Operative Agricultural and Dairy Society are open to receive turkeys for shipment at their stores, Corry, Belleek. As always highest prices will be paid.

501104 Dogma of the Assumption proclaimed in Rome by Pope Pius XI.

501111 Big Belleek Seizure. On Sunday Sergt. Cordher and Consts. Forde and McAlinden seized a Ford 8 car with 9,300 cigarettes, 15lbs of butter and other articles from John Johnston, New Lodge Road, Belfast. The goods were in the upholstery of the car. Released on bail of £300 and a surety for the same amount. Garrison police seized 3,000 cigarettes on the Kiltyclogher border.

501118 Death of Mr. Patrick Keown, Gortnalee, Roscor, aged 78. The funeral was to Toura Graveyard.

501118 Devenish to play Teemore in the Fermanagh Junior Final. Teemore are strongly fancied. W. Thompson (Bill, father of Breege Mc Cusker) of Irvinestown to referee.

501118 Crucifix erected in Leitrim County Council chamber in Carrick-on Shannon. A choir sang sacred music at the blessing and erection of the crucifix.

501125. Figures in the Fermanagh Herald suggest that although the Protestant population of the County amounts to only 44% of the total the vast majority of the jobs under Fermanagh County Council are held by Protestants including all those in highest positions.

501028 Teemore defeat Devenish to win the Junior League Final in a scrappy game before a small attendance by 1-2 to 1-0. Teemore were handicapped by the absence of their chief marksman Paddy Clarke but Jim Cassidy was on his best form. Danny Magee was Garrison's best player and scored their only score a goal. J. F. O'Brien was good in Garrison's defence. Devenish suffered only one defeat up to now when beaten by Enniskillen in Enniskillen. "After the game Devenish officials had many hard things to say about the state of the Enniskillen pitch." (From Nov. 18th paper)

501202 Death of 80 year old PP of Magheraculmoney, Rev. P. Mc Carney. He was ordained in 1901 having trained at the Irish College in Paris.

501202 Ederney started the season in somewhat unimpressive fashion but have improved considerably as their young players have gained experience and confidence. Patsy Cassidy at centre half is the mainstay of the side but it is by no means a one-man affair. The Mc Hugh brothers are very promising young players. Frank Murphy is one of the most stylish players in the county but is not sufficiently forceful to earn the scores which his craft makes possible while Lunny is a robust if somewhat unpolished centre forward.

501202 Shocking disaster at Omagh Railway Station. The 9.25 train from Derry killing five men, John Cleary, John Cassidy, John McCrory, Dan McCrory and Charles Flanagan.

501209 Snow fell heavily at the weekend but traffic was not seriously dislocated. Buses were running on time except for one district.

501217 Santa Claus arrives in Enniskillen on Monday afternoon with 200 excited children greeting him on his way from the Railway Station. He travelled on a small turf cart and threw balloons to the children. Eighteen lorries and three cars made up an involuntary procession behind Santa.

501230 FH Castle Caldwell Tragedy – Miss Brigid Mc Grath, Ballymagaghan, aged 50. Her small grocery shop burned to the ground and her body found in Lough Erne near Castle Caldwell Railway Station. Her body was found by search parties from the RUC Stations at Belleek and Letter. John Mc Caffrey of Tiergannon and Edward McGauran gave evidence of having tea in her house the night before and her appearing quite normal. A neighbour John Mc Goldrick raised the alarm at 6.30 the following morning. Dr. Gerald Clerk, Belleek carried out the autopsy and the jury returned a verdict of death by drowning.

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National & International.

The Northern and Southern governments agree on the running of the Great Northern Railway (9 January)
Ian Paisley co-founds the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster (11 March)
On 23 March, Shannon Airport is the base for a rescue operation after a USAF C124 aircraft crashes into the sea - some wreckage is found 450 miles off the west coast, but all 53 people on board are lost
The Catholic hierarchy condemns the 'Mother and Child' scheme (4 April); Dr Noel Browne, Minister for Health, resigns; the scheme is abandoned on 6 April
A census (8 April) shows the population of the Republic to be 2,960,593; that of Northern Ireland on the same day is 1,370,921
The first demonstration of television in Ireland is held at the Spring Show in the RDS, Dublin (30 April)
The Arts Council is founded in the Republic (8 May)
Fianna Fáil regains power in a general election (30 May); Eamon de Valera becomes Taoiseach on 13 June
The Abbey Theatre, Dublin is destroyed by fire (18 July)
Ernest Walton of Trinity College Dublin is jointly awarded the Nobel prize for physics with Sir John Cockcroft
Liam and Josephine Miller found the Dolmen Press
T. J. Walsh establishes the Wexford Opera Festival
Samuel Beckett's novels *Molloy* and *Malone Dies*, and Sam Hanna Bell's novel *December Bride*, are published.

Births

Bertie Ahern (Fianna Fáil leader and Taoiseach) in Dublin
John Buckley (composer and teacher) in Co. Limerick
Dana (pseudonym of Rosemary Brown, singer) in Derry/Londonderry (30/8)
Peter Fallon (poet, founder of Gallery Press) in Osnabrück, Germany
Bill Graham (rock journalist and author) in Belfast (29/8)
Fred Johnston (poet and novelist) in Belfast
Paul McGuinness (manager of U2) near Hanover
Brian Maguire (painter) in Wicklow
Patrick Mason (theatre director)
John O'Keeffe (Kerry Gaelic footballer) (15/4)
Alan Shatter (Fine Gael politician) in Dublin (14/2)
Niall Stokes (founder and publisher of *Hot Press* magazine) in Dublin.

Deaths

Sir James Andrews	Louis D'Alton
Daisy Bates	Aodh de Blacam
Joseph Warwick Bigger	George Gavan Duffy
Peter Cheyney	Robert Flaherty
Joseph Chifley	M. J. MacManus
Sir Ernest Clark	Henry de Vere Stackpoole.

Local Events

510113 Death of Mr. Patrick Magee, Garrison, at an advanced age. Very Rev. Canon Coyle officiated.

510127 Sympathy is extended from the residents of his native Grouselodge to the brothers and relatives and to the clergy of the Diocese of Clogher on the death of the Very Rev. Denis Canon Mc Grath, P.P. of Bundoran last week. The late Canon Mc Grath was beloved by the people of Grouselodge in which townland he was born and reared.

510203 “You have often passed through a Woolworth store and marvelled how such a large staff can be maintained and goods sold so cheaply – or apparently so. In 1950 the firm set a new profit record of £5,355, 272.

510203 Much debate at the County GAA Convention on the state of Gaelic Park and criticism of Enniskillen Gaels re state of Gaelic Games in the town and especially the Enniskillen pitch. Mr Jim Brady of Enniskillen excused the unplayable state of the pitch on account of a circus having been there for some time or perhaps because of the rising level of water from the adjoining Erne. Mr. Fee, County Secretary interjected, “It was because it was full of holes.” Mr. Fee welcomed the re-affiliation of Ederney and Kinawley to the association.

510203 Omagh man Mr. Maurice J. Hackett of Kevlin Road, Omagh, has bought six occupied dwelling houses at Prospect Terrace, Omagh for £80. The price represents the most astonishing bargain in house property. The former owner was Miss Louisa Crawford, Omagh.

510203. Enniskillen grocers request their customers to bring shopping baskets with them for general groceries, bread etc and containers for potatoes owing to the increased cost of wrapping paper, paper bags and twine. Co-operation in this matter is urgently requested.

510217 The oldest inhabitant of Devenish has passed away in the person of James Mc Grath, 96, Rogagh, Cashelnadrea whose death occurred on Friday last. Also the death of Thomas Melaniphy, Frevagh, Devenish and of Mrs. M. Cassidy, wife of Mr. Michael Cassidy, Rossinuremore.

510217 Wedding bells for Tracey and Kelly at the Cathedral, Sligo. Miss Agnes Tracey, “Woodvale,” Kilcoo, Garrison to Gerald Kelly, Kiltimagh, County Mayo.

510217. Customs Fines at Belleek. Michael Ferguson, Drumbadreevagh, prosecuted for having in his possession a smuggled bicycle. He claimed he had got the bicycle from his brother-in law, Michael Gallagher, Rockfield, Ballyshannon to go to work on the Erne Scheme.

510310 An Ellen Donohue was fined £5 at Derrylin Court for concealment of 9 turkeys. She was suspected of having smuggled then by boat across a border river as tracks led from the river to the house of a friend.

510310 The death is announced of ex-senator John Mc Hugh of Pettigo at the venerable age of 92. He was chairman of Fermanagh Council from its inception in 1898 until it was dissolved by the Six County Government in 1922. He was one of two Nationalist M. Ps for County Fermanagh until the “gerrymander” of 1929 rearranged the boundaries to give two Unionist and one Nationalist M.P for a county which had a Nationalist majority.

510310. Lord Bishop of Clogher on the dangers of the Dance Craze. He wants amusements curtailed and the closing of all halls by midnight. He made a special appeal for prayer especially the Rosary.

510317 Rabbits are not pests on Sunday. With an all out war being waged on the rabbit pest it is, nevertheless, an offence in the Six Counties to kill rabbits on a Sunday. This was made very clear at Rathfriland Court when Patrick Travers, Lassize, was fined 10 shillings for the offence, and Kevin Travers, Lurganahone, fined 20 shillings for using a net, “to kill rabbits on a Sunday.”

510324 Death of Master Ted Feely, Knockaraven, Garrison, aged 9. His coffin was carried on the shoulders of his classmates to his last resting place.

510324 Death of Mrs Maguire, ex-PT, Corgra House, Belleek. She retired last December after 44 years of service in Cornahilta School. Unfortunately she has passed away before the presentation organised for her by the local people. Two of her daughters are Sisters of Mercy.

510331 Tempo had an unexpected victory over Belleek in the Senior League by 2-5 to 1-4.

510331 The Ulster Farmer's mart in Enniskillen celebrates its first birthday. Initially there were grave doubts in the minds of farmers as to whether the weekly sales would be a success but their fears proved unfounded. During the past 12 months 27,776 animals and total receipts for the period amounted to £672,147. The Farmers' Mart Co. had helped put Fermanagh on the map as a centre for cattle sales.

510407 Fermanagh defeated in the Ulster Junior Championship by Donegal by 2-12 to 0-4.

510414 Death of Mr. John Flanagan, Glen West, Devenish. He had a long and trying illness.

510414 Derry defeat Fermanagh in the Dr. Mc Kenna Cup by 3-11 to 2-5. Playing for Fermanagh were M. McGurran, M. Regan, and J. Connors of Belleek.

510414 E. F. Fairbairn, Ltd., Ireland's best chicks. Accredited eggs only at Portadown, Enniskillen, Larne, Coleraine and Belfast. Pullets are dispatched in boxes bearing the name of the firm and marked, "Pullets."

510414 Ederney defeat Cashel 2-2 to 1-1. For Cashel best of a well balanced defence was Timoney, Mc Garrigle and Ferguson. Of the forwards McGovern and Maguire were always dangerous and took careful watching. Despite the inclement conditions it was a good match. Ederney's well merited win was mainly due to a very strong defence in which Kelly making his debut in goals made some really fine saves. F. Mc Hugh at centre back, the Lunny brothers and Durnian all played a major part. The forwards made good use of their scoring chances and had in B. Mc Hugh the outstanding player afield. Mc Carron also had a good game at right full forward. Scorers Ederney, Murphy (1-1), Mc Kervey (1-0), Cassidy (0-1). Cashel, Maguire (1-0), McGovern (0-1).

510414 Opening Announcement. Funeral Undertaking. Messrs Magee and O'Connor, Mulleek, County Fermanagh wish to announce that they are in a position to supply, coffins, shrouds, wreathes etc. Modern Dodge motor hearse. Distance no object. Charges moderate. Phone Leggs No 1 or Ballyshannon 41 (Day or Night)

510414 YP Pools. Total Dividend for Saturday 7th April £8,112-12-6. There were two winners of the First Dividend with 23 goals each.

510428 Devenish defeated Enniskillen Gaels in Enniskillen by 5-1 to 3-4. The chief player responsible was Dan Magee, former stalwart of the Gaels team.

510505 Fermanagh Senior League Tie. Belleek defeat Irvinestown by 4-7 to 0-4 dispelling the fears that Gaelic football was on the decline in the area. A feature of the game was the sparkling display given by the homesters full forward P. Cox whose hat trick of three goals surely establishes a record among Fermanagh front line attackers.

510505 Tempo calling. Tempo calling, Tempo Calling. Old customers please bring in your ration books to be registered for meat. New customers invited Hugh Tunney, Tempo Established 1879.

510519 Irvinestown defeat Belleek by 1-4 to 6 points.

510609 The last County Board meeting was largely taken up with a debate about the result of the recent match between Belleek and Irvinestown. Irvinestown said that after the match the referee said that Irvinestown had won

by a point while the official report sent in said that the match was a draw. The report has been sent back to the referee.

510616 In a challenge match Pettigo defeated Bannagh by 1-4 to 1-1. A fine match played in a splendid spirit was that between Pettigo and Bannagh, at Bannagh, on Sunday, refereed by Mr. Patrick Maye. The new Bannagh team formed as a result of the enthusiasm and organisational ability of Mr. Packy Calgy is serving up splendid football and promises to be heard of soon in prominent headlines. Scorers for Bannagh were Frank Armstrong (goal), and P. Mc Gibney (point), and for Pettigo P. Gallagher (4 points), and M. Reid (goal) Gallagher and Reid were outstanding for Pettigo and Nugent brothers, Keown brothers and Calgy for Bannagh.

510623 Fermanagh Minors best against Monaghan by 2-7 to 0-7. S. Gonigle, Belleek and P. Casey, Devenish played.

510623 Very Rev. Dr. P.J. McLaughlin, Professor of Experimental Physics at Maynooth is to be the next President of the college. He is a native of Ballyshannon.

510630 After an absence of some years, Seemuldoon, one time Fermanagh County Champions, made a reappearance on the field at Ederney on Wednesday evening winning by 3-3 to 1-2. By their superb display of good football despite the difficult playing conditions due to the wet evening, the young Seemuldoon team proved themselves no mean successors of the earlier players, and capable of giving a very necessary fillip to the game in NW Fermanagh if the difficulty attending the formation of a team drawn partly from an area partly in County Fermanagh and partly in County Tyrone could be overcome.

510630 Cashelnadrea, County Fermanagh is very much in the news, reason being that electric light has come to the district. Your correspondent had the pleasure of switching on the light in the spacious premises of Mr. John Mc Gowan, Cashel House, on June 29th. Mr Mc Gowan has got the first connection but in a short time the Catholic Church, the new hall and the school will be lit up, and after that the wants of the entire district will be attended to.

510630 Death of Lady Gallagher is announced. She was the widow of Sir James Gallagher a native of Aghavanny, Kiltyclogher who became a Dublin Alderman and later Lord Mayor of Dublin. He was knighted by King Edward VII. He was apprenticed to a tobacconist and ended owning several tobacconist shops.

510630 Speaking on Monday at the annual distribution of prizes at Maynooth, Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland explained why the Hierarchy intervened in the Mother and Child Scheme.

510721 Cashel GFC Sports. Cashel defeated Enniskillen Gaels in a Junior League match. The old age pensioner's race was won by Jas. Gallagher with Michael Kelly second.

510721. Fermanagh beaten at the post Cavan 3-5 Fermanagh 1-9 in the Ulster Minor Football Final.

510728 Belleek defeat Enniskillen Gaels 1-1 to 3 points in the County Minor Championship. Near the end Shea scored the winning goal for Belleek. Enniskillen have appealed. Malachy Mahon proved an efficient referee though some of his decisions were very open to criticism. "I was shocked to see both Casey and Gonigle revert to unsporting tactics. I saw at least four fouls committed by these Belleek stars yet they were not penalised. Whether or no the referee seen this or not is the big question. Because Casey and Gonigle are county stars is no reason why the referee should be lenient with them.

510804 Fermanagh's gallant bid for victory at Clones fails – Armagh are Ulster Minor Football Champions by a score of 1-8 to 1-3. Pat Casey, star of the team unable to play due to being confined to bed with a heavy cold. S. Gonigle, Belleek on the team.

510804 Franciscan Monastery nears completion at Rosstownlagh.

510825 Belleek to meet the winners of Roslea and Lisnaskea in Minor Football Championship. Garrison defeat Derrygonnelly 2-5 to 10 points in the final of the Junior Championship. The Garrison team was P. Nealon, M. McGee, Phil Keown, J. P. O'Brien, J. Dolan, P. Dolan, J. Mc Coll, ? Gallagher, P. Casey, M. J. O'Brien, P. Keown, D McGee, Peter Dolan (on for Keenan)

510908 Pettigo GAA Sports at Mullingoad. Ederney Pipe Band was in attendance. Prize winners – Donkey Derby – Mr. P. Gallagher, Mulleek. Cycle race, 1. Jim Mc Caffrey, Ballymacavanney; 2. John Mc Andrews, Billary. Mountcharles football team won the 7 a side.

510922. Fermanagh go down to Derry by 5-6 to 3-5 but give a good performance. Day excursion tickets to the All Ireland final in Croke Park Sunday 23rd September. Adults £1, children half price departing Belleek 5.59 am returning from Dublin at 6.45 pm.

511013 Ederney defeat Derrylin in the final of the Fermanagh Junior championship by 3-2 to 1-4. Derrylin has done well to reach the final in their first year. Ederney and Kinawley will now play Senior football next year.

511013 Fermanagh Senior Championship Final unfinished between Belleek and Lisnaskea. The match took place in Irvinestown under ideal conditions. Lisnaskea, already League Champions, fell behind by six points after a bright start by Belleek. Approaching half time Lisnaskea were back within two points of Belleek when blows were exchanged between two players who were ordered to the sideline by the referee Johnny Monaghan of Ederney. During the interval the crowd, as is usual, entered the playing pitch. Over-excited supporters of the rival teams became embroiled in arguments which unfortunately developed and the referee called the game off.

511013 Future of Railway to Bundoran and Pettigo in doubt. The policy in Belfast at the moment seems to be to abandon the railways in favour of transport by road.

511013 The dance of the season in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek, on Thursday 18th October. Dancing 10-3. First engagement in Northern Ireland of, Al Allen and his Dublin orchestra (late Embassy Ballroom, Dublin), featuring Carlton McKenzie, coloured saxophonist and vocalist.

511027 Mr. Joseph Mc Grath, Rogagh has died at a comparatively early age. The following marriages have taken place; Patrick Mc Manus Mollebyreen, Belleek to Miss Kathleen Mc Manus, Moonendoogue, Garrison. Mr. Bernard Keown, Devenish and Miss Kathleen Feehily, Glen West. In Ballyshannon, Mr. Patrick J. Treacy, Knockaraven to Miss Sheila A. Mc Cauley, Newtown House, Lisahully.

511103 Almost a thousands patrons were attracted to Irvinestown to the replay of the Fermanagh Senior Championship final between Belleek and Lisnaskea. It was difficult to control the greasy ball on a treacherous pitch. The game was played in a sporting spirit contrasting with some of the unfortunate scenes of the previous abandoned meeting; not one regrettable incident occurring. "Sonny" Gunn was Lisnaskea's star and Sean Gonnigle likewise starred for Belleek. Final score 4 points each. Replay next Sunday in Irvinestown.

511103 Funeral of Mrs Ellen Foy, Devenish Villa, Garrison who died in the Shiel Hospital after a short illness. She maintained a thriving guesthouse in Bundoran until a few years ago which she ran since her husband's death 30 years previously.

511103 Mr. T. J. Keenan of Gortnalee had his pony bolt when being loaded with turf in Cornahilta Bog. It galloped for a distance of three miles before being overtaken by men on bicycles.

511103 Still going strong is Mr John Mc Garrigle who is almost 90 and the oldest man in the Garrison district. He was for many years a member of Belleek Creamery Committee. He takes a keen interest in political matters and hopes to see Partition ended.

511110 In the Garrison area the deaths of Mr. Denis O'Brien, Dernameew and Mr. Andrew Breen, Leigheid, has occurred.

511110 Lisnaskea defeated Belleek in the County Championship final by 1-6 to 1-3. Forty eight hours of rain had left the Irvinestown pitch waterlogged and the goals Belleek defended in the first half was flooded to a depth of 6 inches. Lisnaskea's fouls were mostly holding and tripping designed to save a goal at the expense of a free while Belleek's infringements were mainly pushing or back-charging especially in midfield or among the forwards. The Belleek team was only a point behind with five minutes to go and shot a large number of wides towards the end of the game.

511124 Congratulations to Master J. J. Mc Dermott, Devenish on winning the Ulster Championship in dancing. He is a son of Mr. John Mc Dermott, merchant tailor and brother of Miss Jenny Mc Dermott, Irish dancing teacher. A talented young Devenish musician is Master James J. Carty whose accordion playing has an almost professional touch.

511124 Miss Rose A Duffy of Aghoo, Cashelnadrea has gone to England to enter the Novitiate of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

511124 The Bannagh Players (Kesh) entertained a packed house in St. Mary's Hall Garrison. Other items were supplied by local musicians. The proceeds were expected to pay off the last of the debt incurred in equipping the local band.

511124 When spotted by a Garrison RUC patrol a young man abandoned his bicycle and a parcel containing 21 lbs of tobacco.

511201 According to a newspaper correspondent Lisnaskea Emmetts Club was founded in 1905. In the first round of the Championship they defeated Donagh Sons of Erin and remained undefeated until the final against Teemore. They were leading 1-1 to nil when a dispute arose and the game was abandoned. Teemore won the replay by 2 points to 1. Lisnaskea did not win a Championship until 1928.

511201 Monsignor Gannon PP, Enniskillen performed the opening ceremony for Cashel new hall. It has been built through the initiative of Rev. Eugene Canon Coyle PP. The hall has a capacity of 400 and was designed by Mr. O'Doherty, Ballintra and built by Messrs Timony and Duffy, Cashel. Mr. O'Doherty's wife, Miss Costello of Lisnaskea, is a niece of the late Monsignor Tierney PP, Enniskillen. (Later to teach in Belleek National School.) In his speech Monsignor Gannon said that with a beautiful church with central heating and electric light, a comfortable school and a new hall Cashel had everything they could possibly want. He deplored the current emphasis on the use of halls almost exclusively for dancing. He cited Enniskillen as bringing in a cross Channel band which he was told cost as much as £200 plus the cost of a relief band as this band did not play the whole night. Mr. Cahir Healy M.P. said that it was hardly a secret that Canon Coyle had given his life savings towards the erection of the two halls in Devenish West Parish.

511222 Education. In the Fermanagh Education Office there are 15 officials at pretty large salaries. No Catholic was appointed.

511222 The funeral of Mr. John Ward, Editor "Donegal Vindicator" who died in Dublin took place last week. He was a deeply religious man who visited the church twice each day and was a daily communicant.

1952.

National Events.

An Aer Lingus aeroplane, the *St Kevin*, crashes in Wales with the loss of 23 lives
George VI dies (31 January); Elizabeth II accedes to the throne
Seán T. O'Kelly starts a second term as President (25 June)
Bord Fáilte (the Irish Tourist Board) is set up (3 July)
In The Republic, an act permits the adoption of orphaned or illegitimate children by couples of the same religious denomination (13 December)
Belfast and Dublin governments agree on joint control of Foyle fisheries
The Irish Greyhound Racing Board is established
The Irish Society (set up in early 17th century to organize Derry/Londonderry plantation) sells its last major asset - the Foyle Fisheries
13 issues of *Kavanagh's Weekly*, edited by Patrick Kavanagh and published by his brother Peter, appear from April to June
John Ford's film *The Quiet Man* is released

Births

Gerald Barry (composer) in Co. Clare
Angela Bourke (writer and scholar) in Dublin
Pierce Brosnan (television and film actor) in Co. Meath
Harry Clifton (poet) in Dublin
Eamonn Coghlan (athlete, world 5000 m champion 1983) in Dublin (21/11)
Evelyn Conlon (fiction writer) in Rockcorry, Co. Monaghan
Gerald Dawe (poet) in Belfast
Joey Dunlop (motorcycle racer) in Armoy, Co. Antrim (25/2)
Pat Eddery (jockey) in Blackrock, Co. Dublin (18/3)
Ciaran Fitzgerald (rugby player) in Galway (4/6)
Gabriel Fitzmaurice (poet and editor) in Moyvane, Co. Kerry
Gene Lambert (artist) in Dublin
Thom McGinty ('the Diceman'; Dublin outdoor mime artist) in Strathclyde
John McKenna (broadcaster and fiction writer) in Castledermot, Co. Kildare
Dermot Morgan (comedian) in Dublin (31/3)
Michael Mulcahy (artist) in Cork
Nuala Ní Dhomnaill (poet) in Lancashire
Jonjo O'Neill (jockey) in Castletownroche, Co. Cork (13/4)
Malcolm Proud (harpsichordist and organist) in Dublin
James Scanlon (stained-glass artist) in Brosna, Co. Kerry (18/10)
Matthew Sweeney (poet) in Lifford, Co. Donegal

Deaths.

Molly Allgood
Kathleen Coyle
Frederick Crawford
Bernard Duffy

Sam Henry
Michael Kinnane
Edward O'Brien
Joseph O'Neill

Local Events.

520105 Sad deaths of Lisnaskea Garage owner and his two sons in a car accident in the Wattlebridge area. Samuel Kettyles age 41 and sons Derek age 6 and Mervyn aged 4 died when their car overturned into a flooded ditch and they were drowned.

520112 Devenish Parish is in the forefront in the fight against imported dances and all the other pernicious influences, which are retarding the progress of the nation towards complete freedom equipped with two splendid halls. The young people are enthusiastic about Irish dancing and the picturesque little village of Devenish is justly proud of having produced the champion dancer of the nine counties of Ulster, Mr. John Mc Dermott. The Robinson sisters are also talented step dancers and several other young dancers are coming into the limelight, we ask the Republic of Ireland to follow the example of their neighbours across the Border because at the moment, an Irish dance in a Leitrim hall is about as rare as a white crow.

520112 Owen Meely of Loughall, Belleek was summonsed for assaulting his father Peter Meely in a domestic dispute. The father said it was as much his fault as that of his son. Paid 3 shillings court costs.

520119 On the 5th day of hearings at a special court in Enniskillen of summonses arising from Westminster Election victory celebrations in Enniskillen on 5th November last 11 people have been fined between £1 and £10. Many alleged that they had been batoned insensible by the police.

520119 Sensational Features on the New Fordson Major. Choice of three new engines, many basic components common to all engines, six forward speeds and two reverse, new hydraulics, car type controls and steering, compact and manoeuvrable.

520119 The death has occurred at an early age of Mrs. J. Dolan, The Island, Devenish, nee Elizabeth O'Reilly. She was the widow of the late James Dolan who met a tragic end by drowning in Lough Melvin a few years ago. (17 years)

520119. Aer Lingus plane crashes in Wales at 7 pm last Thursday on a flight from London to Dublin. Most of the 23 people on the St. Kevin were from Dublin. The plane came down in a heavy storm of hail, rain and sleet.

520126 Death of Mr. Michael Flanigan, Carran West, Garrison at the age of 85. He was a stout Nationalist and uncle of Mr. P. J. Flanigan, solicitor, Enniskillen.

520126 Wedding in Pettigo of Mr Ronald Mc Crea to Miss Etta Aiken.

520126 First Anniversary dance in the Rainbow Ballroom, Glenfarne on Wednesday night 30th January. Music – Stephen Garvey's Band with Hammond Organ. Also featuring the man with the golden voice, Ronnie Howes, Radio Eireann resident singer. Admission 5 shillings.

520126 In his review of the Fermanagh Gael's year Mr. Fee stated that our Minor Team was probably the best that ever represented the county at this grade.

520126 Mr. P. Keown, secretary of St. Mary's GFC, Garrison, said 1951 was a year of progress. He said it would be advisable to bring in the Cashelnadrea area so as to have one strong club in the parish.

520126. I.N.F. Modern Dancing in the Forester's Hall, Enniskillen, on Sunday 27th, January. Dancing 9-2. Admission Ladies 2/6, Gents 3/- Patrons from Strabane will attend.

520202 Sarah Sweeny of Gortnagullion, Kesh was fined £2 for stealing a book of 40 tobacco tokens.

520202 Six drowned in Derry lake beside the convent of Mercy, Kilrea. John and Rosetta Deery, their son Louis and daughter Lavinia and grandchildren, Patrick and John. The children had been sleighing on a hillside beside the lake and their "run" got further and further out into the lake.

520202 The GAA must be more than an athletic association said Mr Thomas Campbell, Belleek at the County AGM. He believed that there was not the same enthusiasm for National ideals as there had been twenty years ago. He alleged that some prominent GAA men were the best jitterbuggers in the country.

520209 AGM of Cashel Branch of the Ulster Farmers Union in St. Joseph's Hall, Cashelnadrea Feb. 14th. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Armstrong, group secretary will address the meeting. All farmers are invited to attend.

520209 Burnhouse Services, Ireland. A quick, reliable service is offered to farmers for the immediate collection of all dead and worn out animals. Phone your nearest agent at Omagh 187 or Enniskillen 2270.

520209 Visit of BBC talent scouts to Enniskillen. Auditions will be held in the Town hall on 21st and 22nd of February. The auditions will be held in private with the adjudicators listening in another room, exactly as in a BBC studio, and the performers known to them only by a number. The Childrens' Hour programme will be open to choirs and young people who have written poems, short stories etc. There will also be auditions for the popular programme, "I want to be an actor."

520216 By a majority vote at a Convention at Omagh it was decided that Cahir Healy M.P. and Michael O'Neill, M.P. should take their seats at Westminster. Cahir Healy took his seat at Westminster from 1924 to 1935 and although winning in 1950 the convention decided on abstention at this time. He was imprisoned twice from 1922 to 1924 on the prison ship Argenta in Belfast Lough and from 1942 to 1944 in Brixton Prison.

520216 Mr Edward Lawn, Scarden, Leggs P.O. was fined £1 for riding a bicycle while drunk, £1 for riding without due care and attention and 11 shillings and costs for having no lights and bell, that a pedestrian was knocked down, receiving facial injuries and having her false teeth and glasses broken. District Inspector Shea prosecuting said a Mrs Flanagan was walking out of Belleek and defendant was coming from the fair on his bicycle when he knocked her down.

520216 One of the oldest and most popular residents of Garrison Parish has passed away. She was Mrs B. Burns, Rogagh, Cashel.

520216 The funeral of the late King George VI will take place at Windsor on Friday. Messages of sympathy have been flooding in to the Queen Mother and the new Queen Elizabeth II. One of the first was from the Pope.

520223 Brendan Faughnan may soon be back in the Belleek team again. After a season with Pettigo he has applied for a transfer to the Young Emmets' team.

520301 On Sunday and Monday nights of last week the Brallagh Players presented "The Damsel from Dublin." In St. Mary's Hall, Garrison. The large audience present were treated to a remarkable display of dramatic talent. Certainly the Brallagh Troupe are living up to a long established tradition of good acting.

520308 The present bounty for killing foxes is 10s for an adult and 5s for a fox cub.

520315 Death of Roger Maguire, Carran West, Garrison after a brief illness aged 20.

520315 Regret is expressed in Pettigo and district at the departure of Mr. Brendan Faughnan from the district. Both he and Mrs Faughnan had made many friends in the area. He took a keen interest in promoting Gaelic Games in the locality.

520322 Almost 400 people attended a lecture in Enniskillen on the subject of Fatima of the Apparitions given by Mr. L. Harvey, M.A. Oxon. He gave a graphic outline of the evil forces which threaten Christian Civilization.

520405 Fermanagh fail against Donegal in the Ulster Junior Championship in Glenties by 3-9 to 2-8. M. Regan and S. Gonnigle, Belleek played and P. Casey, Devenish.

520405 Join the army of Ireland. Many young men from the Six Counties have joined. Pay and conditions are now far ahead of most available in civilian life. Finner Camp, Bundoran is now open as a permanent recruiting depot. Any not accepted for the army will have their railway fare refunded and be given a railway warrant home.

520405. Pettigo man Mr. Wm. Leonard had 39 head of cattle forfeited valued at £1,600. Constable Redpath, Tullyhommon gave evidence of seeing the animals incorrectly punched by Patrick Rogers.

520412 Preliminary notice of Monster Football Tournament in St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown Sunday June 8th, 1952.

520412 Tyrone defeat Fermanagh in poor Mc Kenna Cup game at Irvinestown by 2-9 to 2-1 at Irvinestown. "There has never been a goal like that scored by Malachy Mahon in the County Ground, a long toe to hand dash ending with a smashing shot the Ulster goalie Turbett never saw.

520419 Belleek man John Mc Nulty of the Battery, Belleek, who is married and in his early 30s is missing presumably drowned. On Sunday 6th at 11 am a body was seen to fall into the river.

520419 Derrygonnelly boy, 14 year old Brendan Walker, killed by wartime bomb which he found while playing on Innishlougher Island. The boy lived at Rosnafarson, Drumcose, Derrygonnelly.

520419 Enniskillen on the radio. BBC broadcasts from the Town hall, Enniskillen. Childrens' Hour and the popular quiz, "Up against it." Also Joan and Valerie Trimble with the Ulster Orchestra. Admission free.

520419 Modern Dancing in Bannagh Hall, Kesh on Wednesday 23rd 9-3 with music by Melody Aces (Newtonstewart) Ladies 4/6, Gents 5s including supper.

520419 New Ration Books being issued. Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek and Mc Govern's Hall, Garrison.

520426 The Ulster colleges team had an easy victory over Connaught in Croke Park. John Maguire of Ederney was the man of the match. Before ten minutes had elapsed practically every spectator was rooting for him. He set up scores for his colleagues, he dummied his way through a bewildered defence time and again, he sent over points from every angle and almost every position.

520503 Almost 200 spectators travelled to the new football grounds at Tempo to see the locals take on Belleek. They defeated Belleek by 2-7 to 2-5 with Brendan Faughnan the star of his side.

520503 The body of John Mc Nulty, Moneendogue, Belleek, a pottery worker was recovered from the Erne on Saturday. He had been missing since April 6th. Constable Mc Cutcheon gave evidence of finding the body. Patrick Feely gave evidence to the inquest of seeing a person jumping into the Erne on the day in question. Joseph Mc Nulty, brother, gave evidence that John had been depressed and in failing health and said that he had told him that he had not slept for a fortnight.

520503 The death is reported of Mrs Mary A. Feely, Slisgarron, Devenish at a comparatively early age.

520503 Victory Ceili in Ederney where Mr Tommy Campbell, Belleek presented Ederney with the Junior cup which they won last year. The hall was tastefully decorated and the national flag was flown from the stage. Mr. B.

Cunningham, N.T. was fear a toighe. It was a notable success since the club had only been reorganised two years ago.

520517 Henry Acheson, Gorteen, Garrison was fined £20 for obstructing the police in the exercise of their duty when they tried to seize three cattle from him at Belleek Fair in March 17th.

520517. The death has taken place of Mrs George Elliott, 63, of the Bungalow, Tullyhommon, Pettigo She was the mother of Bert who was killed in Italy in the recent war and of another son who was killed in a submarine accident. Deceased who was married twice had a large family. Her first husband was killed in an accident in Canada and she later married G. Elliott, motor engineer and garage proprietor.

520531 Fermanagh County Feis at Newtownbutler, Sunday 20th July with An Taoiseac Eamon De Valera in attendance. Bodyguard and National Flag Bearers confined to Fermanagh Old IRA.

520531 Irvinestown defeat Belleek by 2-5 to 2-2 to win Divisional League honours.

520607 Mrs Elizabeth Carson of Knocknashangan, Garrison, was charged with stealing items from a Youth Hostel and a neighbour Mrs Gallagher. Returned for trial at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions.

520607 The death is announced of Mr D. Mc Manus of Moniendogue, Belleek at the age of 84.

520614 Lord Bishop of Clogher Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan critical of teachers and their union the INTO. "Some of the modern teachers wanted to spend as little time as they could in the country and then go to the cities and towns as if they might be contaminated by living with the ordinary people. The teachers had become snobs. It was preposterous to think that in a little school, where they had only 30 or 40 children they should expect to have a caretaker cleaning it out "for these lords" who are coming in for a few hours."

520621 The death is announced of Mr. John Mulligan, Drumnasteane, Garrison, at the age of 75.

520628 Cashelnadrea Sports. St. Mary's Pipe Band in attendance. Cashel won the 7 a-side football competition by 2-3 to 2-1.

520628 Fermanagh has a decisive victory over Donegal in the first round of the Minor Football Championship by 2-12 to 1-8 at Irvinestown. Claude Maguire, Ederney was the best back on the field.

520628 Mrs Elizabeth Carson of Knocknashangan, Garrison is sentenced to two months imprisonment for stealing clothing from Kathleen Gallagher and receiving bedclothes stolen from the N. I. Youth Hostel Association. She had received a three year suspended sentence on five counts of breaking and entering and theft in 1949.

520628 Scandalous housing discrimination against Catholics in Fermanagh was condemned by Mr. P.J. O'Hare in the Northern Senate.

520705. Dedication of the new Church and Friary at Rosstown. Leaders of Church and state at the historic ceremony including Mr. De Valera.

520719 Don't miss Mullaghmore Races next Wednesday at 3 pm. £200 in Stakes. Special buses from Bundoran on the day at intervals of 15 minutes.

520719 Great progress is being made with the building of the new County Council cottages at Frevagh, Cashel.

520719 Mr John Mc Gowan, Cashel House, Devenish has been unwell for some weeks but is recovering. He is one of the most popular businessmen in South Fermanagh.

520726 An award of £3,600 was made to Mrs Agnes Wilson Cameron and her husband Neil Cameron a Customs Officer at Belleek. On March 18th, 1849 Mrs Cameron was permanently disabled by a rock which crashed through the roof of her house. This was the result of an explosion on the river Erne as part of the drainage works. The defendants were Mc Laughlin and Harvey Ltd. of York Road, Belfast.

520726 Eamon De Valera visits Fermanagh. A crowd of about 20,000 gathered to meet him in Newtownbutler.

520726 Fermanagh to play Cavan in the Minor Championship Semi-final next Sunday. Among those playing are C. Maguire, Ederney, S. Mc Manus, Belleek with M. Regan, Belleek substitute.

520726. Miss Alice Mc Teggart of Derryhooly, Derrylin was given a six months suspended sentence for the infanticide of her infant son.

520802 Aer Lingus have made a record profit in the past year of £92,180 up from £14,686 the previous year.

520802 At Ederney Sports on Sunday 20th Pettigo were defeated by Irvinestown by 4 pts to 3 pts.

520802 Fermanagh overwhelmed by Cavan in the Ulster Minor semi-final by 5-10 to 1-2. Only Claude Maguire and T. Deveney (Irvinestown) played at all well.

520802 Mr and Mrs Patrick Keown, Killybig, Garrison celebrated their Golden Jubilee of their wedding on July 18th. They received many congratulations. Mr Keown, a well known traditional singer made a successful recording in Mc Govern's Hotel, Garrison two days later of two old favourites, "The Brown Girl" and "I'll wear the britches now." His son Mr. Francis Keown, the well known entertainer made a recording of whistling and lilting. Mr. Keown had made a great recovery from near death a short time ago.

520802 The death is reported of Mr. John Albert (Bertie) Siberry of Lakeland, Belcoo formerly of Manorhamilton who was born in Garrison. He was a well known cattle dealer and much beloved in the countryside. A huge crowd attended his funeral to Manorhamilton so much so that the journey of 13 miles from Belcoo took five hours and many wept openly at the roadside and in the graveyard.

520802 The death of Mr. Michael Feehily, Glen West, Garrison, removes a link with the early days of Sinn Fein. After meeting Sean Mc Dermott who was organising Sinn Fein in North Leitrim he became a well known public speaker. He crossed and recrossed the Atlantic five times organising for the movement.

520802 To mark the anniversary of the Christian Brothers in Australia all members of the Federal Parliament who had been educated by the Brothers planted a tree in the grounds of the new War Memorial College in Canberra. They have 80 houses and 110 colleges in Australia and about 1200 members.

520809 At Scraghy annual sports Pettigo were the winners of a football match.

520809 Belnaleck defeat Garrison in the first round of the Junior Championship by 1-9 to 1-3.

520809 Fermanagh listeners will be listening keenly to the programme, "One Minute Please." Ace speaker on the programme will be Mr. Jack Sherry of Arney, County Fermanagh timed at 286 words to the minute. He will be accompanied on the Mens' Team on the programme by those stars of Radio and Television, Kenneth Horne and Philip Harben.

520809. Eddie Gonnigle has been transferred back to Belleek after a spell in the colours of Carrickmore, Co., Tyrone.

520809. Late Dr. P. J. Timoney. It was incorrectly stated in our report last week of the regretted demise of Dr. P. J. Timoney, Dublin (formerly of Enniskillen) that he was a native of Sligo; he was in fact a native of Garrison, Fermanagh. Dr. Timoney was a brother of the late Fr. Timoney, P.P. His widow Mrs Timoney resides in Dublin with her daughter Mary who is employed in the clerical department of Guinness' Brewery. Another daughter Yvonne, is a medical doctor practicing in Belfast. She was for some time practicing in Omagh.

520816 Annual Parochial Sports in St. Joseph's Park, Cashel commencing at 2.00. 7-a-side football tournament for a set of medals (open) Teams:- Belcoo, Blacklion, Ballaghmeehan, Belleek, Devenish, Cashel, Glenfarne. Microphone relay on the field.

520816 From midday Friday to midnight Saturday thousands made their way to Drumshambo, County Leitrim to avail of the Franciscan Indulgence of Portiuncola at the local Convent of Perpetual Adoration. Two barefoot nuns kept vigil before the Blessed Sacrament and changed with others every hour to the accompaniment of bells ringing out over the town.

520816 Irvinestown Carnival Week. Reduction in Dancing Prices. Owing to a decrease in our estimated expenses we have pleasure in announcing the following reductions – All 7/6 dances reduced to 5/- and all 5/- dances to 4/-.

520816 Irvinestown defeat Belleek in the semi-final of the Senior Championship 3-2 to 2-3 in one of the best games seen in Fermanagh in years. The deciding factor was the speed of the Irvinestown half backs.

520816 Pettigo Sports (Under the auspices of the GAA, St. Mary's Club, Pettigo) on Sunday 24th, August, Mc Hugh Park, Pettigo. Junior Championship Football match Pettigo V Donegl. And the Donkey Derby for 1952 plus from 5.00 to 7.00 a 7-a-side football tournament. N.B. Teas served at Field. Prizes exhibited one week before Sports in window of Mrs John Flood, Corner House, Pettigo. Admission to Park adults 2/-, children 1/-.

520816 Plans have been approved to extent the Sewage System at Belleek at a cost of £900.

520816 The death is reported of Mrs. Margaret Maguire, Lattoon, Tullyrossmearn, County Fermanagh, wife of Mr. Fred Maguire. She had spent a number of years of her early life in America.

520823 A motor car, the property of Mr. Joe Maguire, Drumnasrene, Devenish, went on fire and was completely destroyed.

520823 Cavanacross, 2-2, Devenish 0-1 in the Junior Football League with the home side waiting for an hour before Devenish arrived to take the field. Highlight of the game was a spectacular display in goals for Cavanacross by veteran, John Mc Kearvy, who received a great ovation on his return after 20 years retirement.

520823 The wedding took place in Devenish of Mr. James Mulrone, Clyhore, Ballyshannon and Mary Kathleen Kerrigan, The Cottage, Devenish. The reception at which over 40 guests were entertained was held in the Melvin Hotel, Devenish.

520830 Cashelnadrea Parochial Sports were held in beautiful weather, Devenish A defeated Belleek in the 7-a-side while Devenish B defeated Cashel. Devenish A won the final and were presented with their medals at the ceilidhe afterwards.

520830 Irvinestown are the new County Champions by a score of 0-6 to 0-3. "I have seldom witnessed such close marking and such ruthless tackling as characterised this game straight through." "It was a punishing hour's football, a game of hard knocks, knocks that were given without bitterness and taken without flinching." "For the winners I thought Billy Charlton, Liam Mc Kinney and Malachy Mahon were the men of the match.

520830 Uncle from New York meets nephew from Australia. Thomas Mills, born 1861, and Edward Mills, born 1875, were the 2nd and 10th respectively, of the 11 children of Edward Mills of Aughnablaney, Letter, County Fermanagh. When Edward was 9 years old his brother Thomas, then in his mid 20s, emigrated to Australia in 1884 and never returned. He was killed in an accident there in 1909. He had, married Margaret Flanagan of Downpatrick. Edward, the 10th child, himself emigrated to New York in 1900. Edward remarked that when he had first went to America it took him 13 days and he had come over on this occasion in 13 hours. His wife, Mary Johnston of Kinlough, County Leitrim, died 3 years ago. He had come over for the wedding of his niece, Eva Mills, a London nurse, to Harry Elliott, a merchant navyman. As Harry's time of leave was uncertain he had extended his holiday, otherwise he would have missed his Australian nephew. In August of 1952, Francis James Mills, aged 54, son of Thomas came to Ireland and there by accident met up with his uncle Edward, from America, aged 77, on his second visit to Ireland in 52 years, at the old homestead in Aughnablaney. Francis James (Frank,) is now co-owner in Australia with his brothers Hubert, Edward and Thomas of one of the largest furniture removal businesses in Sydney, Australia, founded by his father in 1899. The firm uses 40 vans and has 90 workers and covers everything except Western Australia. He came to Europe to a Furniture Remover's Conference in Belgium and decided to be the first of his generation to visit the homeland of his parents and there met his sprightly uncle Edward who was out in the fields helping with the harvest. There was a joyful reunion between the Australian, American and Irish branches of the Mills family.

520913 A juvenile was summonsed at Belleek Court for assaulting Michael John Cullen on 27th July at a football match at Cashel. Evidence was given of the defendant striking with an iron bar and causing a three inch cut in Cullen's head. The juvenile was bound over for one year on his father's bail of £10. A fine of £3 and costs was imposed on Thomas Maguire, Corramore, Garrison for stealing a piece of bog oak 8 ft long, value 15 shillings, the property of John Keaney, which Keaney had stored in a drain covered by sods. Sergeant Mc Quillan had found the item at Maguire's house and the defendant said that he thought it was of no value. Keaney said he wanted it for a post.

520913 Mr. T. Campbell, Belleek presided over a meeting of Fermanagh County Board last week. The Irvinestown, St. Molaise team asked for a postponement of the Senior Football Championship match against Roslea as Malachy Mahon, the Irvinestown captain, would not be available on that day. After discussion, and with Rosleas' consent, the request was granted.

520920 Irvinestown has scored another FIRST with the Carnival Week which was brought to a close on Sunday last. At least 10,000 patrons enjoyed the 8 day festival. This was the first ever Carnival held in Fermanagh and crowns a number of Irvinestown firsts of which a drama festival, inter-county football competition and the provision of a County Gaelic Park were others. The idea of a carnival was mooted a mere five weeks before it was actually held.

520927 At Kesh Court, Martin Maughan, of no fixed abode was fined £5 and ordered to pay £16-17-6 damages for breaking a plate glass window and six glasses in the public-house of Edmund Armstrong, Kesh. For driving a lorry without ue care Francis Murphy was fined 10/- for reversing a lorry out of a gate and colliding with a passing car. He had been driving 12 years without any accident.

520927 Rail services between Belleek and Bundoran on the Great Northern Line are suspended from Monday 22nd September until November 2nd while the bridge over the River Erne, west of Belleek, is repaired. Connecting omnibus and lorry services will operate in the interim.

521011 Enniskillen Catholics to be faced with over £50,000 outlay in schools.

521011 Major Lloyd George, British Food Minister, announced at Newcastle-On-Tyne on Thursday last that tea is to be derationed and the price control of tea scrapped.

521018 Cavan defeat Meath in the All Ireland Football Final by 0-9 to 0-5 on Sunday last. This is their fifth title.

521018 The beautiful new National School being erected in Pettigo is nearing completion.

521018 The provision of a pump convenient to Cashelnadrea village has supplied a long felt want in the district where clean water is hard to procure. The gratitude of the people of the district and particularly the schoolchildren is extended to Councillor Pat Casey, Devenish, who worked so hard to secure the concession. The work was efficiently carried out by Mr. Patrick Carty, Devenish.

521018 Work on four cottages at Scribbagh, Cashelnadrea, is nearing completion.

521025 At Lisnaskea on Sunday Irvinestown repeated their League final victory over Roslea and so annexed the Senior Championship as well by a score of 2-2 to 1-1. The game was played in Lisnaskea on a greasy muddy pitch in wintry conditions. A crowd of about 500 to 600 attended.

521025 Fermanagh's first Juvenile title has been won on merit by the Newtownbutler Club, a solid, compact, and lively team, that did well to wear down a gallant Enniskillen, St. Michael's defence which was sadly overworked. This was a splendid game played in the best sporting spirit – a pleasure to watch. Fermanagh's minor team can recruit plenty of material for the next few seasons from the boys on view on Sunday.

521025 James Eric Carson, Knocknashangan, Garrison was fined £1 with £2-10-0 costs for having drawn his wife's rations during the time she was in an institution in Armagh. He was also fined 10 shillings for allowing his horse to wander on the road.

521025 Lisnaskea branch of the British Legion unanimously passed a resolution to be put before the Area Council that the award of £15 to men who were prisoners of war under the Japanese, "is a complete and disgraceful insult."

521025 The finishing touches are being made to St. Joseph's Hall, Cashelnadrea, which was commenced three years ago. It will be a fitting tribute to Very Rev. E. Canon Coyle, who gave a very large personal contribution to the fund.

521025 The wedding has taken place of William Slevin, Ballinacarrick and Miss Katherine Campbell, of Cashelnadrea, Devenish, in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyshannon.

521101 Mr John Dolan, Carran West has beaten local records by growing a turnip weighing 10 pounds on his farm.

521101 Seven head of cattle valued at over £210 were recently seized in the Rossinvermore district between Derrygonnelly and Cashel. Customs Officials have taken note of all farm stock along the Leitrim/ Fermanagh border in an all out drive against smuggling.

521101 The wedding has taken place recently of Michael Collins, ESB official, Ballyshannon and Miss Susan Frances Grogan, SRN, WV, only daughter of Mr. Timothy Grogan, Knockaraven, Devenish and Mrs Grogan, Principal of Glen East School.

521108 We are very glad and relieved to learn that TV is coming to the Six Counties within a few months.

521115 Ballyshannon ratepayers of the East and West Ports oppose the construction of the new by-pass which is to cost £69,000.

521115. Mid-Ulster M.P. Mr M. O'Neill, addresses the gathering at an Ederney Ceilidhe in St. Joseph's Hall. Mr. B. Cunningham, N.T. was fear a toighe and a highlight of the programme was the dancing of Amadio and Giovanni Coyle, Main St. Castlederg, the former being Ulster and Tyrone step-dancing champion.

521122 The committee of Ulster Folklife and Traditions wrote to Fermanagh County Council re forming a committee in Fermanagh to collect folklore and traditions of folklife in the county. Northern Ireland is the last area of the U.K. and Ireland to set up such an organisation.

521129 "John Joe" O'Reilly is dead. At the age of 34 Cavan and indeed all the GAA community of Ireland has lost one of their most popular and chivilrous personalities after a short illness. He was one of a group of high-grade footballers who played for Cornafean. His father played for Cavan in 1908 and with his elder brother "Big Tom" he shared in Cavan's All Ireland triumphs in 1933, 1935 etc. He was a native of Kilmorer, Killeshandra, and helped St. Patrick's College, Cavan to win three Ulster College's titles between 1935 and 1937. He helped Cornafean to win SFC titles in 1936, 1938, 1940 and 1943. He has two young children after his marriage to Joan Margaret Fox of Dublin four years ago.

521129 Fermanagh's share of the pooled Lagan Cup receipts this year amounted to £150.

521213 Obituary, Miss Elizabeth Cullen, Rosculban, Kesh at the age of 28 died as a result of a motor accident on Main St. Kesh.

521220 Representatives from the ESB, Sligo, gave a lecture illustrated by lantern slides in St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo and St. Patrick's Hall, Lettercrann. In both halls there was a representative attendance and canvassers were appointed to visit homes with a view to having electric light and power brought to the area.

521220 The Lord Bishop of Derry, Rev. D. Farren, warns against, "Evil and contemptable influences" as he attends the Golden Jubilee function of the Ulster Herald series of newspapers. Despite the heaviest snowstorm in the area in two decades the function in the I. N. F Hall in Omagh was packed. "He paid an outstanding tribute to the Catholic Press of his Diocese, and declared it very necessary that Irish Catholics should have a strong virile press to counteract the evil influences of an insidious press that would stop at nothing to destroy National ideals and make little of our Irish people, and it was necessary that Irish Catholics should have their own papers to combat such evil influences."

521220 Woman caught pilfering in Lisnarick Orange Hall. Mary Henry, of Shaloney, Lisnarick, was charged with stealing 2s-3d from a coat in the hall. Sergeant Hadden of Irvinestown had placed some coins coated with an invisible powder in a lady's coat pocket in the cloakroom following complaints of money being stolen. At 1.15 in the morning the Sergeant ordered all the doors of the hall closed and asked the men to stand by the wall. All the ladies were gathered in a circle in the middle and a basin of water was then brought around and they were asked to dip their hands into it. The defendant's hands turned the water blue from the effects of the powder.

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National Events.

27 people die when a BEA Viking aircraft crashes at Belfast Airport (Nutt's Corner) on 5 January
Samuel Beckett's *En Attendant Godot* (*Waiting for Godot*) is first performed at the Théâtre Babylone, Paris on 5 January
The ferry *Princess Victoria* capsizes off the coast of County Down: 133 people die (31 January)
Insured workers in the Republic become eligible for medical benefit
The library of Alfred Chester Beatty, containing his unique collection of oriental manuscripts, opens in Dublin (8 August)
The Health Act provides for a free mother-and-child healthcare scheme in the Republic (29 October)
Michael Scott's acclaimed Busaras (central bus station) is built in Dublin
The last Blasket Islanders are resettled on the mainland
John Bernal is awarded the Lenin Peace Prize.

Births.

Raymond Deane (composer, pianist and novelist) on Achill Island, Co. Mayo
Theo Dorgan (poet) in Cork
Hugo Hamilton (fiction writer) in Berlin
Mary Harney (politician; leader of the Progressive Democrats and Tánaiste) in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway (11/3)
Garry Hynes (theatre director) in Roscommon (10/6)
Rita Kelly (poet) in Galway
Frank McGuinness (playwright) in Buncrana, Co. Donegal (?/7)
Liam Neeson (film actor) in Ballymena, Co. Antrim
Patricia O'Donovan (trade unionist) in Cork
John Rocha (fashion designer, based mainly in Dublin since 1978) in Hong Kong (23/8)
Ronan Sheehan (fiction writer) in Dublin

Deaths.

Sir Arnold Bax	Maud Gonne MacBride
Henry Dixon	Alice Milligan
Richard Downey	Eugene O'Neill
F.L. Green	Joseph O'Neill
Beatrice Grimshaw	T.F. O'Rahilly
James Hamilton (3rd Duke of Abercorn)	Robert Lloyd Praeger
Grace Henry	James Scullin

Local Events.

530103 Blackbog Parochial Bazaar in St. Joseph's Hall, Ederney 4th-11th January in aid of a new church.

530103 During the past week the most severe frost remembered for 15 years has held the Pettigo district in its grip. Lakes and rivers in the area were frozen over. The accompanying cold was intense as a result of which many people were confined to bed with influenza.

530103 Kinlough. On Christmas Eve the countryside was illuminated by the Christmas Candles which lit up every house. Churches were crowded for Midnight Mass at which large numbers of the faithful received Holy Communion.

530103 Regret has been occasioned in the Devenish district by the death of Mrs E. J. Mc Guinness, Corramore.

530103 The death is reported at a comparatively early age of Mrs D. Duffy, Fassagh, mother of John and Joseph Duffy.

530103 The inaugural meeting of the Clogher Historical Society was held on December 28th in St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan, with Bishop O'Callaghan presiding. It is to produce an annual journal recording the religious, social, economic and political history of the Diocese of Clogher.

530103 Two gipsies, Martin Ward and Bernard Reilly, were found guilty of breaking open the poor boxes at the Graan, Enniskillen and stealing the contents. The two who were at a gipsy encampment at Rossory, Enniskillen were jailed for six months each.

530110 Thirteen men, who attended Mass for 35 minutes on the morning of New Year's Day, were dismissed from the Winter Relief Scheme by Enniskillen Borough Council.

530117 Regret has been occasioned by the death of Mr. Bernard Flanagan, Devenish, a member of an old respected family.

530117 Successful Devenish Play. An audience of over 600 people packed into St. Mary's Hall, Devenish to see the wonderfully realistic Nativity play presented by the children of the parish. A high tribute is due to Rev. Victor Marron C.C. and the teachers for the careful and diligent training that they gave to the children which resulted in the presentation of such an awe inspiring spectacle.

530124 Dublin Dance aids Pettigo Memorial. A very successful dance was held on January 6th, in St. Peter's Hall, Phibsborough, Dublin, in aid of the Pettigo Memorial Fund. The monument which will be in the shape of an Irish Volunteer on the march is being executed by a famous Dublin sculptor. It is hoped it will be ready to unveiled early in June of this year. The Dublin Committee intend to issue a booklet containing an account of "The Battle of Pettigo." It will also contain an account of the efforts made by successive British Governments from 1912 onwards to ensure for Britain a permanent hold on Northern Ireland.

530124 The Pettigo 1922 Memorial Committee received £200 from the Pettigo Men's Committee in New York also over £100 from members of the Old IRA in Dublin.

530124 Writing in the Eire Society Bulletin of Boston USA, Miss Mary Frances Fox, one of the founders of, "The American League for an Undivided Ireland," recalls her last visit to Garrison last year. Her mother was a native of Devenish Parish. She believes that "Garrison" is a name best forgotten and a return to the name of Devenish West. She applauds the efforts made in this direction by Rev. Canon Coyle, "patriot priest in the great Irish tradition, jailed during the fight for freedom, and now in the 52nd year of his priesthood."

530131 A total of £170 in fines was imposed at Kesh Court on five Dromore women who were stopped in a taxi coming from Pettigo smuggling cigarettes and tobacco on 30th August 1952. Rose Mc Cann was fined £20, Mary Donnelly £30, Sarah Donnelly £40, Rose Mc Caffrey (with a previous conviction) £50 and Jenny Gallagher £30. They were given three months to pay.

530131 Bid to save Cloy School near Lack and avoid the bussing of the 18 pupils to Lack Primary School. Mr. Cahir Healy M.P. believed in the retention of small rural schools as it was a hardship for children to travel long distances to school which involved early rising and waiting on the roadside under trees in wet weather waiting for buses.

530131 Fermanagh Conference agrees on the idea of a new abattoir. The present Enniskillen abattoir is out of date and the lease almost ended. Mr. Hary West proposed the export of meat from the new abattoir via St. Angelo Airdrome. Enniskillen Rural District Council is to give £5000 to the new project.

530131 Fermanagh widow, Mrs. Sarah Jane Elliott of Lisbellaw and her five children are granted £1,500 for the loss of her husband in a car accident. She was also granted an additional £400 on account of her own personal injuries arising from the collision with, Gerald Mc Grath, Post Office worker and Union official of Station Rd., Randalstown. The accident occurred on October 25th, 1950.

530207 Corporal Tom Harte, of the US Army, arrived home on Christmas Eve after serving two years in Korea, giving his parents of Raheelan, Kiltyclogher a wonderful Christmas surprise. He brought home with him some beautiful examples of Japanese and Korean art and craft. He has returned to America last Friday to resume work with the Edison Company with whom he had been employed before enlisting.

530207 Heavy loss of life as motor-vessel founders. Larne-Stranraer boat sinks in a gale. The Princess Victoria sank in a raging sea five miles off the County Down coast on Saturday afternoon on the way from Stranraer to Larne. There were only 44 survivors, 128 people drowned and 65 are still missing.

530207 More than 1000 people are feared drowned in extensive floods in south-east England and the Low Countries in a weekend of sea-driven floods. One hundred people are drowned and 400 missing on Canvey Island in the Thames estuary when a 17th century sea wall was breached. Bodies have been found on the tops of houses with water lapping at their feet and others entangled in the branches of trees.

530207 The death is announced of Mrs Kate Gallagher of Tullygravarth, Cashelnadrea, Devenish in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen at the advanced age of 71.

530207 Thomas O'Reilly of Coramore, Lisnaskea was sentenced at Lisnaskea Court to a month's imprisonment with hard labour for stealing 9 hens valued at £6-15-0 from Miss Brigit Mc Brien, Drumlone, Newtownbutler.

530214 Kesh Boy's Sad Fate. James Joseph Douglas, aged 18 ½ of Gortnagullion, Kesh, had been missing since Christmas Day, and his body was discovered drowned in Lough Erne between Portinodde Bridge and Hare Island on 5th February. His bicycle, overcoat and army cap had been found on Portinodde Bridge on Christmas Day. At the inquest in Kesh on Monday held by Mr. George Warren, coroner, a verdict of suicide was returned.

530219 Belleek Property Sale has Court Sequel. Decree of £25 made against an Enniskillen auctioneer re the sale of No. 7 Rathmore Terrace, Belleek. Mr. Edward Ellis of Main St. Belleek was plaintiff and the defendants were Dr. Rollins of Croyden, Surrey administrator of the estate of Charlotte Emily Rollins, and Walter Brown of East Bridge St., Enniskillen. The houses in the row had been sold for £800 or £80 each. Mr Ellis had bought No 7 for £300 but had not been able to obtain possession. The houses had been advertised as freehold and turned out to be only leasehold with only 18 years left on the leases.

530221 From Bishop O'Callaghan's Lenten Pastoral. Seminary for Enniskillen. We have to provide a minor seminary in the Six County portion of the diocese for those boys who wish to follow the Northern Ireland Grammar School Course. We have already secured a suitable site at Enniskillen and hope to have the building commenced as soon as the permit from the Northern Ireland Government is obtained. I appeal to all who are in a position to make bequests for religious or charitable purposes to remember the new seminary.

530314 At the AGM of St. Mary's GFC the secretary Mr. P. Keown, expressed the view that efforts should be made to reunite Cashelnadrea area to the club so that a strong Parish Club be formed. He paid tribute to the help from the Cashel boys during 1952.

530314 Cavanacross travelled to Devenish on Sunday for their first Junior League game and emerged victors after a gruelling hours' football. Played in brilliant sunshine on an ideal pitch the game was keenly contested right to the end. The closeness of the scores is indication of the evenness of these two teams both of which can be commended for the clean sporting manner in which the game was played. The scoring opened after about 10 minutes play when J. Cassidy had a point for Cavanacross followed about five minutes later by a point for Devenish leaving the score at half time at 1 point each. After the interval Cavanacross had a further two points leaving the final score 0-1 to 0-3 in favour of the visitors. Mr. J. P. Meehan was a strict and impartial referee.

530314 The newly formed Cashelnarea Club wish to remain independent and not sink their individuality by playing for another team.

530321 "The Quiet Man" led to trouble at the cinema. The manager of the Regal Cinema, Enniskillen was "warned and severely reprimanded" for alleged overcrowding and obstruction of the passageways at a showing of this popular film.

530321 At Belleek Court on Tuesday James Mc Laughlin, Corraakeel, Belleek was fined 8 shillings with costs for being drunk in charge of a pedal cycle.

530321 Garrison Farmer's Union meeting ends in disorder after a meeting in Mc Govern's Hall on March 3rd. Mr. White, General Organiser, presided at the election of officers after Mr. Grogan, J.P. declined re-election as Chairman. He welcomed the huge attendance and stressed the motto of the Farmer's Union "Defence and not Defiance," and stressed that the organisation was non-political and non-sectarian. Mr. Wesley Acheson, vice chairman was proposed as chairman and Mr. Francis Timoney was also proposed. Without a vote Mr. White went on to ask for proposals for a vice-chairman. When challenged by Mr. Benny Dolan, Mr. White said he was not going to be dictated to and that only members could vote. Mr Dolan said he was a member and had paid his fee of 10s and held his membership card which he had got a month ago from Mr MacGee, the secretary. After examination Mr White said the card was invalid as it had not been signed by the Group Secretary, Mr. Armstrong.

In a heated discussion Mr. Joe Elliott said that the Garrison branch was a private branch where everything was done behind closed doors and Mr. Dolan said that there never was meeting except at Christmas, that the secretary had no list of members nor had he any minutes of the last meeting. A voice in the body of the hall observed that the Chairman has no land and Mr White said he was going ahead with the election of officers. He then asked Mr Dolan and Mr. Elliott how much land they had and they replied respectively 110 and 180 acres. Mr. White said he was going on with the meeting and that that they would obey him or leave the room to which Mr. Dolan replied that they would stay and he would leave. Loud cheering drowned out Mr. White as he tried to proceed and he threatened to fetch the police to which Mr. Elliott said that they were not afraid of the police to more cheers. Mr White told the meeting that if they would not submit to him he would have to wipe Garrison off the map and said he had come from Belfast not knowing the difference between farmer and farmer and said he detested the spirit that had been revealed at the meeting. When he again called for a vice-chairman he was told from the audience he would get no vice-chairman and he said he regretted having to close the branch. He then left the hall.

530328 An Eire Customs Patrol under Mr. M. Dawson, P.O. seized a lorry and 50 small pigs which were being taken from Eire to Norther Ireland. The seized bonhams were later sold in Pettigo and the vehicle removed to Custom's Headquarters. The value of the pigs is about £350.

530328 The death is announced of Mr. J. P. Dunne, P.T., Teemore, has robbed the GAA in Fermanagh of one of the best known and respected members of the Association. He was playing for the County team when he was

sixteen and after gaining every honour a Fermanagh player could he went on to serve his county with the same ability and loyalty in the Council chamber. He became chairman of the Co., Board at a time when its very existence was threatened by financial troubles and internal dissention. Thanks to his energetic efforts and his wide guidance a healthy organisation and a respectable credit balance in cash made the way easier for his successor in 1943 when he decided to retire from what had been a most tiring and exhausting office.

530328. Enniskillen's last thatched house in a blaze. The two story, five room house of Mr. Thomas Maguire, The Orchard, Enniskillen was gutted by fire recently. It was the last thatched house in Enniskillen. Mr. Maguire, aged 83, is organist in St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen.

530404 Cashelnadrea V Cavanacross played in a gale force wind ended with a win for the Cavanacross visitors by 1-2 to 1-1. Packy and Richard Tracey scored a goal and a point respectively for Cashelnadrea.

530404 Despite a gale force wind Belleek and Irvinestown produced many fine passages of football in a close game in Irvinestown which ended 1-3 each. Sean Mc Caffrey fisted to the net for Belleek and John Doogan levelled the scoring with the last kick of the game.

530404 These people can see through you. X-Ray Mobile Unit for Enniskillen. Have you got T.B.? The chances are about 100 to 1 against but if you happened to be the unlucky one you would be foolish not to learn about it so that you may be cured in a short time. Anyone above the age of 13 is entitled to a free x-ray at the Minor Townhall, Enniskillen.

530411 Enniskillen's new bridge joining the town to the Cornagrade Estate is to be called The Johnston Bridge in recognition of the part played by the Mayor of Enniskillen Ald. W. E. Johnston in getting approval from the Government for its construction.

530411 In the new English Sewing Cotton Company's factory over 300 are to be employed in Lisnaskea.

530418 At a challenge football match between Pettigo and Belleek on Sunday at the football grounds, Pettigo were winners.

530418 At Belleek Court Henry Acheson, Kevin Mc Sherry both of Gurteen, Garrison and Andrew Sweeny of Kilcoo, were summonsed for disorderly behaviour in the public house of George Mc Manus, Belleek on 17th of February. Sergeant T. Corder gave evidence of seperating the three men struggling in a passage which led to the kitchen. He put Acheson out but later found that he had returned and had the proprietor by the throat and put him out again. Mc Sherry questioned the authority of the Sergeant and said "there would be no peace until the green, white and gold is flying here." He also said to the publican and his two daughters that they were fine neighbours for phoning the police to which they replied that if they had not they would have wrecked the place. Mc Sherry was fined £1, Sweeny £2 and bound to the peace for a year and Acheson fined £4. Only Mc Sherry appeared at the court.

530418 Judge Troy at Ederney. Great Welcome for American friend of Ireland. Judge Mathew Troy ,chief of the Irish-American, "Minute Men," accompanied by Senator J. G. Lennon, was met by St. Joseph's Band, Ederney and escorted to the Hall where he addressed the crowd. Rev. Fr. Mc Kenna P.P. praised him for the great work he was doing in the United States for a united Ireland. About 30 police were on duty in the vicinity.

530418 Mary O'Reilly, a tinker was sentenced to two months in prison for stealing money on two occasions from Mrs Ellen Treacy, Fossagh. She had arrived pedalling her wares and snatched the money from the table. She was caught on the second occasion. The sentence will not take effect if she leaves Northern Ireland immediately. Aged 17, she was married since she was 15.

530418 The death is announced of Dr. Alice Milligan, noted Irish Nationalist, poetess, essayist and dramatist at Lislip, Omagh, where she was born 80 years ago.

530418. Bundoran's An Tostal Attraction. On next Sunday a record off-season crowd for the Dr. Mc Kenna Cup game Donegal V Armagh at the Gaelic Park, Bundoran. This fixture, which is billed as a Tostal event of importance is arousing considerable interest and special trains and busses will bring their complement to the seaside on that day. Everyone who witnessed last season's National League game between the same counties at Balybay and the replay at Clones, when Donegal qualified for the semi-final, and won their first Lagan Cup, will agree if the same fare is provided, we are assured of a close and exciting hour of football. Donegal, with a home venue, will field a strong fifteen, which included a few young and promising stars, but will have a hard nut to crack in this experienced and well-balanced Armagh team.

530418. Fermanagh Health Committee is pleased that at long last the Northern Ireland X-Ray Unit has visited the county. It was officially welcomed by Enniskillen Major Ald. W. E. Johnston, J.P. Some 300 people were x-rayed at the first session.

530418. The introduction of Summer Time always brings with it a certain amount of confusion with it regarding the time of games. Next Sunday all games will begin at 4.00 p.m.

530425 Devenish. Almost £200 worth of sheep and lambs have been destroyed by a dog on Kilea Mountain. If the animal is not traced and destroyed the sheep will have to be brought to the lowlands for safety.

530425 The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Miss Briget Keenan and Mr. P. F. Keenan on the regretted death of their mother Mrs. P. Keenan.

530502 On April 20th, Pettigo GAA Club purchased a large field which they are converting into an Athletics Park, from Mr. William Porter of Kimmid at the sum of £500.

530509 At a football match between Pettigo and Donegal teams at Rosefield Park, on Sunday, after a well played and strenuous game, Pettigo was the winner by two points. The recently formed Pettigo youthful team is showing great promise and if the spirit continues they should be able to make a name for themselves in the football field.

530516 Devenish. The death of Mr. Thomas Johnston, Devenish, which occurred suddenly while he was carting on his farm is deeply regretted.

530516 First in the Cashelnadrea district to have turf saved is Mr. Thos. Treacy, Woodvale House, Kilcoo.

530516 Obituary of Mr. F. Keogh of Drumadravey, Lisnarick, electrician at RAF Station, Castle Archdale. He was disconnecting low tension wires when he was electrocuted. He is survived by his wife Veronica and sons Brendan, Peter and Desmond. He played goals for St. Molaise, Football Club, Irvinestown for several years.

530516 Regret is felt in the Lettercrann district at the death of Mr. J. Mc Kenna, Proughlish, near Drumquinn aged 79 years. He was well known in the Lettercrann district and was husband of Brigid Mc Kenna, a native of Lettercrann. He was father of Mrs John Sweeny, The Rock, Ballyshannon and of Mrs J. White, East Port, Ballyshannon. Internment took place in Longfield Cemetery.

530523 John Tracy, Corramore, Garrison, Co., Fermanagh was fined £5 with £5-18-1 costs and expenses at Belleek Court for falsely claiming a grant of £1-4-6 towards the cost of fertilizers purchased from Belleek Cooperative Agricultural and Dairy Society.

530523 Mr Vincent Keown, Killybig, had a narrow escape when he fell into the Erne at Belleek where he is employed on the Erne Development Drainage Scheme. The presence of mind of a fellow worker Mr. Cyril

Gibson saved him from possible drowning. Using a piece of wood on which there was a bent nail, he succeeded in hooking the nail in Leown's clothing and pulling him to safety.

530523 On Sunday matches were played in Rosefield Park between Pettigo and Barnesmore Minors and Juniors. The games which were played under very unfavourable conditions owing to a strong south-westerly wind were keenly contested. Barnesmore won the minor game and the most promising players for Pettigo were Vincent Egan, Vincent Mc Crea, Joseph Moss and Joe Mc Fadden. Pettigo were the winners in the Junior match and in this game Vincent Egan, B. Maloney, J. Moss and Tony Mc Grath were always in the right place at the right time. Another promising player is Josie Mc Fadden. Mr. F. Muldoon refereed.

530523 St. Mary's Pipe Band has been equipped with new instruments. An interesting visitor to Devenish on Sunday was Senator Lennon, who was the guest of Mr. Fogarty, Cardiff, at the Melvin Hotel.

530523 Success of Devenish Sports held in St. Mary's Gaelic Park on Sunday 10th inst were an outstanding success and a crowd of several hundreds were drawn from Fermanagh, Leitrim and Donegal. They were delighted by the fine demonstration of athletics given by the schoolchildren of the parish in conjunction with the exquisite music provided by St. Mary's Pipe Band. The tastefully dressed members of the children's Irish Class gave a figure drill display under the direction of Miss Gilbride, Rosinver, and also gave displays of Irish dancing the music for which was provided by two talented young accordeon players, J. J. Carty and P. Feehily. The latter is the son of Mr. P. Feehily, the well known traditional fiddler. We congratulate Re. Victor Marron C.C. who was chief organiser of the event and marvel at the success of his efforts to give the children of Devenish a real Irish Ireland outlook. Without compulsion these children are as enthusiastic to learn the Irish language as Fr. Marron is to teach it. Mr. O'Donoghue, Ballyshannon, teaches them Irish dancing and Irish music and there is in this outpost of occupied Ireland we find youth enthusiastically embracing the culture that was the treasured possession of our forefathers and which has entirely disappeared from many parishes in the Republic of Ireland. I only pray that God may give to other parts of Ireland prototypes of Fr. Marron so that the spirit of real sincerity may be infused into the real Irish Ireland Revival Movement. In the football match which was between Belleek and Ballaghameehan St. Aiden's the latter lead the heavier Belleek team by a point but Belleek with the aid of the wind in the second half won by 2-6 to 0-5 with Fr. Marron C.C. as referee.

530523. Religious Profession of former Devenish Playright. Some years ago the name of Alfred G. Mc Govern, Aghoo, Tullyrossmearn, Devenish was known from end to end of Ireland as the author of several popular and successful plays including, "Smuggling on the Border," which had a great run in the Midlands and South: "Paddy Reilly from Ballyjamesduff," a play founded on the popular song "Come back Paddy Reilly," and "I will repay," a historical play representing the life and times of Fr. Sheehy which may well be regarded as the masterpiece of this gifted son of Fermanagh. Your correspondent had the honour to be present at the first productions of all these plays, and reviewed them in turn. Brother Peter is a brother of Messrs. Francis J. Mc Govern, monumental sculptor, Kiltyclogher and of Mr. Leo Mc Govern, postmaster, American House, Bundoran and cousin of Rev. Patrick Stewart, S.M.A., Nigeria, and of Mr. John Sweeny, prominent New York businessman, and Mr. P. Mc Govern, P.C., Curran House, Kiltyclogher, and Mr. J. Sweeny, Latoon. He was reared within a mile of Kiltyclogher. A former playing member of Cashelnadrea Gaelic Football team he was also a gifted musician and his violin selections of traditional dance tunes and airs were frequently heard on concert platforms and Feiseanna all over the North-West. Six years ago Mr. Mc Govern decided to leave the world behind and entered religion as a novice at the Cistercian Monastery, Roscrea, Co., Tipperary. On Wednesday of last week he made his final profession at an impressive ceremony in the Monastery, taking the name in religion of Brother Peter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs John Mc Govern, Aghoo, Cashelnadrea.

530530 A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned at an inquest in Ballyshannon on Monday on Edmond P. Condon (44) solicitor, who was found hanging in an outoffice of Mall House, Ballyshannon, his late mother's residence, on Thursday evening. He was a former chairman of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners and had been missing since Sunday. Sergt. P. Flynn, who made the discovery, said that Condon seemed to be worried and had been unusually quiet recently.

530530 Enniskillen Rural Council's Victory over Lonely Spinster. Sheriff's bailiffs Henry Coalter, Chanterhill, Enniskillen and Thomas Higgins, Enniskillen accompanied by Mr. A.W. Dinnen, Assistant Welfare Officer for Fermanagh, and two policemen, Sergeant Calderwood, Florencecourt and a constable evicted Margaret Nolan of Toneyloman, Belnaleck at 11 am on Tuesday. She was removed from the house built for her father the late John Nolan and had tried in vain to hold on to this family home in the 17 months since he died.

530530 Only six months in existence the Ballyshannon Musical Society has taken a big step in arranging a concert at which the Radio Eireann Light Orchestra of 40 pieces will be guest artistes along with the eminent American mezzo-soprano, Patricia Thomas fresh from the New York Metropolitan Operatic Society, and Liam Arches, wizard of the accordeon. This is the first time that the Radio Eireann Light Orchestra have come so far north, and the announcement of their visit has excited considerable interest all over the North-West. It will be the biggest musical event ever held in the North-West, a fact which is indicated by the steady demand for tickets.

530530 Sunday's memorable close to Irvinestown Carnival. Four thousand spectators thronged the streets for the fancy dress parade in which 100 children and 150 adults took part. In the children's section the most original prize went to Edward, Stephen and Colum Mc Garrity as a Mau Mau Gang.

530604 A continual downpour of rain which lasted practically all day marred Cashelnadrea's annual sports which were held in St. Joseph's Park. The rain partly nullified the efforts of Rev. Fr. Victor Marron, C.C. and his energetic helpers to make it a memorable success. St Mary's Pipe Band woke the echoes amidst the mist obscured hills of historic Cashel and a number of events were run off including a juvenile match despite the sodden condition of the Park. A huge crowd of patrons danced at the sports ceilidhe to the music of Malachy Sweeny's Ceilidhe Band, all the way from Armagh.

530606 Belleek beat Irvinestown last Sunday by 2-4 to 0-7. Jim Diver, in goals for Irvinestown, was caught napping for Belleek's simple first goal. Hughie Connors is the latest of our retired players to come out of retirement. The ex-Mulleek forward still knows where the posts are as he notched 1-2 against Irvineatown.

530606 Cardinal D'Alton's hope for Ireland during new British reign. In a statement he said, "I am sure that Irishmen of all shades of opinion, with their innate sense of chivalry, will join in good wishes to the young Queen who was called to the throne in circumstances of great personal sorrow. It is my earnest prayer that God may protect and guide her in her exalted office and that he reign may be the opening of a new era of prosperity for her people. All of us who love the old historic Ireland sincerely hope that during it we may see our country restored to its natural unity.

530606 Everest has been conquered by 34 year old New Zealander E. P. Hilary and a Sherpa guide. The expedition was led by Colonel John Hunt.

530606 Mr De Valera and his ministers refuse to attend the British Minister's Garden Party on Coronation Day. No films of the Coronation will be shown in Dublin Cinemas as a result of threats from Sinn Fein.

530606 Police are maintaining a 24 hour a day watch on the labourer's cottage at Toneyloman, Belnaleck, from which the 47 year old spinster Margaret Nolan was evicted by bailiffs on a Court Order by Enniskillen Rural Council on Tuesday last. A Protestant tenant was selected for it 17 months ago has been given another house in the meantime although he lived in a better house when he made his first application than hundreds of Catholics today.

530606 The world's longest strike ended on Saturday. It lasted from March 6th, 1939 and for the first time since no pickets marched up and down past the 30ft frontage of Mr James Downey's public house in Dun Laoghaire since James (78) is now dead. Fourteen years ago he sacked one of the barmen and the Irish National Union of Grocers, Vintners and Allied Trades Assistants demanded his reinstatement. The union withdrew the other barmen and

James advertised for non-union men and got 400 replies. Down the years it is estimated that the pickets walked about 41,000 miles and it cost the union £8,500 in strike pay. Some of the original pickets died and others moved away or took other jobs but the union kept sending new pickets. Every night as James locked up he bade the union men good night as he went home and hired a sweeper whenever it snowed to make life easier for the pickets to walk. He was very particular about their punctuality and if there was no pickets present when he opened in the morning he rang the union to demand to know why they were not there and on each 6th of March he held an anniversary party, with drinks on the house to celebrate the strike. The faded "Strike on here" placards have been folded up as the pickets withdrew.

530611 Looking forward to the League Final between Belleek and Lisnaskea there are several surprises in the Belleek line-up not the least being the choice of Brendan Faughnan as goalie. He was an outstanding centre forward until his retirement two seasons ago. Patsy Rooney at corner back is another surprise. He has not played a lot of late but he is such an accomplished player that he would be an automatic choice at centre half for most teams.

530611 The death is announced of Mr. Mary A. Gallagher, Fassagh, Belleek, relict of Mr. John Gallagher.

530613 Monster Sports Meeting to be held at St. Joseph's Park, Cashel on June 21st. Football challenge for a set of medals, Ballyshannon V Belcoo/Cashel/Devenish selection. Admission 1/6, children 6 pence.

530618 After extensive repairs the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen, was re-opened by Dame Dehra Parker, Minister of Health and Local Government in Northern Ireland. The work had changed the whole character and appearance of the hospital from the dull, gloomy character of the former Workhouse. The Hospitals Authority had wonderful plans for a new hospital which would mean sixth new beds in Fermanagh.

530618 Bishop Eugene O'Callaghan, visits Black Bog Parish, Ederney, to decide, from four sites proposed, where Ederney's new Church is to be built. He addressed several hundred parishioners in St. Joseph's Hall, Ederney and introduced Mr. Padraic Gregory, Belfast, who will design the new church and supervise its erection. The present St. Joseph's Church is 200 years old and is of the cruciform style typical of the post Penal Days with rows of seats in front and on both sides of the altar and with galleries above. It has stood the tests of two centuries and is a remarkable tribute to its builders. Very Rev. Felix Mc Kenna, Blackbog, began to build up a fund for its replacement four years ago and a substantial sum has already been collected. The Bishop remarked that it was a long time since a Church had been erected in Fermanagh. Mr. John Monaghan, R.D.C, expressed thanks, on behalf of the people, to His Lordship, Monsignor Gannon and Fr. Mc Kenna of Irvinestown, for having come to assist in this important selection.

530618 Fermanagh Senior League Final was poor. Belleek defeated Lisnaskea by 1-9 to 1-2 in St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown in what must have been one of the poorest exhibitions of its class ever played in the county. J. P. Mc Cann at centre-field completely dominated the sector for the entire match. It was quarter way through the second half before Lisnaskea made their second serious attack of the game. Rooney starred for Belleek in a grand solid line at the back. Belleek last won this title in 1949.

530618 John Magee, Derryrona, Leggs, Belleek was fined a total of 33 shillings plus costs at Belleek Court for being drunk in charge of a bicycle and £4-8-2 compensation for damaging Constable Mc Cutcheon's uniform. The constable was bringing him to the barrack when he began to resist and both fell on the ground damaging the constable's waterproof coat, his trousers and lanyard. Two other constables assisted in taking the defendant to the barrack. He was fined 10s for being drunk in charge, 10s for assaulting the constable, 10s for damaging his clothes and 3s for having no lights or front brake.

530618 Laurence Spratt, aged 19, of Bunaninver, Lisnarick, was charged before Mr. Justice Curran, with forging a £5 note and attemptation to pass it to an Enniskillen shop assistant. He was said not to be leading a natural life for a boy as he spent most of his time at home reading and did not engage in sport as most other boys of his age did. A

sample of his unusual reading material was a book on psychology in six easy lessons. As his parents were hard working, honest people the judge imposed a suspended sentence of six months jail.

530618 Senator O'Hare raised matters in connection with the Erne Scheme at Belleek which were annoying local farmers and others in the locality. As the dredging machinery operated day and night the waters of the Erne were constantly dirty and unsuitable for the farmers' cattle to drink. Blasting was throwing large boulders into farmer's fields which were an obstacle in making hay and this blasting also effected the livelihood of farmer/anglers who took guests out to fish on the Broad Lough.

530620 "It is outrageous and ridiculous" said Mr. J. Coffey at Lisnaskea Rural Council on Saturday when the Council decided to accept by 11 votes to 5 the tender of John Mc Carron to act as caretaker of Derrylin urinal for £1 per week. He thought the urinal should be cleaned when necessary and added that the Lisnaskea caretaker was doing far more for far less.

530620 Cardinal D'Alton blessed and opened the new £70,000 GAA stadium dedicated to Roger Casement in Andersonstown, a suburb of Belfast. He addressed 25,000 people inside the stadium and told them that he regarded the park as a sample of their patriotism and of the indestructible spirit of the Irish nation.

530620 Michael Tate (32) of Bridgend, Ballyshannon, who had been in Crumlin Jail, Belfast, since 1st June for having had in his possession in Belleek one .45 bullet. He was fined £5 at Enniskillen Court. The defendant is believed to be originally from Co., Tipperary and resident in Ballyshannon for the past three or four years.

530620 Mr. Robert Loane, of Rushindoo, Pettigo, has 100 ricks of hay saved.

530620 Owners to blame for the Princess Victoria disaster. The Princess Victoria was unseaworthy when she sailed from Stranraer to Larne on the morning of January 31st to meet disaster in the Irish Sea. This was the verdict of the enquiry which investigated the loss of the ship with 133 lives.

530620 Suspensions imposed at Fermanagh County Board include Seamus O'Connor, Belleek, one month and Sean Mc Caffrey, twelve months. Mc Caffrey's case is to be appealed to the Ulster Council. Patsy Keown, formerly secretary of the Devenish Club, reported that the old Devenish Club had been disbanded and a new one formed. A minor team was being entered for competition in place of the Junior team. The SFL final between Belleek and Lisnaskea was fixed for 12th July at Irvinestown.

530620 The death took place on Thursday of last week at Lettercrann, Pettigo, of Mrs Catherine Haughey aged 88. In August of 1913 two of her children were accidentally drowned in a lake near her home. She was predeceased many years ago by her husband.

530620 William Mc Mahon, Belleek was given the benefit of the Probation Act at Belleek Court for being drunk in charge of a bicycle.

530627 A Garrison cattle dealer, Thomas Allingham, was fined £2 with costs for driving in such a manner as to prevent Henry Acheson, Gurteen, Garrison, from passing his cattle lorry.

530627 In a Junior Football match Knocks defeated Kesh by 2-1 to 1-4. Kesh were best served by the goalie T. Maguire, full-back J. Montgomery, Clifford at centre field and Mc Mahon, left full forward. The referee was Mr. B. Mc Elroy.

530627 In their first season in Senior Football, Derrygonnelly Harps oust the newly crowned Senior League Champions, Belleek, by 3-6 to 1-4. It was a hard tackling, fast encounter with keen marking and many bone-shaking clashes. On a slippery pitch with a greasy ball, Derrygonnelly lead by 3-3 to 0-3 at half time. Best for

Belleek were M. Regan, J. P. Mc Cann, J. and M. Tunney and E. and P. Mc Caffrey. Mr. M. Cullen controlled the game admirably.

530627 On Tuesday night heavy rainfall was experienced in the Pettigo area, continuing until mid-day on Wednesday. Not for 40 years did such flooding occur. Meadows of hay on the banks of the Termon River were swept away. Mr. Wm. Leonard, (cattle dealer), had almost 20 ricks of hay taken away by the flood.

530627 The wedding took place recently in St. Mary's Church, Devenish, between Mr. Michael H. Gilligan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gilligan, Cow Park, and Miss Elizabeth Dolan, second daughter of Mrs T. Dolan, Knockaraven. Mr. P. F. Gilligan, brother of the groom was bestman. The bride was attended by her niece, Miss Marie Timoney. The honeymoon is being spent in the south of Ireland.

530627 Two cases of infantile paralysis in Ballinamallard were reported to Fermanagh Health Committee.

530725 Ederney Parochial Sports. Teams from Pettigo, Dromore, Ederney and Trillick took part with Pettigo and Dromore reaching the finals by defeating respectively, Trilliak and Ederney. The final was not played owing to the rain and Pettigo won the tournament on a toss.

530725 Weeping mothers and sweethearts crowded the GNR terminus at Great Victoria Street as more than 100 young men and women left by train for Cobh on their way to Canada. This was the 4th Emigrant Special to leave Belfast in the last six months and contained many families and Queen's University graduates. The front of the train was decorated with the head of a giant Elk's head. They will join the Cunard liner, "Georgic" at Cobh. Alrready on board from Southampton are 36 members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who have been attending the Coronation ceremonies.

530815 At Belleek Court, Francis Devenny of Forkhill Park, Irvinestown was fined £3 with costs and bound him to keep the peace for twelve months on his own bail of £5 plus one surety of £5 for striking James Burns, Brollagh, Belleek on 30th June. Devenny, who has a family of 10, came out of a pub convenient to the Cementation Works yard and struck Burns in the face for being unwilling to go on strike. The R.M. said he would have sent Devanney to jail only that he had a large family. Devanney has a long list of previous convictions for similar offences.

530822 After the unveiling ceremony in Pettigo on Saturday members of "C" Company, headed by their pipe band paraded to what was formerly the RIC barracks in Pettigo. (Currently in 2002, the Priest's House) and observed 2 minutes silence in memory of the late Commandant P. Breen, who was in charge of taking the barracks in 1921. Afterwards the band played, "The Minstrel Boy," which was Comdt. Breen's favourite tune.

530822 Donkey owner fined at Belleek. Susan Johnston, Commons, Belleek was summonsed for allowing her donkey to wander on the road. Seamus O'Connor, a driver employed by the Cementation Company said that the donkey wandered out in front of him. He did the donkey little harm but the front of his car was smashed in. The defendant said that the donkey must have jumped over the ditch and that on the evening in question all the animals were being annoyed by flies. She was fined 7/6 with 18/- costs.

530822 Enniskillen child drowned. Inquest on Lough Erne fatality. Gerald Divine, Darling St., Enniskillen, aged 6 years drowned on the afternoon of the 8th while playing at the Round "O," Enniskillen.

530822 Enniskillen Convent's great achievement. Every one of the 28 pupils entered for the Senior Certificate Examination passed.

530822 Northern Patriots remembered in Impressive Ceremony. War of Independence Recalled at the Unveiling of Pettigo Memorial. The names on the Memorial are Patrick Flood (Pettigo), William Kearney and Bernard Mc Canny (Drumquin) and William Deasley, (Dromore, Co., Tyrone). The commemorative Mass was said by Rev. A.

Slowey, C. C., Belleek and an FCA Guard of Honour, under Lieutent L. Emerson, Ballyshannon, rendered Compliments at the Consecration. Minister of Defence, General Sean Mc Keown attended. Mr. Oscar Traynor made the oration at the unveiling of the statue commemorating the invasion of Pettigo on June 4th, 1922.

530829 Irish-Ireland Activities in Devenish. Children's classes attended by almost 60 children of the Parish up to the age of 14 years. The classes have been enthusiastically attended and supported by the children on three nights weekly, and lessons have been given in Irish Prayers, conversational Irish, Irish singing, dancing and history. There have been lessons in etiquette and a football team of juveniles chosen from the boys has been established and has proved a match for the best in three counties. The season closed on the 15th of August with a Ceilidh in St. Mary's Hall. Among the prizewinners were:- Best mannered child, Mary Flanagan, Corramore. Irish Prayers, Eileen Burns, Cashel. Exercise Books, J. J. Carty, Knockaraven. Accordion 1. J. J. Carty, Knockaraven;2. Gerald Feely, Knockaraven.

530829 Lord Bishop's Regulations – Dances must end at Midnight. The Lord Bishop of Clogher, Most Rev. Eugene O'Callaghan, D.D. has issued regulations governing the organisation and attendance of Catholics of the Diocese at dances which continue until after midnight. The regulations are to come into force on September 1st. All Cross-roads, open air and dancing decks are to close before lighting-up time, All Parochial Halls and halls controlled by Catholics are to close not later than 10 o'clock midnight – old time. In addition I forbid Catholics of this Diocese to attend any public dance which is to continue to a late hour. These regulations bind in conscience i.e. under pain of sin from 1st September. Priests are to exert vigilance to see that the Diocesan Law for the conclusion of all public dances is strictly observed.

530905 Newtownbutler are new County Champions after beating Irvinestown in a gruelling final by 0-6 to 0-4. The game was played in Gaelic Park, Enniskillen through terrific downpours but the large crowd cheered on while sheltering under trees. Billy Charlton was at the centre of an almost impregnable full back line for Irvinestown. Kevin Mc Cann (Belleek) was a scrupulously fair referee whose handling of the game was beyond criticism.

530912 Garrison Man Unconscious for Seven Days. William George Acheson of Gorteen, Garrison, was unconscious for 7 days and in hospital for a month after cycling into the side of a shooting-brake. As he had suffered a lot through his own negligence he was only fined 5 shillings.

530919 A fine of 15 shillings plus costs was imposed on John Murphy, Stranlongford at Irvinestown Court on Friday for being drunk in charge of a bicycle twice. His wife appeared in his stead and said he was ill and asked for a month to pay the fine.

530919 Ederney drew with Irvinestown 3-3 to 1-9 although the league points were of little interest to either in this local derby. In the juvenile match before Irvinestown easily defeated a much lighter Ederney team. Most promising for Ederney were Manus and Martin Maguire, Sean and Joe Rolston, Joe Turner, Tony Maguire and Tony Mc Grath. In goals for Ederney Seamus Milligan made several fine saves including two penalties.

530919 On Tuesday morning after 11 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Lord Bishop of Clogher, blessed and opened St. Mary's new national school at Pettigo. At the blessing ceremony a guard of honour was provided by the school children under their teachers Master B. Egan, B.A., N.T., Mrs T. Bradley, N.T. and Miss Mc Fadden, N.T. The minister of Education was represented by Mr. Joseph Brennan, T.D. who in a short address said Pettigo people should be proud of their beautiful new school, which had been such a necessity for the past 30 years. The building, he said, was a credit to the contractor, Mr. Geo. Irwin, Donegal, and his staff of tradesmen and workers. Thanks was expressed to the Rev. priests, Very Rev. P. Dempsy P.P., Rev. Jas. F. Brennan, C.C. and Rev. A. Slowey, C.C. for their unfailing efforts and constant attention until the beautiful building was completed. To Fr. Jas. F. Brennan alone the parish are deeply indebted for all his work for both the welfare of his parishioners and for the churches and schools in both Pettigo and Lettercrann, and it is hoped that he will remain many long years in the parish so as to reap the reward of his zeal.

His Lordship also blessed the twelve new houses erected in the village under the housing scheme. The choir with Miss Dora Mc Neill at the organ rendered sacred music during the Mass.

530919 Pettigo Girl's Licence Suspended at Belleek. Kathleen Monaghan, Ballymacavanney, Lough Derg, was fined £2-2-6 with costs and disqualified from driving for a year in N. Ireland, for driving without due care, and without a licence, insurance and tail lights. She admitted all offences. Constable Bell who stopped her said she came into the town from the Ballyshannon direction on the wrong side of the white line and swerved up the Main Street. She said she was learning to drive.

530926 Omagh, St. Enda's win Irvinestown Tourney Final by defeating Lisnaskea by 5-8 to 2-7. The fifteen wristlet watches were presented to the Omagh players afterwards by Rev. J. Mc Kenna, P.P., Irvinestown. Omagh opened the scoring with two goals. The 13 a-side format suited Omagh.

531003 All the residents allotted new houses in Pettigo have taken up their residence during the weekend and are delighted with such splendid houses with every modern convenience.

531003 Armagh gallant in defeat as they fail in the All Ireland final to Kerry by 0-13 to 1-6. Armagh missed a penalty and squandered chances to win. The official attendance of 85,155 and receipts of £10,904-9-1 constitute a record and an additional 7,000 got into the ground without paying.

531003 During Monday's floods Mr. P. Halpin, Customs Officer, Pettigo, performed a plucky act when he rescued four sheep from the Termon River as they were being swept away. He waded waist deep into the fast flowing river to rescue them.

531003 Marian Year Proclaimed. The Pope has proclaimed 1954 as Marian Year in celebration of the centenary of the definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius XI on December 8th 1854. The Pope ordered the World's 400 million Catholics to concentrate on Our Lady's intercession for three objects:- The Unity of the Church, The Peace of the World and The Church of Silence – 60 million Catholics behind the Iron Curtain.

531003 Mr. Cahir Healy, M.P., again unanimously chosen at the Nationalist Convention to run as an anti-partition candidate in South Fermanagh. It was decided not to run in Enniskillen or Lisnaskea (where the Prime minister held) as these areas had been gerrymandered to return two Unionist candidates although Fermanagh had a Nationalist majority.

531010 Cost of Dying Rising Too. Enniskillen Rural District Council is losing £300 to £400 per year in running Brendrum Cemetery. Increases are to be made in the burial and grave charges.

531010 Fermanagh give grand display in losing to Derry by 9 points to 6 points. Following a draw with Tyrone it seems that a corner has been turned in Fermanagh's fortunes since they were last a team to be feared in 1935. "P. Rooney was sound enough ... Matt Regan, a supposedly volatile footballer, was as sound as a bell, brilliant in placing, deadly in tackling and as clean a player as was on a clean field. More performances like this and Matt will have beaten the best of his past Gonigle was a good plodding midfielder, with a flash of brilliance in him quite often ... J. P. Mc Cann seemed a grand player playing with the footbrake partly on.

531010 Mrs Brigid Maguire, relict of Mr. Peter Maguire, died at her home at Knockaraven, Devenish on Tuesday 15th September.

531010 On Sunday evening Pettigo village was en fete with bonfires and cheering crowds when the residents learned that they Junior team were victors in the County Final against the Doe team at Ballybofey.

531010 On Wednesday of last week torrential rain fell in the district for twenty-four hours continuously causing the most devastating floods ever remembered in the district. In Cortness district a bridge connecting the farm of J.

Fletcher, with the leading Pettigo to Castlederg road was swept away, nothing being left on the iron girders. The village street was flooded to a depth of two feet from the Diamond to the railway station. Pedestrians had to wade to the railway station in their bare feet. Ricks of hay and corn were swept away and in the mountain district sheep were swept away. Roads were also torn. The Pettigo to Castlederg road was under water for three miles at Lettercrann.

531017 Ceilidhe Mhor in St. Joseph's Hall, Cashel, on Sunday 18th, October. Music by Mc Cusker Bros. Ceilidhe band (first visit to Cashel. Dancing 8 o'clock, Admission 3s-6d.

531017 Dance in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek, Friday 23rd October with music by Derrylin Starlight Band. Admission 4 shillings.

531017 On Friday night Pettigo GFC held a victory ceilidhe in St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo, to celebrate victory over St. Michael's (Doe) at Ballybofey the previous Sunday in the junior County Final. The cup was carried in procession through the village by the team headed by the captain. The hall was packed by patrons from both north and south of the Border. The dance which was from 8 to 12 concluded with the National Anthem.

531017 Tully's High St. Enniskillen - Special Coat Display – Ladie's Gaberdine Coat in popular new colours for 6 ½ guineas.

531031 At Kesh court, Pettigo man, Thomas Reilly of Mill St. was fined 40s and had his licence suspended for 12 months for driving a car without insurance and 10s for driving without a licence. William Elliott of Kilmollen was fined 8s for carrying two passengers on a goods vehicle without a licence, Grace Elliott, Tulnagin, Ederney and Patrick Meehan, Largy, Lack who were both fined 2s-6d. Hugh Mc Grath, Ednaveigh was fined 8s for allowing three heifers to wander on the road. For allowing four animals to wander on the road William R. Johnston, Lack was fined 6s. John A. Harron, Gubbaroe, was fined 5s for throwing fireworks in Kesh. Thomas Mc Clelland, Feddans, Kesh was fined 20s for using a goods vehicle without a licence and Edward Maguire, Main St. Ederney was fined 3s for having no reflective mirror on a motor vehicle, and 5s, for having no horn.

531031 Ballinamallard Couple's claim against Kesh man. Charles Leonard and his wife Kathleen of Coolgarron, Ballinamallard sued Malcom Turner of Tievaveeney, Kesh for £50 and breach of contract. They alleged that the defendant had invited them to live with him and that he would transfer his lands to Kathleen. They took up residence and put in two acres of potatoes and one of corn but the plaintiff refused to complete the contract or allow them to take away the crops. The defendant claimed that they had ordered £25 of groceries from Blakley Mc Cartney of Kesh in his name and used them solely for themselves and family. The Judge granted £10 to the plaintiffs and allowed the defendant to keep the crops.

531031 Enniskillen Fishery Board member disqualified for six months and fined £7 and costs after a fishery prosecution in Derrygonnelly. He was Mr John Maguire, Boa Island, a fisherman and his partner Edward Cassidy who was fined £4 and costs. Evidence was given that they had failed to stop their boat when challenged by the police launch, were fishing with worms with long lines and had undersized eels in their possession.

531031 Fermanaghman to share in the residue of a ten million pound estate. One of two brothers who will share in the residue of the estate of the Duke of Westminster, Britain's richest landowner, after many legacies and annuities to members of the family, friends and servants is Lieutenant Colonel Robert George Grosvenor, Ely Lodge, Enniskillen. The Duke died last July aged 74. He came to Fermanagh in 1951 when he bought the Ely Estate from Mr. Cathcart. He and his brother are cousins of the late Duke.

531031 Old Character Passes. An old man of the roads, Bob Davitt, died in Ballyshannon. He was almost 80 years old and had been known to generations of families in the North-West as a gentle, kindly, old man who moved from place to place with his familiar, "bundle on his shoulder." Youngsters delighted in letting imagination work on the mysteries of the great bag, which was opened occasionally to show the small articles that Bob would sell.

He had great dignity and would only condescend to take a meal at some houses, and indeed to call only in some. He slept in haysheds or at the foot of haystacks; he was loved by children of several generations. By his passing a link has been broken of Ireland's "men of the road." He had a considerable sum of money when he died.

531031 The sudden death took place at Killybeg, Belleek, of Mrs Jane Keown, wife of Mr. Patrick Keown. She had been in indifferent health for some time past.

531107 A decree of £3 was awarded against Thomas Duffy, Commons, Belleek, for trespass by his cattle on lands at Rathmore, Belleek. The action was taken by Tohn Mc Elroy, Auctioneer, Belleek who had the setting of the land. He claimed that the land was worth £20 per annum but Duffy would only offer £12 which was refused.

531107 Inquest on Ballyshannon woman adjourned. Mrs Agnes White (49), widow of James White, one of the leading merchants of the district in his time was found dead in the attic of her home on Tuesday of last week. She was suffering from heart trouble for a number of years and was inclined to excessive worry. She was found lying in the attic with a rug under her head as a pillow. He found a cup and a small glass beside the body. Guard Flynn gave evidence of finding traces of vomiting and two partly dissolved capsules of a purplish colour. Dr. Patrick Daly gave his opinion that the capsules could not have caused her death.

531107 Mr. S. Mc Ginley is appointed secretary of Pettigo GAA Club.

531107 Storm over Fermanagh – Torrtial rain all over the county during Sunday caused the most serious and extensive flooding in years. The Belleek to Letter Road was impassible at Rossscreenagh, where water poured down from the hills and covered the entire valley.

531114 The case was dismissed against Joseph Mc Dermott, Corry, Belleek, for riding his bicycle without due care and attention. He had been badly injured when struck by a lorry while cycling from his farm at Brollagh. He had spent 15 days in the shiel Hospital, Ballyshannon, with severe head and arm injuries. A similar case against the lorry driver was adjourned.

531114 The death has occurred of Rev. W. Babbington Steele, Castletown, Monea, retired minister of the Episcopalian Church of Ireland. He was born in 1865 and was the son of Rev. William Steele, headmaster of Portora from 1857 to 1891. He was the brother of the convert, Rev. John Haughton Steele, born 1850, who had been minister at Deryvore, Co., Fermanagh, incumbent of Trinity Church, Crom, Newtownbutler for 27 years, before becoming a priest in 1912. Fr. Steele died on March 17th, 1920 and is interred in the grounds of Cavan Cathedral.

531114 The death of Mr. James Cleary, Donegal House, Bundoran. He was a native of Lissan, Garvery, Enniskillen and had spent his early years in America returning in 1925 to set up a successful business in Bundoran. He had been on his way to Benediction on Monday evening when he died.

531121 A fire broke out in the roof of Letterkeen School, Kesh, on Wednesday 11th. The 40 children were removed by their teacher Miss Mary I. Stephenson. Two sections of Enniskillen Firebrigade arrived within a half an hour, making the 18 mile journey in record time. They were able to put out the fire before any serious damage was done.

531121 Opening Announcement – Radio and Television Service of Thomas P. Gannon, 37 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen opposite the GPO. Leading makes of radio and television stocked, batteries, valves and all radio components, sheet music and gramophone records, complete repair service, batteries charged.

531121 Two men drowned in shocking Belleek tragedy. Both were employees of the Cementation Company. The dead men are Jack Lawler, Athy, Co., Kildare and Jack Mc Grath, Lisnarick. Edwards, J. Maguire of Boa Island

was rescued. Mc Grath's body has not yet been discovered despite search parties of up to 50 people searching the banks of the river. Mr. Maguire gave a graphic description of what happened to members of the Press.

531128 Border fireworks. Guard James Dowd summonsed James Mc Inern (18) of Bannaghbeg, Clonnelly, Co., Fermanagh for exploding squibs in Main St. Pettigo and then running into the North out of the jurisdiction. Mc Inern was caught but another youth escaped. The case was adjourned as Mc Inern's sister had rung in to say he was ill and unable to attend. Daniel Mc Grory was fined 10/- each for being lying down drunk on the road and having no light on his bicycle.

531205 The minor Football Championship between Lisnaskea and Garrison was a very one sided affair with Lisnaskea having an Garrison conceding two very soft goals at the beginning.

531212 Ending of the Marian Year in a three day ceremony. Overflowing crowds at all Masses. "The cry for a new Redemption, a Redemption coming through Mary, has been answered." Said in a ceremony at the Graan.

531219 The longest ever Ballyshannon inquest lasting 3 ½ hours was resumed on the 9th on Mrs Agnes Fyffe White, proprietress easy win, of the well known business bearing her name, at the Mall, Ballyshannon, whose body was found in the attic of her home on 28th of October.

531226 Inquest into Belleek tragedy. Accidental drowning verdicts were returned on John Lawlor (39) Athy, County Kildare and John Mc Grath, Rossgweer, Lisnarick, employees on the Erne Scheme at Belleek who lost their lives on the 16th November, when their boat was swept away after their engine had failed. The inquest on Lawlor was held in Belleek Courthouse and a jury of which Christopher Ross was foreman. John Maguire, Boa Island, the boatman gave evidence. The engine died out and they missed the first safety rope because the boat passed over it. They caught hold of the second but it sagged leaving them under the water. He let go and was swept through the open sluice gates. Below Belleek Bridge and the eelweir he caught up with the overturned boat and it took him to the bank where he clung to a tree until rescued. Like Lawlor he was wearing a lifejacket but Lawlor's head struck the sluiceways and he was drowned. Mc Grath had no lifejacket and his body was not found for days after. As his body was found on the Eire side of the Border an inquest was conducted in Ballyshannon. Frank Mc Cauley found Mc Grath's body having searched each day for it.

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National Events.

The Flags and Emblems Act in Northern Ireland (6 April) bans interference with the Union Jack and effectively prohibits the public or private display of the tricolour

Michael Manning (aged 25) becomes the last man to be executed by the state in the Republic of Ireland: he is hanged on 20 April at Mountjoy jail, Dublin, for the murder of a nurse

General election in the Republic (18 May): a second coalition government takes office on 2 June with John A. Costello as Taoiseach

The IRA raids Gough military barracks, Armagh (12 June)

Brendan Behan's *The Quare Fellow* opens at the Pike Theatre, Dublin (19 November)

A four-month bank dispute commences in the Republic (4 December)

The last issue of *The Bell* appears

Christy Brown's *My Left Foot* is published

A record 84,856 people watch Cork beat Wexford in the All-Ireland hurling final at Croke Park

Births.

Jimmy Barry Murphy (hurler and Gaelic footballer) in Cork (22/8)

Ollie Campbell (rugby player) in Dublin (3/3)

Maud Cotter (stained-glass artist)

Síle de Valera (Fianna Fáil politician) in Dublin

Bob Geldof (rock musician, charity organizer) in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin (5/10)

Richard Kearney (philosopher and writer) in Cork

Ger Loughnane (Clare hurler and manager)

Thomas McCarthy (poet) in Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

Kevin Moran (Dublin Gaelic footballer; Manchester United, Sporting Gijon, Blackburn Rovers and Republic of Ireland footballer) in Dublin (29/4)

Brian Mullins (Dublin Gaelic footballer) in Dublin (27/9)

Éilís Ní Dhuibhne (writer and lecturer) in Dublin

Julie O'Callaghan (poet) in Chicago

Mary O'Donnell (writer and broadcaster) in Monaghan

Dennis O'Driscoll (poet) in Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Bobby Sands (IRA member and hunger striker) in Belfast

Mikey Sheehy (Kerry Gaelic footballer) in Co. Kerry (28/7)

Deaths.

John Collins

Margaret Cousins

James Green Douglas

Denis Fahey

Henry Harrison

Elinor Price

Robert Smyllie.

Local Events.

540102 Enniskillen new Fire Station, now completed, will be opened shortly. The brigade consists of 20 members under section leader Robert Mc Cutcheon.

540102 There is no need for alarm in Fermanagh says Dr. Brian Moore, Chief Medical Officer for the County, speaking about the four cases of infantile papalysis reported in Fermanagh in the past month.

540102 A youth named Patrick Barron of Derrarona, Leggs PO, Belleek is in Fermanagh County Hospital suffering from head injuries suffered on Christmas Day while riding a motor cycle.

540102 A Donegal youth, Johnston Morrow of Derrybrick, Clonelly was sentenced to one month imprisonment for driving a tractor while disqualified and without insurance or licence and also for obtaining a license while disqualified. He had been employed by David George Noble of Derrybrick.

540109 St. Mary's Hall, Devenish, was packed for "The Message of Fatima," Pageant by the local school children. An enthralled audience drawn from four counties saw unfold scene by scene the wonderful miracle which shook the world only thirty six years ago. I take of my hat to Fr. Marron and his brilliant galaxy of juvenile stars and I think it only fair to hand a special bouquet to little Nuala Gilbride of Rosinver, who played the part of Our Lady of Fatima in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. The parts of the children to whom the apparition appeared were played by Bridie Neilan, Agnes Burns and M. J. Flanagan.

540116 Irvinestown's unbelievable plight to end soon. For years past they have had the water turned on for only two hours per day and only one hour in the Summer. In January they are to join up to the huge Lough Braden water network.

540116 An application to have the Ballinamallard - Mossfield – Sydare closed for the annual "Enniskillen 100" motor cycle race this year was granted by Fermanagh County Council. Owing to a late application last year there was no race – the first occasion this happened since the war.

540116 Lawyer and cattle dealer summonsed at Belleek as a result of accidents at a bad bend at Keenaghan, Belleek within five days of each other. The defendants were cattle dealer Maurice Leonard, Pettigo and Thomas T. Montague, LLB, Irvinestown. Leonard's cattle lorry demolished a length of stone wall and had the front axle torn from the vehicle was fined £1 for driving without due care and 10s for not producing his insurance within five days. Evidence was given that the front tyres of the lorry were smooth. In his own defence Montague said that there was no evidence that he was driving without due care and that the skid marks and damage to the wall were just as likely to have been those caused by the lorry. Case dismissed for insufficient evidence.

540116 In a sequel to a row over admission to a dancehall at Brollagh, Frederick Brock was fined £1 and bound over for a year on his own bail of £5. Sydney Brock who was trying to take his brother from the police was fined £3 for obstruction, £3 for disorderly behaviour and bound over for a year for £5. John Dolan was fined £3 for disorderly behaviour and £1 for obstruction and also bound over and Thomas Murphy was fined £1.

540116 It was with regret that his many friends heard of the death of Mr. Patrick Eves, Kesh, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Kesh. Until he retired from business due to failing health he had carried on a long and successful business as a spirit merchant and farmer and had earned a fine reputation as a man of sound judgment, a good counsellor and neighbour and the respect of men of all creeds.

540123 Mrs Mary Mc Garrity, (49) wife of John Mc Garrity, tenant of apartments in the old Workhouse, Townhill, Irvinestown, gave her life on Friday night in an effort to save her two daughters, Josie (24) and Veronica (19) who were returning from the cinema at 11.00 when they became entangled in a live electricity cable in the darkness of an enclosed yard in front of their dwelling place. The wire had been broken in the storm. Hearing their screams their parents rushed down to help them and were aided by Samuel Gillespie, an electrician, who helped the father and two daughters get clear. Unfortunately Mrs Mc Garrity was fatally shocked and died on her way to hospital.

540123 Garda William Melly, Dublin Metropolitan Police has retired after 39 years service from 1st January 1954. He was stationed all his time in Dublin and was attached to the Dublin District Courts for over 30 years. He

served through all the troubled years in the city during his service. He was a native of Castle Caldwell, County Fermanagh.

540123 It was with regret that the people of Devenish heard of the death of Mrs Ellen Feely on January 5th. She had been a member of the Total Abstinence Association since 1911.

540206 Mr. S. Herson, Secretary of Devenish GAA Club said in his report that last year was not an outstanding success although the Minor team had got to the County final only to be defeated by a very good Lisnaskea team.

540213 The Annual Fermanagh County GAA Convention was held in Enniskillen on the last Sunday in January with 74 delegates present, the greatest ever number. Not counted were Mr. Denis Hogan and Denis Leonard of the newly formed Knocks club who were not allowed to vote since their team did not compete in the last championship in 1953. All three nominees for chairman were unwilling to put their names forward but this was not accepted and Mr. Thomas Campbell, Belleek, was retained in office for a fourth time. The most far-reaching motion to be decided was to reduce the number of players on Senior teams from 15 to 13. This probably suits most Fermanagh pitches better and should lead to a more open brand of football.

540227 Lack Farmer, 54 year old, Francis Mc Cusker, Largy, Lack, was killed while loading trees on to a lorry from an embankment on his farm. A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest. He was a brother of Nurse Mc Cusker, Ederney.

540227 Regret has been occasioned by the death of Mrs F. Campbell, wife of Mr. Francis Campbell, Aghoo, Devenish, after a long illness.

540306 A fine of £3 was imposed on Bernard Mc Kenna, Ardees, Roscor, Belleek for stealing an Exide battery from a motor cycle parked at Mahoo. District Inspector Wolseley said that the defendant had previously been convicted of stealing cattle.

540306 The Belleek V Enniskillen Gaels football match was abandoned at half time due to snow with the score Belleek 0-4, Enniskillen 0-1.

540306 Death of Leitrim-Born Christian Brother, founder of Australia's Boy's Town. Regret is felt in Kiltyclogher and district by the death of Rev. Bro. Paul Francis Keaney, which occurred suddenly at his Christian Brothers College, Perth, Australia last Friday, 28th February. Known all over the great Australian Continent as the founder of Australia's Boy's Town and beloved for his charity and kindness towards the flotsam and jetsam of humanity with whom his social activities brought him into contact. His death is mourned by hundreds of orphaned and abandoned boys who owing to Br Paul's noble work are today happy and prosperous citizens. He was born on a small farm at Corraleskin, Kiltyclogher in 1888 he was one of a family of nine of whom seven still survive. He joined the RIC in 1909 and served two years before emigrating. He received the OBE in the Coronation honours list. When he decided recently to return to Ireland after an absence of 42 years he was presented with a cheque for £1,500 by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, on behalf of a group of businessmen as a tribute to his services. However his return to Ireland was not to be.

540306 Chemist Shop is now open at Mill Street, Pettigo under the management of M. T. Egan, M.P.S.I.

540313 During the weekend telephone engineers started to erect telephone poles from Pettigo village to Tievmore Post Office where a Post Office telephone is being installed.

540327 The Belleek Erne Drainage Strike over the sacking of a fitter who complained about their conditions of employment especially at the Marion crane at which he worked.

540327 Devenish Pioneer Social on Sunday last in St. Mary's Hall was a great success. The Sligo Pantomine Players provided the entertainment. Rev. Fr. Brennan, C.C., Pettigo was the guest of honour and was welcomed by Rev. Canon Coyle, a member of the Association for 33 years. The Association was first set up in the parish in 1945 and three Councils were established at Cashel, Toura and Devenish. The parish now has 242 Pioneers and 105 probationers and the juvenile section is being especially catered for in the schools.

540327 The residents of Pettigo village and district deeply regret the transfer of Sergeant M. J. Mc Donagh, Garda Siochana, from Pettigo to Newtowncunningham during the week. Sergeant Mc Donagh was a very popular member of the Garda and for his brief stay in Pettigo village had endeared himself to everyone. Of a retiring disposition he was genial and had a most efficient manner in the discharge of his various duties. During his term as Sergeant in charge of Pettigo Garda Station lawlessness had completely disappeared in the area.

540327 During blasting operations in a quarry at Cashelinney a small piece of rock from the quarry travelled 500 yards landing on the roof of Lettercrann School and breaking a few slates.

540403 The opening of the Adelphi Cinema, Irvinestown on April 5th with the first film "Ivanhoe" with Robert and Elizabeth Taylor. Telephone Irvinestown 242.

540403 Donegal defeat Fermanagh at Glenties. The ex-Fermanagh player Matt Regan (Belleek) was in sparkling form against his old colleagues. Many strange decisions by the referee almost led to the Fermanagh team leaving the field on several occasions in the second half. Sean Gonigle (Belleek) was the best player on the Fermanagh team.

540417 Garrison man, Thomas Murphy, of Knockaraven, was fined £2 for assaulting another youth, Walter George Carson on March 14th. Murphy had caught hold of Carson's bicycle by the carrier and bounced it up and down several times.

540417 Very Rev. E. Canon Coyle, PP, Devenish paid tribute to the Anti-Partition League after an anti-Partition film show, concert and meeting in St., Mary's Hall, Devenish on Sunday night. After thanking the speakers, Mr. Cahir Healy and P. J. O'Hare he said, "No other movement is doing anything only talking."

540424 Junior Football League – Holywell 2-11 – Devenish 1-7.

540424 Garrison Publican, Patrick Casey, of Casey's Hotel, was fined £1 for allowing the consumption of intoxicating drink on his licensed premises and his wife Margaret was fined £1 for aiding and abetting. Four persons found on the premises were each found 8 shillings. They had drink on the counter in front of them when the police entered at 10.00 p.m.

540424 O'Donnell Rally opens in Ballyshannon with glorious weather for a memorable occasion. It was attended by Mr. Aiken, Minister of External Affairs, Count O'Donnell and The O'Donnell.

540424 Ballyshannon Notes. The town was gaily decorated with flags and bunting during the Easter weekend. This was to celebrate the opening of An Tostal and the O'Donnell Clan Rally. The Power House was illuminated with bright yellow lights, and viewed from the bridge, was an inspiring sight.

540501 On Friday morning when travelling to her place of employment at Waterfoot, Pettigo, Miss Maggie Mc Caffrey, Mullinagoat, heard a fox barking and on investigation found a young fox which she promptly killed with a stick from the roadside.

540501 Tievemore Post Office was on Thursday officially opened as a telephone call office.

540501 The cuckoo was heard for the first time in the Pettigo area during the weekend, and also the corncrake, which is late compared with previous years.

540501 The "Robe" at the Regal Cinema, Enniskillen. Enniskillen is this week enjoying its most stupendous cinematic treat. And when I say "stupendous" I know I am employing one of the superlatives that Hollywood blurbs have largely made meaningless. But using it with a due sense of proportion, one can only say of the magnificent drama, "The Robe" brought to the Regal, Enniskillen this week, in the new screen medium, cinemascope, that it is a stupendous achievement. Many feel that a wonderful religious performance like "The Robe" should finish only with a suitable religious air at the conclusion. There are three performances daily – Balcony 2/-, stalls 1/-.

540501 In the Junior League Derrygonnelly defeated Devenish by 3-3 to 1-2. Devenish had a grand full back in J. Mulrone, who gave a sound display while others to impress were P. Keown, R. Mc Dermott and J. Treacy.

540508 Enniskillen Unionist majority on the Town Improvements Committee which has Council powers in the allocation of houses voted to give four new Council houses in Derrychara to Protestants. This makes a total of 77 houses let at Derrychara, all to Protestants. There are 18 left to be let.

540508 On Wednesday morning the wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church Belleek of Mr. George Johnston, Pettigo and Miss Molly Monaghan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Monaghan, Aghafoy, Pettigo. Mr. Edward Monaghan, brother of the bride was best man and Miss Mona Flood, "The Hotel" Pettigo was bridesmaid. Afterwards the happy couple set off for Bundoran for their honeymoon.

540508 The wedding took place of Mr. John J. Mc Gurl, Farrancassidy and Miss Maureen Doogan, Corry, Belleek.

540508 The death is reported of Mr. John Dolan, Drumnasrene who was one of the most respected residents of Devenish Parish.

540515 Ballyshannon's new GAA Park opens with a Donegal win over Armagh in a challenge game.

540605 The death is announced of Mr. James Maguire, Seemuldoon, building contractor, responsible for the erection (and of the design) of many fine, schools, halls, churches and buildings. He had erected the curates house and Ederney Hall in his own parish.

540605 A 22 mile dash by Enniskillen fire brigade saved the world-famous Belleek Pottery from possible destruction on Sunday. They reached Belleek in a record time of half an hour. Workmen and others, including police under Sergeant John Mc Michael, formed a bucket chain which confined the flames to a limited area of the kiln polishing room where the outbreak started. Fire fighting units from Ballyshannon also attended the blaze and Customs formalities were waived as they crossed the Border.

540612 By attaching a wooden frame behind his motorbike, Mr. John O'Connor, Mulleek, was able to "top" two acres of potato drills in a few hours. When done by hand this usually took several days. Miss Rita Dolan, a nurse, of Killybig, Garison, was fined £2 for allowing a juvenile to drive her car without being properly licensed, and covered by the insurance, and she was disqualified for driving for a year. The RM suggested an early application be made to the court for the removal of the disqualification on Miss Dolan.

540619 Daring Raid on Armagh military barracks. Fifteen khaki-clad men seize 700 guns from the Armory. Officers held up at pistol point.

540619 For the second time in a fortnight the River Erne between Belleek and Roscor will be drained of all water.

540619 Juvenile Football League. Ederney's Grand Win over Gaels by 4-13 to 1-1. Ederney proved to be far too good for Gaels Juveniles. It was a pleasure to watch the Ederney team and especially their grand nippy forwards. With their well-worked and constructive moves, and their beautiful finishing. Practice, training and constructive coaching were apparent in every movement. All were splendid but M. Maguire, Joe Turner, J. Moohan and especially A. Mc Grath, a grand little player with a great "pick-up" and a delightful body swerve merit special mention. J Wylie, N. Mc Clurg, H. Herbert, V. Henderson and Nolan in goals were best for Gaels.

540619 Mr E. Thompson, Castle Caldwell had a narrow escape from injury when, swerving to avoid an auto-cyclist, his car mounted a ditch and overturned. After treatment for injuries he was able to resume his journey in a friend's car.

540619 Senior Football Championship. Enniskillen Gaels qualified for the Divisional Final with a narrow victory over Ederney by 4-2 to 3-4. Best for Ederney were J. Eves, B. Sheridan, B. Mc Hugh and the Mc Kervey brothers. The stewards had the excellent idea of clearing the goal lines before the game started, thus leaving the two umpires at each goals, free to carry out their duties more efficiently. Referee Mr. Bill Thompson.

540626 In the league Irvinestown 1-4, Belleek 1-4. Best for the home team were O'Hanlon, Charlton, Mc Groy, Lennon (Joe who played for Down) Mahon, Maguire and Hegarty. The visitors were well served by Mc Cann, Gonigle, Rooney, and Tinney. The match was refereed by Fr. Tom Marron, Ederney.

540626 On next Sunday, June 27th, Pettigo village will be en fete for the annual Memorial celebrations which it is hoped will be a success. There will be a fancy dress parade led by Ederney and Irvinestown Bands to the new Memorial Park, where many football teams will compete for the Memorial Cup.

540626 Irvinestown mid-week Tournament, 13-a-side for wristlet watches valued at £120 at St., Molaise Park, Irvinestown. Fixtures include Pettigo V Derrygonnelly Thur 24th June and Trillick V Ederney Thur 22nd July.

540703 Belcoo brothers Frank and James Boylan had eight unpunched cattle forfeited by the Ministry of Agriculture at Letterbreen Court.

540703 The newly opened Lough Bradan Water Scheme will benefit more than a dozen towns in North-West Tyrone and North Fermanagh. The lough was first considered as a source of supply in 1945. It has a catchment area of 740 acres on the southern slopes of Ally Mountain. The total final cost of the scheme is estimated to be £300,000.

540710 At Devenish Sports on one of the stormiest July days ever experienced four bands attended from Garrison, Ederney, Monea and Boho. Football and hurling matches were also played.

540710 An Enniskillen Protestant Patriot passes on; Mr. George Irvine who was a notable figure in the War of Independence. Although of strong Ulster stock he developed an interest in things national and became a chief organiser for the I.R.B. He fought in the South Dublin Union in the 1916 Rising and was sentenced to death. This was commuted and he was interned in Lewes Jail. On release he became vice-Commandant of the 1st Battalion Dublin Brigade where he was known with affection by the name "The Grey Ghost." He joined the Republican side in the Civil War and was interned in Mountjoy Jail. He retired from his teaching position in the Technical Schools, Parnell Square, five years ago. He was interested in the Irish language revival and the promotion of the Gaelic League and also helped establish the Church of Ireland Gaelic Society. He donned his pre-1916 Volunteer uniform and went to the service in his local church on Sunday.

540710 At a special meeting of Clones U.D.C. preliminary arrangements were made to erect a statue of James Connolly, the 1916 leader in or near Clones. He was born at Analore about two miles from Clones. The cost is estimated at several thousand pounds.

540717 The Probation Act was applied in Belleek Court to Desmond Cleary, Main St., Belleek publican, for breaches of the licencing laws on May 29th. The two men found on the premises were fined 5s each. In court it was stated that the publicans of Belleek “were up against it” being near Ballyshannon where drink was much cheaper and the public houses open longer.

540724 The death has occurred in a London nursing home of Sir John Bartley C.S.I., C.I.E. a native of Enniskillen who was joint secretary to the Government of India from 1932 to 1938. He was aged 68. He was a son of Mr Charles Bartley, Inspector of Schools and one of six brothers who all made their mark on the world. One was a judge in the High Court in Calcutta, another president of the Singapore Municipal Commissioners and two others were in the Indian Police Service.

540724 The death has occurred of John James Maguire of Carran West, Garrison who was only 26 years of age.

540724 Exciting scenes in Newtownbutler where 200 police in twelve tenders and six jeeps enforced a ban on a 1916 pageant in the town. Twice the Irish flag was removed from the home of Rev. Thomas Canon Maguire flown in defiance of ban announced by Mr. G. B. Hanna, Minister of Home Affairs.

540731 A giant mushroom of 16 ½ ounces and 36 inches in circumference has been found on the farm of John Bleakley, Makeny, Irvinestown. The finders had it for tea and pronounced it delicious.

540731 James Martin Eves, publican, Ederney was given the Probation Act and his wife fined £1 for breaches of the licencing laws. Five men on the premises were also fined They were drinking in the bottling store in the yard. The family were in occupation of the premises for 44 years, the bar had been locked and the publican had gone to the pictures. The police visited the premises at 10 o'clock, an hour after closing time.

540731 There is considerable speculation about the new bridge at Belleek. Donegal County Council state that they may not pay their share of the construction costs unless employment is on an equal basis. At present no 26-County men are allowed to work on it.

540807 During renovations to Pettigo Corn and Saw Mill tiles were lifted when a new concrete floor was being laid. They were in good order and written on them was “Made in Enniskillen 1851.”

540821 A site for a new abbatoir for Fermanagh has been bought at Drumclay, Enniskillen costing £3,200. It is a 16 acre farm with dwelling house belonging to Mr. J. W. Kelland.

540821 In protest at the suspension of their Senior Team by Fermanagh GAA, Irvinestown have withdrawn all their teams from all competitions.

540821 Patrick Mc Nulty's of 4 Belmore St., Enniskillen are offering a new B.S.A. motorcycle Gold Flash for £217-0-0.

540828 Widespread regret is occasioned by the death, after a short illness, of Mr. John Feely, Glen West, Garrison.

540828 In Irvinestown on Sunday 29th August, Belleek Young Emmetts will play Lisnaskea Emmetts in the Senior Football League Final while Ederney will play Devenish in the Juvenile Football League Final.

540904 Lisnaskea defeat Belleek to win another Senior Title by a score of 2-10 to 1-8. The Belleek team were Patsy Rooney, Eddie Mc Caffrey, Michael Mc Gurn, J.P. Mc Cann, Frankie Gonnigle, Sean Gonnigle, Jim O'Connor, Michael Tinney, John Duggan, Sean Mc Manus, Joe Tinney, Pat Mc Cafferty and Peter Cox.

540904 In the Juvenile League Final Ederney defeated Devenish in “as delightful an exhibition of football as has ever been seen in Fermanagh.” The score was 5-3 to 3-4.

540911 Twenty-eight people were drowned in a crashed aircraft in the Shannon Estuary on Sunday.

540918 Lisnaskea have again won the Fermanagh Senior Football Championship by defeating Enniskillen Gaels by 1-12 to 0-2.

540918 Allegations are being made in the newspapers of the Japanese stealing Belleek parian ware designs.

540918 Sir Alexander Fleming predicts that by the year 2,000 a vaccine will have been developed to defeat measles.

540918 Donegal men are not being employed in the construction of Belleek bridge towards which Donegal County Council are paying £11,000. Councillor S. Mc Gonigle proposes that all contributions be stopped until there is a labour force of equal size from both sides of the Border. Currently 20 are employed but only two from Donegal.

540918 Almost 60 men employed by the Cementation Co., on the drilling barges on the Erne have been paid off as this section of the contract is almost completed.

540918 There are packed houses at the Ritz Cinema, Enniskillen for the showing of the film, "Gone with the Wind" which is three hours long.

540918 The new bridge in Enniskillen is a splendid construction and almost finished. It has been built by the all-Fermanagh firm of Messrs Clarke, Ports, Newtownbutler.

540918 Youths from the Pettigo area are departing for England and Scotland weekly in search of work.

540925 The Rev. Dr. E. O'Callaghan, Lord Bishop of Clogher cut the first sod on the new Church of St. Joseph, Ederney. The new church is estimated to cost £50,000 and will replace the present church which is 200 years old.

540925 The death took place following a long illness of Mrs P. Cullen, Cashelnadrea, Garrison.

541002 Myxomatosis is believed to be in the Tievemore district of Pettigo where rabbits are being found dead in numbers. Local farmers would be very pleased to see the rabbits exterminated.

541002 The Sam Maguire Cup presented by the GAA to the winners of the All-Ireland Football Championship was given to the GAA by friends of a Cork Protestant, Sam Maguire, of Dunmanway, believed descendants of Maguires from Fermanagh who had been in the army of O'Neill and O'Donnell defeated in the Christmas Eve, Battle of Kinsale in 1601. Young Sam was descended of staunch Protestant Nationalists and joined the Civil Service in London. He was an outstanding footballer and played with the Hibernians in London. He was a member of the London Irish teams of 1900/01/02 who contested the All-Ireland finals. He joined the National Movement and was O.C. of Britain. He was dismissed from the Civil Service and spent two terms in jail. In failing health he retired to Dunmanway in 1924 and died shortly afterwards and is buried in the local Protestant Cemetery.

541009 In his report for 1953 Dr. Brian Moore notes that Fermanagh's population continues to fall and is now 53,000 and that the county has the highest death rate and the lowest marriage rate in the Six Counties. The total is unusual in that there are more than 2,000 men than women in the county.

541009 A Swanlinbar teacher, Mr. James Curran, is critically ill in hospital with severe shotgun wounds received in his shoulder.

541009 A nephew of Lord Brookeborough is a priest. He is Father Odo Brooke of the Benedictine Order.

541016 Mr. Wesley Acheson, Knockaraven, Garrison was fined £5 plus £3-5-0 for fraudelently abstracting electricity from an electricity pole the property of the Electricity Board.

541016 Breandrum Cemetery is to be offered to Enniskillen Borough Council by Enniskillen Rural Council from 1st January 1955. The Tempo Road Cemetery was opened in 1882. The much complained of charges were the first increase since it opened.

541016 Man-hunt follows an attack on the Omagh Army Depot of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers on Sunday 16th October. Over 6,000 military and police scour the Six-Counties. The attacking party withdrew without taking anything after a fifteen minute engagement. Later six men were charged at a special court in Omagh Police Station. Several hundred people stood outside and cheered when the prisoners were taken away. There were shouts of "Up Dublin" and Up Pomeroy."

541106 Enniskillen Gaels complete the double of Minor League and Championship by beating gallant Devenish by 2-4 to 1-2 in the League final. There was a starring performance by J. J. Tracy, Newry College.

541120 Further flooding in Fermanagh – the worst since the drainage early this century. In a 24 hour period Lough Erne rose by three inches and great tracts of land in the Lisbellaw and Lisnaskea areas are under water.

541120 Knockaraven, Garrison garage proprietor, Wesley Acheson is for trial on charges of forging applications for driving licences.

541120 A 70-years old man Edward Fenton, Main St. Irvinestown, a saddler, was bound to the peace having been charged with dirtying the window of an Irvinestown grocery shop (Elliotts) with spittle and other matter about 4 times a week over a period of 10 to 14 years.

541120 Michael Monaghan of Derrynieve, Kesh was remanded for trial at the Winter Assies for demanding £100 with menaces from a "Mr. X."

541127 Ederney Gaels were urged to preserve the language at a Manchester Martyrs function in Ederney Hall.

541225 Technical Classes are to commence in Irvinestown to train workers for the new weaving factory to be established in that town.

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National Events.

There is rioting in Dublin over Seán O'Casey's 'blasphemous' new play, *The Bishop's Bonfire* (28 February), but public demand for tickets is high
The first regular television service in Northern Ireland begins transmission (21 July)
Archbishop McQuaid calls for an international football match against Yugoslavia in Dublin to be cancelled, but it goes ahead on 19 October in front of a capacity crowd
Saor Uladh, a breakaway from the IRA, attacks the police barracks in Rosslea, Co. Fermanagh (26 November)
The Republic of Ireland joins the United Nations (14 December)
Brendan Behan and Beatrice Salkeld marry
J.P. Donleavy's novel *The Ginger Man* and Brian Moore's novel *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* are published.

Births.

John Alderdice (Alliance Party leader) in Ballymena (28/3)
Sebastian Barry (poet, novelist and dramatist) in Dublin
Mary Black (singer) in Dublin (22/5)
Bob Crowley (designer) in Cork (10/6)
Rita Ann Higgins (poet) in Galway
Patrick McCabe (novelist) in Clones, Co. Monaghan
Eilis McGovern (heart surgeon) in Mount Charles, Co. Donegal
Paula Meehan (poet) in Dublin
Paul Muldoon (poet) in Eglishe, Co. Armagh
Adi Roche (founder of Chernobyl Children's Project) in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Pat Spillane (Kerry Gaelic footballer) in Co. Kerry (1/12)
Colm Tóibín (novelist and journalist) in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Deaths.

Henry Dockrell	Kathleen Lynn
Sir Arthur du Cros	Blair Mayne
Wilhelmina Geddes	Patrick O'Hegarty
May Guinness	Moira O'Neill
Evie Hone	Michael Staines
Stanislaus Joyce	

Local Events.

550101 Kesh Motor Cases. James Kelly of High Street, Ederney was fined £2 for driving a car in a dangerous manner and £1 for having defective brakes. Mr. B. Cunningham, New St. Ederney was fined 30 shillings for driving his car in a dangerous manner and having an accident at Miss Allingham's bad turn on the Kesh to Pettigo road.

550101 Omagh St. Enda's defeat Armagh to win the watches at the Irvinestown Gold Watches Tournament by 2-3 to 1-3. The match was a poor one compared to the previous drawn game.

550101 The greatest attraction ever – the County Fermanagh final of the Miss Ireland Contest in the Town Hall, Enniskillen music by Johnny Butler and his 11 piece orchestra on Wednesday 5th, January.

550115 The Ederney Players presented, “The Rugged Path” in a 2 ¼ hr performance on Sunday and Monday night to a packed hall. Among the actors F. Murphy as Peter Dollis and Mr. B. Cunningham as Hugh Dollis.

550129 Death of Devenish man. Mr. Patrick Treacy, Aughmuldoney at the age of 93. He was a successful farmer, fervent Catholic and sterling Nationalist.

550129 Death of Mr. P. Doogan, Curry, Belleek aged 27 years. He was an employee of the Cementation Company, Belleek.

550129 Frost and snow made the past ten days the severest of the present winter in Fermanagh. There have been many accidents.

550129 Oldest Fermanagh driver summonsed. William J. Eadie, Snowhill, Lisbellaw owner of Fermanagh’s first registration number IL 1. This was his first accident in 54 years of driving. The case was dismissed.

550205 A Chara, As the rosary is recited daily in every Catholic home in Ireland, may I suggest that every family offer up a special rosary on each Friday or Saturday night for the intentions of Our Holy Father the Pope, so that Russia may be converted, and a lasting World peace established. Prayers for the restoration to perfect health of his Holiness (if it be God’s will) could also be included. CATHOLIC LAYMAN, Co., Leitrim.

550205 At a meeting of Irvinestown Branch of the INTO best wishes were extended to Miss Bridget Jane Gallagher who has just retired from teaching after 44 years of service.

550205 Fermanagh GAA to support Prisoners’ Dependants Funds. Mr Tommy Campbell read appeals from Mr. Seamus Mc Crystal for subscriptions to the fund for the dependants of Republican prisoners. Mr. Mc Crystal said the dignity and bravery of the young men now suffering British “justice” for their part in the events at Omagh should be an inspiration to them all.

550205 Fermanagh Gaels discuss old-time waltzes at Ceilidhthe. “What is a foreign dance? A Highland dance, though Gaelic, is a foreign dance according to Mr. Thomas Campbell, Belleek outgoing chairman of Fermanagh GAA. Kevin Mc Cann, Belleek – “You can take it for definite that old-time waltzing is not permitted. To permit them would only be getting further away from our National obligations.

550205 Ideal Chicks – the Best in the West. Prices day old pullets 100 - £14.0.0. Daniel Gallagher of Bannagh, kesh, writes, “The 200 pullets I received from you proved very satisfactory. In full production in 21 weeks, they are undoubtedly the best I ever had.”

550205 It was decided to buy a film projector for Enniskillen Technical School. The Collegiate School has already obtained one.

550205 The attendance on the rolls in Devenish Catholic School is 126. Principal of the school is Mr. John Regan, Rossinver, County Leitrim.

550205 The death is announced of Mr. John “Johnny” Mc Cabe, Belleek at his residence on Main Street. For more than 50 years he carried on the trade of farrier, wheelwright and carpenter and he had one of the first motor cars for public hire in the North. Some 20 years ago in a private initiative he erected a modern hall in Belleek and later a fine private residence carrying out the major part of the work himself.

550205 The death occurred suddenly of Mr. Patrick Mc Guinness, Meeniclibawn, Garrison, as he was bringing out a can of milk on a handcart. He collapsed and died in a short while.

550205 The death of John Mc Garrigle, Belleek is announced. He was 93 and from Knockaraven, Garrison. He was the last remaining link in the Parish with the early days of the Land League in which he took a leading part. He was the last survivor of the famous meeting of the League held in Rossinver, County Leitrim on December 19th, 1884 which is still talked about on account of the great snowstorm in which two local members of the League, both named John Mc Gowan, lost their lives coming home from the meeting. Along with Mr. Hammond, who lived where the Melvin Hotel is now, he founded Garrison Fair almost 60 years ago and he was a co-founder of Belleek Co-operative creamery, of which he was chairman for a period.

550205 Young Derrylin driver fined £11 and suspended for two years for causing the death of a 65 year old woman who had just alighted from a bus near Pound Cross, Derrylin. The driver 23 year old Brian Shannon was prosecuted for driving a motor vehicle recklessly and at a speed and manner dangerous to the public and failing to stop after an accident or to report it. The woman, Miss Mary Jane Hannah was coming from Enniskillen where she had been doing her Christmas shopping.

550212 A £50 fine and 2 months jail for a Lack youth, Owen Gormley, 18 year old farm labourer of Doocrock, Lack. He admitted smuggling 1,260 cigarettes and 2 ½ lbs of tobacco plus stealing a bicycle from outside the Regal Cinema plus tools etc from other people. He had previously been before the courts for stealing two heifers valued at £50 and a cycle dynamo and farm tools. "He simply cannot pass anything from what I hear," said the Head-Constable. He added that the defendant's father had a small farm and that the boy did not work much and his mother and father seemed to have no control over him.

550219 Gerry Magee MPS., Irvinestown becomes chairman of Fermanagh County Board, Mr. Tommy Campbell, Belleek, stepping down. Mr. Magee had been president 1946-51 and star forward on the county team which reached the National League Final in 1935.

550219 Help For Prisoners' Dependants. Fermanagh County Convention on Friday night took in subscriptions from all clubs in the county for the fund for dependants of the prisoners of the Omagh raid. There was a very generous response and a substantial amount is to be forwarded.

550219 The death is announced of Mr. James Maguire, aged 86, Rathkeelan, Maguiresbridge who was a native of Lisnaskea. He was a member of the "First Fermanagh's" and with that team earned one of the first medals ever presented for a GAA Competition in this part of the Ireland. They defeated a Cavan team in Belturbet.

550226 Fermanagh Boy is All-Ireland Champion. James Mc Dermott, 18 year old boy from Garrison and student of the De Glin School, Derry, was acclaimed winner of the All-Ireland Senior Boys Championship in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast last week.

550226 Rev. Eugene O'Callaghan's Lenten Pastoral. He calls on the faithful to reduce the enormous sums spent annually on drink, amusements and gambling and a more frequent attendance at Mass. He paid tribute to the Diocesan observance of the Marian Year with special reference to the diocesan pilgrimage to Massabielle (Lourdes) which he led. He also thanked the faithful of the diocese for their observance of the restrictions of the dancing hours. He said that 1954 had been unique in the Church in that it had been the first ever year dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God.

550305 All the early season matches have been wiped out by the frost and snow which has made the grounds unplayable. Team secretaries for the year are , Mr. F. Murphy, New Street, Ederney, Mr. P. J. O'Shea, Tawnynoran, Belleek. Cashel, Richard Tracey, Cashel. Mr Seamus Heron, Brollagh, Belleek for Garrison.

550305 Belleek School Fund, Whist Drive in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek, on Thursday 10th March at 8 pm. Top Score 3 Guineas. Admission (including supper) 3 shillings.

550305 Mr. George Hamilton Foster fines £2 with 18/- costs for receiving a cushion valued at 10s from the car of John James Keown, Drumgowna, Clonelly. It had been stolen from Keown's car at Tullyhommon. Mr Foster had a previous conviction for stealing £10.

550305 Regret has been occasioned by the death of Mr. Myles Mc Guinness, Meeniclybane, Garison on Saturday 19th.

550312 Montague Cinema, Dromore. In Cinemascope – “King of the Khyber Rifles” and “River of No Return.”

550312 Result of Weekend of mobilisation of the R.U.C. and “B” Special Constabulary – Arthur Leonard of Markethill, County Armagh died when he was shot through the head. He was driving a van between Darkley and Keady when his van was fired at. A Fermanagh man was critically injured when he was shot near Augher when he failed to stop at a B-Special patrol. Other passengers claimed they saw no lights. The injured man Mr. Stinson is a breadserver in Enniskillen and he, his father, and brother are all B-Specials.

550312 Where are the Young Irelanders of Today? Come and meet them at the Annual Gaels, St. Patrick's Night Ceilidhe in the Townhall, Enniskillen. Dancing 8 –1.30 by kind permission of His Lordship, the Bishop of Clogher.

550319 Fermanagh Man Gets Four Years. A 32 year old farm labourer of Cromwell Road, Belfast, a native of Lack, Co., Fermanagh, received this sentence when he pleaded guilty to robbery with violence of 10 shillings from Mrs. Mary Scott, of Hillsborough.

550319 The death is announced of Mr. John Herbert Dick, Heath Lodge, Belleek. He was grandson of the late William Dick, M. D., Portadown and great-grandson of the founder of the famous Dick Veterinary College, Edinburgh. He was father of the Rev. Walter Dick, African Missions, Tanganyika. Until his retirement some years ago he was principal of Roscor Public School. In his younger days he was a keen outdoor sportsman. He was a world-wide traveller having visited most European countries, the USA and Canada. He was a noted fruit grower and well known throughout Ireland as a horticulturalist. During his later years he conducted a weather station at his residence for the Air Ministry.

550326 Fermanagh defeat Monaghan for the second year in succession in the Smithwick Cup by 1-5 to 0-5. The match was played in Lisnaskea on one of the coldest days of the year.

550402 Garrison Lady Bereaved. The sympathy of a large circle of friends in Leitrim and Fermanagh is extended to Mrs. M. Mc Govern, Melvin Hotel, Garrison, on the death of her brother, Mr. Edward King, Seaview, Westport, Co., Mayo. The deceased was one of the most extensive farmers in the west, was uncle of the well known racing motor cyclist, Mr. Fonsey Mc Govern, Garrison, and brother-in-law of the late P. Doris, proprietor of the Mayo News. He was uncle of Mrs. J. E. MccEllin, wife of Mr. J. E. MacEllin, chairman of the Irish Press Ltd.

550402 Kesh Fine for Wandering Dog. Edward Porter, Mantlin, Kesh, was fined 11 shillings for having an unlicensed dog and allowing it to wander at night. The R.M. said that local farmers had recently lost 24 sheep to worrying by dogs. For allowing three goats to wander on the public road Thomas Irvine of Drumwhinney, Kesh, was fined 5 shillings.

550409 Largest yet AGM of the Clogher Historical Society in Clones. They heard a lecture from Rev. T. Fee, Professor of History, Maynooth.

550416 Belleek Man Killed by Falling Rock. A verdict of accidental death was returned in Belleek at the Easter weekend on Philip Cleary, 40 year old father of five of Commons, Belleek, a worker on the Erne Drainage Scheme. He was killed when a rock fell on him. He was in a skiff with three other men at the time. Dr. Clarke said that death was due to laceration of the brain due to a fracture of the skull.

550416 Record crowds attended Masses at St. Gabriel's Church, the Graan, on Easter morning and the fervour and devotion of the crowds was truly inspiring.

550421 In the Junior League Holywell defeat Devenish by 5-10 to 1-6.

550421 Patrick J. Farren was fined 10s at Belleek Court as a result of a collision at Belleek Bridge. Patrick Keown said his car slid on the snow packed road into Mr. Farren who was stopped but too far out on the road to let him past. Mr. Farren defended himself.

550528 William Callan, a railway worker, of Woodhill, Letter, Kesh was fined £5 and disqualified from driving for a year for driving a motor cycle while under the influence of drink. Sergt. Mc Kellop said he was on duty at the Border Bridge at Letter and hear a motor cycle coming. He thought there were two men on the cycle but found that the man was talking to himself and veering about on the road.

550604 In the Senior League, Irvinestown defeat Belleek by 1-8 to 2-3. Best for Belleek were Slevin (goals), J. Tunney, S. Gonigle, F. Gonigle, P. Cox, J. Slevin and S. Lannen.

550604 In the Junior League Irvinestown were defeated by Cashel by 1-3 to 0-8.

550611 Enniskillen Gaels defeat Belleek in Enniskillen by 2-8 to 2-3. The Gaels led by 2-5 to nil at half time.

550618 Fighting farmers at Belleek on May 17th. Patrick Fannon, Dernacross, and James Johnston, Drumanillar, were let off under the Probation Act for fighting at Belleek fair during an argument over the sale of a calf.

550618 Pettigo 13 a side football tournament for Pettigo Martyrs Memorial Cup at Pettigo GAA Park, Sunday 19th June. All teams invited. Fancy dress parade from St., Mary's Hall at 2 pm led by Ederney Pipe Band. Cycle race £5, entry 2/6. Admission to park 2/-. (Belleek, Ballyshannon and Pettigo competed in this tournament and Pettigo St. Francis won the final by 4 points to nil.)

550618 A bronze age sword and two spearheads were found in the Erne at Portora while the Erne Barrage was being constructed. The Ministry of Finance will reward the men who reported the discovery.

550618 An elderly man James Hamilton of Bolustybeg, Roscor, Belleek was fined £1 and costs when a car driven by Patrick Timoney overturned near Wealt Creamery trying to avoid him. He was on his way to Slavin Church and was on his wrong side coming round a bend. He tried to get back to his own side and then back to the wrong side and the car overturned trying to avoid him.

550625 The death is reported of Mrs Susan Gallagher, Belleek, which took place at her home in Ballyshannon on Sunday 5th inst. She was head of one of the most highly esteemed families in Fermanagh. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas Gallagher 36 years ago.

550625 The Bishop of Clogher will bless and lay the foundation stone of the new church of St. Joseph at Ederney on June 26th. Subscriptions from those unable to attend will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Rev. Felix Mc Kenna, PP, Rev Gerald Timoney and Rev. Thomas Marron.

550702 Fermanagh Minor team were given a hammering in the Ulster Minor Football Championship by Cavan. The final score was 7-6 to 1-5.

550702 The funeral of Miss Rose Ann Eves of Ederney has taken place following her death on Tuesday 14th. She had attended the Corpus Christi procession a few days previously. The last rites of the Church were administered to her by her nephew Rev. John A. Eves R.C.N. (Royal Canadian Navy) who was to have concluded a short holiday in Ireland on the day of her death but remained on to say the last prayers at her graveside. The quiet of her early life was changed when her brother's children were left motherless. Quietly and efficiently and unassumingly she filled the vacant place and by a charitable and kindly disposition soon became highly popular in Ederney. This popularity was singularly illustrated by the crowds that called at the house to pay their respects and follow the funeral to Bannagh.

550702 Bishop lays the foundation stone of new church for Culmaine Parish, Ederney, known for the past century as Blackbog. It will replace the 125 year old structure which has served the parish since the year before Catholic Emancipation. The church is designed in the Celtic-Romanesque style by Messrs. P. and B. Gregory, architects, Belfast, and is being built in synthetic stone by Messrs P. Carville and Sons, Warrenpoint. It is to cost £50,000 and of this £30,000 has been raised. The delightful site, overlooking the village was donated by Mr. James Mc Kervey, Ederney. The village is the birthplace of the late Most Rev. Edward Mulhern, Bishop of Dromore. The parish has 1900 Catholics and the church is being built to seat 750 people.

550702 Ireland suffers a great loss – Death of Very Rev. Eugene Canon Coyle, P.P., Devenish West dies after several weeks illness at the age of 82. “He was a zealous priest, a great Irishman, an outstanding public speaker, a man of great erudition and an experienced traveller. His charity was boundless; his energy almost without limit; his tastes simple.” He was one of the few priests arrested and sent to jail. His escort from County Monaghan was unfamiliar with Belfast and he had to direct them to the Crumlin Road Prison where he was imprisoned for several weeks. Two bishops and Mr. de Valera attended his funeral.

550716 Widespread regret has been occasioned by the death of Mrs T. Robinson, Old Road, Garrison, at the early age of 56.

550716 The wedding has taken place of Terence Mc Govern, Carrick West, Glengevlin, and Una Mc Govern, Legnagrow, Glengevlin.

550716 Belcoo and Devenish drew in the Junior Championship with Garrison scoring three goals in the last ten minutes. Devenish fielded six of their minor team. Best for them were Casey, Tracey, Mulrone and Mc Gowan.

550716 James Joseph Mc Manus of Pound Road, Lisnaskea, an employee of Lisnaskea Creamery drowned on Friday night while bathing in the Ballindarragh River, twenty yards behind the creamery.

550716 Joseph Mc Gloin (18) of Largedonnell, Glenade, a waiter at the GNR hotel, drowned while swimming near Roguey.

550716. Fermanagh farmers busy in the heat wave. Big exodus to the seaside. Farmers are working around the clock to save their hay. The weather has been so hot that fields are transformed from rippling grass to fields studded with ricks in a very short time. Mr Sam Crowe of Saint Angelo with all modern farming equipment, including a machine that makes and erects ricks, had 150 ricks dotting his lands in a few days.

550716 The railway system in Donegal is to go within three years and bus transport will serve all areas.

550723 At Garrison a large attendance watched Derrygonnelly defeat Belleek in the Championship. At Lisnaskea, in the absence of the official referee, lengthy negotiations ensued without success, and the large crowd had to disperse after an hour's waiting.

550723 Brokeboroughs new GAA team is taking shape. More than 40 prospective members attended a meeting with Mr. Gerry Magee, Irvinestown, the County Chairman.

550723 Very Rev. Bernard Hackett, Rector of St. Patrick's Agricultural College, Monaghan, has been appointed Parish Priest of Devenish. He was ordained in 1919. He is a brother of Mr Felix Hackett, Enniskillen, draper.

550730 Mr John James Scallon died almost instantly when his car hit a tree on the Ederney road, near Carne, on Monday afternoon. He was 66 years old and the well known Fermanagh contractor, one of the biggest in Ireland. He is survived by his 12 sons and three daughters.

550730 Mrs Veronica Keogh a 30-year old widow received £3,250 for herself and three children in respect of the death of her husband, Francis Benedict Keogh, who was electrocuted while working for the RAF at Castle Archdale.

550806 Television is here to stay. The firm of Gannon, expert in radio for many years believes in keeping abreast of the times. Since the advent of television we have waited impatiently for the opening of the new station at Divis. In the intervening years we have never missed an opportunity to attend lectures and courses in this wonderful new medium, and as a result, we are certified experts in TELEVISION. Enniskillen and Lisnaskea.

550806 Gerard Rennick, 40, Aghalurcher, Lisnaskea was knocked down in a hit-and-run accident and died shortly afterwards while cycling home from Lisnaskea Billiard Hall on Wednesday night. His brother John Vincent Rennick, of 15 Merchant's Quay, Newry, gave evidence of identification. He was a member of Holy Cross R.C. Church and was buried in the adjoining cemetery after Requiem Mass.

550813 A fine of £5 each was imposed on Mary and Sarah Magee of Knockaraven, Garrison for having 460 cigarettes and 2 oz of tobacco in their house. At the same court Edward Mc Garrigle of Garrison was fined £12 for keeping 49 articles of toilet preparation, three fountain pens and a mechanical lighter knowing them to be imported from the Republic of Ireland.

550820 Dunmore Mc Hales GAA Club (Galway Senior Champions 1953) will play a challenge against Omagh St. Endas in Enniskillen. It is the first visit of a County Galway team to the north. Brendan Nestor, one of the greatest corner forwards ever is a member of the team. They won the first Senior Championship in Galway and are specialists in 7-a-side winning bicycles, wirelasses and wristlet watches in successive years. The Galway County Final between Dunmore and Tuam was won by Tuam by 1-9 to 0-9 and raised a record gate of £510.

550820 More and more nuns are required said Bishop O'Callaghan of Clogher at the profession and reception in Mount Lourdes Convent, Enniskillen. Sister Maria Goretti, (Lyons), Ballyshannon, Sister mary Francis Xavier (Gormley), Belleek and Sister Mary Consilli (Lynn), Ballyshannon, made their final vows. Amongh the sisters received were Sister Mary Patricia Mc Manus, Belleek.

550820 Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Clogher is to tour the USA to raise funds for the proposed new Seminary at Enniskillen.

550820 Rabbits are on the increase in Fermanagh again after the myxomatosis disease practically wiped them out nearly two years ago. They are on the increase around Derrylin, Teemore and Boho.

550827 Taken from the "Irish Catholic" newspaper. A verse of a poem about Garrison:-

"When youth was mine by Melvin's bank, I wandered many a day.
The future seemed a pleasant path and life a cheery way;
By Brollagh's Braes, and Cashel's Cross and Clogher's waterfall,
But the green glens of Garrison I knew them best of all."

550827 The transfer has been announced of Mr James Bogle, Jun., of Tawnynoran, Belleek, to Enniskillen. He has been employed as an excavator driver for the Cementation Company and was working at Belleek and Roscor. He is now moving to the Portora Barrage Contract.

550827 Miss M. Jean Mc Cabe, Drumnasrene, Garrison, has won first prize at the Institutional Catering Contest held in Dublin recently.

550827 While riding a donkey belonging to Mr Kevin Mc Cann, the Commons, Belleek, Miss Claire O'Shea, Toneynoran, Belleek, was lucky to escape injury when the animal ran away. After clinging to it for some time, she eventually fell off.

550827 At present holidaying in the Belleek area is Mr. John Gallagher, home from the USA. He is visiting his family and relatives at Newtown, Belleek. Also visiting is James Mc Cann, formerly of the Commons, Belleek, home from England and Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh visiting their family in the Corlea area.

550910 Roslea are the new County Champions over Lisnaskea by 0-9 to 0-4. Roslea have their name for the first time in their history on the County Championship and created a major shock. Lisnaskea were undefeated all year in Fermanagh competitions and had beaten Roslea twice before this year. Roslea had only come up from the Junior ranks last year and Lisnaskea had earlier won a semi-final against Derrygonnelly that was ranked as the best match in Fermanagh since the Belleek/Lisnaskea finals of 1949.

550910 In the Fermanagh Junior Final Roslea defeated Ederney by 3-7 to 0-7.

550910 Only a few weeks ago Fermanagh Gaels were offering their congratulations to Fr. Ignatius Mc Quillan, Newtownbutler on his ordination. This week they offer him their sympathies on the death of his father after a short illness.

550917 During the past week, Mr. Ronald Mc Crea, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mc Crea, has at his residence, installed the first television set to come to Pettigo.

550924 Stirling Moss, the British motor car ace, celebrated his 26th birthday by winning the Tourist Trophy Race at Dundrod at an average speed of 88.32 mph. Three drivers crashed in crashes during the race.

550924 General Juan Peron is overthrown in Argentina. "His real troubles began last month when he clashed with the Catholic Church. His congress passed a bill separating Church and State. Rebel forces bombed Buenos Aires forcing his resignation.

551001 Constable Stewart, RUC Barrack, Tullyhommon, was charged with driving a police car in a reckless manner when two pedestrians were badly injured at Killynookan, Pettigo. They have not yet recovered from their injuries, Mrs Violet Crozier and her daughter Mary Teresa Crozier.

551001 A prize for the most Handsome Gent and Waltzing Competition at a Ceili and Old Time in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek Sunday 2nd October. Music by Joe Tolan's Ceili Band, Drogheda. Dancing 9.30 to 1.30, admission 5/-. Refreshments can be had in the hall.

551001 Bishop of Clogher arrives in New York. His Mass and Sermon in Boston will be televised.

551001 Mulrines, otherwise known as the Railway Bar, East Port, Ballyshannon. Old premises under new management. John Mc Kenna, formerly of Messrs Mc Gettigan and Mc Gowan and J. P. Griffin, Pettigo, takes over the management of these premises from October 3rd, 1955.

551008 Belleek Courthouse is in a dangerous condition declares the magistrate. Part of the roof had fallen in and the stairs were dangerous.

551015 Important case on the rights of anglers on Lough Erne. Patrick and James Timothy of West Port, Ballyshannon and Patrick and Michael Mc Gauran of Ballymagaghan, Belleek were fined nominal fines of 2/6 each.

551022 A big surprise in the Irvinestown Wristlet Watch Competition saw Ballybay rout Clontibret by 1-9 to 0-2 reversing the Monaghan County Final result between the teams.

551022 The Bishop of Clogher, Dr. O'Callaghan undergoes a stomach ulcer operation in New York.

551029 A number of men employed by the Cementation Company at Belleek have been paid off and others transferred to work with the company in England. Among the latter was Mr. Clement Ellis, Belleek.

551029. During the week-end Mr. Jack Humphries, Pettigo sold a springer cow for £70. This is a record figure for the district.

551105 On Friday evening last, the 28th inst. A meeting of shareholders in what was formerly Termon Creamery was held. The meeting is preliminary to the disposal of the building which has been closed since the war years.

551112 Cashel have reached the final of the Junior Football League when Ederney found it impossible to raise a team. Ederney gave notice of their withdrawal on Friday evening. Cashel St. Joseph's defeat Aghdrumsee in the final.

551126 Four young Enniskillen men were fined for playing cards for money in a public place. Constable Orr said he found them sitting on the ground and they had about 2/- in coppers in the middle and admitted that they were playing for money. Three were fined 10/- and one with a previous conviction £1.

551203 At present on a visit to Ireland is Rev M. P. MacIsaac, Catholic Chaplain of the Fleet of the Royal Canadian Navy. He is staying with Mr. Jim Eves, of Ederney who has a brother also a Chaplain in the Canadian.

551203 Armed men attack police barrack at Roslea. An explosion tore a large hole in the wall. Constable Gordon Knowles, a native of Belfast is seriously ill with seven bullet wounds.

551203 An as yet unknown man was buried at 1 o'clock in Carrickroe Cemetery, near Monaghan, on Sunday morning by the light of flash lamps following the raid on Roslea Police Station. The man died at 10 on Saturday morning and an inquest was held on him that evening. (He was Con Green, age 33, of Creggan, Derry and had been a former British Paratrooper)

551203 The congratulations of numerous friends are extended to Mr. Francis Campbell and Mrs Mary Campbell, both of Cashel, on their recent marriage.

551203 Rev. Bernard Hackett, P.P. presided at a meeting in St. Mary's Hall, Devenish held to reorganise St. Mary's Pipe Band which has suffered greatly from emigration. It badly misses the services of the late lamented Mr. Sean O'Donohoe.

551217 Aghdrumsee successfully protested against Cashel, winners of the JFL final a few weeks ago. The successful objection upheld was that Charlie Gallagher had not been included in a list of the clubs players at the start of the year. This seems ironical as the members of the Gallagher family have been wearing the Cashel jersey for over 20 years and Charlie first played for the team about 15 years ago.

551217 James O'Connor, Belleek, has departed to England. He was a popular playing member of Belleek Young Emmets Club and fear a toighe at local ceilidhe. Mr Eugene Duffy, Corry, has gone to Dungannon to take up employment in the grocery trade. Mr. Pat Magee, another member of the Devenish Club, has departed for Scotland.

551217 James Crawford of Tullyfad, Leggs, was fined £1 for possession of a .32 US manufactured revolver and one round of .22 ammunition. He said that the gun had been left in his house by Harry Rea, a man who occasionally worked for him.

551224 Although they won no trophies Belleek Young Emmetts had a successful year, said retiring chairman, Mr. Edward Daly. Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin reported a credit balance of £51. Mr Kevin Mc Cann took over as new chairman.

551231 John Eves, 40, unmarried farmer of Carrickoughter, Kesh was reported missing by his mother Rose on December 20th. His body was later found in five feet of water in the river close to his house. There was no sign of injury or of how deceased had come to be in the water. A verdict of axphyxia, due to drowning was returned.

551231 A verdict of accidental death was returned on William Alan Caldwell Knox, 49, married farmer of Divinney, Ederney. Desmond Knox, schoolboy, Mullinroddy, said he saw the tractor coming down Cloy hill faster than normal. The deceased had both hands on the steering wheel and was was lying over it.

551231 Myxomatosis has meant dearer hats. Rabbit furs are now being imported from Australia and the price has increased from 6/- a dozen to 22/- a dozen. An official spokesman of the Rabbit Fur Merchants said in London that men's hats will go up by as much as 100%. France, Spain and Italy have increased their rabbit production. We are loosing about £1,000,000 in dollar trade because the Government will do nothing about myxomatosis.

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National Events.

Balance of payments crisis in the Republic

A census (8 April) shows the population of the Republic to be 2,898,264

Maura Lyons, a 15-year-old Catholic, converts to Protestantism due to the preaching of Rev. Ian Paisley and then disappears from her Belfast home (23 October)

St Patrick's Institution in Mountjoy jail, Dublin, replaces the Clonmel Borstal

A Nationality Act extends Irish citizenship to those born in Northern Ireland after 1922

Erwin Schrödinger leaves Dublin and returns to Austria

IRA 'border campaign' commences in Northern Ireland (11 November)

Olympic Games in Melbourne: Ronnie Delany wins a gold medal for Ireland in the 1500 m (1 December). Maeve

Kyle becomes the first woman to represent Ireland in the Olympics (100 m and 200 m)

Births.

Liam Brady (Arsenal, Juventus, Sampdoria, Internazionale, Ascoli, West Ham United and Republic of Ireland footballer) in Dublin (13/2)

Páraic Breathnach (co-founder and manager of the Macnas Theatre Group, Galway) in Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Moya Cannon (poet) in Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

Sean Dunne (poet) in Waterford

Sean Kelly (cyclist, ranked world number one 1984-1989) in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary (24/5)

John Lydon (Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols, punk rock singer) in London of Irish parentage

Aidan Mathews (novelist and poet) in Dublin

Cathal Ó Searcaigh (poet) near Gortahork, Co. Donegal

Patricia Scanlan (novelist) in Dublin

Frank Stapleton (Arsenal, Manchester United, Ajax, Derby County, Le Havre, Blackburn Rovers and Republic of Ireland footballer) in Dublin (10/7)

Deaths.

John Andrews

Louie Bennett

Alfie Byrne

Thomas Carnduff

James Cousins

Tomás Derrig

Geoffrey Taylor

Local Events.

560107. A Belleek man drunk in charge of auto-cycle. Edward Ellis, Main Street, Belleek, found driving in an erratic manner on the night of Derrygonnelly fair. He was fined £5 and suspended from driving for 12 months. He is an ex-serviceman who had served 17 years in the army and was wounded at Dunkirk.

560107 Drama at Ederney. The Ederney Players presented "The Summit," a three act comedy by George Shiels, in St. Joseph's Hall. In the Dollis family Brian Cunningham gave a great display as Hugh Dollis. His appearance and acting would be hard to improve on. He was ably assisted by Nora O'Neill as Mrs Dollis his wife and Francis Murphy as Peter Dollis, his son.

560107 Enniskillen Council supports Enniskillen and District Licenced Vintners Association in their opposition to the proposed three hour afternoon closing proposed in a Government White paper. Alderman W. H. Creighton, suggested the closing of all public houses and their being turned into mineral bars and restaurants.

560107 Enniskillen small shops to get final warning. These shops in the side streets have been staying open on the Wednesday half-day.

560107 Guilty plea in cattle stealing charges. Four months jail for Lack youth. James Eugene Gallogly alias Owen Gallagly, aged 18 of Dooocrock, Lack, County Fermanagh, pleaded guilty to stealing, cattle, fowl and property to the value of several hundred pounds. On his way to Pettigo fair on December 19th with two of his own cattle he had stolen 3 heifers valued at £78 from John Mc Cabe, Aughnamoyle, four heifers valued at £100 from Ronald Noble, Dromore Big and four head of cattle valued at £110 from Edward Monaghan, Drumskinney. He had been arrested before he had sold any cattle other than his own.

560107 News of the sudden death of Paddy Gillen in London. He was widely accepted as the best ever Fermanagh goalie. He was also goalie for Enniskillen and Ulster Railway Cup teams.

560107 On Christmas morning the 9.30 am Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Lettercrann was celebrated by Rev. James F. Brennan, C.C., Pettigo, there being an overflow congregation. The Children's Band of Lettercrann National School under the leadership of Mrs J. Mc Ginley, N.T. who was responsible for setting it up, rendered hymns before Mass on Christmas morning on the road outside the church grounds. Immediately after Mass they again paraded and gave a beautiful rendering of "O'Donnell Abu" and "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls." The children whose ages ranges from 13 years to 8 years showed great talent and faultless training and are a credit to their teacher Mrs Mc Ginley. Mr. B. Cunningham N.T., also assisted in the organising.

560107 Raleigh your way to health. You don't need a lot of money - £1 secures and insures a Raleigh, Rudge, Humber or Triumph Bicycle at Patrick Mc Nulty, Enniskillen and Ashwoods. Phone day 2423, night 2098.

560107 The 88 year old licensee of a country public house, who has been trading for 60 years without a conviction was prosecuted at Kesh Court. She was Ellen Monaghan, of Drumskinney, Kesh, who was summonsed for a breach of the licencing laws on the night of 12th November and for selling two loaves of bread in the bar. Mr. T. T. Montague, on behalf of the defendant, pleaded guilty to allowing consumption on the premises after hours. He added that on the night of the offence a man came to the defendant's premises to lend some glasses for the Christmas trade, and she opened the bar to stand him a drink. When the police came in she got into a flurry and handed the man the bread.

560114 Advertisement - The true story of the Coneen Ghost by Sir Shane Leslie. Ireland's famous Sir Shane Leslie tells the eerie tale of the Ghost that haunted the Murphy home at Coonian, near Brookeborough, County Fermanagh. The Ghost finally drove the Murphy family from Ireland. It came down like the sound of straw in the air - it tore pillows from under sleeping heads and threw bed clothes across the room - it hicked like a horse, it lapped like a dog - it whistled and it tapped out tunes. Read this fascinating tale in the Sunday Express.

560114 From an Anonymous Article about Pettigo. Eugene McKay, Pettigo, originally from County Antrim asked which county he preferred he was unequivocal, "There is nothing to touch the scenery from the Belleek, Pettigo road," and quoted the late Count John Mc Cormick as his authority - a man who had travelled the world. He found Ronald Mc Crea to be the first and as yet the only man in Pettigo with a television. He renewed acquaintance with John Mc Ginley, Customs Officer in Pettigo. "I decided to take a walk across the Border and was at the Frontier post when I met Customs Officer John Mc Ginley, an old friend of drama days. In the cool old days John and I appeared in the same production, and I can tell you that he is a character actor of no mean repute. Had John decided to take up acting seriously there is no doubt that he would have been an instant success. I remember an old friend telling me of a decision he was about to make. He also was a Customs Officer with a flair for histrionics. He left the force to take up stage work. Today he is recognised in the forefront of the profession, being a producer in the Abbey and an author of radio plays ... his name, John Mc Anna. John was educated at St. Enda's and played for his college in the inter-college minor championships. Today he still plays football. During the Emergency he was a member of the L.D.F. (*Local Defence Force*) in his native

Carrick. While we were chatting a car pulled up to get stamped out and so it was back to work for John. For me another reminder of Ireland's partition.

560114 Inquest story of Belleek mother's fate. A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the death of Ena Love, aged 41 of Derrychullo, Belleek who was killed by a goods train at Rossharbour, Belleek on the 7th inst and Patrick Martin of Bundoran, the driver of the train, was exonerated from blame. John James Love, husband, stated that he was driving home in his car with his wife and family when they stopped at Rossharbour and his wife went to see a Miss Johnston. To reach the house she had to cross the railway by a pedestrian crossing. In evidence it was said that her view was blocked from the direction in which the train came and her headscarf may have additionally stopped her from hearing or seeing the train.

560121 Children rescued from blazing house in Ballyshannon. Brigades from four towns fight the blaze. John Mc Intyre, Market Street, Ballyshannon, threw his two children from the second storey of their blazing house into a raincoat held by people below. He save two children of his brother-in-law in the same way then he and his wife jumped from the window. The fire occurred in a room over Mr. Mc Intyre's drapery shop. Brigades from Enniskillen, Sligo, Donegal and Ballyshannon attended the blaze.

560121 Fermanagh farmers are encouraged to keep their land free from rabbits. Poison gas was the best means of doing so. Machines could be hired from the Ministry at £1 per day or if the Committee did the work the sum of 4/- per hour was charged.

560121 There is very severe frost in the area at the moment. Cars are barely crawling along the road at 10 miles per hour.

560121. Pretty, fair-haired Mary Lilley, of Derriens West, Letterbreen, who lives with her mother and brother Jim in a cottage on the shores of Lough Melvin has won a car. She is on a run of good luck having just got a job in the Enniskillen nylon factory, won a turkey at a Christmas dance in Glenfarne and after only an hour at Mullaghduin Church Bazaar won a lovely drinking set.

560128 The death occurred suddenly early on Friday morning of Mr. Blakley Mc Cartney of Kesh, an extensive merchant. He had recently been on a three months holiday in the United States. He leaves a wife and family including Dr. Mc Cartney of Ederney. He had been at a Masonic function in Irvinestown and took ill on his way home. He received his early education at Lettercrann N. S.

560204 Belleek Young Emmets GAA Club. Monster Championship "25" Card Drive, will be held in Mc Cabe's Hall, Belleek on Friday 10th February at 8.30 sharp. Admission 3/-.
Dance in St. Joseph's Hall, Ederney. Music by the Moonlight Band. Admission 3/6.
Assaroe Ceili Band (Ireland's leading Ceili Combination) appearing in Duffy's Hall, Derrygonnelly on Friday 10th February 1956. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing Ireland's Greatest Ceili Band at this monster Ceili and Old-Time. Dancing 7.30 to 12.00. Admission 3/6.

560211 A variety concert was held in Pettigo Hall. The programme opened with a performance by the Lettercrann School Band and conducted by Mrs J. Mc Ginley, N. T. The attendance was good despite the Arctic weather.

560211 Advertisement. When in Pettigo call at James Gallagher & Sons, Boot and Shoe Shop – The Post Office. All leading brands stocked, Sale now in progress – Bring your old shoes and have them properly repaired at moderate prices.

560211 Awards totalling £750 have been made as a result of the Roslea Barrack Raid claims. Claims totalling £18,500 have been adjourned.

560218 Roy Knox of Tulnaginn, Ederney was awarded £48-12-0 for cattle, grazing and wages due to him at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions. The award was made against Edward Graham of Mullaghfarne, Ederney.

560218. Cardinal D'Alton in his Lenten Pastoral warns of the dangers of Communism and all who publish, disseminate or read periodicals or books which support Communist teaching are not to be permitted to the Sacraments. Those who teach doctrines contrary to the Faith and Christian morals will incur excommunication.

560221 Fermanagh New County Abbatoir. The tender of £43,839 of Mr. T. B. Moore of Belnaleck has been accepted. This includes the sum of £5,00 for equipment.

560225 Garrison Man Fined £100. Bernard Dolan of Cornadrum, Garrison was fined this amount for smuggling 4,000 cigarettes and 6 lbs of tobacco on December 4th at Corry, Belleek. He had been apprehended by Customs Officer Walsh and taken to the Customs post. However he ran away before questioning although he had admitted what he was carrying. On the following day he was again caught this time with 120 cigarettes. It was suggested that he was an agent for a larger concern, a lad of nervous disposition and of poor circumstances. The R.M. imposing the fine suggested that someone might pay the fine and gave two months to pay.

560225 The death of Mr. J. S. Myles, ex-T.D. Ballyshannon. He was a prominent member of the British Legion in Eire and had served as Independent T.D. for Donegal in the dail for 20 years. He was 78 and principal of a firm of general hardware and timber merchants. Major Myles served in the 11th Batallion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in World War One and received the Military Cross for gallantry while serving in France. Before WW1 he was actively involved with the Ulster Volunteer Force in Donegal. From 1922 to 1943 he was a member of the Dail and on many occasions headed the poll at Donegl County Council elections. He was a man who held the esteem of all creeds and political parties.

560225 The much criticised Ulster team trounced Connaught by 3-8 to 1-4 at Casement Park on Sunday. The midfield pair of Jim Mc Keever and Tom Maguire were matchwinners as was the redheaded Taggart of Omagh St. Enda's who scored 1-2.

560303 James Monaghan of Drumbrick, Ederney was fined £1 for throwing stones at the corrugated roof of the house of Patrick Mc Goldrick, Drumbarron, an elderly retired farmer.

560310 At the third Annual General Meeting of the Castlecaldwell and District Anglers Club held in Mulleek Primary School, the secretary, B. Faughnan, reported a year of outstanding success. They have 47 members and finances in a healthy state. One of the biggest successes was getting one of its members onto the Enniskillen Board of Conservators of Fisheries. The club wishes to have the number of coarse fish in Lough Erne reduced. The club secured the appointment of two of their members as waterkeepers on the Garvary River and eliminated the wholesale poaching of the previous two spawning seasons. Unusually large numbers of large trout spawned as a result. The first ever inter-club fishing competition had been held on Lough Melvin with the Bundoran Club and the new Ballyshannon Club to be invited to take part this coming year.

560310 Joseph Moss of Grouselodge, Lettercrann has died in Boston. He had emigrated at 18 and became a very wealthy man in America. He donated the marble altar, sanctuary and communion rail to Lettercrann Chapel when it was being renovated.

560310 Pope Pius XI has celebrated his eightieth birthday on 2nd March.

560317 As a result of the epidemic of flu in the Pettigo area the number of deaths of aged people in the district for the past few weeks has been appalling several members of families have died with weeks of each other.

560324 During the week Mr. Patrick Flood, hotel proprietor took over "The Anglers Hotel," Pettigo which he recently purchased.

560324 Garrison Man, "Complete nuisance." Constable Deeny gave this description of Michael Mc Ginty, Drumnasreane, Garrison, who was fined £1 for disorderly behaviour in Garrison on 15th February. On two occasions he was shouting and carrying on outside a Garrison shop after being ejected from it. According to the Constable's evidence Mc Ginty would go into a shop and order goods and when they were parcelled up he would say he had paid for them the day before and refuse to pay.

560324 In next Sunday's challenge game with Donegal, Fermanagh have P. Casey (Devenish) and Fonsie Maguire (Cashel) on the team and John Slevin (Belleek) and S. Gonigle (Belleek) on the subs.

560324 Ulster and the critics were humbled by this Ulster team. In the Railway Cup Final in Croke Park Ulster won by 0-12 to 0-4. Joe Cunningham of Armagh was the schemer in attack, in mid field Jim Mc Keever was superior, Jack Bratten at fullback caught some of those very high Paudie Sheehy kicks which drop into the goalmouth, Kieran Denver of Down had a great game on the right wing. John Rice of Monaghan was the outstanding player on the field.

560331. Sad death of Enniskillen child Ronald Joseph Mc Keown, of Alma Terrace, Enniskillen, aged 2 ½ years. Killed when a milk lorry passed over his head while he was playing outside his door.

560407 Belgium's former King to visit Enniskillen. Ex-King Leopold to visit the Six Counties on May 11th and 12th. He will be flying direct to Nutt's Corner airport. He was widely denounced for surrendering to the Germans on May 27th, 1940 after 17 days of invasion by the Germans. His father famous for his resistance to the Germans in WW1 was killed mountaineering in 1934 and his mother the Swedish Princess Astrid was killed in a motoring accident. The British slandered him for surrendering to the Germans but he had fought with his troops to the end. They claimed not to have received his message that he was about to surrender and claimed that he had endangered the British Expeditionary Force. He refused the British insistence that he flee to London and was virtually a prisoner for four years. In September 1940 he married a commoner Mary-Lilliane Baels who was later granted the title of Princess de Rethy. After the liberation he went into exile for 6 years. He was recalled by the Belgian Parliament in 1950 but abdicated in favour of his 20 year old son Baudouin.

560407 Young Irvinestown Priest Celebrates his first Mass. Fr. Seamus Reihill. He is a member of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, County Wicklow.

560414 At the Annual Conference of the Ulster Teachers' Union at Newcastle, the outgoing President, Mr. T. R. Berry, Principal of Culmore School, Derry told the delegates that there was an undue emphasis on the 11+ Examination.

560414 Internationally famous actor, Paddy Mc Ilhinney, former Omagh auctioneer, featured on American television for the first time when he read Irish poetry on March 16th on N.B.C.

560414 Mr J. P. Walsh, Custom's Officer at Belleek for a long number of years has retired. He is replaced by Mr. Arthur Bruce.

560421 Belleek defeat Derrygonnelly by a point scored by Joe Tinney at Magheramena in front of a very large crowd. Sean Gonigle, Eddie Mc Caffrey and J. P. Mc Cann supplied the experience that held the team together when things seemed to be running against it. It was a game that had everything including a few unwanted incidents that might well have been omitted. Belleek have many promising newcomers, O'Shea, Flanagan, Bogle and Slevin who all played well.

560421 Irvinestown defeat Devenish by 7-5 to 2-2.

560421 Mr. Harold McMillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer has warned that the countries Exchange reserves are dangerously low. He has put 2d per packet of 20 cigarettes raising them to 3s-10p.

560421 The cut stone base of a Republican Memorial was demolished by a bomb in Carrickmore on Friday last at 1.45 am.

560428 Belnaleck defeat Cashel. Belnaleck defeated a strong Cashel selection on Sunday in a game which did not produce any spectacular football. The going was rough and the final whistle left Belnaleck winners by 2-4 to 1-2.

560428 Duke of Edinburgh in Enniskillen. The seven Nationalist members of Enniskillen Borough Council declined invitations to tea with the Duke in the Town Hall. He arrived at St. Angelo on a four engined plane of the Queen's Flight which he had piloted part of the way himself. He was met by Lord Wakehurst, N.I. Governor, Lord Brookeborough, Lord Enniskillen and others. Fourty minutes later he drove through a largely deserted Belmore St. to Colebrooke where he planted a tree and inspected a herd of Fresian cattle.

560428 Objections to GNR closing plan. Inquiry told of the effect on the North West. The Public Inquiry into the proposal of the Northern Government to close 91 miles of track opened in the City Hall, Dublin. The sections concerned are the Omagh, Enniskillen, Newtownbutler line, the Portadown, Armagh, Tynan line and the Bundoran Junction to Bundoran line.

560428 The first meeting of Fermanagh's Panel of Referees was held in Enniskillen last week. County Board officials were present to hear at first hand of the troubles, problems and difficulties of the men with the whistle. There were 26 referees present. Included were Joe Loughlin and Kevin Mc Cann, Belleek. It was left to Paddy Mc Manus of Kinawley to puzzle all present with a straight forward rule – Rule 141 which deals with the kick out. He said that the kicker could touch the ball a second time before anyone else touched the ball and all disagreed. After looking at the book Paddy was proved right.

560505 At Enniskillen Quarter Sessions judgment was given in favour of the Ministry of Finance re the fishing rights on Lough Erne and against Patrick and Joseph Timothy of West Port, Ballyshannon and Patrick and Michael McGauran, Ballymagaghan, Leggs P.O., Belleek.

560505 Monaghan had an easy win over Fermanagh in the Mc Kenna Cup by 1-18 to 1-3.

560512 Thomas Little of Monea was fined 5/- for drawing a trailer laden with a milk can after his motor cycle and 3/- for not having a number plate on the trailer.

560512. At Kesh Court Ederney "HALT" sign and failure to observe it gave rise to several summonses. Patrick Mc Veigh, Aughadarra, Dromore fined 10/-, George Faulkner, Castledearg fined £1 and 10/- for careless driving, Joe Daly, Ederney 10/-, Thomas Mulligan, Cruntully fined £1 for lack of proper lights on his car and Claude Maguire of Cahore 3/- for a similar offence, Edward Ginn, Clonee fined 8/- for a defective handbrake and Samuel Kilfedder, Keeran for disorderly behaviour in Lack.

560519 Andrew Finnegan, farm labourer, Kinawley, aged 56 remanded on a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs Ellen Fitzpatrick who died in Fermanagh County Hospital on Sunday, the day after her 80th birthday.

560519 Belleek Publican Desmond Cleary fined £1 at Belleek Court for failing to have his premises closed 10 minutes after closing time. Constable Crawford gave evidence of following a man into the premises at 10 minutes after 8 and finding four men inside. Desmond Cleary was pouring a bottle of stout. It was said that Mr. Cleary was under a disadvantage as the other premises in the village could stay open until 9 o'clock. The defendant had been in business for 30 years. He had a conviction for a similar offence in 1954.

560519 Enniskillen Council debar Enniskillen GAA Club from future Townhall bookings since it was reported that they had played and sung "A Soldier's Song" on the night of the 17th of March.

560519 Fermanagh Man Writes Home. Mr. Joseph Maguire, Sydare, Irvinestown, writes about the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York. They had a heavy fall of snow on March 14th but the New York Sanitation Department managed to clear the streets with chemicals and the most modern equipment. There were 175,000 people in the march and 300,000 lined the streets. The head of the NY Sanitation Department is the son of a Fermanagh man, Hon. Andrew Mulraine, of Ederney.

560519 King Leopold 111 of Belgium welcomed as Catholic and King in Enniskillen as he attended 10 o'clock Mass in St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen. He was welcomed by Monsignor P. J. Gannon P.P. and the congregation rose in tribute as he was escorted to the front pew. Over 1,000 people gave three cheers for the royal visitor after Mass. He is Colonel in Chief of the 5th Inniskillings and was granted the freedom of the Borough at a ceremony in the Broad meadow. The 7 Nationalist members of Enniskillen Borough Council did not attend as they objected to the Borough honouring a "foreign regiment." The king recalled that the first Belgian Sovereign, King Leopold had been Colonel in Chief of the Inniskillings as had his own father.

560519 Richard Treacy, Scribbagh, Garrison was fined £2 for driving a lorry at a dangerous speed when he was involved in an accident with a parked lorry on the outskirts of Garrison village. The other lorry was owned by John F. Acheson.

560519 The death took place in the Royal Victoria hospital, Belfast on 29th of April of Miss A. Dolan ex-P.T. Killybig, Belleek. Until her retirement she was 38 years assistant in Clonmaulin School, Newtownbutler and had previously taught in Glen and Cashel Schools. She was buried in Toura.

560526 A fine of £12 was imposed on James Martin and his wife Mary Jane Martin of Main Street, Lack for possessing 1lb-6ozs of tobacco and 60 cigarettes in the defendants shop in Lack. Custom's Officer Taber searched the premises saying that he had reason to believe that there were un-customed goods there. Mrs Martin said that the goods had been given to her husband for doing a job. The RM said it was not a big amount and imposed a fine of £12.

560526 Armed Raid on B-Man's Home, Andrew Agnew, at Altamuskin near Ballygawley – masked men seize rifle and ammunition.

560526 Bundoran Man Smashes Scottish Golf Course Record. At Barnton, Edinburgh, Christy O'Connor (Sen) scored a spectacular 64 on the 72 par course. Afterwards he said, "My putting wasn't all that good." (Bundoran's golf professional)

560526 Enniskillen Couple Killed in Motor Accident on their way to attend the Louis Armstrong Show at the National Stadium in Dublin. Peter Jones, age 33, Proctor's Buildings, Queen Street, Enniskillen and his sister-in-law, Mrs Lily Wardsman, aged 29, of Riverside Enniskillen were killed in a motor accident involving their A40 car near Dunboyne, on the main Dublin to Navan Road on Saturday evening. The car struck a water channel on the left, veered across the road and struck the opposite ditch tearing off a door and then somersaulting several times. Two people were thrown from the car. Ten weeks ago Howard Patterson, Darling St. Enniskillen was killed instantly on the same road when his beechwagon crashed into Kilcarn Bridge. His fiancée Violet Walsh was severely injured.

560526 Irvinestown's 5th Annual Carnival in aid of the Schools Building Fund opens.

560526 Patrick Maguire, Scribbagh, Garrison was fined £1-7-6 for failing to produce his driving licence and insurance, having no road tax displayed and having no horn and rear light. George Ferguson, Glenwinney, was fined 5/- for not having tax displayed on his van. A summons for having no handbrake was dealt with under the

Probation Act. Constable Craig gave evidence of seeing the handbrake lying in the van. The defendant said that some cows ran out in front of him and when he pulled the brake it came away in his hand.

560526 Senior League Football. Belleek 2-9 Irvinestown 0-5. Star man on the Belleek team was J. Slevin who scored 8 pts (7 from frees), P. Cox 1-0 and M. Tinney 1-1. Rev. T. Marron, Ederney, refereed.

560602 Garrison Man's Untaxed Lorry. Walter Kerr, Carran West, Garrison was fined £138 mitigated to £2 for using his lorry in the Republic without having it taxed anywhere.

560616 Boa Island Man awarded £600. The sole survivor of a drowning tragedy on the River Erne on 10th November 1953, John Maguire of Boa Island now suffered from insomnia and head twitching. Two others died in the accident when their boat overturned.

560616 Mr. George Cheney, owner of a large ranch near Denver, Colorado, aged 75, married Miss Sarah McCance, a housekeeper of Drumnaskilly, County Tyrone, aged 65 years. He visited Irvinestown on a holiday from where he had emigrated as a small boy. He met his new bride on this visit and returned three times in a whirlwind romance. His first wife died two years ago.

560616 Mr. John Mc Brien, aged 85, of the Island, Belleek, has died. He had been keeper of the sluice-gates at Belleek for 50 years. These gates controlled the level of the Erne.

560616 Rev. Joseph O'Hara was ordained at the Passionist monastery at Ministeracres, County Durham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, Bangor, Co., Down and he has seven brothers priests. This is believed to be a record.

560623 For the first time in over 20 years a camogie game was held in Fermanagh, Cavan 6-0 Fermanagh 0-0. Mr Tim Kennealy, BSc, referee. Science teacher in St. Michael's School.

560623 Grand Opening Dance – Astoria, Bundoran's beautiful ballroom. Sunday 24th June with Chick Smith and his Radio Eireann Orchestra. Dancing 9 to 1.30, admission 5 shillings. Ladies do you want to become a Radio Star? Chick Smith is running a Nation Wide Competition for a lady vocalist, heats in the Astoria on the 4th of July.

560630 A case against Bernard Cunningham, New Street, Ederney for careless driving at Ederney on April 4th when his car was in collision with a motorcycle driven by Robert Bell was dismissed.

560630 A fifteen year old Ballyshannon youth, Brendan Merrifield, of West Port was the hero of a thrilling rescue at Bundoran when he dived into rough seas from a height of nearly 40 feet from Roguey Island to rescue Brighde Burke of Barnesmore, Donegal. She had been alone on the island and slipped into the sea when she arose to return to her work in Bundoran.

560630 Kesh woman on threatening letter charges. A woman living with her family, a squalid existence in an isolated district in Fermanagh with a "worthless" husband appeared in the dock at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions. She was Mrs. Anne Jane Johnston, age 37, of Edenticrommon, Kesh and she pleaded guilty to sending a letter to Mary Anne Aiken threatening to murder her and destroy her house on 23rd March and on the 24th a letter threatening to murder Mary Mc Bride. Prior to the offence she had been keeping an old age pensioner who had left and returned several times. She blamed his relatives for taking him away. She was bound over for two years in recognisances of £5. It was hoped that she would return to live with her husband.

560630 Lack farmer fined at Kesh. William Evans, a farmer of Stranahone, Lack was fined £3 for driving in a dangerous manner at Ardess on 8th March. The accident involved a P.O. van and a car. Evans' green van was not involved. The P.O. driver, Walter Creighton, said he was coming from Ederney and he saw a green van blocking the road as it overtook the car. He skidded on the wet road and ran into the car. After the accident the green van backed in behind the car. The sum of £5-13-7 costs was allowed.

560630 Opening Advertisement for County Cars – My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce County Cars, Enniskillen. Phone Enniskillen 2241. Official agents for Morris, Riley, M.G., Wolseley, Standard, Triumph and Morris Commercial Vehicles.

560630 South African Lady sees her father's gift to Enniskillen. Mrs Frances Raymond-Hodge nee Bracken, daughter of Francis William Bracken of Gortnakelly, Enniskillen stood looking up at the figure of a Dragoon on the tower of the Town Hall. Her father had joined the 5th Inniskilling Dragoons and died in his early 30s in Port Elizabeth. He had made a gift of the statue in 1902 on a visit home to Enniskillen when the Town Hall was being constructed. The statue was put on this niche on the day in 1904 that the late John Count Mc Cormick, world famous tenor, but then a young unknown singer, sang at his first concert in the Town Hall. The statue is 7 feet 6 inches tall and made of Portland Stone. He is of the family of the Brackens, former owners of the Graan, now owned by the Passionist Fathers.

560707 Turkey all the year round. The success of the turkey industry in America, where turkey production is more and more regarded as another source of poultry meat for "all the year round" supply indicates a possible expansion along these lines in the British market.

560714 Fermanagh Brothers summonsed for assault – Peter and Patrick Roohan were fined £2 each with 10 shillings cost each for assaulting William John Mc Cauley and his son John of Bonahill, Ballyshannon at Belleek Fair Day, May 17th. The row was over payment for cattle.

560714 Garrison youth, Thomas Murphy, Knockaraven, fined for breaking panes of glass in a telephone kiosk in Garrison. He and another were apparently trying to keep another youth and a girl confined in the box.

560714 Patrick Mc Mahon of Lowerybane, Leggs, had his case adjourned. He was charged with putting old tins and rubbish on the road.

560721 At a committee meeting of the Castlecaldwell and District Angling Club their secretary Mr. B. Faughnan was presented with a very valuable gift of a fibre glass spinning reel and rod. Mrs Manners, Honorary President made the presentation and said that the club owed its very existence to him.

560721 Belleek defeat Roslea at Enniskillen in the Senior League Final. Belleek's three goals were the match winning scores. The Tinney brothers and Jim Mc Grath were matchwinners for Belleek. There was very little between the teams and had wides counted Roslea would have won easily. The ex-Fermanagh minor Seamus Mc Manus, now on vacation from Rome showed great speed and dash. Slevin at centre half for Belleek was outstanding and Sean Gonigle did well at centre field. A major surprise was that Des O'Rourke was not played from the start. He should have been on and in the forwards, not at left half, but Roslea wanted to play those who had got the team to the final. The attendance at the final was only about half of the previous year between Lisnaskea and Derrygonnelly. This is Belleek's third SFL title in eight years.

560721 Devenish Minors capture title in a game which featured an unbelievable transformation. With 8 minutes to go Kinawley were leading and had been easily on top for most of the game before Garrison scored four goals in the final quarter to win by 5-3 to 3-3. J. J. Carty and P. T. Treacy were prominent throughout as was Benny Carty and Ferguson but the chief architect was Pat Casey who raced up and down the line making changes and encouraging his proteges.

560721 Farmers' Mart chief clerk, Bertie Elliott, dies suddenly. He was a native of the Lisbelaw district. He took suddenly ill at his office and died in a few minutes.

560721 Son-In-Law jailed for assault which resulted in the death of a Kinawley woman. Andrew Finnegan, aged 56, was sentenced for pushing his mother-in-law as a result of which she died in hospital from a broken thigh.

560728 A fine of £4 and suspended from driving for a year for conveying children to school in a private car was imposed on Eamon Monaghan, Drumskinney, Kesh.

560728 The dependants of Philip Cleary, Commons, Belleek were awarded £5,110 damages for his death. The award was made against Cementation Co., Ltd, Howard St. Belfast. On April 8th, 1955, Cleary was working on a barge on the River Erne when he was struck by a large boulder which fell from a mechanical excavator driven by James Mc Goldrick.

560804 Enniskillen Summer Football Competition Final between Belfast United and Derry Casuals at the Broadmeadow Enniskillen Friday 3rd August at 7.45. Admission 2/- Erne Cup and £410 in prizes.

560804 Tyrone Win First Ever Ulster Senior Football Title by routing Cavan by 3-5 to 0-4.

560807 Lack Man's Mean Shabby Offence. Robert Evans fined 10 shillings at Kesh Court for stealing a pint of milk valued at 7 ½ the property of Mrs M. Leathem, the Rectory, Lack on July 4th. Two boys saw him lift the bottle from a stand in front of the Rectory. Constable McBride found the milk concealed when he searched the house of Evans. He pleaded guilty and said he had been working in England and received a head injury in an accident and was presently on sickness benefit.

560811 First upset of the Fermanagh Senior Championship when Roslea defeat Belleek by 2-6 to 2-3 and thus reverse the result of the SFL final three weeks ago.

560818 Devenish Annual Sports were marred by the wretched weather and some events had to be cancelled. Exciting football matches took place between Ballybay, Monaghan Minor Champions and Devenish, Fermanagh Minor Champions and Devenish and Derrygonnelly Seniors. In the Senior match Derrygonnelly won 2-4 to 1-3 with Joe Mc Loughlin, (sic) referee and Ballybay took the Minor match narrowly by 2-5 to 1-4. The prize for the senior match was a new football. Very Rev. Fr. Hackett, acted as announcer.

560818 Galway qualify for the All Ireland Final by defeating Tyrone in their first ever match at this level by 0-8 to 0-6.

560818 Opening of new St. Mary's Park, Maguiresbridge.

560825 Tragedy off the Donegal Coast. Two men and a child were drowned one being George E. Warren (50) solicitor of Enniskillen. It is alleged there were too many people (16) on board the yacht when it capsized on a fine calm day. Mr. Warren was County Coroner for Fermanagh, joint secretary of the Fermanagh Unionist Association and secretary of Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge.

560901 New £45,000 abattoir for Fermanagh. It will be the most modern in the Six Counties. It will be capable of killing 200 animals per day. Enniskillen Rural Council are to build four new houses in the vicinity and these may be made available to abattoir workers.

560908 Members of the Wessex Cave Club descended into the Marble Arch Cave on a Friday in August. Recent heavy rain had made the discovery of new passages unlikely.

560915 The introduction of the "Speaking Clock" Service to Enniskillen and District is announced. It will be available in Enniskillen, Letterbreen, Lisbellaw and Springfield. In Enniskillen dial 952 and in the other regions 9052. In a coin box dial "O" and ask for the service.

560915 The Tanaiste, Mr. Norton visits Belleek Pottery as part of his programme of visits to textile factories in Donegal.

560922 £148 worth of hens missing. Three Enniskillen youths charged and have to pay. Shaun Corrigan, Robert Gault and a Juvenile.

560922 A 60 year old woman, Mrs Martha Gawley of Main St. Brookborough, cycled out onto a Main Road and struck the rear wheel of a passing car and died the following evening in Enniskillen Hospital due to a fractured skull.

560922 R.U.C. and Specials mobilised to meet cross border attack. Reported armed camps from Pettigo to Ballintra.

560929 American made satellite will ascend 1,500 miles probably in January of next year.

560929 Ederney Juveniles to face Derrylin in the final. "Ederney Juveniles are every bit as well trained and drilled as the Ederney schoolboy teams that have all but owned the trophies in this grade in recent years."

561006 George Hamilton Foster of Stranadariff, Lack, was fined £10 and given three months to pay at Kesh Court for driving while drunk on the 12th of August after the Walk." He had had 8 or 9 bottles of stout with little or nothing to eat.

561006 Gipsy Fined at Kesh. Mary Maughan, a gipsy was fined £2 and costs at Kesh Court on Tuesday for stealing 1lb of butter, the property of John O'Connor, Castlecaldwell. She pleaded guilty. D. I. Spears said the defendant was passing Castle Caldwell Station and saw the hall door open. She entered and saw a number of pounds of butter and took one. "She was later stopped and made a clean breast of it."

561006 Joseph Morrow, Grouselodge aged 66 was found dead in bed on Monday morning. He had been cutting corn all day Saturday and appeared in perfect health. He leaves a wife and 12 children, the youngest being just over one year.

561006 Roslea defeat Devenish by 1-3 to 0-3 to reach the Fermanagh Senior Championship Final. In a remarkable game Roslea were totally dominant for 50 minutes yet only led by 1-3 to 0-1. M. J. Mc Glone starred for Devenish at full back taking about 40 kickouts over the hour from Roslea misses. Roslea were missing eight of their selection through illness. Garrison were without their usual full back and their college star P.T. Treacy and had enough chances to win but fluffed close in chances including a forward who dropped the ball with a gaping goal in the closing minutes.

561013 Five young Belleek men charged with damage to property in the village on the night of the 23rd of July last. Thomas Joseph Greenan (33) and his brother Patrick Gerald (21) both of Commons, Belleek, Michael O'Shea (19) Drumanillar, Belleek and Liam Slevin (19) Ballygee, Belleek. A door knocker was removed, gates taken off and plants uprooted. O'Shea was fined £1 with £1 costs and the cases against the others was dismissed.

561013 In the Juvenile League Final Ederney defeated Derrylin by 2-8 to 1-7.

561013 Patrick Carty, Public Works Contractor, Garison is fined £5 for drink driving at Belleek plus £5 for dangerous driving and £3 for failing to stop after an accident. He was also banned for a year.

561020 Both Fermanagh Senior and Junior finals end in a draw. The Senior final between Adrumsee and Roslea ended 7 points each and the Junior between Knocks and Belnaleck 1-3 to 0-6.

561020 Sean B. MacManus of Irvinestown, writes to the Irish Independent re the memory of the Fermanagh Fenian, Michael Barrett, a native of the Drumskinney, Kesh, area who was hanged in 1868. He says that he founded the IRB, Michael Barrett Club in his father's house in Pound Street in Irvinestown when he was appointed IRB organiser for Ulster. The first Sinn Fein Club in Irvinestown was given the same name.

561020 The conviction of Mr. John Mc Ginley, Pettigo for being drunk in charge of a vehicle is reversed. He had been banned for three years and given a fine of £25.

561027 Can any district beat this record for work on the farm of Mr. Henry Mc Cutcheon, Crilly, Pettigo? A stack of hay was built at the weekend by Mr. Francis Mc Goldrick, Crilly, aged 85 years. The hay was pitched to him by Mr. H. Mc Cutcheon, owner, who is 86 years old and the stack was trimmed by Mr. Thomas J. Mc Cutcheon, who is 79 years old. The stack contained 40 ricks of hay.

561027 Roslea defeated Adrumsee by 8 points to two in the replay of the Fermanagh Senior Championship and Knocks beat Belnaleck by 1-6 to 1-3 in the replay of the Junior Final.

561103 Feared for his life. An 85 year old publican, James Quinn of Knockbraken, Manorcunningham was acquitted at trial of manslaughter of itinerant dealer, John Boyle, shot dead outside the defendants premises on 8th of June last. The deceased had threatened to put in the door and broke a window. The defendant fired through the broken window.

561103 New Kesh Intermediate School. Lord Brookeborough opened the new £120,000 school which will cater for 240 children. In his speech he mentioned the recent opening of Calder Hall Atomic Power Station in England and stated that it was the intention of the Government to open an Atomic Power Station in Northern Ireland. For the first time at Calder Hall the power of the Atom had been fed into the National Grid.

561103 Paddy Mc Alinney shines in Broadway's star show, "The Marchmaker." First discovered through the famous Omagh Players he has reached the heights and stayed there. He is a brother of Mrs. Peter Finnegan, Enniskillen, formerly Sister in Enniskillen Hospital and also of Mrs Mary Mc Grath, P.T. Principal, Roscor School and wife of Michael Mc Grath, draper, Belleek.

561110 Heroic Hungary treacherously assaulted by Soviet Might. Russians invade Hungary with 200,000 troops. The recently released, Cardinal Mindszenty finds refuge in the American Embassy. Holy Father issues Encyclical. "The blood of the Hungarian people cries to the Lord, Who, as a Just Judge, often punishes the sins of individuals only after death, but sometimes strikes in this life, governors and nations themselves for their injustices." Cardinal D'Alton appeals for aid.

561110 Obituary of Mr. Francis O'Shea, Belleek. He died on the 14th aged 79. He was a quiet kindly man with a lovable nature. He retired 14 years ago but was recalled a few years ago to teach in Mulleek School.

561117 Six British Custom Huts Destroyed. Those destroyed were at Mullan and Clontivern, Fermanagh, Moybridge, Aghnacloy, Tyrone and Middletown, Carnagh and Tullyodonnell in Armagh.

561124 Garrison horses. A long run leads to a police prosecution. James Eric Carson of Knockaraven was summonsed for ill-treating three horses by having them run after his van from Kilcoo to Castle Caldwell where they were to be picked up by Thomas Doherty of Irvinestown. Debate on whether this constituted cruelty. Case dismissed.

561201 The present year is the 50 anniversary of the founding of Fermanagh County Board. Football in the county was dominated by Teemore until about 1930 when they won almost all their record number of titles. They were succeeded for a short time by Knockninney Harps built around the greatest of all Fermanagh football families the Mc Donnells. They were then succeeded by Lisnaskea who dominated until 1949 when Belleek Young Emmetts, newly returned to Fermanagh football took both titles in the best Fermanagh County Finals ever seen. Irvinestown and Newtownbutler have won since and Devenish and Aghadrumsee both came close to causing upsets this year. Who will it be next year?

561215 Triple wedding at St. Mary's Church, Pettigo. Mary K. and her sister Margaret of Laughultan, Pettigo married Thomas and James Doherty of Enniskillen. Their brother Patrick Flood married Kathleen V. Mills of Crocnaconny, Pettigo.

561222 New £60,000 Territorial Army Barrack at Rossorry Road, Enniskillen suffered one third damage from a gelegnite explosion on Wednesday morning at 2.45. Lisnaskea gunbattle and explosion. Carry Bridge damaged at Inishmore Island.

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National Events.

IRA members Fergal O'Hanlon and Sean South are killed in an attack on an RUC barracks on New Year's Day; tens of thousands attend Sean South's funeral in Limerick (4 January)
Republicans are interned in the Republic and in Northern Ireland
Fianna Fáil is re-elected with a large majority (5 March); de Valera is Taoiseach again
The Control of Manufactures Act is amended; foreign investors will be offered tax concessions to set up in the Republic
A system of voluntary health insurance is introduced in the Republic
Maura Lyons reappears at Paisley's home (10 May) and is made a ward of court
Protestants are boycotted economically in Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford from 13 May, after a Protestant woman married to a Catholic refuses to educate their children as Catholics
Alan Simpson, co-director of Tennessee Williams' *The Rose Tattoo* at the Pike Theatre, Dublin, is arrested under the obscenity laws and jailed overnight because a condom appeared on stage
The school leaving age is raised from 14 to 15 in Northern Ireland
The Gough monument, Phoenix Park, Dublin, is wrecked by an explosion (23 July)
The Irish News Agency closes
Samuel Beckett's *Endgame* is produced (in French) at the Royal Court Theatre, London.

Births.

Arkle and Mill House (racehorses) in Bryanstown, Co. Kildare
Angela Downey (Kilkenny camogie player) in Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny
Eoin ('Bomber') Liston (Kerry Gaelic footballer) in Ballybunion, Co. Kerry (17/10)
Patricia McKenna (Green Party politician) in Castleshane, Co. Monaghan
Mary Morrissy (fiction writer)
Colm O'Rourke (Meath Gaelic footballer) in Co. Meath (31/8)
Jack O'Shea (Kerry Gaelic footballer) in Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry (19/11)
John Treacy (athlete) in Villierstown, Co. Waterford (4/6)

Deaths.

(Arthur) Joyce Cary	Seán Ó Ceallaigh
Freeman Crofts	Ernie O'Malley
Oliver St John Gogarty	Seán P. Ó Riordáin
John M. Hayes	Edward Plunkett (18th Baron Dunsany)
Joseph McCarthy	Walter Wilson
May Morton	Jack B. Yeats
Seán Moylan	

Local Events.

570105 Constable Sean Scally was fatally wounded in an attack on Derrylin Police Barrack. He was shot in the back while seated at the fire in the day room. He was one of eight children of a postman and had been stationed two years in Derrylin.

570105 Defeat petrol rationing – ride a Raleigh, the all steel bicycle – the easy, healthy, economical way to travel, only £1 deposit and as little as 3/6 per week. Patrick Mc Nulty, Enniskillen and Ashwoods. Telephone, Enniskillen 2423.

570105 Severe snowstorm damage in Fermanagh as snow fell continuously from noon on Christmas day until the following day. About one foot of snow fell and many areas were cut off without telephone communication or electricity supplies. All telephone repairs are not expected to be completed for several weeks.

570112 Ballyshannon acclaims the Ballyshannon Premier Players, All-Ireland Champions, at a concert in the Abbey Ballroom, Ballyshannon. Their production of “Thompson in Tir-na-nOg,” is their first since winning the All Ireland last May.

570112 In a broadcast on Sunday evening the Taoiseach, Mr. John A. Costello, declared that force was not the way to end partition – One Government, One Parliament, One Army. No Irish Government he added, could permit the achievements of past generations to be squandered at the hands of ruthless or reckless men. In a statement Mr de Valera, supported this position.

570112 The inquests were held on two young men Fergal O’Hanlon, aged 20, of Monaghan and Sean South, aged 29, of Limerick who died after a raid on Brookeborough RUC Station.

570119 Considerable feeling has been aroused in the village of Garrison by the action of the British troops in commandeering St. Mary’s Hall for billets for a unit of about 40 soldiers. The hall with its green roof and white and yellow walls was built by the late Canon Coyle, P.P. who was interned by British troops during the War of Independence.

570119 On Wednesday of last week British military accompanied by a force of RUC from Tullyhommon and Castlederg dynamited Border roads at Crilly, Scraghy, Grouselodge, Shanaghy, Lettercrann, Movarn and Tamlagh-Tulnashane. Large craters were left in all the roads.

570119 One of Ireland’s leading journalists and former M.P. for Fermanagh South Tyrone, Mr. Anthony Mulvey, Omagh has died.

570202 Dr. John Maguire, Medical Officer of Florencecourt district for almost 40 years, has retired. A presentation in appreciation of his services was made. He is a native of Ederney, a son of the late William Maguire, J.P. of Ederney and cousin of Mr. Justice Martin Maguire of the Irish High Court.

570209 Nelson Brian Noble Curtis, Oghill, age 17, Ederney was bound over for three years on his own bail of £10 at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions. He had pleaded guilty to stealing £200 from the house of a relation, Adam Henry Ogle, publican, Ederney on 6th January and forging a cheque for £36-10-0 stolen from Patrick Gallagher, butcher, Ederney.

570209 The death took place of Mrs Edith Morrow (46) Grouselodge, Pettigo, just four months after the sudden death of her husband. She leaves a family of twelve children Joseph, John, Johnston, Thomas, Alfred, David, Henry, Gerald and Edward M., and daughters, Peggy, Mary and Sarah.

570216 Customs fines of £8 each were imposed on brother and sister Thomas and Sarah Flaherty of Knockaraven Road, Garrison, for being knowingly concerned in the attempted evasion of Custom’s duty on two pounds of

tobacco. They had previously had a small shop and had a tobacco licence. The RM said that the offence was worse since they had a tobacco licence.

570216 Much regret is caused in the district with the transfer of Mr. John Mc Ginley, Customs Officer at Pettigo for four years, from Pettigo to Clones.

570302 In a Roslea farmhouse fire tragedy two baby children lost their lives. Their mother had left them sleeping in the thatched house as she went to a neighbour's house 300 yards away. The children were Mary Ann Mc Clave almost two and 10 months old Thomas Owen.

570302 Three Cashel players sought transfers to Belcoo, but it was pointed out that if the Cashel club was now defunct, the transfers were unnecessary.

570309 A Catholic family of five of Aughnaskew, Maguiresbridge were evicted from their Lisnaskea Council Cottage on March 1st. They were Mr. Patrick Mc Cusker, (38), who was born in the cottage from which they were being evicted, his wife Eithne, and three sons aged 4, 5 and 6. The father is a worker in the new Lisnaskea factory. The parents were able to retain their children as they had found temporary accomodation in Maguiresbridge A.O.H. Hall.

570309 Fermanagh player P.T. Tracey scores 0-4 as St. Colman's, Newry win the Mc Rory Cup for the third time. Other scorers were D. Mc Carten 0-3 and K. Mussen 0-1.

570309 Garda Herbert Dick, aged about 50, Killybegs, a native of Belleek, was shot behind the ear while standing in the square at Killybegs at 5 pm. He was taken to Dublin to have the bullet removed. Gardai are satisfied that the shooting was accidental.

570309 In his Lenten Pastoral the Bishop of Clogher deplores defiance of authority and loss of life – Youths sadly, unwisely sacrificed.

570316 A Ford van was forfeited and fines of £25 each were imposed on two Garrison men, Thomas Gallagher and James Maguire, Scribbagh, who pleaded guilty to smuggling calves from the Twenty-Six counties on 9th October last by an unapproved road.

570316 Derrygonnelly created the shock of the day going to Belleek and defeating the home team by 0-9 to 0-7.

570316 Devenish won their second game of the season by beating Belnaleck by 2-9 to 2-5 on their home ground.

570316 P. T. Treacy, the Devenish and St. Coleman's College player got a wonderful press for his part in his college's win in the Mc Crory Cup Final in Lurgan. He was described as the outstanding player on the field.

570316 Pettigo – during the past weekend a representative of the Forestry Department visited the Tybane/Grouselodge district where the department proposes buying land for afforestation purposes.

570323 A limited supply of anti-poliomyelitis vaccine will shortly be available in Northern Ireland. Anyone wishing to have their child vaccinated should contact Castle Barracks, Enniskillen to register their child. It is initially only being offered to children born since June 1955.

570323 In the first ever ordination ceremony at Belleek, Most Rev. Dr. Farren, Bishop of Derry, raised to the priesthood, Rev. Edward K. Daly, Cliff Road, Belleek. He is a son of Mrs Susan Daly and the late Thomas Daly. He had been granted a special concession in the privelege of home ordination, due to the illness of his father, who, however, died a few weeks ago.

570330 Belnaleck staged their first home match since entering the Senior grade and defeated Belleek in a close match by 1-11 to 1-10.

570330 Harry Irvine of Mullans, Boa Island, Kesh, formerly employed as a barge driver on the Erne Scheme was fined £5 for dangerous driving, disqualified for driving for five years and sentenced to six months in prison after being stopped by police on December 14th and 17th of February.

570330 Wonderful progress of the Ulster Farmers Mart at Enniskillen. Almost a half a million cattle had been sold in the last seven years.

570406 A proposal that a museum be established in Enniskillen was made by Lord Belmore at a meeting of the County Fermanagh Employment and Training Advisory Committee. It would be an added attraction to the tourist industry of the district.

570413 Edward Mc Garrigle, shopkeeper of Garrison was fined £18 for attempting to evade customs duty on 370 cigarettes and 11b-6ozs of tobacco. Customs officers gave evidence of stopping a soldier coming from the shop with a packet of cigarettes from the Republic of Ireland and then searching Mc Garrigle's shop.

570413 Garrison centenarian, Mr. Joseph Teevan, of Killamore, who celebrated his 100th birthday in July of last year has died.

570413 Over 3,700 have been X-rayed in Enniskillen Town Hall by the mobile unit.

570413 The Lord Bishop of Clogher blesses the new seminary site at Enniskillen as he lays the foundation stone at Drumclay.

570420 On Sunday May 5th Tyrone will play Cavan in a challenge match at the opening of Tempo's new GAA Park.

570427 An agreed award was made of £2,000 to Mr. John Scally, Ballycastle, County Antrim, on the death of his son Constable John Scally, who was killed in an armed attack on Derrylin Barrack on the night of December 30th last.

570504 Peter Cox gave a display of high fielding and long kicking as Belleek defeat Devenish in the Fermanagh League in a scoring spree at Magheramena Park by 4-11 to 2-8. Young Tom Daly at centre full is the coming county full back as his long ground kicking has about it the hallmark of greatness. The half back line of O'Shea, Slevin and Bogle covered themselves with glory and Sean Gonigle played county star J. J. Treacy completely out of the game.

570508 A football team has been formed at Meenamullin. Over 50 youths are training each evening in a field lent by Mr. James Hegarty of Meenamullin, who has been selected captain of the team.

570508 Garrison's grand old man. Mr Hugh Maguire, Muckinagh, Garison, will be 83 on 13th December next if God spares him. He lives in a little cottage on a hill above Lough Melvin. His wife died nine years ago, his only son a short time before that, and two of his daughters are in Glasgow, and one in New York, all married. A big Land League meeting to have been held in Garrison 76 years ago was proclaimed, and Mr. Maguires remembers as a boy of 7 two or three hundred British soldiers arriving in Garrison to enforce the ban. They included 30 mounted redcoats. The meeting held outside the village, was addressed by John Dillon. There were no clashes with the military, although trouble was only narrowly averted. Mr Maguire remembers the Kiltyclogher Band in the town that day, with a gentle giant, Charlie Maguire, six feet seven inches in height, the big drummer. It took a half a dozen men to persuade Charlie not to force a passage through the soldiers lined across the village streets. Many a time Mr. Maguire walked to Ballyshannon and Bundoran to the horseracing and football. A few years ago

a daughter motored him to Belcoo, Blacklion and such other places, I'd never have seen them only for her," he said. Now he is too old to manage the mile walk to Garrison, except very occasionally.

570508 On Thursday, Ascension Day, the Lettercrann N.S. school children's band travelled to Glenholmville Fesi where they were winners. The band was organised by Mrs Margaret Mc Ginley N.T., one of the teachers and trained by her.

570511 Belleek girl, Miss Philomena Duffy of Commons, Belleek wed Mr. F. J. Chambers of Leicester on Easter Monday. Both were well known in the Devenish/Mulleek district and both had been employed at Belleek by the Cementation Company.

570511 Lack failed to impress as they were defeated by Tempo, in Tempo, by 4-12 to 0-1. (At this period the Maguire brothers, Claude and John were playing with Irvinestown.)

570518 John Leonard, the 12 year old son of Mr. Nad Mrs Maurice Leonard, a pupil of Lettercrann National School, is one of the prize winners for an exhibit model of a donkey and creels in the children's Caltex National Art Competition. He will be presented with his prize of a bicycle at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin on May 24th. The presentation will be made by Mrs Pandit, wife of the Indian Ambassador. Leonard is a very apt pupil and is taught by Master Bernard Cunningham N.T. and Mrs Margaret Mc Ginley N.T.

570518 The death occurred of Mr. James Carty, Glen West on 27th April last after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Isabella (nee Cox, who he met and married in America) and four sons one of which is Rev. W. J. Carty, C.C. Fintona.

570525 Belnaleck justify their inclusion in the Senior ranks by beating Belleek by 2-10 to 0-6.

570525 In a Castle Caldwell Angling Competition the total catch was 10 trout and 25 pike. Mr. Hugh O'Connor, Garvery won the trout competition with a trout of a mere 2 ½ lb while Mr. Patrick Greene, Junior of Drumanillar won the pike competition with a fish of 19 ½ lbs.

570525 Runaway win for Irvinestown as they defeat Devenish by 6-5 to 1-5. The brilliance of Danno Devaney was the deciding factor as he scored 4-3 during the game.

570601 A Tempo builder's labourer, Mr. Francis Murphy, Brackagh, was fined £5 for having in his possession publications banned under the Special Powers Act viz "The Writings of Philip Clarke" the Omagh raid prisoner and candidate at the last General Election and three copies of "The United Irishman."

570601 The death occurred recently in Fermanagh County Hospital of Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Aughoo, Tullyrossmearn. He is survived by his wife, eight sons and three daughters.

570608 In the Ulster Junior Final at Irvinestown Cavan defeated Donegal by 3-6 to 2-2 with Donegal's best player Flood (P.J.) of Pettigo who strove with might and main to hold together a tottering defence.

570608 Radio-Active workers fall asleep fall asleep on buses and one died on a train from an unknown cause. Six workers had to have blood transfusions as a result of chronic amnesia. Mr. Robert Edwards, M.P., General Secretary of the British Chemical Workers Union said that when they protested the authorities said that they were taking every precaution they could think of.

570615 The body of William Mc Greevy, Customs and Excise, Ballyshannon, found in a field at Mc Cormick's Bridge, between Belleek and Ballyshannon. It is believed that he had a heart attack while sitting on the bridge and fell onto a pile of stones. He was found by Mr. John Boyle, permanent way foreman who summoned medical and

spiritual aid. He was aged about 62 and a native of Kilcoo, Newry and had been on the Customs since its inception 34 years ago.

570622 Cashelinney Protestant Church is having a new roof put on. The building is almost 200 years old and in bygone days was the only school in a wide area.

570629 Four members of the crew of the fishing boat, "Mayflower" from Inch Island, Lough Swilly, Donegal, were drowned when their vessel was wrecked in a sudden squall while fishing for salmon near Fanad Head.

570713 At Scraghy Sports on Sunday the different athletic events were keenly contested, practically all the athletic prizes being retained by the youth of the parish. Lettercrann School Childrens' Band was in attendance.

570713 Belleek man Paul Terence Coyle was fined £240 or nine months imprisonment on a Customs charge of carrying 9,800 cigarettes and 10 lbs of tobacco in a van at Boa Island on the night of the 30th of April. An order was also made for the forfeiture of the van. Three months were allowed to pay the fine.

570713 Police Patrol ambushed near Crossmaglenn. One Constable killed and another wounded at 2 am on Thursday of last week. A landmine consisting of a butterbox filled with 80 sticks of dynamite was found nearby. The deceased was Constable Cecil Gregg, aged 27, a native of Enniskillen.

570720 Ballyshannon boy hero, Brendan Peter Merrifield, aged 15, was presented by the Irish President with a gold medal for bravery. On 14th June 1956 he jumped from a height of 30 feet into a strong, rough and treacherous tide to rescue an 18 year old girl. He is the first to receive the medal although 450 certificates and 25 bronze medals have been awarded since the award was established in 1947.

570720 At an inquest in Enniskillen County Hospital on the body of Mrs Margaret Campbell, Muggalagrow, Garrison, a verdict was returned that the deceased died of shock and haemorrhage. The jury exonerated the driver of the RUC Landrover, Constable Barber, Belleek.

570720 Irene Elizabeth Thompson of Barnalacken, Ederney, aged 17 pleaded guilty to Bundoran larcenies from handbags of ladies bathing. She had run away from home and arrived in Bundoran with only £3. She was given the benefit of the Probation Act on an undertaking given by her father to make restitution.

570720 The death has occurred of Mr. Hugh Cullen, Rosculban, Kesh on the 27th ult, aged 82. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Edward Cullen, liscensed traders of his native Kesh. His daughter Elizabeth, aged 28, had died in a road accident in Kesh in 1952. He helped save the lives of two men some 40 years ago when their boat capsized in Lough Erne although another man drowned. He had ten sons and eight daughters.

570727 Almost 50 passengers were on board when Stationmaster Mr. Albert Trenier inaugurated the new deisel express of the Great Northern Railway from Enniskillen to Belfast. The express which stops at Bundoran Junction, Omagh and Carrickmore cuts the Enniskillen to Belfast time to two and a half hours for the first time.

570727 At Devenish Annual Sports Kinlough Melvin Gaels, Senior and Minor teams added to their laurels by defeating Belleek, Devenish and Ballybay, (Monaghan Minor Champions.) Among the spectators was Mr. Martin B. Mc Gowan, Co.C., N.T. who had five sons on the Melvin Gaels team.

570810 An impressive funeral tribute was paid to Mrs Margaret Campbell, Muggalanagrow, Garrison, when she died on July 15th, when she was in collision with a police car.

570810 Mrs Mary Mc Grath of Rosgueer, Lisnarick has reached the fine age of 90. She had nine children and was grandmother of Mr. Jack Mc Grath, who was a victim of the drowning tragedy at Belleek a few years ago.

570810 Patrick Johnston, aged 64, Edentycrummon, Kesh, collapsed and died on his way to work at Scallon's Quarry. He had suffered a brain haemorrhage.

570810 The Erne Bus Service (Proprietor, Mr. Maurice F. Cassidy) is to end on October 1st with the close of the railways in Fermanagh.

570813 A Belleek merchant, Mr. James Greenan, saw a car number broadcast by Radio Eireann in an S.O.S. for a missing Dublin commercial traveller, Mr. Maurice Black, (32), Priory Drive, Stillorgan, as he looked out his window. The car was parked outside near the Border. He telephoned the Gardai at once. A report that Mr. Black may have bought a ticket at the Belleek Railway Station for London via Larne has set in motion RUC and Gardai enquiries.

570817 A half an hour battle was fought after an armed midnight battle at Swatragh Barrack. The raiders were armed with three machine-guns and escaped afterwards in two lorries.

570817 A motion requesting the Government to raise the old age pension to £3 per week was unanimously passed at Portadown Borough Council.

570817 As a result of an accident between cars driven by Patrick Egan, Belleek and Denis Timoney, at Corry Cross on 20th April, Mr. Egan was fined £2 for careless driving.

570817 The Six-County Mass Radiography Unit, with Mr. Bolger and his staff of five attractive girls, is in course to X-Ray every member of the population of Fermanagh. It is the first time such an attempt has been made either in Ireland or England. Shopkeepers in the villages where the Unit is in operation are experiencing a great surge of business.

570824 Died on his grave. Seventy years old James Compton, Forthill, Enniskillen, went weekly to Brendrum Cemetery, Enniskillen to tend to the grave in which his two sons and a daughter are buried. On Friday, while working on the grave he collapsed and died. He was interred in the same grave on Sunday.

570824 Sergeant killed by booby-trap in tragedy in a disused house at Brackaville near Coalisland. County-wide manhunt for the perpetrators. The body of RUC Station Sergeant John Ovens, aged 44, were dug out of the debris after the explosion. His legs had been blown off by the double explosion. Sergeant Ovens had joined the Police Force 22 years ago. He was a native of Roscor, Belleek, and leaves a wife and two children, Gillian aged 5 and Pamela aged 3 years.

570831 All-Ireland Donkey Derby at Clabby – September 4th, commencing with Fancy Dress Parade at 12.30. Dance on Derby Night in spacious marquee to Gay McIntyres's Orchestra.

570831 Enniskillen Family's narrow escape in Rossnowlagh Storm. Caravan of Mr Cecil Sloan, Pound Brae, Enniskillen smashed five minutes after they left it. Mrs Heather Sloan nee Ramage, formerly of Ballyshannon and her two children, Malcolm and Sandra had been in the caravan just minutes before it was lifted bodily into the air, turned two complete circles and crashed to the ground wrecking everything.

570831 Mrs Catherine Shalley of 72 Long Island, New York died after a road accident at Fincashel, Pettigo, County Donegal while on a motoring holiday in Ireland with her daughter Miss Anne Patricia Shally. The other car in the collision was Mrs Barton of Gubnaguinne, Letter, County Fermanagh.

570907 First Fermanagh Cases of speed prosecutions for exceeding the 30 mph limit. Fines of £2 each were imposed on four motorists. Heavier fines would be imposed in future warned Mr T. D. Elliott, R.M. who also suggested that a yellow line be painted on the road where the speed limit applied so that motorists would have no excuse.

570907 Kesh Quarry Labourer's Death – No breath of suspicion against the man's wife despite his allegations to a neighbour Mr James Lunney of Killygarrow, Ederney. The man Mr Patrick Johnston, age 64, quarry worker of Edenticrummon, died of a brain haemorrhage after alleging that his wife had given him something bad to drink. No poison was found in his stomach.

570907 Paddy McAlinney in London – Omagh born Paddy is back from the States where was in the cast of the "Matchmaker" which had a most successful coast-to-coast tour of the USA. He has stopped in London to play the part of Matthew Hogan in the new film, "We are Seven."

570907 There are 12 vacant of the almost deserted Cleenish Island, Lough Erne, five miles east of Enniskillen. Soon after the 1914-18 war the English Authorities bought the island from the Collum Estate and erected 15 new two-story houses for ex-servicemen on the island. There are now only three families left despite the building of a new bridge costing thousands to link the island to the mainland.

570907. Further progress in the X-Ray Campaign. The number x-rayed to date stands at 3,208 and there was a good turnout at the three places visited, Belleek, Cashel and Garrison. The workers from the Pottery were x-rayed first and members of the Unit were shown around the factory by Mr. Arnold. The numbers attending at the three places were Belleek men 145, women 126. Cashel 75 men, women 64 and Garrison 134 men and 122 women.

570921 Garrison Cattle Dealer obstructed police. Thomas Gallagher, of Ulster Cottagesm, Scribbagh, Garrison, was fined a total of £14 for refusing to give information under the livestock regulations, disorderly behaviour, obstructing Constable J. H. Montgomery and assaulting Constable R. J. Ballantine who he hit twice on the ear with his stick.

570921 The Last Train to Bundoran. Bearing a record compliment the last train steamed into Bundoran on Sunday afternoon. The first had run more than 40 years ago. Large crowds awaited the train all along the route.

570928 Derrylin Champions Collapsed. Sixteen hefty members of Derrylin O'Connell's Gaelic Football Club arrived at the studio of Mr. W. Hudson, Photographer, Darling Street, Enniskillen, Saturday night to have their picture taken after winning the Fermanagh Junior Football title thus bringing the first football trophy to Derrylin for 16 years. They were posed and the photographer was just ready to snap when the floor collapsed and the sixteen were precipitated into a cellar beneath, fortunately without injury to any of them. Repairs were effected over the weekend and the studio is back in operation again.

570928 Explosions on the Belcoo – Garrison Road at Tullyrosmearn early on Monday morning rocked the district. No major damage was done.

570928 Garrison Parochial Hall – Cinema opens on Wednesday 2nd of October and every succeeding Wednesday. The films coming – Les Miserables, Heart of Arizona, Under the Red Robe, Rome and the Vatican City, Going My Way and Fugitive Valley.

570928 GNR Closure will hit many towns. Enniskillen will lose £50,000 a year in wages. Twenty one Ulster towns will have their rail links broken with the rest of the Province. Over 90 miles of track will close for the last time on September 30th.

570928 Lisbellaw have won the under 16 Football Championship at their first attempt unfortunately at the expense of Ederney who were disqualified because of an overage player.

570928 Lisnaskea man, Kevin Mc Manus of Inishroosk, Lisnaskea, on his way home from the pictures was shot three times in the back by a "B" Special patrol stationed at Wood Products Factory, Ballindarragh, 3 miles from Lisnaskea.

571005 Big Win for Fermanagh man, Michael Murphy, a labourer, who has won £12,869 on Vernon's Pools for a stake of 2p. He has only been doing the Pools for three weeks. He has a family of six girls between 19 and 14 months. He is going to invest his money for his daughters.

571005 As the D-Mark grows stronger Britain's Bank Rate rise shocks the World's Chancellories – All classes affected by this last-ditch effort to save the pound. The German Government have reduced their bank rate to 4% and the following day the British Government have raised theirs to 7%, the highest for 30 years.

571005 As the ESB has completed negotiations with, Mr Shaw, of Pettigo Mill, who has until now been supplying Pettigo with electricity the residents are wondering why a start has not been made on providing light and power. In the Northern (Tullyhommon side of Pettigo) light will be switched on before Christmas and a water supply is also being supplied there.

571005 Fermanagh Senior Championship Final ends Roslea 1-3, Derrygonnelly 0-3 after the crowd invaded the pitch following an injury to a player. The match will be replayed.

571005 Fintona Horse-Drawn Tram is gone – “Dick” a casualty in Branch Line Close-Down. The big black horse which for over a decade had pulled Ireland's only horse-drawn tram between Fintona Station and Fintona Junction on the Main Line.

571005 Passing of the Railways in the North West – GNR and Sligo Leitrim end. Monday saw the last of railways in Fermanagh. The last passenger train from Enniskillen to Omagh left at 6.40 pm and the last to Enniskillen from Clones came in at 10.30 pm. Also out of existence on Monday went the Erne Bus Service under the proprietorship of Mr Maurice F. Cassidy. He began his firm in 1929 with one bus and built up a fleet of more than a dozen. He has been taken over by the Six County Transport Authority.

571005 Siegfried Sassoon becomes a Catholic. Poet and author, Siegfried Sassoon, aged 71, has been received into the Catholic Church at the Benedictine Abbey of Downside. He is a member of one of the wealthiest families in Britain noted for their patronage of literature and the arts.

571005 Six County Bank Rate now 8 ½ %. The Six-County Bankers Association has fixed an ordinary overdraft rate of 8 ½ % compared with 2% in Great Britain.

571012 Belleek man fined £60 or four months imprisonment for having an uncustomed photographic enlarger. He had bought it in the South for £25 last May. At the same Court, Mr. James Greenan, Main St., Belleek was fined £2 for selling ice cream without being registered. He had been given 60 days to carry out repairs to the premises as ordered by the Health Authority. According to Mr George Longhurst, deputy sanitary officer, the newly opened shop was very dirty, a loaf on the counter looked as if it had been ravaged by mice, the bacon machine was rusty and the person serving in the shop had dirty hands.

571012 James Hamilton, aged 84 was on the platform to see the last train out of Bundoran and recalled that his mother lodged the first crew into Bundoran when the GNR line was first opened. (Photo)

571012 The Enniskillen Lingerie factory of Messrs Taylor Woods Ltd will not be exempt from paying rates after a 11 votes to 7 votes decision by Fermanagh County Council.

571019 Another raid on Roslea Barracks – Sergeant's wife had a narrow escape from bullets. Six men were arrested, three from Roslea and three from other parts of Fermanagh following the raid at one o'clock on Friday morning.

571019 Insurance Agent for trial on Explosives Charge – 150-lb case of gelegnite in motor car. James J. Toner of Letterkenny, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for possession of gelegnite at Barnesmore Gap on September 27th. He refused to plead to the charges.

571019 The congratulations and good wishes of Fermanagh Gaels go to former County Board Chairman, Tommy Campbell of Belleek on his recent marriage.

571102 Belleek shop destroyed by fire. A policeman on night duty saw flames rising from the single-story, three apartment, partly thatched, lock-up shop of Mr. James Greenan, at Main St. Belleek, in the early hours of Monday morning and raised the alarm. Enniskillen fire brigade alerted by the siren at 2.30 made a record dash of over 20 miles in about half an hour and arrived in time to save the adjoining dwelling house of Mr John Mc Cabe separated by a narrow entry from the fury of the flames into which the shop fire developed. Shop and contents were destroyed.

571102 Garrison Young Priest Honoured – Rev. Hugh Maguire, son of Mrs Catherine Maguire, Dernacross, Garrison and the late Mr. Bryan Maguire was entertained in St. Mary's Hall, Garrison where he was presented with a wallet of notes by Rev. Bernard Hackett, P.P., Garrison. Fr. Maguire is departing for the missions to Mobile, Arizona, USA.

571102 James Carson of Ederney, formerly of Toronto had his claim for change of a £5 note against the Erne Bus Company dismissed. He had claimed that he paid 10 shillings for a return fare from Enniskillen to Bundoran from a £5 note.

571102 Syndicate seeks to buy "Roslea Hero" the sensational donkey, fastest in Ireland and winner of many races. They have offered £500 for the donkey to Eddie Murray the animal's 23 year old owner who originally paid £6 for the animal. To date in his 4 month career racing he has won £100 at the "International" race at Clabby against 140 other donkeys, £50 at Newry against 60 others, £20 at Irvinestown against 57 and £10 at Clones against 50 others.

571102 Thomas Crawford, ex-policeman, of Corry, Belleek was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions for stealing a bullock. He was a native of Derry who had resigned from the police to take up photography but had got into debt due to buying expensive equipment without a regular income.

571109 John Frederick George Acheson of Straniff, Derrygonnelly found not guilty of dangerous driving at Shalloney, Lisnarick when a tanker driven by Acheson was in collision with a cyclist, Mrs Susan Ann Spratt, causing her death.

571109 Lough Erne Channel to be cleaned at last – new water and sewage scheme for Enniskillen. The river to be cleaned from the back of East Bridge St. to the Police Depot at a cost of £10,500 of which Enniskillen Borough Council will pay £2,100 which will increase rates by ½ over a period of years.

571116 Bernard C. Carty was fined £3 for driving a car carelessly resulting in a collision with Rev. J. B. D. Cotter, Garrison.

571116 Grand Dance St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo on Sunday 17th November. Music by Pettigo Dance Band (Fully amplified) Dancing 8.30-12.00. Admission 2s-6p. For Parochial Purposes.

571116 Dances – Ceili and Old Time in St Mary's Hall, Garrison, on Sunday 17th November. Music by Asaroe Ceili Band. Dancing 8-12. Dul Isteac 3s-6p.

571116 Five men were killed in an explosion in a cottage in County Lough at the foot of Edintubber Mountain. Machine guns and ammunitions were found in the ruins. Those killed were Michael Watters, owner of the cottage, Paul Smith, Bessbrook, Oliver Craven, Newry, George Keegan, Enniscorthy and Patrick Parle, Wexford.

571116 Garrison man fined at Belleek – Possession of unlawful documents alleged. Patrick Mc Manus, 35 year old farmer of Drumgormley, Garrison fined £10 for possessing a copy of the “United Irishman” and the programme of the Sinn Fein party in the Republic.

571121 Bishop of Clogher dedicates new Church of St. Joseph in Ederney. A vast crowd attends the ceremony. The main contractors for the church were P. Carville and Sons Ltd. The new church which cost £60,000 was dedicated by his Lordship Most Rev. Eugene O’Callaghan, D.D., Bishop of Clogher. It has a total seating capacity of 750. Fr. Felix Mc Kenna, P.P. Ederney was assisted by his two curates Rev. Gerald Timoney CC and Rev. T. Marron.

571207 Assaroe Ceili Band (conductor Mr. Cyril Curran, Ballyshannon) has just had a very successful cross-channel tour and met numerous friends at their performances in London. The band has three members from Ballyshannon and three from Fermanagh. Mr Paul Coyle, Loughill, Belleek, is a member of the band who met many former friends now in England.

571207 The eel catch in Lough Erne is down by about 10,000 lbs this year. The Danish buyer, Mr. W. Brammer, thinks that the fault is that the elvers cannot ascend the eel pass at Cliff Power Station. Concern is also expressed at the drainage of the Ederney River which is one of the Erne’s best spawning rivers. At least a mile of prime spawning gravel beds will be removed by the drainage work.

571214 At Mc Grath’s of Belleek, free gifts for Christmas, 1957. For every 10/- worth of goods bought in their premises the customer gets a free voucher for a draw on Christmas Eve. Adult 1st, a lady’s or gent’s winter coat, 2nd a pair of double blankets or equivalent, 3rd, a pair of boots, shoes or Wellingtons. For the children the prizes are a girl’s coat, a boy’s suit and a pair of slippers. There are six further prizes of 10/-.

571214 Bishop of Clogher dedicates St. Sannel’s Oratory, Belcoo. He was greeted with a guard of honour by the local school children who sang, “Faith of our Fathers.”

571214 Mr. John James Greenan, Main St., Belleek, was fined £4 with £9 costs for failing to keep his premises in proper repair and failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent the contamination of food. Mr. Montague, solicitor, said that it appeared to him that this man was being victimised by the Health Committee and its inspectors.

571214 Two Belleek Customs Officers, Mr. Frank Garvin and Mr. Patrick Farren were held up by three masked and armed men who planted two biscuit tins containing gelignite charges in Belleek’s Customs Post. The resulting explosion destroyed the building. The armed men wore hoods containing eyeholes, denim jackets and trousers, heavy nailed boots and carried Mauser revolvers. Each wore on his upper arm a Tricolour flash.

571221 Members of the Italian Soccer team were attacked during a pitch invasion in Belfast after a drawn friendly match. Their National Anthem was jeered by the crowd.

571221 Mental and Physical development go hand in hand. Buy your son a pair of football boots this Christmas and the Fermanagh Schoolboy, Juvenile and Minor Board (GAA) will supply him with all his needs.

571228 A grand variety concert was organised by Mr B. Cunningham, N.T., and Mrs M. Mc Ginley, both of Lettercrann N.S. and was produced in St. Patrick’s Hall, Lettercrann, on Friday night and St. Mary’s Hall, Pettigo, on Sunday night both halls packed to their utmost capacity. Action songs, dances and recitations were given by the Lettercrann school children. The programme opened with selections by the Lettercrann Childrens’ Band under the leadership of Mrs Mc Ginley N.T. violin selections were played by little B. Mc Grath and J. Comic, this was followed by two sketches, “Death Unconquered” and “The Women of 1980.” Those taking part in the sketches were:- Mr Mc Geedy, N.T., Tamlaght, Laurence Mc Crea, Miss Philomena Griffin, Mrs Mc Ginley N.T. and

Seamus Griffin. Exhibitions of step dancing were given by the school children, the music being provided by Jim Colton on violin. Songs were rendered by Mr J. Maguire, Ederney. A parody poem composed by Mr. B. Cunningham, N.T., brought down the house. The proceeds were in aid of the church repair fund. The committee in charge being, Rev. J.F. Brennan C.C., Pettigo, Eugene Mc Goldrick, Jim Colton, Philomena Griffin and Mr. B. Cunningham.

571228 John James Henderson, a lorry driver for Dickie & Sons, Enniskillen was fined £5 for driving a lorry and trailer recklessly. In the accident near Maguiresbridge, on 16th October, Unionist Chief Whip, Mr. Brian Faulkner was rendered unconscious and his car wrecked.

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National Events.

A general election in Northern Ireland returns a large unionist majority (20 March)

Aer Lingus opens routes to New York and Boston (28 April)

Ardmore Studios, Co. Wicklow, opens with financial assistance from the government (12 May)

50 Irish army officers are appointed as observers with UN peacekeeping forces in the Lebanon; they depart on 27 June

The Industrial Development Act is passed (2 July) to encourage the inflow of foreign capital to the Republic

99 people die when a flight from Amsterdam to Gander, having stopped at Shannon, crashes into the Atlantic Ocean

T. K. Whitaker's *Economic Development*, an official report, is published in December

The original Liberty Hall on Eden Quay, Dublin, is demolished

Brendan Behan's *Borstal Boy* is published; his play, *The Hostage*, is a huge success

The Northern Ireland football team plays in the World Cup Finals for the first time, in Sweden; it is beaten 0-4 by France in the quarter-finals

In golf, Harry Bradshaw and Christy O'Connor win the Canada Cup for Ireland (23 November)

Herb Elliott sets a new world record in the mile at Santry Stadium, Dublin

Births.

Roddy Doyle (novelist) in Dublin

Daniel Day Lewis (film actor) in London to an Irish father (Cecil Day Lewis)

Greg Delanty (poet) in Cork

David O'Leary (Arsenal, Leeds United and Republic of Ireland footballer; Leeds United manager) in London (2/5)

Dawson Stelfox (architect and mountaineer) in Belfast (24/3)

Hugh Tinney (pianist) in Dublin.

Deaths.

John Pius Boland

Brendan Bracken

Alexander Brenon

Robert Gibbings

Richard Hayes

Paul Henry

Dorothy MacArdle

Séamus O'Sullivan

Lennox Robinson

Peig Sayers

Margaret Burke Sheridan

L.A.G. Strong.

Local Events.

580104 A new Garda Station and Customs Post at Swanlinbar, with its modern amenities and impressive architecture, has added much to the appearance of the village. It was erected at a cost of £10,000.

580104 Death of First Rector of the Grann, Enniskillen. Rev. Fr. Eugene (Nevin) C. P. has died at Mount Argus, Dublin. He was in his 90th year and the oldest Passionist in these islands and one of the oldest priests in Ireland. He was born in Ballinakill, County Galway, professed in 1890 and ordained in Rome in 1895. In 1909 he was appointed Rector of the newly established foundation at the Graan, Enniskillen. He had an intimate knowledge of 1916 and counted the brothers Pearse among his friends.

580104 Donegal and Wexford men are jailed at Ballyshannon – both members of the IRA. Bernard Monaghan (25) monumental sculptor of Drumkeelan, Mountcharles and Robert Kehoe, (23) farmer of Galbally, Ballyhogue, County Wexford were each sentenced to 9 months in prison. Garda Martin McNeela made the arrests but being on his own two others escaped. On the charges being read Monaghan said that he had nothing to say and Kehoe said he did not recognise the court.

580104 Kesh District Inspector, J. Shea, was involved in a car accident on Christmas Eve in which the passenger in another car, Mr George Nixon, Blacklion was killed. Mr Nixon was travelling in a car driven by Herbert Dunn, Lisburn.

580104 Phenomenon on Leitrim Lake. A large number of children playing convenient to Killear National School, Kiltyclogher as well as a number of adults witnessed a strange spectacle on Lough Gillygillaney, a small moorland lough in the townland of Raheelin, on Monday last. They saw a large brown object somewhat larger than a horse rise to the surface of the lake and swim to the shore. After apparently making several attempts to jump out on the heathery bank which borders the southern end of the lake, the object swam out to the centre again and after swimming around in a circle for more than twenty minutes disappeared under the water. The strange phenomenon recalls a legend in which the old people believed that this lonely little sheet of water, which covers an area of about two acres, is inhabited by a water horse, which as the old stories relate appeared at various times. At least twenty witnesses of Monday's appearance say that the unknown animal, monster – or whatever it may be – was larger than the largest horse.

580104 Police, "B" Specials and British troops engaged in a comb-out of a wide area of County Fermanagh on Monday night following two explosions which badly damaged a "B" Special hut at Leginn, near the village of Derrylin.

580104 Vauxhall Victors are being exported to the United States at the rate of 1,000 per month. The Hertz Rent-A-Car Company is placing the biggest car order in history of \$60,000,000 for Victors for people who prefer to hire European cars.

580111 A big consignment of seized arms was brought from Donegal to Dublin under heavy guard. They has been found in the sandhills at Rossnowlagh by Guards under Superintendent Murray. It is believed to be the biggest and best organised armoury found since the beginnings of the Border Troubles last year. It is believed to have consisted of Bren guns, Sten guns, Thompson sub-machine guns, various patterns of rifles, a large quantity of legnrite and general military equipment.

580111 A huge funeral, at which Bishop O'Callaghan presided, was held in Enniskillen on the death of Rev. Brother Bede (O'Donohee) who died on Monday last. He was born of Irish parents in Huddersfield and Old Boys of St. Michael's School bore the body of their former headmaster to the grave in relays. He had been 34 years Superior of the Presentation Order, Enniskillen and Principal of St. Michael's Secondary School, Enniskillen.

580111 Death of Mrs B. Dolan, Cornadarum, Garrison on 19th December. She was of an advanced age and pre-deceased by her husband by 22 years.

580111 Death of respected Garison lady, Miss Mary Kate Duffy, of Glen East, Garrison, on Christmas Eve. She was aged 55 and had borne a long illness with fortitude.

580111 I.N.T.O. Conference vote against marriage ban. The Conference urged the Bishops concerned to rescind the ban on married women teachers.

580111 T Grange Court two young Donegal men, Gerald Kelly (28), an ESB employee, of Rosemount, Letterkenny and Patrick Shaughnessy (23), ganger, Market Street, Ballyshannon were again remanded in custody.

They are charged in relation to an incident on the Sligo-Bundoran road in the early hours of December 30th when 19 ½ Anastasia Lawlor, Cliffoney fell from a moving car.

580111 Three explosions cause electricity blackout in Newry.

580111 Will Tyrone get a power station? Speculation is mounting daily in the Coalisland and Newtownstewart districts that the £25 atomic power station will be erected on the shores of Lough Neagh at Washingbay. Boring operations are underway to ascertain the condition of the sub-soil under the proposed plant.

580118 An Irvinestown cyclist, Geo. Francis Scott, aged 78, died after a collision with a car driven by Mr. Samuel Stephen Jepson, 14 Burfitt's Hill, Irvinestown, manager of the textile mill at Necarne.

580118 Fine of £5 for assault of Constable. Constable Mc Kee of Belleek went to investigate a motorist's complaint about cattle wandering on the road and was assaulted by the owner of one of the cattle, Patrick Roohan of Ballymagaghan, Leggs P.O., Belleek. Roohan maintained that it was no one's business who owned the cattle when asked. Told that the constable would impound them he said that neither Constable Mc Kee or all the police in Belleek would impound the cattle. "He adopted a hostile attitude, spat on his hands and buttoned up his coat and drove them past the Constable up the road. "When the cattle got past me," he said, 'I got the better of a damn sight better policemen than you and I can do it again.' I asked him what he meant and he said if I was not in uniform he would soon let me know." Constable Mc Kee told Roohan that he was going to arrest him on a charge of disorderly behaviour and removed a bicycle lying against him to stand it against the hedge. Roohan then jumped on his back and tried to take him to the ground. The Constable had to subdue him. He agreed to accompany him to the police station and then asked him to forget all about the incident. He said that the other two animals belonged to his brother Peter. In addition to the fine for assault he was fined for having no brakes on his bicycle and no bell as this had rusted beyond recognition.

580118 Four young Enniskillen men, Joseph Patrick Owens, (21), carpenter Muninaskea, Kevin J. Carson, (20) clerk, Market St., Francis J. Goodwin, (20) apprentice electrician and Eamon J. Goodwin (18) apprentice joiner, Market St. were charged with causing an explosion at the Post Office garage in Enniskillen and distributing IRA leaflets.

580118 New Diocesan Seminary opened at Drumclay, Enniskillen. Lord Bishop of Clogher performs the ceremony. The work was carried out by Messrs Mc Carville & Sons, Warrenpoint, County Down.

580118 This year will see over 6,000,000 people in Lourdes for the centenary of the Apparition which occurred on February 11th, 1858.

580125 £1 deposit secures immediate delivery of a new bicycle, juvenile cycle or tricycle from Carrother's Cycle Dealers, Brookeborough.

580125 A new Garda Station is being erected in Pettigo. The contractor is a Donegal man Mr. Mc Menamin. On Sunday morning a blizzard raged in the area for several hours heaping up large snowdrifts. The accompanying winds were gale force. In the afternoon the winds abated but snow still fell heavily in the Croagh/Kimmago mountain area. Some sheep are reported lost in the drifts.

580125 Burnhouse Animal Collection Service. Dead animals removed free of charge from your premises by our speedy and confidential service. Live animals over 3 cwts are paid for direct from this factory at the following rates:- Shot and bled cows £1-7-6 per cwt, Shot and bled horses £1-10-0 per cwt (degutted weight) Payments made the following week. Live animals will be humanely destroyed by our Agent on your premises before removal. A receipt docket will be issued at the time of collection, which should be retained until payment is received. 'Phone your nearest agent Enniskillen 2270 or Omagh 187.

580125 Sensational Offer - £50 given away. J.J. Greenan & Son Ltd present a FREE voucher with every 10/- of goods purchased from our branches or road vans on and from Monday 27th, January to Saturday 17th May, 1958. £50 will be presented to the holder of the winning number on the evening of the 17th May, 1958.

580201 During the week Pettigo village was like a continental winter resort, as the streets were lined with sleighs. Starting point was what is known as the big bush on High Street. Teenagers and children on sleighs came with such speed that the impetus carried them half way up the main stree which is mostly uphill. A few minor accidents took place. Aged people were dilatory in using the streets owing to the risk. On Saturday morning the thaw set in . Heavy rain falling for several hours quickly melted the huge snow drifts. Houses in Mill Street and the Diamond had all their back yards flooded to a depth of four feet. The Pettigo/Kesh road was under water at Killynoogan while the Pettigo to Castleberg road was practically all under water from the village to Lettercran. Motor traffic had to be abandoned owing to the depth of the water. Huge sheets of ice also piled up against the bridges. The village streets were like a bottle with baked ice. Pedestrians had to crawl along the sides of houses as walking on the main street was impossible. In hilly areas sheep were swept away by the floods.

580201 From Monday until Saturday of last week the mountainous districts around Kiltyclogher were almost completely isolated owing to a heavy fall of snow, the heaviest since February 1957. On several mornings the post van had to detour and one doctor had to visit a patient on a tractor.

580201 James Shephard, Lenaghan, Enniskillen, was sentenced to three months imprisonment and 20 years suspension for driving a car without insurance on October 1st. Mr. W. Weatherup, R.M. "This man is entirely irresponsible and a danger on the road."

580201 Mr. Gerald Magee MPS, Irvinestown, declined to put his name forward for re-election as Chairman of Fermanagh County Board at Sunday's Convention. He had held the office from 1947 to 1950 and from 1955 to 1958. He started his football with St. Macartan's College and in 1932 won a Mc Rory Cup medal with them. As a chemist in Magherafelt he was in the Derry Junior team defeated by Donegal in the Ulster Final of 1933. Returning to Fermanagh he was a member of the Fermanagh team from 1934 to 1942 playing as left corner or full forward. He had two years club football with O'Connell's in Antrim 1937/9. In his chemistry studied he won the Gold Medal for Northern Ireland. He played for Fermanagh in the 1935 Ulster semi-final with the great Fermanagh team which included Rev. William Carty, Kils Kerry, Fr. Eugene Lennon, Monaghan, Tommy and Eamon Mc Donnell, Frank Johnston, Johnny Monaghan of Ederney (who helped the Fermanagh victory by scoring five points from frees) and Eugene Collins, making his first county appearance, who made victory secure by a spectacular goal in the last minute of the game.

580201 Mr. John J. Mc Elholm P.T., Principal of Irvinestown Boys four-teacher School is elected the new Chairman of Fermanagh County Board. He was a prominent footballer in his native Tyrone and the most prolific scorer in County competitions over a number of years. He won a Tyrone Senior medal with Trillick in 1937 scoring two match-winning goals in the closing minutes of the semi-final in Omagh against Omagh. Victory in the final brought the Tyrone Senior title to west Tyrone for the first ever time. The following year a knee injury put him out of football. He was a noted athlete in the north-west in the '30s. He was trained as a teacher in Strawberry Hill, Teacher's College, London, where he again starred as an athlete.

580201 Mr. Richard Law, (65) of Carn, Ederney died suddenly. He was found in his pickup at the roadside on his journey home from Kesh Creamery. He was uncle of Mr. Mervyn Dane, journalist, of Mullaghmeen, Enniskillen.

580201 The death has occurred of Mr. J. Cassidy Drumlught, Derrylin in Athlone at the early age of 57. He was a member of Kingarow Coy., IRA in the War of Independence and later became I.O. of the 3rd Batt. South Fermanagh Brigade. He joined the National Army in 1922 and served for ten years.

580201 The death has occurred of Mrs Isabella Carty, Glen West, Garrison, County Fermanagh on 21st December after a long illness. She was predeceased a few months ago by her husband. She is survived by four sons one of whom is Rev. W. J. Carty C. C., Fintona.

580201 The death took place in Dublin of Rev. Brother Michael Boniface Dower, of the Presentation Brothers, Enniskillen on Friday last. He was 62 and had been in religion for 45 years. He was a native of Kilmorna, Listowel, Co., Kerry.

580201 The death took place on December 27th of John J. Keown, Roscor.

580208 James Gillespie of Ederney appealed to Strabane Court against a fine of £10 and a driving suspension of 12 months for driving a car under the influence of drink in Castlederg. Police evidence was given of seeing Gillespie having difficulty getting into his car at 5.30 pm and on investigation the accused was found slumped across the seat dozing with the car door open.

580208 Men for trial on manslaughter charge after Sligo girl's death on the Bundoran road. Anastasia Lawlor (19) died after jumping out of a moving car driven by Gerald Kelly of Rosemount, Letterkenny, whose home was at Oranmore, County Galway. Patrick Shaughnessy of Market St., Ballyshannon was a passenger in the car and also charged with manslaughter.

580208 Two sisters Mary Crumlish (21) and Margaret Crumlish (19), said to be natives of Armagh were charged with the larceny of £75 the property of Peter O'Dare, Leggs, County Fermanagh. They both pleaded guilty. O'Dare, a 72 year old bachelor, alleged that he was invited into their house in Ballyshannon and while there he lost his money. He threatened to go to the Guards if it was not returned. A female searcher later found £70 on Mary Crumlish and later another five pounds were found in the house. The pair had been charged under the names Mary and Margaret Sweeny alias Crumlish. The judge said that he took into account the fact that O'Dare had brought a lot of this trouble on himself and that the women had been in custody for a week. He asked for an undertaking that the women would leave the jurisdiction and not return and when this was given ordered the Gardai to leave them at the border.

580215 Ballyshannon man, Sean Mc Nulty, aged 21 of Market Street, Ballyshannon was killed in an accident at Coxtown, Ballintra, when his lorry overturned. With the exception of the brakes the lorry was in good condition.

580215 Eight cattle are forfeited and a £50 fine imposed on a Pettigo cattle dealer, Denis Maguire, Aghafof, Pettigo, at Belleek Court. The cattle valued at £160 were the property of William Leonard, cattle-dealer, Lettercrann, Pettigo.

580215 Five Killybegs Fishermen Drowned off Waterford – Trawler sinks 300 yards from the pier. The Killybegs trawler "John Buchan" capsized as she was hit by a giant wave about 300 yards from Dunmore East Pier while the vessel was making for Waterford Port to shelter there. One of the six on board, John J. Lyons (24) was rescued and another Francis Cunningham (19) had not joined his comrades on the trip and intended to join them at Waterford. All the missing men are from Killybegs, George Buchan (40) married with 5 children; Benny Armstrong (17) single; Denis Mc Clafferty (40) married with three children; James White (24) married and John Byrne (30) single. There was a tremendous sea running at the time and later the ship was smashed on the rocks.

580215 On Monday the death took place of James Elliott, aged 76, blacksmith, father of David Elliott, blacksmith, Pettigo.

580222 Exciting scenes were witnessed in the border village of Magheraveely, Newtownbutler, on Friday, when bailiffs accompanied by members of the RUC arrived to execute an eviction on Mr. Francis Wilson, The Cottages, Magheraveely. As they approached they were met by Mrs Wilson holding aloft a large tricolour flag. She told officials that if she had to leave she would do so under an Irish flag. She refused to hand over the flag and then ran

through the village pursued by the RUC who desisted when she ran into a shop and a large crowd began to gather. Mrs Wilson addressed the crowd while nearby officials were removing her furniture to the roadside. Welfare officers were present but she refused to hand them over and with the rest of her five children and her husband she crossed into Monaghan two miles away to take up temporary residence in a roadside tent. In the last war Mrs Wilson was an NCO in the ATS.

580222 In this Our Lady's Year, do penance and pray exhorts the Bishop of Clogher in his Lenten Pastoral. He urges people to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes or Lough Derg. He also conveys his gratitude to the people to his appeal for funds for the new seminary of St. Michael in Enniskillen.

580222 Shots were fired at Belleek R.U.C. Barracks at 3.30 am on Friday morning. The firing came from the direction of the railway bridge which spans the border. The police returned the fire and sent up flares. The shooting lasted about five minutes. About 4.15 firing began again and lasted about 15 minutes. Other than a broken window and bullet marks on a wall there was no other damage.

580301 Another Lisnaskea Housing Scandal. Twenty two houses were let at a rent of 27/6 to 30/- per week and of these 18 went to Protestants and 4 to Catholics.

580308 Dredging a channel on the Erne. Work has begun on the dredging and the cleaning of the "North Channel" of the Erne from the East Bridge to Johnston's Bridge. This part of the lough is an eyesore, almost closed in, as can be seen, with weed growth. (Photograph) Sewage matter empties into this stagnant water and creates a danger to health. The scheme will reopen the channel and restore its scenic attractions while a sewage disposal scheme shortly to be undertaken will pipe sewage to below Portora stream. Several pillars of the Johnston Bridge have had to be removed to permit barges to carry excavated material to the lower lake. The machine is located on Piper's Island which is the central support for the bridge. In the background is Cornagrade. The digger shown beginning work in our first picture made good progress for the first few days and reached a promontory on Piper's Island. Here it slipped off its two heavy wooden "carpets" and became bogged in a hole with the danger ever present of slipping into the lake. It remained here for two days sinking and turning over. Eventually with a bulldozer and steel cables the digger was got back on firm land and work resumed. The look of the lake is already vastly improving.

580308 Edward Mc Ginnity, Derryallaghan, Roslea, County Fermanagh, was fined £400 on four customs charges at Monaghan District Court. The offences concerned 5 suits and c70 pairs of boots, the export of which were prohibited.

580308 Huge new improvement scheme for St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown, where at present 5,000 spectators can be accommodated. It has been decided to extend the pitch and improve accommodation to c 15,000 to 20,000.

580308 Land mine wrecks Land Rover at Corragunt, near Roslea. Lucky to escape were Constable William G. Beatty (38) a native of Knockaraven, Derrylin, the driver and Constable Norman Johnston of Cookstown.

580315 (Picture) These altar boys still keep green the memory of their former beloved pastor, Very Rev. Eugene Canon Coyle who died in his beloved Devenish West on 23rd June, 1955, after 33 years in the parish. A Celtic Cross marks his grave in the grounds of St. Mary's Church. It is inscribed entirely in Irish. Masters Hugo Gallagher and Michael Burns, of Carran West, say a prayer at the graveside before they robe to assist at evening devotions on Sunday.

580315 Corry Cross and its "Stop" sign provided Belleek Court with its main cases. Patrick J. Maguire of Manger was fined £1 for "careless cycling" across from the Garrison road without stopping. Thomas James Duffy of Cornahilta was fined £2 for driving a car carelessly at Corry Cross and Richard J. Goan of Enniskillen was fined £3 on a similar charge.

580315 Fines of £50 each were imposed on a father and son at Roslea Court for the making and possession of poteen. John Cassidy of Dresternan, Roslea, aged 70, and his son Joseph Cassidy of Errasallagh, Coranny, Roslea were detected in possession of poteen on December 23rd last.

580315 Following a Nationalist Convention in Enniskillen Cahir Healy consented to go forward again as the Nationalist candidate for the South Fermanagh Constituency which he has held for the past 33 years. There will now be no contest in Fermanagh. He is a native of Mountcharles, County Donegal and came to Enniskillen first as a journalist on the now extinct "Fermanagh News" in 1897. He reached his 80th birthday last year. In the following years he worked on papers in Killarney, Roscommon and Sligo before returning to Enniskillen where he was Superintendent of the Refuge Assurance Company and has remained since. He was County President of the GAA in Fermanagh for a number of years at the beginning of the century and he is only one of two surviving members who attended the meeting in the Rotunda, Dublin in 1904 at which Suinn Fein was established. The other is Seamus Mc Manus, the author and also of Mountcharles. Mr. Healy was interned for two and a half years on the Argenta from 1922 and for two years in Brixton Prison. He is currently "Father" of the Stormont Commons.

580315 Heavy snow and severe frost have made the Fermanagh roads extremely dangerous for traffic on Sunday night and Monday morning. Snow fell heavily at intervals on Sunday and on Sunday night near midnight, there was what was described as the heaviest fall of snow for an hour during the last quarter of a century. Roofs are still snow covered although no snow has fallen since noon on Monday.

580315 Six foot three inches and 18 ½ stone Fr. Edward O'Reilly Cassidy is on holiday in his native Leginn, Derrylin, County Fermanagh. This is his first visit home after 32 years in the United States. A late vocation he was ordained four years ago for the Diocese of Reno, Nevada. On one of his sick calls he battled a mountain lion and lived to tell the tale.

580322 A legion of friends all over Donegal and the North-West will deeply regret the passing of Mr. John Gillespie, Market Yard, Ballyshannon, which occurred rather unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday morning. His death has removed a link with a generation of men who took a prominent part in National affairs in the days of the old Irish Parliamentary Party. He had been a rate collector in the Ballyshannon District from 1906 until 1952 when he retired on the age limit. It is only a few months since Mr Gillespie was predeceased by his wife.

580322 Fermanagh's first Bookmaker's Certificate was granted to Daniel Mc Bride, bookmaker of Hospital Road, Omagh. Sanitary facilities and ventilation would have to be improved but as these works were in hand in the premises in Pound Street the application was granted at Irvinestown Court.

580329 "B" Special Constable William Allen, Portinode, Kesh was summonsed for threatening another "B" Special and neighbour Samuel Frazer (who was on duty at the time) Allen and Mervyn Johnston were duck shooting from a boat on Lough Erne and were confronted by Frazer who had been hiding in bushes. According to evidence Frazer began roughly searching Allen who responded by loading his shotgun, threatening Frazer and marching him off his land. Frazer's evidence was not corroborated but Allen was fined £3 for not having a shooting licence.

580329 British Dental Association representatives have urged the Royal Commission on Doctors and Dentists remuneration that dentists should have a net income of £2,950 after deduction for superannuation.

580329 Kesh Breadserver Robert John Kennedy was fined £15 and banned from driving for a year for being drunk in charge of a breadvan at Tullyhommon on 23rd of January last.

580405 Gaelic Games are to be played at Enniskillen Technical School.

580405 International Harvester Mark 2 B-45 Baler is Britain's best bailer. (Advertisement by Lochside Garage, Tempo Roas, Enniskillen Phone 2859.)

580405 Near Pettigo on Thursday schoolboy brothers John, Eamon and Willie Kelly of Drumawark found a badger in a trap they had set in a glen near their house. They despatched the badger with hay forks, graips and spades. For some time previously the badger had been causing serious losses to the young lambs and poultry.

580412 Fermanagh Juniors win the O'Duffy Cup for the first time by defeating Monaghan by 2-5 to 1-4.

580412 Since the closing of the Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway the village of Belcoo has the unpleasant experience for four days each week of having hundreds of cattle punched in the pens on the main street. The filth left behind is unsanitary, dangerous and unhealthy. Before the closing of the Sligo Railway between 65,000 and 70,000 cattle passed through from the west to Enniskillen each year. The same number are still passing through but although most are on cattle lorries they have to be disembarked and put into the pens to be punched.

580419 Down Seniors' Mc Kenna Cup win over Fermanagh at Newry by 3-13 to 0-9. Impressive winners.

580419 Lough Melvin restocked with 20,000 trout fry. One of Ireland's leading fishing lakes, famed Lough Melvin, on the borders of Fermanagh and Leitrim was restocked with trout on Sunday, for the first time in history. Messrs Tony O'Brien and Phonsy Mc Govern, Garrison, travelled to Belfast and collected 20,000 trout fry in four milk cans of 5,000 each and released them that evening into four pools on the Rogagh River. This stretch is leased from the Ely Estate to the Melvin Hotel, owned by Phonsie Mc Govern's father. Men-of-action O'Brien and Mc Govern had got tired of all the talk of restocking by all the local angling clubs and decided to do something.

580419 Maguiresbridge win 4-2 to Lack's 1-1 at home. They show good prospects of winning the Junior League this year.

580419 Salmon and trout fishing is prohibited in Ballyshannon Estuary from April 17th to September 30th after the serious decline in salmon over the past years. At one time upwards of 40 boats fished the estuary and this was reduced to 12 boats but this has not halted the decline.

580426 Billy Kelly spent Sunday in the little seaside resort of Fahan, just outside Derry "to get away from all the fuss for a spell." But in Derry, his wife Pam, who learned of his defeat by Ron Hinson, when a friend phoned her from the King's Hall just after the fight, strongly denied persistent rumours that Billy, disgusted with the decision, is to retire. Certainly Billy took Glasgow referee, Frank Wilson's verdict, which touched off a near riot very well and left the King's Hall with an ironic smile and a shrug.

580426 Coalisland man, Bernard Francis O'Neill, (29) an unemployed tilemaker, of Drummurrer, Coalisland, was sentenced to ten years in jail for bombing an electric transformer. He was described by the Judge as the ringleader and two other men John Aloysius O'Neill and Patrick Oliver O'Neill, both farm labourers of Annaghmore were sentenced to 5 years imprisonment on the same charges.

580426 Five young Fermanagh men who were arrested in police raids following explosions in Enniskillen in October and November last were sent to prison for five years at Belfast City Commission. All of them refused to plead. They were:- Joseph Patrick Owens, (21), apprentice joiner, Mulnaskea, Enniskillen, Kevin J. Carson, (20) clerk, Market St., Enniskillen, Francis J. Goodwin, (20) apprentice electrician and Eamon J. Goodwin (18) apprentice joiner, Market St., Enniskillen and James Henry Martin, (21) joiner, Coravehy, Thompson's Bridge, Kinawley, County Fermanagh.

580426 In a very disappointing fashion Fermanagh go out to Down in the Ulster Junior Championship in Lisnaskea. The collapse of last year's midfield combination of Mick Brewster and John Maguire lay at the heart of Fermanagh's problems while the deadly markmanship of Down's centre threequarters, P. Doherty took Down to a narrow but merited win.

580426 James O'Donnell, (23), steel erector, of Lisnastrane, Coalisland, was sentenced to ten years in jail on charges of being a member of Saor Uladh and three charges in connection with causing an explosion at a railway signal station at Coalisland on June 12th last.

580426 Mr. Vincent Mulligan, P.T., who has been appointed Principal of the Moate School, Lisnaskea, was this year elected chairman of Lisnaskea Emmetts. He is a prominent Fermanagh Gael.

580503 Ballyshannon lady professed at the Convent of Poor Clares, Newry, last Monday was Sister Basil, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs Frank Dorrian, Imperial Hotel, Main St. Ballyshannon.

580503 Death of respected Garrison resident, Mrs Mary Jane Duffy, Slisgarrow, Garrison, whose daughter only predeceased her only three months ago. Her husband predeceased her 30 years ago.

580503 Enniskillen Corinthians win the Junior Cup. They are to be congratulated on their historic win in Portadown on Saturday last, when they beat Clooney Rovers, Derry, and thereby made Football history in Fermanagh. This competition was started 70 years ago with Distillery of Belfast as the first winners. It is the Blue Ribbon of Junior Football. By winning it on Saturday last the "Blues" have made history in Fermanagh as they are the first team ever to bring the trophy to the Island Town. Enniskillen Corinthian's trainer is Enda Love, whose father, the late Billy Love, was old Enniskillen Celtic's trainer who drew and then lost in the semi-final of this competition.

580503 The new Astral Cinema, Lisnaskea, is quickly making a reputation as one of the leading houses of entertainment in Fermanagh.

580510 In the Pettigo the death took place of Patrick Mc Grath, aged 28 of Kimmid, Pettigo. The most poignant feature of the death was that his sister only pre-deceased him by a few months at an early age also.

580510 On May Eve the traditional custom of putting Mayflowers at all doors and windows of dwellings was carried out in the Pettigo district. Children carrying Mayflours were to be met with everywhere.

580517 During the weekend, 94 year old Francis Mc Goldrick of Crilly, Pettigo was to be seen setting potatoes in lea ground. He walks three miles Sunday to attend Mass. Engineers and workmen from the E.S.B. are at present erecting poles and other installations to have light and power made available in Pettigo village and district.

580517 Irvinestown schoolboy's death in a road crash. A verdict of misadventure was returned on Seamus Neil Mc Art, Drumharvey, Irvinestown. Thomas Fiddis of Shalloney, Lisnarick, was the driver of the lorry involved which was going in the direction of Carn Quarry. He met a tractor driven by Mc Art's brother in which the victim was travelling in the linkbox. The tractor stopped to let the lorry pass and go into a nearby field when the boy ran from behind the tractor chasing the dog to catch it by the tail. The lorry struck him and passed over his head. He was dead at the scene.

580524 A Belleek family have been bereaved by the death of Francis James Duffy, the Commons, Belleek whose demise occurred on Monday 28th of April last. His sister, father-in-law and mother have died since Christmas. For a number of years deceased was a postman but due to health reasons had to resign some years ago.

580524 A boy of sixteen who had been attending a school for sub-normal boys in Dublin, returned to Tyrone unable to write his own name or differentiate between money. At Monday's meeting of Tyrone Welfare Committee, Mr J. P. Duff, presiding, said this was extraordinary. Mr C. A. Beatty, J. P. said it looked like an awful waste of money to him.

580524 During the week painters have been working overtime in Pettigo village making preparations for the opening of the Lough Derg Pilgrimage season on May 31st. As a result of the closing of the GNR branch lines the whole traffic will be omnibus and car, with the result that local caterers and traders expect full houses. In the village there is considerable activity Customs activity for the past few weeks to prevent the importing of butter from the Six Counties.

580531 Elderly Garrison cyclist in fatal road collision. An open verdict was returned in an inquest in Garrison on the 21st on Felix Duffy a 68 year old labourer of Knockaraven, Garrison, who lost his life in an accident at Glenn Cross on the previous evening when his bicycle was in collision with a car. Felix Duffy, a nephew, gave evidence that his uncle had been working with him cutting turf and left to go home about 7.30. His uncle was a bit deaf and occasionally wore glasses. John Mc Govern of Doagh, Derrygonnelly, shop assistant, who was driving the car involved, gave evidence of the victim cycling straight across the crossroads. Dr. Gerald Clarke, Belleek gave evidence that the deceased had died of a broken neck.

580531 Kesh car's defects from a bad lane. "I would like to see the police car after it was used on the same lane," said John Lunny of Doughrock, Drumskinney Kesh after he had been fined a total of £7-15-0 at Kesh Court and allowed two months to pay. Constable Hancock in evidence said that there was 7 inches of backlash in the steering wheel – fine £3, a further £3 fine for a brake which would not hold and even if held was ineffective, £1 fine for parts of the car in a dangerous condition and 15s for having no rear light or illumination on the back number plate.

580531 Lack St. Patrick's defeated Coa at home on Sunday last. It is the first time that Lack showed any standard of football this year.

580531 William James Nixon of Derrygiff, Florencecourt, was the driver of a tractor which crashed through a hedge into bog at the Five Points in darkness. He was fined £3 for driving dangerously and £1-10-0 for having no front or rear lights or illumination of his rear number plate.

580614 Ballyshannon man's play on radio. "Farewell to every white cascade" a play for radio by Frank Harvey, a native of Ballyshannon took joint first place in the Radio Eireann competition for radio plays. The play is about a farm about to be flooded by a hydro electric scheme.

580614 The annual Corpus Christi procession held in the Convent of Mercy grounds in Enniskillen was the largest and most impressive public manifestation of Faith seen in the town and district in many years.

580621. The "Professorial" Staff at St Michael's Seminary, Enniskillen. In photograph – Fr Livingstone, Fr Sean Clarkin, Fr. P.Marron, Dr. Mc Elroy, Rev. P. Mulligan and Rev. J. Gilsenan.

580628 Crawford's Hill milk producer, Sealy Johnston, loses milk supplier's licence due to non compliance with regulations re water supply and cleanliness of his dairy.

580705 Kesh, 7-year-old, only son, killed by a car at Carrickoughter, Kesh. He was Francis Mc Glone, son of Mr. and Mrs James Mc Glone and he was struck by a car driven by Joseph Edward Stevenson of Drumnagreshill, Kesh as he ran from one lane to another across the road.

580712 A 20 year old Clones youth Aloysius Hand, an unemployed labourer was shot dead and another man, Patrick Traynor, (26) farmer of Tydavnet, County Monaghan wounded in a gunbattle with an RUC patrol at Clontivrim, near Newtownbutler. About a thousand attended the funeral at Clones where the coffin was carried most of the distance by members of Saor Uladh.

580712 Lack St Patrick's greatly encouraged their supporters with a 4-4- to 1-4 defeat of a more experienced Newtownbutler team. James Comac is an outstanding goalie for the Lack club. Lack:- James Comac, A Mc

Kenna, J. Carney, D. Corry, T. Keown, B. Keown, H. Mc Hugh, W. Maguire, C. Maguire, T. Mc Kervey, A Mc Grath, W. Walsh and T. Maguire.

580719 A Fermanagh Herald photographer was attacked by Orangemen on the 12th of July as they picketed three licenced premises in Enniskillen. The cameraman had his camera and duffle coat taken. The camera was later returned via Enniskillen Barracks with the film missing. Three catholic pubs were picketed during the day Keowns of Forthill Street, O'Reilly's, the Celtic Hotel, Belmore St., and Mc Manus' of High Street.

580726 A Fermanagh auctioneer sentenced to four years imprisonment as he pleads guilty to charges involving over £2,000. He was Owen Reynolds, (36) a former Irish Guardsman twice wounded in the war and also taken prisoner, an ex-RUC constable, former auctioneer and insurance agent of Church Street, Enniskillen.

580726 A Fermanagh youth, Michael John Monaghan, Drumgowna, Clonelly, aged 19 has died working on the London to Yorkshire motorway. He was tipping liquid cement from his dumper into a cutting when his vehicle fell on him.

580726 Booby trap murder trial opens on Monday. Two Tyrone men charged with the murder of Sergeant Arthur J. Ovens will be tried in Belfast. Ovens who was 43 was killed by a bomb in a disused cottage. The men are Kevin Mallon (21), labourer, Roughan, Coalisland and Francis Patrick Talbot (21) factory worker, Brackaville, Coalisland.

580726 Church authorities deplore the profane use of Armagh Cathedral. Three men with revolvers were arrested in a confessional in the Cathedral on the 17th August and taken out by a policeman with a sten gun. They were Michael Meade, (21), student radio officer of Limerick, Denis Foley (19) of Blennerville, Kerry, and William Reilly, labourer(21) of Navan Street, Armagh.

580726 Clontivrin Customs hut blown up again on Wednesday morning of last week. It is the third time it was attacked in the past twelve months.

580726 De Valera's condemnation of the Six-County violence campaign – "There must be only one army and one Government if this nation is to last."

580726 In an explosion at Derryrealt near Swanlinbar, a Kinawley man Patrick Mc Manus, Kinawley was killed and two men from Swanlinbar, John Owens and Peter Mc Govern were injured. Celia Mc Manus the dead man's sister had been married in Kinawley earlier the same day.

580802 In a rather disappointing Ulster Final in Clones Derry became Ulster Champions for the first time by a four points winning margin over a tenacious Down team.

580802 The funeral of Mr. Patrick Mc Manus, a 29 year old farmer of Clonliffe, Kinawley who was killed instantly when a bomb exploded beside a parked car at Derryrealt about one mile from Swanlinbar on Tuesday night of last week took place from St. Mary's Church, Swanlinbar to Killaduff cemetery on Friday last. It was estimated that over 3,000 attended. The coffin was draped with the tricolour and carried by the man's four brothers. It was followed by rows of marching men three deep. Mr Sean Brady, brother of Mr Rory Brady, Sinn Fein T.D. delivered the oration.

580823 In the Pettigo news Mr. Patrick Maguire, Tievemore is reported as catching a 5lb trout and four others from 1 to 2 lbs weight. He was fishing in the Cullion area of the Termon River. This is said to be a record for the area. This year's Lough Derg Pilgrimage has been attended by a few thousand less than last year. The number this year was 25,000 pilgrims.

580830 A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned on James Crossan, a 26 year old farmer of Cloneary, Bawnboy, County Cavan, who was shot at Mullan Custom's Post on Sunday morning last. Mr. J. R. Hannah, Coroner, said that Crossan had every opportunity of stopping and saving his life, but he did not avail of it. His companion stopped and he was still alive. The Mullan Customs Post had been destroyed by explosives five times, three times in the past two years.

580830 Norman Samuel Mc Cartney of Kesh died in the Royal Victoria Hospital after injuries sustained in a Portrush swimming pool three weeks ago. He was this year's captain of Enniskillen Rugby Club. Aged 27 he was the son of Maud Mc Cartney and the late Mr. Blakely Mc Cartney and managed the family grocery business in Kesh.

580906 Four Boa Island fishermen, Daniel and Eamon Thompson, brothers and Francis Mc Barron and Gerald Kerrigan were each fined £1 at Kesh Court for stealing a quantity of perch fry bait, valued £9 the property of Samuel and John Shaw, brothers, of Gorticar, Clonelly on 16th July. They were each ordered to pay £2-5-0 restitution. The Shaws had their perch fry bait in a box in Glenaharn Bay. Shaw, Mc Barron and Daniel Thompson all called at Kesh RUC Station to have the case kept out of court.

580906 Tempo's gallant fight unavailing as Roslea are Fermanagh Senior Football Champions by a score of 2-5 to 1-2 while Newtownbutler decisively win the Minor Championship over Irvinestown.

580913 A seizure described as the biggest since the war was made by an RUC patrol in a night search along the Fermanagh/Monaghan border. It consisted of 8 tons of maize meal, fertilizers and galvanised iron to the value of £450.

580913 Bombs and shooting in Fermanagh. At 10.30 am Kinawley Orange Hall was extensively damaged by a bomb. The windows in St. Naile's Church 30 yards away were blown in. Fr. Lawrence Gilmartin C. C. was celebrating Mass with a full congregation when the explosion occurred.

580913 Bridie Gallagher, the girl from Donegal, Ireland's greatest recording star with the now sensational showband The Skyrockets, appearing in the Star Ballroom, Ballyconnell on the 16th of September, admission 5 shillings.

580913 Damage to Lisnaskea Protestant Church – man returned for trial. Patrick Leonard, aged 31, of Cross Street, Lisnaskea caused malicious damage amounting to £2,250 to Lisnaskea Church of Ireland on August 13th last. He climbed on to the church belfry and threw down the flagpole and masonry blocks many of which went through the church roof. He remained on the roof from 8.35 pm until 3.30 the following day refusing the pleas of local Catholic and Protestant clergy and his mother. He was returned for trial to Enniskillen Court. Leonard said he did not want to give evidence. There was not much sense in saying anything he said. He was full of drink and did not know what he was doing at the time.

580913 New Enniskillen Abattoir opened – the first new post-war abattoir opened in the Six Counties in thirty years. It is a cooperative effort by Irvinestown, Lisnaskea and Enniskillen Rural Councils and Enniskillen Borough Council. Guests to the opening saw the killing of cattle, preparation of hides, making of sausage covers and the disposal of blood. Afterwards they had lunch at the Manor House Hotel where they were received by Mrs Maud Adams.

580913 No game in Fermanagh this year has earned more favourable comment than the JFC final between Lack and Maguiresbridge. At the interval Lack were in front by 9pts to 1pt but when the final whistle blew they had lost the game by a single point 11 pts to 10 pts. It was hard luck indeed for the Lack boys who could point to a dozen or more near misses any one of which might have swung the game in their favour. It was a clean sporting hour's play for which both teams deserve credit. Maguiresbridge have earned their success in a most deserving manner, and 1958 has compensated for the many unexpected setbacks which have marked the club's history to date.

Charlie Mc Nally, Eugene Smyth and their colleagues are now convinced that they can add a second cup and a second set of medals to their list of trophies by winning the JFL as well. On their form against Lack they may very well do so.

580913 Roslea entry wins the All-Ireland Donkey Derby at Clabby for the second successive year. It was a triumph for Fermanagh's wonder donkey, its owner Mr Edward Murray, Belcoo and its young jockey John Fitzpatrick.

580920 At Ballyshannon Court, Thomas A. Mc Govern, James F. Gilbride, and John D. Golden, all of Manorhamilton, were charged with assaulting Patrick Farren, customs officer of Belleek in Bundoran on 5th August last. This is a very peculiar case in many ways said the District Justice as he applied the probation act to Mc Govern for assaulting Mr. Farren.

580920 Kesh man's death after swimming pool accident. A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest in Belfast on Norman Samuel Mc Cartney, a 27 year old shop assistant of Kesh County Fermanagh. He died in hospital 19 days after he had received a broken neck when he struck the bottom of the pool after diving from the high spring board at the Northern Hotel swimming pool in Portrush.

580927 Lisnaskea Emmets unexpectedly won the Fermanagh SFL final in Newtownbutler. They defeated Aghdrumsee by 1-4 to 0-4 with the winning goal coming almost before the spectators realised the match had begun.

580927 Presentation to Mr. Terence Maguire, postman of Drumskinney. Mr John Stevenson, sub-postmaster, was master of ceremonies at a social gathering at Dernasesk Schoolhouse on Friday the 189th September, when Mr. Terence Maguire, retiring after forty-six years as Rural Postman was presented with an armchair on behalf of the residents of the Drumskinney area.

580927 Summonses against Pettigo people who were allegedly obstructing the footpaths of the village with stalls selling pious objects and souvenirs were dismissed at Pettigo Court. Those summonsed were Anna M. Moss, Joseph Ward, Francis Gallagher, Eileen Egan and Aine Marie Ui Mheolmona (daughter of Anna M. Moss).

581011 Belleek-Ballyshannon "Border Ballymoss." The cattle chase of Cooley had nothing on a Fermanagh/Downal cross-border chase which had the two counties laughing. A cow belonging to Mr. Patrick Quinn, of Bonahill, Ballyshannon, County Donegal, took the honours in a half mile cross-border gallop in which her rivals were the police and the prize her freedom. The cow romped home an easy first. There was no second or third. The two others did not finish the course. Mr. Quinn proudly led in the winner. The cow was being brought by Mr. Quinn to the farm of Mr. Thomas Gallagher at Newtown, Belleek, County Fermanagh for service. Two policemen seized the animal for being illegally imported, as alleged, and impounded it in the yard of Mr. Thomas Dolan. Later in the day a lorry arrived to transport the cow to Enniskillen. Then the fun began. They opened the byre door. Out came the cow like a Sputnik. She made not for the lorry but for home. After her went the police. Down the lane she galloped. Down the lane went the police. Just to make it hard they had spikes across the road but she took them in her stride. No Grand National winner ever have a more impressive performance at Beecher's Brook. Over the spikes went the puffing police but they were no match for the "Border Ballymoss." Half a mile away Mr. Quinn was making hay at his home, bemoaning to himself the loss of his cow. He looked up and saw most of the race and no Ballymoss was ever watched by a more interested or anxious owner.

581014 Boa Island "B" Man accidentally shoots girl. Etta Alen aged 16 of Drumnagannaghan, Boa Island was discharged from Enniskillen Hospital after ten days treatment for a bullet wound. The accident occurred at her home when William Irvine, aged 20, visited the house after being on duty. The gun accidentally discharged when he was leaving hitting the girl and narrowly missing her father, James Allen.

581014 Dublin became All Ireland Football Champions after defeating Derry in the final. Referee Simon Deignan comes in for a lot of criticism for his apparent favouritism of Dublin. The new Hogan Stand in Croke Park is a massive affair and the view from it is completely free of interruption. From 1959 onwards tickets can be had for this stand for those who avail of the ten year plan. Tickets for hurling and football finals and replays £16 lower deck, £11 upper deck.

581014 Two brothers, one driving a van and the other riding on a bicycle without lights or a bell and holding on to the side of the van almost collided with a policeman, Constable Nesbitt on a bicycle. The men were Charles Acheson, Roscor, Belleek and Thomas J. Acheson of Drumsambley, Derrygonnelly. Charles Acheson was fined 10/- for no light and 5/- for no bell and an additional fine of £1-10-0. Mr A. Lunn, R.M. decided the legality of the summons; it having been delivered to a house, no longer the dwelling place of Charles Acheson, by asking was Charles Acheson in court. A man replied "yes" and the R.M. ordered the summons read to him invalidating the point being made by Noreen Cooper, solicitor.

581018 A twenty year old Ballyshannon girl, Margaret Mary Kane, East Rock, Ballyshannon, was bound over on £100 bail for two years at a Special Crimes Court in Enniskillen. She had in her possession a receipt from Cumann na mBan for 15 shillings and a document containing intelligence and security instructions contrary to the Six County Special Powers Act Regulations. Her companion Mairead Connolly of County Leitrim was removed from the court when she refused to stand when the magistrates entered the room.

581018 Road worker cyclist found dead on the road at Tamlaght, Enniskillen. He was 55 year old, Richard Arthur Whitelay who was found lying in a pool of blood on the road with his badly smashed cycle some distance away. About a half an hour later police stopped a car being driven in an erratic manner by Richard Clingen, Main St, Lisnaskea. The car was considerably damaged and its windscreen broken.

581018. The death is announced of Pope Pius XI. He was the 282nd Pope. He was elected on his 63rd birthday, 2nd March 1939, six months before the outbreak of the Second World War. He was Camerlengo of the church when he was elected - a position only held by Pope Leo XI and himself in modern times. This office holder has to arrange the Pope's funeral and the Conclave afterwards.

581025 Belleek Custom Hut explosion caused cross-border damage. The sum of £9-15-0 was claimed by Belleek Cooperative and Dairy Society for broken windows and damage to a quantity of butter as a result of the explosion. Mr Alfred Dodd gave evidence. Other premises seeking damages were those of Messrs Greenan, Donaldson and Mc Brien.

581025. Ederney girl fined for issuing false cover notes. Lucinda Ingram, Drumboarty, Ederney employed in Jeffer's Cycle Shop in Enniskillen fined.

581101 Elderly Lack farmer, Edward Mc Elhill, stole neighbour's turf. He was fined 10 shillings with 3/- costs for stealing turf from a neighbour Thomas Gallagher, Largy. Mc Elhill said he was in bad health, and he did not think it much harm to take the turf as they were wet.

581101 Peasant's son, Angelo Cardinal Roncali, Patriarch of Venice, is announced as the new pope after the third day of conclave in the Sistine Chapel. He has taken the name of Pope John XXII.

581108 Carved figures on White Island. Seven curiously carved figures in stone in the old church ruins, at White Island in Lough Erne, County Fermanagh increased to eight with the discovery by John Armstrong, caretaker, Aughinver, Lisnarick, of a stone at ground level in the wall of the old church. The ancient monuments division of the Ministry of Finance were notified and the stone was removed to disclose a similar figure to those of the seven other stones which were discovered in 1928. It was approximately three and a half feet high and represents a hooded monk like figure in a long garment. In the right hand is a crozier and in the left is a bell. The eight will probably join the other seven now preserved in a specially constructed recess in the north wall of the ruin.

581108 Devenish go down in the Juvenile County Final to Newtownbutler by a score of 6-5 to 0-1. A feature of the game was a scarcity of fouls. There were no fouls in the first half and only one or two in the second.

581108 Interesting Pettigo appeal at Enniskillen Court by Peter Roohan, Ballymaghaghern, Leggs P.O. against the seizure of cattle on the Pettigo-Tullyhommon Border by Sergeant Morrison. He claimed that someone with malicious intent had driven his cattle from his land to get them impounded. The judge dismissed the appeal with a good deal of sympathy for the defendant.

581108 Thirty schoolboys from Devenish and Kinawley arrived on All Saint's Day to Belcoo in order to play the Fermanagh Schoolboy Championship Final on a day of driving wind and rain – only to find that there were no goalposts. So they promptly moved over to Blacklion, County Cavan to play the game which Kinawley won by 5g-4p to 2g-0p. With the wind and rain Kinawley led by six points at half time. Michael Tracy and J. J. Cleary goaled for Devenish and a feature of the play was the remarkable defence of Sean Mc Manus, Kinawley's full back. The secretary and trainer of the Garrison team who was apparently their only supporter was forced to take up the line flag. He made a wrong decision and corrected it but was threatened by a section of the Kinawley crowd and while one held him another struck him from behind. J. J. Cleary, M. Treacy, Shea, Ferguson and Feely were best for Garrison while Sean Mc Manus, Tony Cullen, Brian Darcy, Des Corrigan, Gillece, Smith and Mc Hugh were best for Kinawley.

581129 Lack motor-cyclist disqualified from driving. A denial was made that this was a spiteful allegation made by Special Constable Jonas Birney, because the defendant William Cecil Walker aged 21, had taken his girlfriend. He was given one month imprisonment for driving while disqualified and fined £10 for having no insurance.

581129 Swanlinbar hacknicar man, Patrick J. Leyden, gets £140 for the destruction of his car as a result of a bomb on the Swanlinbar to Glangevlin Road – Echo of Fermanagh man's death.

581206 "Devil drove me to it." Fines totalling £33 were imposed on a Derrylin man, Patrick Joseph Mc Govern, Gortahurk, for making poteen.

581206 Coronation film of Holy Family for Regal Cinema, Enniskillen – By special permission of the Holy Father himself and for the first time in cinema history a unique coronation film of Pope John XXIII has been produced by the Rank Organisation in beautiful Eastman colour. Five cameramen photographed this magnificent ceremony, three in St. Peter's Square and two actually only ten yards from the Papal throne. It will have an exclusive first showing for counties Tyrone and Fermanagh for four days starting on December 15th.

581220 Belleek man fined £100 on Customs charge at Ballyshannon – Detained pending payment of penalty. Patrick Greenan, Commons, Belleek, was fined £100 for importing 3cwt of wheaten flour to Eire. He and Andrew Duffy were seen wheeling two wheelbarrows containing goods down Belleek Street. They were observed by Constable Mc Kee of Belleek RUC who informed Seamus Hogan APO, Cloghore Customs Post. Charges against John James Greenan, Clyhore and J. J. Greenan and Sons, Ltd, Cloghore were dropped.

581227 Philip Clarke and Patrick Kearney are freed from Crumlin Road Jail. These two prisoners of the Omagh Military Barracks Raid in 1954, who it is stated severed their connection with the IRA following the condemnation of violence by the Catholic Hierarchy, were released on Thursday morning of last week, having served just over four years of their ten year sentence.

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National Events.

The Congress of Irish Trade Unions and Irish Trade Union Congress combine as the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, with a separate committee for Northern Ireland (10 February)

Eamon de Valera is elected President of the Republic (17 June); he is installed on 25 June

Seán Lemass (Fianna Fáil) is elected Taoiseach in succession to de Valera (23 June)

The Garda Síochána recruits its first female members (9 July)

UK general election (8 October): unionists win all 12 Northern Ireland seats

Dublin's Harcourt Street railway line is closed

John B. Keane's play *Sive* is performed

Cornelius Ryan's *The Longest Day*, a history of the 1944 Normandy invasion, and Míic Mac Gabhann's autobiography *Rotha Mór an tSaoil* are published

Births.

Dermot Bolger (writer and publisher) in Dublin

Matt Connor (Offaly Gaelic footballer) (9/7)

Gavin Friday (musician) in Dublin (8/10)

Veronica Guerin (crime journalist) in Dublin (5/7)

Michael Kinane (jockey) in Killenaule, Co. Tipperary (22/6)

Mick McCarthy (Barnsley, Manchester City, Celtic, Olympic Lyonnais, Millwall and Republic of Ireland footballer; Millwall and Republic of Ireland manager) in Barnsley (7/2)

Paul McGrath (St Patrick's Athletic, Manchester United, Aston Villa, Derby County and Republic of Ireland footballer) in Middlesex (4/12)

Aidan Quinn (film actor) in Chicago to Irish parents (8/3)

Stephen Roche (cyclist) in Dublin (20/11)

Ivan Yates (Fine Gael politician) in Dublin.

Deaths.

Richard Irvine Best

Raymond Chandler

Denis Devlin

Errol Flynn

Joseph Hone

Seán Lester

W.F. Marshall

T.C. Murray

W.P. Nicholson

Blanaid Salkeld

Alexander Sullivan

Local Events.

590110 An unsuccessful attempt was made to set fire to the Garrison "B" Special hut last week.

590110 Ederney quarry worker's death after fall from stone crusher platform. James Joseph Mc Curcheon, Carn, Ederney, the only son of a widowed mother died on 20th December in the quarry of Messrs J. J. Scallon and Sons.

590110 Soviets ahead in the Space Race – Cosmic rocket passes the Moon – Interplanetary travel within ten years. Russia's cosmic rocket swept around the Moon at 1.52 miles a second on Sunday to begin its elliptical path around the Sun and take its place as the first man-made planet.

590117 Fermanagh – "The Killarney of the North" is to have caravan sites. This is the first time that such a provision has been considered for the county.

590124 Clones man, Philip Mc Cabe (24) of Mc Curtain St., was sentenced to four months in jail for being in possession of two revolvers and ammunition.

590124 In an appeal Pettigo's footpaths are a public place the Irish High Court held. Guard O'Connor had summonsed various individuals for blocking the town pavements with stalls selling goods to Lough Derg pilgrims. The original cases had been dismissed.

590124 Mr Malachy Mahon, secretary of the Minor County Board announced that there were now 700 young footballers in Fermanagh in the 15 schoolboy and juvenile teams and the 18 minor teams.

590124 Poaching is now a thing of the past, said Mr. David Lunny, secretary inspector to the Enniskillen Fishery Board but a certain amount of illegal netting had been happening in the Roscor area near Belleek.

590131 Among the prosecutions at Kesh Court were John Lunny, Doughcrook, Drumskinney who was fined for having defective brakes and not having the driving seat properly attached to the floor of the car and William Eves, Gortgeeran, for defective steering on his tractor. Constable Morrow said that the steering wheel could be turned a half circle before the front wheels moved.

590131 Anglers of Lough Erne will be interested to learn that a poem describing the dapping season on the Erne, which was written by Castle Caldwell's Paddy Tunney is to be broadcast in "The Country Bard" programme from the BBC Belfast on Friday evening. The poem is entitled "On Lough Erne Shore."

590131 Mrs M. Mc Gowan, P. E. T. Lattone, Tullyrossmearn, has retired after 41 years service as Principal Teacher. She is succeeded by Miss B. Loughlin, Belleek.

590131 Roslea land mine explosion wrecks lorry and injures three civilians. Two land mines exploded beside a passing lorry carrying ten tons of meal.

590131 The St. Michael's new Primary School for Boys in Enniskillen is to cost £66,175-4-10 Fermanagh Education Committee was told by Mr. J. Malone, CEO. This includes school, kitchen and dining hall.

590207 The death is recorded of Miss Margaret Flynn, Ballyshannon, who had lived for 18 years in Enniskillen as housekeeper to Mr. Patrick Keown, publican, Forthill Street.

590214 Former High Sheriff's accident. Mr. William Egbert Trimble, the Battery, Enniskillen, former Fermanagh High Sheriff, who is almost 80 years old, fell and broke his left leg when attending an entertainment at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, last Wednesday evening. He is the father of the two Trimble sisters famous concert pianists. In his fairly early years he had a serious accident in which he broke his left leg and only a short time after he fell again at the Town Hall, Enniskillen and broke it again. He was stated in Fermanagh County Hospital to be as comfortable as could be expected.

590221 (Photograph) Miss Moira Smyth, 13, Eden Street, Enniskillen is congratulated by Rev. Patrick Marron, B. A. professor St. Michael's Seminary who presented her with the award for the first prize in the Gael Linn singing competition in the Ulster Hall, Enniskillen on Thursday night. There were 20 competitors. On the left is Mr. Pádraig Ó Baoighill, Ulster organiser of Gael Linn and in the rear are Mr. D. Mac Colligh, Fermanagh Organiser, and Mr. T. Stone, P. T. one of the adjudicators. All the songs were in Irish.

590221 Garrison neighbours' sudden death. An hour after she witnessed the unexpected death of a neighbour and friend Mr. Francis Cassidy, Dernacross, Garrison, in whose hand she held a blessed candle as he succumbed to a short illness, Mrs Coyle, wife of Mr. P. J. Coyle, Loughill, Belleek, a highly respected and popular member of the teaching profession, was herself dead, victim of a heart attack. The sad events took place on Friday. In the early afternoon Mrs Coyle went to Mr Cassidy's house at Dernacross, to learn from his aged mother that he was gravely ill. She set about giving assistance in the home and was at Mr. Cassidy's bedside when his end came unexpectedly. Grief stricken she returned to her own home to acquaint the family of the sad tidings. A little later she complained of being herself unwell and collapsed. Despite medical attention which was quickly made available she passed away in a short time. She was the mother of thirteen children twelve of whom survive her.

590221 Patrick Greenan, the Commons, Belleek, appealed against a fine of £100 for unlawfully importing uncustomed goods. The fine was mitigated to £25.

590221 The Six County Prime Minister Lord Brookeborough will receive the Freedom of the Borough of Enniskillen on Friday 24th of April. The ceremony had been postponed last September owing to the Prime Minister's indisposition. The Regimental Band of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards is unable to travel from Germany but hopes to send four trumpeters. On the same occasion Lord Brookeborough will open the north channel of the River Erne where considerable drainage has been completed.

590228 A seven year old girl's heart was kept beating for 11 days by doctors who connected it with an electric battery. The child was having an operation by Sir Russell Brock at Guy's Hospital because she had a shilling sized hole in the partition separating the heart's two lower chambers.

590228 Decrees totalling £38-10-6 were granted at Donegal Circuit Court to the owners of the Ballyshannon Hosiery Company for malicious damage to their factory which had been closed from the previous year.

590228 St. Mary's Hall, Garrison was packed on Sunday night for a production of "Give him a house" by George Shiels. "Garrison has for many years held an enviable reputation for excellent drama talent and certainly Sunday night's performance was one of the best I witnessed since I attended my first concert in Garrison 38 years ago." Among those taking part were Din Timoney, Eileen Dolan, Gerard Carty, Miss Anna Casey, Susan Neilan, Josie Huey, Marie Timoney, Miss M. Tracey, J. J. Mc Dermott, Jim Carty, T. Grey, Francis Carty, and Phil Flanagan.

590307 A public meeting was held in Irvinestown which voted overwhelmingly to have an attested auction mart in Irvinestown.

590307 An award of £2,000 was made to a Fermanagh man George Ferguson (33) of Drumsara, Irvinestown as the result of an accident while treshing. He had been walking on the top of a treshing mill belonging to R. C. Hermon, of Necarne Estate, Irvinestown, when his foot became entangled with straw which was being pulled into the drum of the threshing mill. His leg was severely injured and had to be amputated above the knee.

590307 Derrygonnelly man, Patrick O'Dare (58), an Irish Army pensioner, of Braade, Derrygonnelly, died in a road collision. He was riding an unlighted motor scooter when he was in collision with a car driven by his cousin James Joseph Green, also of Braade.

590307 Four skeletons found at Belleek. Workmen who were laying a new watermain at Belleek, a Fermanagh border village, on Friday evening unearthed four human skeletons about three feet beneath the surface. The discovery was made near a reservoir, which is in the vicinity of an old fort above the banks of the Erne on the outskirts of the village on the Pettigo side. The discovery was reported to the RUC and the Ministry of Finance, who are the official ancient monuments archeological authorities in the Six Counties.

590307 The death is reported on Friday 6th February, 1959 of Mrs Mary C. (Moir) Coyle, Laughill, Belleek. She was a native of Liford, Trillick, County Tyrone, and came to the Belleek district in 1932.

590314 At Belleek Court four cattle the property of Sydney and William Telford Armstrong were declared forfeited and three others returned to the Armstrongs. He also imposed a fine of £2. An order was also made for the forfeiture of six head of cattle seized from James Moohan, Main St., Belleek and the return of two.

590314 Belleek Publican, Brigid Gallagher, Main Street, was fined £10 with £4-7-6 costs for failing to keep her premises in a clean and proper condition, for not providing washing facilities and not taking reasonable precautions to prevent the contamination of food. Mr. G. Longhurst said the premises were in a very dirty condition and that the lady had been informed of these faults since April 1957. He said that the premises were closed most of the time.

590321 Fines of £25 were imposed on Belleek father and son William James Heron of Brollagh, Belleek, a Pottery worker, who allowed his son, Seamus Anthony Heron, to use the registration number and road fund licence of one car to be used on another.

590321 Police car ambushed at Clogher – Four R.U.C. Specials injured by landmine.

590321 Richard Clingen, retired merchant of Main St., Lisnaskea was fined £200 and suspended from driving for life for driving a car under the influence of drink to such an extent as to render incapable of having control of the vehicle. He is reported to have said, "My goodness, I have been caught at last."

590321 St. Molaise Park Improvement Fund present by public request Clarrie Hayden and His Good Companions Show in the Adelphi Cinema, Irvinestown.

590328 Co-Operative Attested salesyard for Ederney. Mr John Monaghan was appointed chairman of the committee to oversee the undertaking, Mr Frank Mc Kervey, secretary, Mr. Jim Cassidy, treasurer. Committee members elected were, Messrs Edward Maguire, John Gavin, Henry Noble, Edward Monaghan, Robert Williamson, Albert Irvine, Henry Noble, Cormac Mc Kervey, J. H. L. Asquith and F. B. Gage.

590328 Fermanagh reached the second round of the Ulster Junior Football Championship thanks to a hard earned victory over Derry at Irvinestown by 0-14 to 1-6.

590404 An open verdict was returned on an Enniskillen man Austin Wardman, (59), a foreman baker, of 10 Mary Street, Enniskillen. He had had the 'flu and was depressed and also suffered from nerves through not getting to work.

590404 Irvinestown School Building Fund present by public demand, Eileen Donaghy (the girl from County Tyrone) on Sunday 12th April – two houses. Admission 4/- and 3/-, children to the first house only 2/- and 1/6d.

590411 Fermanagh advance to the Ulster Junior Championship semi-final after defeating Donegal in Irvinestown by 4-9 to 0-4.

590411 Mr. John Woods, Inisclin, Pettigo, has sold a Hereford calf, nine months old, at the record price of £45.

590418 Belleek man, Francis Cox, Callagheen, Roscor, was fined £4 with £7 costs on each of four charges of obtaining National Assistance by making false representations. He pleaded guilty. Mr P. J. Flanagan defending said that he only made £9 per year on a derelict farm at Glenashevar. He asked the R. M. to be lenient

as his client was a humble and ignorant man who really believed that he was acting right. His land was some of the poorest in Fermanagh. For the prosecution Mr. E. C. Ferguson said that he also held an 80 acre farm in the same area.

590418 Old neighbours die in Lack on the one day, Mr Patrick Mc Mulkin (83), well known and popular cattle dealer who attended the fairs locally for over 50 years and Mrs E. Walker (73). Both were of Market St., Lack.

590425 A fine of £15 and three months suspension was imposed on Edward Rolston, Commercial Traveller of Kilmore Green, Lisnaskea for driving while incapable through drink.

590425 A single-storey, corrugated roofed, three room house was gutted by a fire which occurred at midnight on Saturday. The farm had been owned until recently by a Protestant, Mr. Robert Mc Farland, but sold for £770 to Mr Thomas Fee, a Catholic native of the Tempo area who worked in England and recently returned. It was stated that there was considerable resentment among local Protestants at the sale. A square and compass and a Jacob's ladder had been painted on the wall of an outhouse.

590425 Belleek Skeletons – Famine Victims. The skeletons discovered at Belleek, County Fermanagh by workmen last month were probably those of victims of the famine and therefore regular burials. (*Where the water storage facility is now on top of Rathmore Hill*) No inquest will be necessary. The skeletons of a number of persons of both sexes were involved but the state pathologist Dr. T. K. Marshall who examined them stated that it was impossible to decide exactly how many. They included a child, a young adult and a person in middle age. Taking into consideration the site and nature of the soil, he believed that they could have been buried for 100 years or longer, but not within the last 50 years. Dr Marshall had stated in his report to the coroner that it would seem that the site had been a burial ground, as the bodies had been buried in a parallel manner along two sides of a square, fairly evenly spaced and in an expended position, and included males and females, young children and middle aged persons. It might be, he concluded, that they were the remains of victims of the famine, because where the death rate was particularly high, burial outside the recognised graveyards was a likely procedure.

590425 Fermanagh reach Ulster Junior Football Final – Great victory over Armagh by a score of 2-12 to 1-6 in Armagh.

590425 Four Fermanagh players were among the recipients of Siggerson Cup medals at a victory dinner in Belfast Castle last Sunday evening. The players were John O'Neill, Mickey Brewster, Des O'Rourke and Eamon Flanagan.

590425 The highest honour the Irish drama movement can bestow was conferred on, Mr. P. J. Croal, of Ballyshannon when he was chosen as the President of the Drama Council of Ireland at the youthful age of 34. He has won several awards as an actor but it is as a producer that he has shone winning up to 20 production trophies at various festivals in recent years.

590502 Stating that they were only going to encourage the ever growing wave of juvenile delinquency and the Teddy Boys that already existed in the country, Mr.

Alfred Hurst, at Fermanagh Education Committee, on Friday criticized the decision of the Ministry of Education in turning down a second request of the committee for approval to corporal punishment being administered in Enniskillen Model School by a number of teachers in addition to the Headmaster, Mr R. G. Sullivan.

590509 Fermanagh defeat Antrim in the Ulster Junior Championship at Dungannon by 2-13 to 1-4. Pat O'Loughlin is the only member of the Junior Champions who had not previously represented the county as a minor. Only about 2/3,000 attended the game and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of these were from Fermanagh.

590509 The death is reported of Miss Annie Daly, Commercial Hotel, Belleek, on Saturday last. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs Thomas Daly, Belleek.

590523 Belleek motor-cyclist, David H. Johnston, Moneendogue, crossed the white line at Corry, Belleek and was fined for riding a motor-cycle without effective brakes. He was fined £1.

590523 Devenish and Irvinestown drew in the Senior League at Devenish 1-7 to 0-10. The result flattered the home side Devenish who for the first time included six members of the now disbanded Belleek team. There were flashes of good play from the Tinney brothers, B. Carty and G. Withers and wholehearted defensive work from Slevin and Carty. Danno Devaney was in great form for Irvinestown, Don Charlton was always in command at midfield and had good support from Brendan Keogh.

590530 Fifteen year old, Peter Lowndes, son of Mr and Mrs John Lowndes, Northern Bank, Clones was drowned in Dummy's Lake near Clones. He had been paddling around the lake in a dingy accompanied by companions when he jumped overboard about 40 yards from the shore saying that he would swim the rest of the way. He got into difficulties and drowned.

590530 John Markey of Nutfield, Brookeborough, father of eight children was charged with assaulting, Sean Mulhern, 121 Derrin Road, Enniskillen, Headmaster of St. Mary's R.C. School, Maguiresbridge. Markey alleged that one of his girls had been beaten excessively at school leaving marks on her hands. He was fined 5s plus £9 court costs and was bound over on bail of £10 to be of good behaviour for a year.

590530 Lisbellaw's grand old lady, Miss Lizzie Whitley, Main St., Lisbellaw (75) began work in the Lisbellaw Clothing Factory on July 13th, 1897 to try to add a little income to her family, her father having died when their family were young. Her wages were 3s-6d per week payable fortnightly for a six day week which ran from 6am to 6pm. In her 62 working years she has only missed four working days, two when her mother died and two when a cousin died. She has never been a day sick in her life nor ever attended a doctor. She has never been to Belfast or Dublin, indeed not even to nearby Tempo, nor been to a picture house, show or circus.

590613 An Irish soldier died after being in collision with a cyclist on the Ballyshannon- Bundoran road on the night of 14th February last. He was Cpl. Charles Fagan, unmarried, of Kilnaleck, County Cavan, an army painter. Thady Kennedy, the cyclist, gave evidence of cycling towards Bundoran at about 11.45 pm and hearing

voices on the road ahead. He moved out to the centre of the road and collided with the deceased who he was unable to avoid.

590613 Ballyshannon Town Commissioners town clerk, Mr. P. O'Doherty, wants cars prohibited on Rossnowlagh strand after one of his children was knocked down and injured by a speeding car while playing there.

590613 Four heifers, the property of Patrick Mc Crea, Tullychurry, Pettigo were forfeited at Belleek Court on the suspicion that they had been illegally imported into Northern Ireland.

590613 The Lough Derg Pilgrimage season opened on May 30th and 535 pilgrims arrived by bus and cars. The closing of the GNR line has had no effect on the Pilgrimage numbers at all.

590620 Ederney Sports and Dance will be held on Sunday next 21st June at 2.00. There will be the usual athletic events with a grand donkey race with £5 prize. Ederney and Lettercrann Bands will attend. There will be a football match between Lack Selected team and Roslea, Fermanagh Champions. Admission 2/6 children 6d. Dancing to the Mainliners Dance Band, Derry. Admission 4/-.

590620 In a strike involving 350 workers at the English Sewing Cotton Co., factory at Lisnaskea 280 have received dismissal notices.

590627 (Photographs) Fifty years ago exactly, the O'Neills Football team of Enniskillen won all three principal cups in Fermanagh – the League, Championship and Maguire Cups of 1909-1910. Mr. Sean Nethercott, one of the three survivors of the O'Neills states that the first hurling match to be played in Fermanagh was on the 26th of December 1900 when Enniskillen O'Neills defeated Manorhamilton Shamrocks in a field about 1½ miles outside Enniskillen lent to them by Mr. Michael Goan. The other two survivors of that team are Alderman Charles Mc Keown, Orchard Terrace and Mr. Pat Cleary also of Paget Square. For the return match they rose at 7.00 and proceeded to Manorhamilton by wagonette, there being no cars at the time. They got Mass at Killinagh Church, near Belcoo and arrived at Manorhamilton at about half two to a quarter to three and “were beaten off the field.” On another occasion they went to Ballyshannon to play privately agreeing among themselves not to put up too big of a score. The result was that “we didn't get a look in.”

590627 “Honest decent man.” Ballyshannon cattle dealer, Terence Mc Gowan, Cluan Barron, Ballyshannon, was cleared of false pretences charges of paying for 26 cattle valued at £1,344-4-0 from Templemore Livestock mart and 25 cattle valued at £1,605 at Cahir Livestock Mart with cheques drawn on Ballyshannon's National Bank which were later dishonoured. Plaintiffs were satisfied that the accused had run into a bad spell and was unable to sell the cattle and had no criminal intent. Mr Moore, accountant to the Bank said that the accused's account had shown an immense amount of cash, £120,000 had passed through in the past nine months.

590627 On Saturday morning Mr. Jas. Monaghan of Bircog, Pettigo, while out in pursuit of foxes with his terriers, killed five foxes one of which was the old vixen. This makes a total of 20 foxes killed by Mr Monaghan in the past few months.

590704 Florencecourt House, County Fermanagh, presented to the National Trust in 1953 has been reopened four years after it was badly damaged by fire.

590725 At the recent Aeriocht at the Franciscan Friary, Rosstown, Lettercran N. S. Children's Band won first prize. The band is trained by Mrs John Mc Ginley N. T. assisted by Mr. Bernard Cunningham, principal teacher, both of whom have gone to considerable expense in equipping the band. Many from the locality travelled to the event but due to the continuous downpour of rain many had to leave early.

590725 In the Fermanagh Junior Football semi-final Lack defeated Coa by 1-7 to 1-4 to again reach the final. Lack St. Patricks owe their success mainly to their goalie Manus Maguire who gave a grand display.

590725 The second general meeting of the Ederney Co-Operative Livestock Sales Society was held in the Market House in Ederney on Friday 17th last. It aims to establish a new Attested Cattle Mart in Ederney, Mr. J. Monaghan, chairman, presided. He told the meeting that the committee had visited other yards to get an idea of what was required, a suitable sketch had been selected, tenders sought and a contractor selected. It was to be a complete first class job with accomodation for 280 cattle. The project will cost £3,000 and from tonight shares will be sold costing £1 each, minimum holding 5 and a maximum of 500.

590801 For 50 years Mr Patrick Slevin of Ballyshannon made news with his ancient model T Ford which continued to give good service while many other cars made their way to the scrapheap. He is now retired and confined to home with the weight of years. However, three weeks ago he made his way to Bundoran to be at the opening of a shop acquired by his two daughters Miss Lily Slevin and Mrs Maureen Kane. A number of years ago an English couple opened a souvenir shop in Bundoran specialising in making and selling leather purses and bags. This line prospered very well and the couple took on the Slevin sisters as trainees. Recently when they decided to return to England the couple sold the entire shop to the Slevin girls and now they are doing very well in the same business.

590801 Lack defeated Coa in the first round of the Irvinestown Wristlet Watch Competition by 2-6 to 1-5. Lack settled down to produce copy-book football reminiscent of the Antrim teams of a few years ago. It was amazing how their forwards could always manage to find a loose man and scintillating passing movements were a feature of the game.

590801 On Sunday, athletic sports were held at Lettercrann and were a great success thanks to the splendid organising ability of Mr. Bernard Cunningham N.T. and Mrs Margaret Mc Ginley, N.T. both of Lettercrann National School. At intervals during the sports Ederney Band gave selections of music. Lettercran School Band rendered beautiful Irish Airs and for unison were just perfect and reflect great credit on their teacher, Mrs Margaret Mc Ginley N. T.

590808 At Donegal Circuit Court, the Northern Bank, Irvinestown, in an equity civil bill claimed £1909 from John James Greenan, Clyhore, Ballyshannon, on foot of an agreement under which the plaintiffs loaned the defendant £2,000 on having secured mortgages on his lands and property at Cloghore. A decree by consent was given for

£1,909-14-9 and costs to be paid in instalments of £5 per week or the premises to be sold in default.

590808 Belnaleck octogenarian, Patrick O'Loane, (81) found drowned in Lough Erne.

590808 Dromore defeat Lack in the semi-final of the Irvinestown Wrist Watch Tournament by 6-4 to 2-4. Ederney's regular goalie was unable to take his place due to an accident.

590808 More bus services are required for Garrison's schools. Mr. Flanagan's bus is already full with 30 children.

590815 "B" Specials in road collision case at Belleek. One member on a motorbike collided with another on road patrol on the Belleek to Kesh road. Special Constable Samuel Loftus Mc Crea was on patrol when he was struck by Special Constable William John Irvine on his motor cycle who was carrying a suitcase on the petrol tank between his knees. Irvine was fined £2-10-0.

590815 At Belleek Court two motorists were fined for carrying unauthorised passengers. In the first case Bernard Mc Carron of Kinawley was fined £1 for carrying 13 passengers in the back of his lorry to a football match in Bundoran. He was stopped at Corry Cross, Belleek by Constable Mc Loughlin. The passengers were fined 6s each. In the second case William Porter, Doon, Tempo was carrying four passengers to Bundoran. He was fined 15s and his passengers 5s each.

590815 Down win their first Ulster Senior Title defeating Cavan by 15 points in a score of 2-16 to 0-7. This was Down's fourth appearance in an Ulster Final. They were beaten twice before by Cavan in 1940 and 1942 and last year by Derry.

590815 New U.S. satellite six times farther out in space than any previously. It is the 9th placed in orbit by the U.S. in the past two years while the USSR has launched three.

590815 Pope's call for devotion at Mass. His Holiness Pope John XX111 called on Catholics to pay more attention at Sunday Mass which he said often offered a distressing spectacle of wandering thoughts. In a brief sermon during the first Mass to be celebrated in the newly-completed audience chamber at the Papal summer residence he told more than 6,000 people that many who went to Mass spent their time looking for a seat or giving play to their imagination.

590815 The Casement Memorial Committee is to erect a headstone with inscription over the grave at Murlough Bay, Ballycastle which awaits the return to Ireland of the Patriot's remains.

590822 (Picture) Enniskillen's first public pleasure boat trip on the Erne for many years took place on Sunday when these happy people made a tour of the Lower Lake around Devenish and White Island and had tea at the Manor House Hotel in brilliant sunshine. Mr. Mc Quillan, Water Street, former British Airforce civilian employee has acquired this boat, the "Endeavour" and it has already taken private parties down the Erne on trips. For many years suggestions have been made that Enniskillen should

exploit its tourist attractions in this manner. At last somebody is doing something about it.

590822 An Enniskillen man with a “shocking record” Francis Joseph Brodison, was given three months imprisonment and fined 10s for stealing by means of a trick a glass of whiskey from Bernard Falanagan, East Port, Ballyshannon and assaulting two Garda. He had twentytwo convictions for larceny and housebreaking.

590822 Ballyshannon couple’s diamond wedding in Toronto. Mr and Mrs Mc Cartney formerly of Ballyshannon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1899 in New York. Mr. Mc Cartney who was born in Ballyshannon went to America at an early age and fought in the Spanish-American war. He married American born Mrs Mc Cartney whose father was Patrick Holland, a native of Ballyshannon was a cousin of Mr. James Holland, Market Street, Ballyshannon.

590822 Fermanagh defeated Monaghan in the O’Duffy Cup by 1-10 to 0-11 in Clones.

590829 Down’s flashing opening was short lived. Northern champions loose to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final by 1-11 to 1-4.

590905 Kinawley defeat Ederney in the Juvenile County Final by 5-4 to 2-2. Best for Ederney were the Mc Graths, Claude Maguire, Sean Cunningham, (Writer) Joe Maguire and Frank Mc Donagh. Best for Kinawley were Sean Mc Manus, a brilliant fielder, Benny Murphy, Tony Cullen. Ederney lacked inches and pounds.

590905 Strong criticism of public authority neglect was voiced at a public meeting in Ederney Townhall. Mr. Frank Mc Kervey presided at the meeting attended by all the householders of the village. Proper sewage facilities were non existent, the footpaths were a disgrace and the housing was unsuitable and inadequate. A sewage scheme for the town had been passed some years ago but never carried out on account of financial limits imposed on Irvinestown Rural District Council and new houses would not be built until the sewage scheme was implemented and neither would the footpaths be done for the same reason.

590905 Two constables were injured early on Thursday when their RUC Landrover was ambushed at Crockada Bridge in the hilly area between Roslea and Brookeborough, County Fermanagh. A bomb exploded under the bridge and this was followed by firing. The two constables wounded were Constable Robert Field Robinson, (21) from Larne and Special Constable William C. Guy, (24) of Slievebawn, Irvinestown.

590905 When the long whistle had sounded Fermanagh had drawn their All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin at O’Toole Park, Dublin with the scores at 2-8 each.

590912 Armoured car crashes in Fermanagh. It skidded at Ballycassidy, tumbled a telegraph and wires and went into a plantation knocking down a tree. Bren gunner Joseph Henry Route (28), a Catholic, was annointed in Enniskillen Hospital and died later. He had only arrived in Fermanagh with the 11th Hussars to Castle Archdale about two weeks ago. He was married with three small children.

590912 Banned film for Dromore. The exciting film on the Troubles in Ireland, "Shake Hands with the Devil" will be screened all next week in the Montague Cinema, Dromore. This is the film which was at first banned in Belfast but is now permitted to be shown. By all standards it is a dramatic film, ably acted and well directed. The talented cast includes Omagh man Paddy Mc Alinney.

590912 Master Diarmud O'Shea, Eden St. Enniskillen was spending a while on Holly Island, near Enniskillen when he found a bottle with the word "Downes, Enniskillen" on it. His grandfather, 68 year old retired Blacksmith, Mr. Phil Drumm was able to tell him that it referred to Downes Brewery which flourished over 50 years ago at the premises now occupied by Mr. George Breen's furniture store, Anne Street.

590912 On Sunday Fermanagh and Dublin will meet in Irvinestown in the All-Ireland semi-final replay in Irvinestown. The ground is being enlarged to accommodate the huge crowd expected.

590912 The British Prime Minister, Mr. Mc Millan, has fixed the next general election for October 8th.

590919 Fermanagh win All-Ireland semi-final. 7,000 cheer as Fermanagh win fast thrill packed game against Leinster champions Dublin at Irvinestown by a score of 4-13 to 3-8. Irvinestown was thronged with cars for the big occasion.

591010 In a sunbaked Croke Park 8,000 cheer as Fermanagh make history by defeating Kerry 1-13 to 2-3 to bring the first ever All-Ireland Title to Fermanagh. Fermanagh rose to the big occasion.

591017 Fermanagh's team to play London hoping to win their first All-Ireland. The team; John O'Neill, Owen Callaghan, Fr. J. Mc Quillan, Jim Collins, J. J. Treacy, Jim Cassidy, Liam Mc Mahon, Mick Brewster, John Maguire, Des O'Rourke, P.T. Tracey, Kevin Screenan, Frank Mc Gurn, Owen Clerkin, Danno Devanny.

591017 Over 44,000 Nationalists refused to vote. Sinn Fein decisively rejected in the Border Counties. Unionists jubilant at easy wind in straight fights. No attempt to bring out the postal vote, unmanned booths, no election literature and the knowledge that tens of thousands of the Nationalist people were resolved to end the pretence, high lighted the Sinn Fein attempt to maintain their intervention in the two Border constituencies of Mid-Ulster and Fermanagh-South Tyrone. In consequence their candidates were rousingly defeated – the first occasion in a straight fight these two seats have ever been lost to the Unionists. The appalling drop in public support and decisive rejection of Sinn Fein intervention was seen in the election results announced on Friday at Omagh and Enniskillen. Mid-Ulster G. Forrest (Unionist) 33,093; T. J. Mitchell (Sinn Fein) 14,170. Fermanagh-South Tyrone R. G. Grosvenor (Unionist) 32,080, J. H. Martin (Sinn Fein) 7,348. Polling in both constituencies was marked by Nationalist indifference. Sinn Fein who had asked for a clear field, succeeded in recording the most significant election defeat in recent years and earned for their candidates the doubtful distinction of providing the Unionist Party with the largest majorities known in these seats.

591017 The largest National crowd on Enniskillen's streets for almost ten years gathered on Tuesday night to welcome the Fermanagh team on their return from London after winning the Junior Championship of Ireland and the Western Isles. About 10,000 people were on the streets.

591017 The setting up of a museum in Enniskillen was referred to at Fermanagh County Council and it was pointed out that it would be a valuable tourist attraction.

591017 Tragic death of 11 year old girl, Anne Carrigan, daughter of Owen Carrigan, Carrontreemall, Belcoo, who ran out of a laneway to catch a bus to go to a dancing class was struck by a passing van and killed instantly.

591024 (Picture) The children of Derrygonnelly School outside St. Patrick's Hall, where they arrived on the school bus for their anti-polio injection.

591031 In the Pettigo district, as a result of the recent mild spell, rhododendrons are to be seen in bloom at the residence of Mr. Bernard Mc Grath, "The Glen" Pettigo while roses are in bloom in the Grouselodge district and a pear tree in the garden of Mr. G. Thompson, Drumawark is covered with blossoms.

591031 Severe storm damage in Fermanagh was caused by the recent gale. Roads were blocked all over the county, numerous TV aerials broken and damaged some taking down the chimneys to which they were attached and electric and telephone wires severed. The roof of St. Macartan's Cathedral was damaged as well as that of the roof of the Castle Barracks and a dozen large windows in Enniskillen Intermediate School were smashed.

591107 A Professor on the staff of St. Michael's Seminary, Drumclay, Enniskillen, has capped a brilliant academic career when the National University of Ireland conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is Dr. Joseph C. O'Shea, son of Mr & Mrs O'Shea, National Bank, Killybegs.

591107 On Monday night and Tuesday morning, October 26th and 27th the worst gale for 50 years was experienced in the district accompanied by lightning, thunder and torrential rains. At 5.30 am the gale had reached its full force, blowing down chimney stacks, TV aerials and unroofing houses in Pettigo village. At 10.30 on Monday night the village was plunged into darkness when ESB wires and poles were blown down. Telephonic communication was cut for a time also. At Rosefield 5 large beech trees were blown across the main Donegal to Pettigo road while at Fincashel a huge ash tree was across the road.

591121 A new £70,000 water scheme is about to go ahead in the Derrylin district. Garrison Ulster Farmer's Union, (Cashel Branch) want their area supplied with water. They were told that the area they indicated would cost £150,000 to supply. Mr. Casey asked could Cashel be supplied from the Garrison line and was told that there might not be sufficient pressure to do so.

591121 At Irvinestown Rural Council, Mr. P. Casey asked the County Council to impose a speed limit on Garrison village. He said that traffic was coming through the village at high speed and that there had been a serious accident on the previous

Sunday night. Mr. R. G. Rowe, chairman, said that it would be a good driver that would come through Garrison at thirty miles per hour.

591121 In a Belleek assault case Michael Barron, Drumanillar accused Michael and Daniel O'Shea of assaulting him when he told them to take away two of their cows which were trespassing in his hay field. Michael was fined 30s and £2-10-0 costs and Daniel 50s and £3-12-0 costs.

591121 The death has occurred of Mr. James H. Mc Grath, (29) Stranacully, Cashel in tragic circumstances as the deceased was on his way to work with the County Council. He had just alighted from a lorry and was struck by a passing car. He was married with two children.

591128 Fermanagh Fetes All-Ireland Champions – County Board entertains the players to dinner in Melvin House, Enniskillen. Mr O'Keefe, secretary, Central Council GAA presented the gold medals for the Western Isles Championship and Mr O'Neill, chairman, Ulster Council, presented the Ulster Junior Championship medals to the team. All three cups which the team won this year were on display.

591128 Garrison motor-cyclist, John Andrew Murphy, Knockaraven, Garison, was fined £2 for careless driving and 5s for having no L-plate after he collided with the back of a bread van at Mullinavargy, Belcoo.

591128 On Thursday night a drowning fatality occurred in the River Derg at Ballymongan, the victim being William Bogle, (27) who resided with his sister at Ballymongan. He left home about nine to visit a married sister and had to cross a footbridge during a strong gale. He apparently overbalanced and fell ten feet into the water. His body was recovered a few miles downstream at a place known as "Birds Holme." The gale took slates from many houses in the Pettigo area and tore down advertising hoardings.

591212 A meeting of the Ederney Co-Operative Livestock Sales Society was held in the Market House, Ederney, Mr. John Monaghan, chairman, with a full attendance of committee members. The sale of shares was going ahead and those interested in investing should get in touch with Mr. Frank Mc Kervey, secretary. The erection of the new salesyard was going ahead and should be ready for a sale in about a month, on the third Tuesday of February, 1960, and thereafter on each third Tuesday. Mr. William Porter, auctioneer, Omagh, was appointed salesman.

591212 Inquest into Belleek man's death. This accident clearly illustrates that even on small motor-cycles riders, should, for their own safety wear crash helmets. If this man had been wearing one he would still be alive today, said Mr. J. R. Hanna, Coroner, at Enniskillen. The inquest was on Mr. Philip Gormley, of Derrychollo, Belleek, a 35 year old Pottery worker who collided with a wall on October 30th. Sergeant John Long, Belleek gave evidence that Mr. Gormley's motor scooter had struck a large stone at the road verge and a short distance further a stone wall dislodging stones from it.

591212 Teemore Shamrocks defeat Lack St. Patrick's at Tempo in the Fermanagh Junior Championship Final by 2-3 to 2-1. Teemore dominated three quarters of the

game and prolonged rain made the pitch wet and treacherous. These conditions suited the Teemore team better than the lighter faster Lack team. Temore led by 2-3 to 0-1 at half time.

591212 The business houses of Pettigo village are extremely well decorated for the coming Christmas season. Traders complain that up to the present their sales of Christmas goods has been very bad which is probably due to the scarcity of money. On Wednesday of last week Mr. Christopher Gallagher, poultry and egg dealer, Donegal Town, attended at Pettigo for the annual turkey market. Large numbers of birds were exhibited for sale. Prices per pound for good quality hens were 2s-2d, while cocks of good quality only fetched 1s-8d per pound. These prices would not at all compensate for feeding at present prices of food stuffs. Many householders brought their turkeys home for consumption as a result of the unremunerative prices.

591212 Two Catholic Intermediate Schools will open next year in Enniskillen at a cost of over £200,000 announced Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. J. Gannon, P. P., Enniskillen.

591219 Shocking road fatality near Castlederg recalled – story of schoolgirl's death in a road collision on the morning of October 30th when a U.T.A. lorry was in collision with a car. The victim was 14 ½ year old Mary Doherty of Tievenny, Fyffin, Castlederg.

591226 (Advertisement) James Mc Kervey and Sons have opened a new petrol station and furniture showrooms at Ederney, County Fermanagh. Phone Kesh 221.

591226 (Picture) "Mummers" are not often seen nowadays – one of the older customs dying out at this time of the year is that of rhymers or mummers. Here pictured is a group making their rounds in Donegal.

591226 A youth John Mc Fadden, working on the farm of John Mc Grath, of Carntrussy, Pettigo dug up a cross which measures three inches in length and two in breadth which carries on it a bust of Pope Leo X111 (1878-1903). This farm has been in the possession of the Mc Grath family for over 300 years.

591226 Open verdict on Garrison farmer, 64 year old, bachelor, Edward Jones, of Glen East, Garrison, who has been missing from the 3rd of December. Dr. G. Clarke said that the deceased was very nervous and somewhat feeble minded.

591226 Santa Clause arrived in Enniskillen this year in a jaunting car.