1980.

National Events.

The Derrynaflan hoard of silver and bronze antiquities is found in Co. Tipperary (17 February)
Hunger strikes in Maze and Armagh prisons, October-December
Haughey and Thatcher meet in London (21 May) and Dublin (8 December), and agree to consider 'the totality of relationships within these islands'
Legislation enabling internment in Northern Ireland lapses
The Irish Presbyterian Church withdraws from the World Council of Churches
The Field Day Theatre Company is formed by Brian Friel and Stephen Rea
There are 34 recognized fox hunts in Ireland
1.2 million spectators attend greyhound races in the Republic
There are 210 handball clubs in Ireland, and around 2,800 players
The Boomtown Rats have a UK number one with 'I Don't Like Mondays'

Deaths.

Tom Barry
Michael J. Browne
Eddie Butcher
Patrick Campbell (3rd Baron Glenavy)
Roddy Connolly
Eric Cross
James Hamilton Delargy
Frank Duff
Gabriel Fallon
Patrick Hennessy
Sir Alfred Hitchcock
John McCann
Norah McGuinness
Michael McInerney
Terence Millin
Christine Pakenham (Countess of Longford)
Archie Potter
Stephen Rynne
John D. Sheridan
Alan Simpson
Arland Ussher
Jack White

Local Events.

800105 The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the murder of a young Belfast man, Michael Kearney, shot in the early hours of the 12th of July last near Newtownbutler.
800105 UDR man Thomas Brown, Tedd, Irvinestown, died in car crash after his vehicle burst into flames after striking a tree.

800105 Eamon Cassidy a young Derrygonnelly student was awarded £10,000 after loosing an eye in a late night melee in Maguiresbridge.

800105 Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Newtown, Belleek, has died on Sunday at the age of 80 years. He is the father of three sons notable in Gaelic football circles and two daughters.

800105 The death has occurred in the week before Christmas of Mr. John Mc Dermott, Knockaraven, Garrison at the age of 91. He is survived by four daughters and one son, John James Mc Dermott, well known dancing teacher and former All-Ireland dancing champion.

800112 Spiritual leaders on all sides condemned the murder of a 60-year old Newtownbutler garage-owner and RUC Reservist, Mr. Robert Crilly in front of 12 year old Ciaran Allen, his neighbour and constant companion.

800112 History was made on Tuesday when Fermanagh District Council met in Enniskillen Town Hall for the first time.

800112 Enniskillen Gaels at their recent Annual General Meeting anomalously decided to name their new GAA Park at Cornagrade Road the “Mick Brewster Memorial Park.”

800112 At the Erne Gaels AGM, secretary, Tom Cullen congratulated the club in capturing the Fermanagh League and Championship in the past year and said that in less than 20 years the club had risen from the Junior ranks to capture the two main prizes in Fermanagh football.

800112 Fr. Patrick Mc Hugh of Maynooth was given an absolute discharge on a charge of speeding at Lisnaskea. He said he was late for a funeral.

800112 The sudden death has occurred of Mrs May Mc Guinness, Frevagh, Scribbagh, Garrison.

800119 Two Fermanagh men are jailed for 12 years after a landmine blast. They were Luke Mc Elroy, Magheraveely and Brendan Glancy, Newtownbutler.

800119 Fermanagh’s worst ever road fatality was recalled at an inquest in Enniskillen. Two cars collided on the Lisnaskea to Newtownbutler road on the day of the Ulster GAA final. Thomas O’Harte, Gortbannon, Newtownbutler and his two sons, Thomas, 12, and Dermot 10 and 13 year old nephew from Wales, Kevin O’Harte who had escaped the terrible Abervan disaster all died. The sole survivor from the O’Harte vehicle was 16 year old Aidan O’Harte. The sole survivor from the other vehicle was Patrick Joseph Keown, Corry, Belleek. This vehicle on its way to the match was driven by William (Liam) Kinsella (19) of Bundoran, who died along with Gerard Braden, (18) Ballyshannon and John Murray (69) of Glengormley.
The Carlton Hotel, the Northern Bank and the Bank of Ireland were targeted in Belleek on two days last week. No one was injured in consequence of the blasts and incendiary devices.

Arney housewife Mrs Mary Emily Mc Elhinney (44) ingested a small amount of Paraquat weed killer while gardening which led to her death four weeks later.

Two new Community centres should open in March at Roslea and Belcoo and work has begun on another in Kesh.

Two policemen died in a landmine explosion on the Lisnaskea/Roslea road. They were Constable Rose, (21) Dundonald and Constable Howe (36) married with two children from Roslea. Another victim was a part time UDR soldier, Mr. Aubrey Abercrombie, Florencecourt who was shot as he worked on his tractor at his farm at Edenmore, Kinawley.

Two Irvinestown men are jailed for nine months for stealing eight turkeys. They were Gerald Devanney (32) and Anthony Bernard Mc Donagh (29). Their solicitor Mr. T.T. Montague said that they “had been on an inebriated turkey trot.”

The death is announced after a long illness of Dr. Brian Gallagher of Irvinestown at the age of 57.

“The Stone Fiddle” is published by Paddy Tunney of Mulleek, Belleek and priced at £5.40.

A British soldier, Corporal Sui Keung Wong (26) of St. Angelo Camp was fined £30 after a fatal accident occurred while he was driving through Ederney on August 4th last year. The accident occurred in Market St. Ederney and resulted in the death of Gerald Monaghan of 8 Leathem Crescent Ederney who was struck while standing on the outside of a parked car.

A £5 upgrade of the Sir Richard Arkwright Sewing Company factory at Lisnaskea is necessary to stop it closing by the middle of next year.

At a meeting in Enniskillen Town Hall plans have been unveiled for the new £½ million theatre and arts complex to be built at Ardownen.

A 23-year old UDR woman was wounded in a gun attack at her Belleek home last Thursday. She had joined the regiment after her boyfriend had been killed in a landmine explosion near Belcoo.

Charlie Mc Nally, famed comedian of Maguiresbridge tells of two major opportunities to join the big time which he turned down. Once Fr. P.J. Woods got him an audition with the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and was furious when Charlie did not go. On another occasion a scout offered him a run on the club circuit in England and a guaranteed 12 television shows. He turned down the opportunity and the person sent in his place was Frank Carson.
A 25-year old Irvinestown born man Dr. Brian Aidan Magee died at Trory Cross when his car was in collision with a lorry. He had been on the staff of the Mater Hospital. His girlfriend Miss Gavin of Tipperary had a remarkable escape.

Roslea has the first “Village” community centre in Fermanagh.

The RUC at Belleek are investigating a report that 15 cattle died of starvation in a field near the Border last week. Another ten were in the final stages of malnutrition. A USPCA Inspector said it was the worst case he had ever investigated.

A direct air service is to operate between Fermanagh and Glasgow this summer. The operator is Loganair.

In separate incidents two young Belfast men died in drowning accidents in Lough Erne. Both fell overboard from cruisers and neither was wearing life jackets. One was Charles Lavery, Malone Road and the other Robin Hood from the Lisburn Road.

Bishop Joseph has announced the formation of the new parish of Lough Derg. It is the first new parish in Clogher Diocese since 1870. Its Administrator Rev. Gerald Mc Sorley will be Prior of Lough Derg at the same time.

The death of a 6 ½ year old girl Joanne Cavanagh, Dunmurray, Belfast brings to three the number of drownings in Lough Erne in one week. This one took place in Enniskillen.

The family of Michael Kearney (20) of Belfast who was shot dead at Newtownbutler and his murder claimed by the Provisional IRA was denied compensation for his death. His mother admitted that he had been kneecapped and had a conviction of being a member of the Fianna. Compensation was refused on the grounds that he had been a member of an illegal organisation.

A Belleek man, Liam John Ferguson from St. Patrick’s Terrace, a Pottery worker, was sent for trial to Belfast Crown Court accused of murdering John Mc Clenaghan, a breadman on May 19th last year.

A former member of the UDR, 61-year-old Mr. Victor Morrow, was shot nine times in the back of the head. He had retired over a year ago. He was ambushed on the Newtownbutler/Clones road.

A Roslea student’s death was accidental. Patrick Mc Ginnity, Main St. Roslea, a pupil of St. Michael’s College, Enniskillen died shortly after sniffing propane gas in the chemistry laboratory. Teacher Timothy Kinnealey gave evidence that the pupil had done something similar in the past and that he had reported it to the Headmaster.

Belleek Chamber of Commerce, the “baby” among Fermanagh Chambers are organising a festival to run from May 30th to 1st June. Mr John Cunningham, Chamber secretary said that a history seminar will be held at the same time.
800510 A Denver, Colorado firm has been granted a licence to search for natural gas in the Derrygonnelly area of County Fermanagh.

800510 The body of Charles Lavery, Belfast has been recovered from Lustybeg Bay in Fermanagh.

800510 A British Army Officer, Captain Nigel Noble was seriously ill in hospital following an explosion in the rear of his booby trapped car at Rossorry Park, Enniskillen.

800510 Belleek postman, Patrick James Doogan, Corry, (53) was fined £300 for perjury and £50 for obstructing the police. His son John Cyrian Doogan (22) made deliveries for his father when he had become ill and was unable to finish his round.

800510 Four died in Cuilcagh Mountain plane crash on their way from St. Angelo to see the departure of Pope John Paul 11 from Shannon Airport an inquest in Enniskillen was told. They were Sean Mc Mahon, Enniskillen businessman and experienced pilot, his son Brian (16), daughter Carmel (14) and his sister in law Mrs Margaret Magee (38).

800517 Huge public sorrow at the funeral of cancer victim Fergal O’Harte, Newtownbutler. His father, two brothers and a cousin had been killed in a crash on Ulster Final Day.

800524 Mrs Margaret Atkins, wife of the Secretary of State, presented prizes to the winners of a Dental Art Competition. There were entries from 1,800 children across Ireland. The Senior Section for children 9-11 was won by Phyllis Tunney of St. Davog’s P.S. Belleek.

800524 Mr. Adrian Dunbar, Enniskillen has won a prestigious scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to study for three years. He won one of 19 awards from an entry of 2,000 applicants.

800524 Derry City and County received almost 80 times the amount of aid given to Fermanagh in Community Grants from the EEC.

800524 Grand opening of new Community Centre in Belcoo.

800524 Colin Thomas Maughan (19) Daly Park, Belleek was fined £40, banned for six months and put on probation for 2 years for taking away cars in Belleek, Irvinestown, Kesh and Enniskillen.

800607 The new chairman of Fermanagh District Council is Official Unionist Mr. Cecil Noble.

800614 Mr. Richard Latimer, a part-time member of the UDR was shot dead in his Main Street shop in Newtownbutler in front of his 11-year-old son. He had been a member of the UDR for two years.

800621 Increased price rises have resulted in 20% less children taking school meals.
Fermanagh was the only one of 26 District Councils in Northern Ireland not to adopt the new system which did away with the townland naming system.

A Ballyshannon solicitor made history on Friday last when he appeared at Irvinestown Court to represent a Donegal client. Under new EEC legislation solicitors can practice in either jurisdiction.

An Enniskillen businessman Gilbert Joseph Tunney, Chanter Hill was fined £1,000 for doubling his claim of £10,000 after one of his lorries was hijacked and burned in 1977. The firm accountant Francis Doherty and storeman Gerald Gallagher, Rockfield Gardens, Belleek were fined £100 each. The judge said that they had been motivated by a misguided loyalty to their employer.

At a meeting of between 5/8,000 people in Newtownbutler it was declared Protestants will take all necessary steps to protect themselves.

Bernard O’Connor (38) Enniskillen schoolteacher is awarded £5,000 against the RUC.

A 200 lb bomb went off in Lisnaskea Main Street on Sunday morning damaging some 50 commercial premises.

Mrs Eva Mc Clenaghan of Edenmore, Florencecourt has died. She was the widow of Jack Mc Clenaghan, breadserver, shot dead in Garrison.

A search for three gunmen, who shot dead a 59-year-old, Castlederg farmer, William Clarke, near Pettigo, on Sunday evening, is still ongoing. Mr Clarke was a full-time member of the UDR who had joined at its inception in 1971 after 25 years with the “B” Specials. He has three grown up sons and a daughter.

In one of the worst tragedies ever to hit Bundoran ten people including an 18 months old baby died when a fire swept through the Central Hotel. It is owned by Mr. And Mrs Pat Barrett, Clanabogan, Omagh. The hotel was built in 1832 and was insured for £400,000.

Mrs Colette Meeks, the Belfast housewife killed when IRA gunmen ambushed a police landrover near her home on August 16th last was a sister of Tommy Martin, Rossnowlagh Road, Ballyshannon.

A claim for £1,200,000 in malicious damages was lodged with Donegal County Council by owner Pat Barrett within the 7 days statutory period.

The Social Democrat and Labour Party is 10 years old today and this was marked by a statement by party leader, John Hume.

Three Lisnaskea youth die in a car crash on the Lisnaskea/ Maguiresbridge road on Saturday morning. They were Kevin Gleeson, (18), Brian Curran, (19) and Philip Maguire (17).
The Ortine Hotel, Lisnaskea was badly damaged by fire after an attack by armed and masked men. The hotel has been in the hands of the Jordan family for the past 25 years.

Reserve Constable Thomas Henry Johnston (36) was gunned down at his house after coming off duty at Roslea Police Station. His farm at Magheraveely was very close to the border and he had advertised it for sale as he feared he would be attacked.

Lisnaskea Emmetts defeat fancied Enniskillen in the final of the Fermanagh Senior Championship by 10 pts to 6pts.

A Belleek father of six was told that he would have to spend the rest of his natural life behind bars for his part in the murder of a part-time member of the UDR killed 16 months ago with four shots in the back. This is a sentence rarely handed down in Northern Ireland courts.

It was fortunate that there were no fatalities when an IRA carbomb exploded beside the Paget Square shopping complex. The target was a party of RUC cadets returning from swimming in the Lakeland Forum. Five people were injured.

A blast damaged cars in Monaghan’s car showroom in Lisnaskea and experts defused a churn bomb which had been placed at the wall of Holy Cross Church, Lisnaskea.

Rev. Peadar Livingstone’s new book is “The Monaghan Story” a sequel to his very successful, The Fermanagh Story.”

A new £150,000 multi-purpose centre is opened in Kesh. It is the third in Fermanagh this year.

A 72-year-old Fermanagh priest Fr. P. J. Woods of Ederney has “Legionnaire’s Disease” contracted after a holiday in Spain. He is in an isolation ward in Enniskillen and this is believed to be the first case of this disease in Ireland.

The Enniskillen firm, Kent Plastics which makes components for the motor industry is to lay off 90 employees.

Barry Mc Guigan, the Clones boxer, is to turn professional next Spring.

A 59-year-old member of the UDR, Mr. Norman Donaldson was shot dead as he left Derrygonnelly RUC Station. He had gone there to sell raffle tickets for a cancer scanner. It is thought that the IRA had been waiting for the closing of the RUC Station at 7 pm each evening. A Mr. John Dundass who came on the scene and who was a friend of Mr. Donaldson died of a heart attack.

The Northern Ireland Roman Catholic Hierarchy has made a dramatic plea for the Hunger Strikers in Long Kesh to desist their campaign.
801206 Chanting H-Block protestors picketed Enniskillen Town Hall on Monday morning and some then occupied the building led by I.I.P. Councillor Patrick Mc Caffrey.

1981.

National Events.

48 young people die in a fire at the Stardust Ballroom, Artane, Dublin on 14 February
Bobby Sands, the Provisional IRA leader in the Maze prison, begins a hunger strike on 1 March and dies on 5 May, having won a Westminster by-election in Fermanagh-South Tyrone on 9 April
Nine other IRA and INLA hunger-strikers die between 10 May and 12 August; the hunger strike is called off on 3 October
Bernadette McAliskey survives being shot by loyalist gunmen
General election in the Republic (11 June) leads to a Fine Gael-Labour coalition government; Garret Fitzgerald succeeds Haughey as Taoiseach on 26 June * James Prior replaces Atkins as Northern Ireland Secretary (September)
Ben Dunne, joint managing director of Dunnes Stores, is kidnapped by the IRA on 16 October and released six days later
Fitzgerald and Thatcher meet on 6 November
Michael O'Leary becomes leader of the Labour Party
Molly Keane's novel *Good Behaviour* is published

Deaths.

Sir Claude Auchinleck
Gretta Bowen
Muriel Brandt
Christy Brown
Vivian Connell
Nora Connolly O'Brien
William Conor
Alice Curtayne
Dónal Foley
David Greene
Charles E. Kelly
Oisin Kelly
J. C. Kelly-Rogers
Sir James Martin
Séamus Ó Néill
Nano Reid
Michael Rynne
Betty Sinclair

Local Events.
810110 Ten residents had to flee a fire which broke out in the Celtic Hotel, Belmore St., Enniskillen, early on New Year’s Day.


810110 Soldiers on trial for double stabbings of Michael Naan and Andrew Murray, on a farm near Newtownbutler eight years ago. Naan was stabbed 17 times and Murray 13 times. Doctor Derek Carson, Deputy State Pathologist says that the murderer had gone berserk. Two army sergeants and a former lance-corporal of the Argyle and Southerland Highlanders are on trial. Sgt. Stanley Hathaway (38) is accused of both murders.

810110 Born on Tranish Island in Upper Lough Erne, Mr. Patrick Rehill, J.P., M.B.E. a leading figure in Fermanagh local Government for half a century has died in Irvinestown aged 83 years. He was a publican with two bars in Irvinestown and one in Enniskillen and was chairman of the wholesale licensed firm of Reihill and Mc Keown.

810117 A fine of £26,000 was imposed at Belfast Crown Court on Liam Mc Mahon (40) of Roslea for smuggling 47 cattle into the Republic four years ago.

810117 Verdicts of misadventure were returned at an inquest in Enniskillen following the death of an 18 months old infant and two pensioners after two separate fires in blocks of flats at Cornagrade.

810124 There was a dramatic ending to the trial of soldiers for a double murder at Newtownbutler eight years ago in 1972. Staff Sergeant Stanley Hathaway (38) and Sergeant John Byrne (33) were jailed for life for the murder of Naan and Murray. (See above)

810214 Lisburn potholer, David Woods (23) was entombed in death 200 ft below ground in Boho Caves. After consulting with his father it was decided to leave his body there as it was tightly wedged in a flooded underground passage. In 1977 he and a companion had been rescued from the same cave system.

810214 A Brookeborough publican, John Patrick Gavin was banned for driving for five years and fined £65. Police had found his car partly blocking the road and he had then driven off at speed. At the police station he developed “a heart condition” although he had no medical history of this and later when the doctor arrived he insisted that his blood sample should be taken from his big toe.

810221 There are reports in the newspapers that the RUC Depot in Enniskillen is to close and it is to be transferred to a modern location. This is especially on account of the recent expansion of the RUC over the past 7 years from 2,500 to 7,000 plus an additional RUC Reserve of close to 5,000.

The death of Mrs Kitty Keys (83) in a Thursday morning fire in Darling Street has brought to six the number of fire fatalities in the Enniskillen Fire Brigade area in the past six months.
A 23 year old former member of the UDR John Thomas Mulligan, of Coleshill, Enniskillen was fined £50 for falsely alleging that he had been shot at when he had in fact discharged his own firearm through the windscreen of his car.

A Strabane born RUC Constable who died in an IRA ambush in Lisnaskea March 13th 1977 has been posthumously awarded the Queen’s Gallantry Medal. He was Constable William David Brown (18) then the youngest member of the RUC to die in the Troubles and also the 100th member. Although fatally wounded he had driven the police vehicle out of the ambush before collapsing.

Further details are now available about the Activity Holiday Complex at Smith’s Strand, Upper Lough Erne. The SHARE secretary gives details.

Bombs plus guns and ammunition have been found near Donagh Cemetery, Lisnaskea.

Edward Gallagher (54) of Lowerybane, Belleek was awarded £2,500 when he slipped on a stone hidden in long grass and twisted his ankle. He was dismantling a pheasant rearing pen at Castle Caldwell and working for the Department of Agriculture.

Army bomb experts have defused explosive devices left outside Blake’s Pub, Derrylin and at Belcoo’s Customs Post.

Two men escape serious injury in murder bids in Fermanagh. One was Mr. Roy Kells, Lisnaskea, a part time member of the UDR who was fired on while arranging the window of his draper shop. His shop has been targeted three times and he escaped a murder bid three years ago. In Belleek an ex-member of the UDR (35) was fired on after dropping off children from his school bus. He had previously been attacked two years ago and had resigned from the UDR eight years ago. He was struck in the hand and grazed in the side.

St. Davog’s Primary School, Belleek comes top in an Emigration Project under the tuition of their Headmaster, Mr. John Cunningham. The project was first judged in Education Board Areas and later in Belfast before a distinguished panel of judges. Mr John Mc Grath of Belleek presented all 24 children in the class with trophies. Hundreds attended an exhibition of the children’s work in the school.

The sudden death has occurred of Mr. Frank Maguire M.P. Lisnaskea in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen only 24 hours after being admitted. He was 6 ½ years as M.P. for Fermanagh South Tyrone. He was a lifelong Republican and was interned in Crumlin Road Prison for two years in 1950s.

Frank Maguire’s brother Mr. Noel Maguire declared his intention of standing for the vacant Fermanagh South Tyrone seat and to carry on the work of his brother.

A corgi probably saved the life of the proprietor Mr Drew Thompson and guests of the Brooklands Hotel, Ballinamallard when fire broke out there early on Thursday.
The British Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher paid a flying visit to Enniskillen and made a scathing attack on Rev. Ian Paisley who she described as a “desperate man.”

When DUP Councillor Mr Bert Johnston asked that he be recorded as dissenting from a proposal to give Declan Burns a Civic Reception he was booed by his fellow Councillors. He said that he dissented because although Declan Burns had done very well he had done so for Ireland and under the Irish Tricolour.

An International consortium will soon be searching for gas having been awarded a petroleum licence for hydrocarbon exploration in an area covering one fifth of Northern Ireland including all of Fermanagh and parts of Armagh and Tyrone.

Five men, two from the Republic, have been held in an operation by the 39th Field Regiment Royal Artillery at an isolated farmhouse four miles from the Border at Annagolan, near Roslea. Weapons and walkie-talkies were found at the scene.

Mr. Richard H. Pierce, the well-known Enniskillen architect, who is also an accomplished cellist has won the coveted Rose Bowl as the best singer in any class at the Belfast Musical Festival.

The new United States ambassador to Ireland has strong Fermanagh connections. He is Mr. William Mc Cann a millionaire insurance tycoon of New Jersey. His aunts are Mrs Brigid Mc Cann of Belcoo and Mrs Catherine Sheeran of Rossinure, Derrygonnelly.

Six men appeared at a Special Court in Enniskillen accused of a number of offences. One, Seamus Turlough Mc Elwaine, (20) a bricklayer of Scotstown, County Monaghan is charged with two murders.

A total of 120 new jobs are to be provided at Belleek Pottery over the next five years at a cost of 2 ½ million.

It is a straight contest in Fermanagh South Tyrone between Mr. Harry West, Official Unionist and Bobby Sands (27) hunger striker who has now been fasting for 31 days.

The Long Kesh hunger striker, Bobby Sands on the 46th day of his fast won the Fermanagh South Tyrone Parliamentary seat by defeating Harry West, Official Unionist by a majority of 1,446 – 30,492 to 19,046.

Mr. Billy Charlton, well known Irvinestown bookmaker, survived a plane crash at St. Angelo. He was attempting to land on the Kesh-Enniskillen road when engine trouble developed. His plane burned out.

The anti-Unionist members of Fermanagh District Council have congratulated the BBC for their recent introduction of Irish language programmes on Radio Ulster.

Fermanagh District Council has expressed shock at the imminent closure of the STC – Standard Telephone and Cables factory in Enniskillen with a loss of 300 jobs.
Plans for 100 new houses to be built in Irvinestown have been unveiled.

Enniskillen canoeists, Declan Burns will retain his amateur status despite netting £7,600 as close second in the World Superstars Final. The prize money will go to Enniskillen Canoe and Athletic Club.

A rally has been organised in Enniskillen in support of the hunger striker Bobby Sands now in his 60th day of fasting.

Ballycassidy Saw Mills Ltd have issued lay-off notices to about one third of the present 150 workforce. In 1962 when the present owners took over the workforce was sixteen.

Mr Bobby Sands, the hunger striking M.P. has died on the 66th day of his fast. He had been M.P. for Fermanagh South Tyrone for 24 days.

Barry Mc Guigan, Clones boxer will have his first professional fight in Dalymount Park, Dublin on May 10th. He is being managed by Mr Barney Eastwood, Belfast bookmaker.

A Ballyshannon man Michael Timoney has been selected to play for the Irish International Darts team. He is captain of Lysaghts team, Ballyshannon and individual Ulster Champion.

A second hunger striker, Francis Hughes, (25) of Bellaghy, Co., Derry has died in Long Kesh hospital on the 58th day of his fast.

Belleek sub-postmaster, Stephen George Lynn (32) who verbally abused police in Belleek was fined £25 at Irvinestown Court.

Mr. Anthony Ormsby, (17) Relaghguinness, Irvinestown was killed in a car accident in which two others were seriously injured. The driver was Stephen Mc Garrity (23).

Court told of drunken brawl after St. Patrick’s Fair Day in Belleek. Those involved were Michael and Seamus Kilfeddar, Commons, Belleek, Thomas J. Rooney, Tobber, Ballyshannon and John Gormley, Roscor, Belleek. All were fined £25 each.

A 20 year old Belleek man Noel Christopher Magee, who it was alleged set fire to a cottage when he discovered it had been left in a will to someone else. He was sent to a young offenders centre for two years. A will had been changed in favour of Brendan Mulrone and £8,000 worth of damage was caused to the cottage.

A Belleek youth, Martin Mc Gurl (17) was fined £50 plus £100 for failing to stop at an accident and banned from driving at Kinlough Court. He was charged with dangerous driving at Gubacreeny, Kinlough on April 18th as a result of which a man, Mr Mc Gowan was killed.

Enniskillen-born British heavyweight boxing champion, Gordon Ferris was given a civic reception in his home town.
810530 Belleek’s Fiddlestone Festival gets underway next Saturday. The winner of the fiddle playing competition will receive a unique piece of Belleek china.

810606 Mr. Raymond Ferguson is elected the new chairman of Fermanagh District Council. His Official Unionist colleague, Mr. Cecil Noble is vice-chairman.

810606 A Derry man accused of murdering a UDR man at Pettigo is alleged to have admitted the crime while in Garda custody. The trial continues.

810606 A H-Block protestor who admitted throwing stones at a burning Ulsterbus at Belleek was given a two-year conditional discharge. He was Thomas James Brewster (38) of Cornhillita, Belleek.

810606 Caroline Keown (14) from Garrison is hoping that Baked Stuffed Lough Melvin Gillaroo will win her the Junior Cook of the Year in the final in the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

810613 Record damages of £210,000 were awarded in the High Court to Martin Francis Nugent (23) a former quarry worker of Main St. Lack. The action was taken against the driver of the car in which he was travelling when it struck a telegraph pole. It is expected that Mr. Nugent will spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair. This is the first time an amount of over £200,000 has ever been awarded in Northern Ireland.

810613 Thomas Ronald Graham, (38) a part-time lance corporal in the UDR was shot dead as he delivered provisions to a cottage near Lisnaskea last Friday.

8106013 A question mark hangs over the future of Unipork’s two factories at Cookstown and Enniskillen. Between them they employ 750 people.

8106013 Mr. Ken Mc Guinness, an officer in the UDR and a teacher has been unanimously chosen as the Official Unionist candidate for the upcoming Fermanagh South Tyrone election.

810620 The tragic death occurred, as a result of a road accident of Peter Doherty (22) star of Devenish GAA Club and member of the Fermanagh County Senior panel.

810704 SDLP Councillor, John O’Kane welcomes the extension of Rockfield Gardens, Belleek with the building of 19 new houses.

810711 Mr. Pat Cassidy’s Pub collection of utensils and memorabilia from the past has been saved. Money is being made available to catalogue the collection and house it in Lisnaskea Library.

810725 Mr. Eoin Carron, (28) former election agent for the late Bobby Sands M.P. has been selected as a candidate for the upcoming Fermanagh South Tyrone election.
810801 A Belfast man Mr David Johnston (43) was drowned at Belleek Marina. He and his friend Mr. Malcolm Chambers had hired a cruiser for a fishing holiday in Fermanagh. Returning to their boat about 1 am Mr Chambers fell in and in trying to rescue him Mr Johnston also fell in.

810808 The death of two more Long Kesh hunger strikers brings the number to five. The latest were Kevin Lynch, Dungiven and Kieran Doherty, Belfast. Both were 25 years old.

810829 Mr Owen Carron is the new M.P. for Fermanagh South Tyrone defeating Ken Maginnis by a margin of 1,930 votes.

810829 Fermanagh’s oldest resident Mrs Mary Jane Britton nee Abercrumble of Letterbreen.

810919 A glorious second half performance saw Erne Gaels win the Fermanagh Senior Football Title by a score of 3-8 to 1-4 over Belcoo.

810926 On Wednesday night last the new offices of Ederney Credit Union were opened.

811010 The new £130,000 tourist office has been opened in Enniskillen.

811010 The Long Kesh hunger strike has ended after 217 days. There were 27 prisoners in all involved, 10 died, 7 came off and 6 finished the fast at the weekend. Outside the prison 64 people died: - 12 RUC, 3 member of RUC Reserve, 8 British soldiers and 7 UDR members and 34 civilians.

811024 Road accidents in Northern Ireland have claimed 1,200 more lives than the Troubles. Since the Troubles began 2446 have been killed and 25,000 have been injured but on the roads 3634 have been killed on the roads and a staggering 90,901 have been injured.

811031 Irvinestown traffic was brought to a halt by a group protesting at the loss of employment in the locality. Most of the protesters lost their jobs with the closure of J. J. Scallon’s quarry and building interests which went into liquidation almost a year ago.

811107 Belleek Pottery is to increase its workforce by 100 as a result of a Government grant of £1 ¼ million pounds.

811114 The Irish Independent has published a Garda report on the fire at the Central Hotel, Bundoran in which 10 people died. Among the items mentioned in the report were that the fire escape doors were nailed up, electrical wiring was faulty, fuses were repaired with silver paper, wire and new pennies and water to fire hose reels had been turned off.

811114 Two UDR men have been injured in separate incidents. At Donagh, near Lisnaskea, a 32 year old man was shot and at Coneen near Brookeborough a 54 year old man was wounded.
811121 Part-time member of the UDR, Mr Cecil Graham who was seriously injured in an IRA ambush at Donagh has died. A huge police search involving 500 personnel has since been mounted in the area.

811128 Mr Albert Beacom, Boyhill, Maguiresbridge was shot dead at his farmhouse by IRA men lying in ambush. He was a father of five children and was a corporal in the UDR.

811205 An Enniskillen girl Miss Angela D’Arcy was shot through the head in an incident in Middleton St. Enniskillen. She had been to a friend’s house and was walking home. A soldier Rodney Birkett (25) of the Royal Anglians was arrested shortly afterwards and remanded to Crumlin Road Jail.

811205 A Florencecourt man, John Hance, described in the National papers as “The love pest that won’t go away,” was remanded in custody. He was accused of pestering a local woman.

811212 The Newtownbutler firm which lays the Mulqueen Prunty pitches has made a big breakthrough into the English market. New arrangements will allow two English firms to use their system. To date 80 of their pitches have been laid in Ireland.

811219 A 66 year old Kesh man, Robert Mills of Letter who lived alone has been missing since last November. Police are appealing for assistance.

811222 Residents of Belleek were kept from their homes on December 22nd after a mortar attack on the local RUC Station. The gang involved tied up two Garda at Clyhore as the lorry with six mortars was driven to the yard of the Carlton Hotel where they were fired. Two landed in the Station compound and exploded, another was found later and disarmed and it is thought that the rest landed in the nearby River Erne.

1982.

National Events.

Corporal punishment is banned in schools in the Republic (1 February)
General election in the Republic (18 February) leads to a Fianna Fáil minority government; Haughey succeeds FitzGerald as Taoiseach
Argentine forces occupy the Falkland Islands/Malvinas (2 April)
James Prior launches 'rolling devolution' for Northern Ireland (6 April)
The Irish government affirms its neutrality in the Falklands conflict between the UK and Argentina (2 May), and opposes EEC sanctions against Argentina (as does Italy)
Argentine forces in the Falklands/Malvinas surrender to the British (15 June)
The IRA kills ten servicemen in bomb attacks in Hyde Park and Regent's Park, London (20 July)
Malcolm McArthur, who is wanted for the murder of a nurse named Bridie Gargan, is found in the flat of the Attorney General, Patrick Connolly; Mr Connolly resigns on 16 August
The official (police) death count of the Troubles reaches 3,000 on 27 August with the killing of Hugh McKibbin in Belfast
Haughey survives a no-confidence vote of the Fianna Fáil parliamentary party (6 October)
General election for Northern Ireland assembly (20 October): unionists gain 49 of the 78 seats
General election in the Republic (24 November) leads to a Fine Gael-Labour coalition government; FitzGerald
succeeds Haughey as Taoiseach on 14 December
Patrick Hillery is installed as President of Ireland for a second term (3 December)
The INLA kills 17 people in a bomb attack at the Droppin Well Inn, Ballykelly, Co. Derry (6 December)
Dick Spring becomes leader of the Labour Party
Rates on agricultural land are abolished in the Republic
The De Lorean car company, Belfast, goes into receivership having produced fewer than 10,000 vehicles
Maeve Binchy's novel *Light a Penny Candle* is published
Frank McGuinness's first play, *Factory Girls*, is produced at the Peacock, Dublin; Graham Reid's play *The Hidden Curriculum* is produced
The Northern Ireland football team plays in the World Cup Finals in Spain, reaching the second round
The Ireland rugby team wins the Triple Crown Ireland for the first time since 1949 by beating Scotland 21-12 on 21 February, having already beaten Wales and England
Joey Dunlop wins the Formula One motorcycle world championship for the first time
Alex Higgins wins the World Professional Snooker Championship for the second time

Deaths.

Patrick Boyle
Vivian de Valera
Hilton Edwards
Seamus Ennis
Barbara Fitzgerald
Pamela Hinkson
Grace Kelly
Temple Lane
Mick Mackey
Caitlín Maude
Brian O'Kelly
Eoghan Ó Tuairisc

Local Events.

820109 The initiative of four men has saved the jobs of 20 men at the former Slack and Parr factory in Enniskillen which was originally founded in 1968. They have arranged funding to buy the machinery and will now be known as Enniskillen Engineering Ltd.

820109 Better T.V. is to come to Belleek and Garrison on account of the new Gortnalee relay station being built. It will serve 1,789 people in the area.

820109 Fears are being expressed in Belleek regarding Belleek Pottery’s plans to set up a manufacturing base at Finner, Ballyshannon. An investment of £¼ there is expected to rise to £1 million to take advantage of the 10-year tax exemption offered to exporters by the Irish Government. The Pottery provides employment for 260 people.
A famous Enniskillen hotel, The Royal, whose history goes back to the days of the stage coaches, was badly damaged in an early morning fire on Thursday of last week.

A third death has resulted from an Enniskillen car crash which took place nine days before Christmas. The driver of the mini involved, Mr William George Shannon (46), charge nurse at the Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital died from his injuries at the weekend. A student Miss Lorna McClenan died in the crash and a hospital patient, Miss Josephine Mc Hugh (51) of Kinawley who was being brought back after a visit to see her mother.

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A ban of one year was imposed on a Belleek driver, John Bernard Cunningham, Commons, Belleek who pleaded guilty to drinking and colliding with a Police car on 22nd May 1981.

Enniskillen’s new West Bridge will probably not open until April at the earliest.

£24,000 worth of spirits have been stolen from Holmes Cash and Carry, Enniskillen. It wasn’t until Bank Draft tendered for the goods was found to be fraudulent that the crime was uncovered.

Local Coroner, Rainey Hannah was angered at the inquest on Michael Crudden, Drumliff, Lisnaskea when he discovered that a Haig Whiskey bottle which contained paraquat had been disposed off by the Erne Hospital before the inquest. It was believed that the man mistakenly took a drink from the bottle and immediately spat it out by died several days later despite medical help.

The death crash near Garrison was recalled in Court when a lorry skidded across the road at Carran West on June 8th last and a young Garrison footballer, Peter Doherty was killed. The driver of the lorry Bernard Flanagan (42) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving and was fined £30. He is now unemployed and still deeply shocked by the incident.

In response to a request from Belleek Health Centre to Belleek Chamber of Commerce to launch a fund to purchase an ECG machine a buffet supper was organised and the fund target was achieved in one night. The sum of £1,340 sterling and 300 punt was raised with the chief organisers being Seamus Rooney and Francie Mc Donald.

Mr John Reihill and his wife Teresa of the County Bar, Enniskillen, both 48, died in a freak accident on the M1 when during a hailstorm their car was in collision with a lorry. Both died instantly and leave eight orphan children, the youngest aged three.

Belleek-born priest Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly (48) had a surprise celebration of 25 years in the priesthood when there was the unexpected arrival (to him unexpected) of Cardinal Thomas O’Fiaich and Rev. Dr.
Mc Feely. Fr Daly had been ordained in Belleek by the late Bishop of Derry, Neil Farren, owing to the death of his father three weeks earlier.

820403 A well-known Enniskillen baker and full-time member of the UDR Mr. Brendan McKeown died in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen after a road accident.

820417 Almost a year after announcing plans for expansion came the disheartening news that 55 employees are to be made redundant. This has been caused by the current depression in world trade.

820417 St Davog’s Primary School, Belleek has again qualified for the finals of the Belfast Telegraph’s “Studying our Past” which will be held in Belfast.

820424 Joe Mahon, 21, of Mahon’s Hotel, Irvinestown, has won the N.I. Bartender of the year cocktail competition.

820508 A soldier, a native of the Channel Islands, Private Colin Philip, (21) was killed in a landmine explosion in the townland of Meenatully, near Belleek. He was with a patrol of the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.

820508 St. Davog’s P.S. Belleek were second prize winners in the “Studying Our Past” History Competition in Belfast. There were 26 finalists from an original entry of 80 schools.

820515 The Michael Brewster Memorial Park has been opened in Enniskillen. The Enniskillen Gael’s sports complex has cost £220,000. In the opening match Fermanagh had a six point win over reigning Ulster Champions, Down.

820515 Brian Dolan, a funeral undertaker and publican of Blacklion was fined £1 after burying a 99 year old lady in a “closed” graveyard at Killinagh. The graveyard had been closed after an enquiry as not having sufficient depth.

820522 The official go-ahead has been given for the Bawnacre Recreation and Youth Centre at Irvinestown. It is to cost £400,000.

820522 The death took place on Sunday of Rev Fr. Ward P.P., Belleek. He had been ailing for six months and was a patient in the Convent of Mercy, Clogher, since February. He was a native of Castleblaney, County Monaghan. He became Parish Priest of Belleek in 1970.

820529 An Enniskillen born soldier was one of the first victims of the Falkland War. He was Lance Corporal Raymond Armstrong of the Royal Green Jackets who was among 21 that died when their Sea King helicopter ditched in the sea. His body has not yet been recovered.

820529 In a Lisnaskea double fire tragedy Martina Reilly (7) and her uncle Eamon Little, died in a fire in the Trasna Way Estate.
In another Fermanagh car double fatality, Mr Dominic Mc Caffrey, a native of Tempo and his wife Madge died instantly when their car was in collision with an ESB lorry near Monaghan. They were on their way home to Castleblaney.

The world famous Belleek Pottery has closed temporarily and 250 workers have been laid off. It is hoped that the temporary layoff would last from 4 to 8 weeks and was caused by high interest rates and recession in the company’s main market in the United States.

The Rev. Gabriel Dolan, Scribbagh, Garrison has been ordained to the priesthood in Kiltegan, County Wicklow for the St. Patrick Missionary Society. He was educated in Cashelnadrea School and said his first mass in Cashel Chapel. In September he leaves for the Missions in Kenya.

The official opening of Enniskillen’s new bridge has taken place. It is to be known as “The Castle Bridge.”

A beer keg bomb containing 100 lbs of explosives has been defused at Belleek Customs Post on June 10th.

Tragedy has struck a prominent Irvinestown family for the second time in a few months. Mr. Patsy Reihill, Headmaster of St. Paul’s P.S., Irvinestown was killed in a car accident just outside Roslea after picking up his brother, Fr. Seamus Reihill to bring him to their mother’s funeral. Mrs Reihill had died that morning. Last March his brother John and his wife also died in a car accident. Fr Reihill was the most badly injured of the car’s passengers who also included Fr. Gerald Timoney P.P. Irvinestown and Mr John Mc Elroy P.T. a close friend of the late Mr. Reihill.

Omagh born Mr. Pat Barrett is to seek permission to demolish the ruins of the Central Hotel, Bundoran in which ten people lost their lives in a fire. A Judge last week held that the fire was arson and that the deaths murder. Mr. Barrett was awarded £216,750 compensation against Donegal County Council. A Garda spokesman said that this did not effect their investigation which had come to the conclusion that the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

Belleek Pottery resumed production on Monday after three weeks during which they laid off most of their 245 workforce. Prior to the layoff the Management had been seeking lat-offs and this had been resisted by the workforce. During the closure period negotiations had taken place and it is understood that 43 employees had taken voluntary redundancy.

Private Rodney Birkett (26) from Scunthorpe pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of an Enniskillen woman Miss Angela Darcy last year. He was sentenced to seven years in Belfast Crown Court.

Fermanagh defeat Tyrone 1-8 to 0-10 in a pulsating Ulster Senior semi-final in Breffni Park, Cavan. They are now through to their first ever Ulster final in 37 years. Pat Mc Cann of Erne Gaels was a sterling centre half.
Belleek Pottery is to expand its markets into Europe to spread its dependence on the American and Canadian markets. Harrods of London is to run an in store demonstration of Belleek ware including a basket making demonstration.

A soldier stumbled and a grenade launcher fired a grenade in the lounge of the Hotel Carlton, Belleek. The soldiers retrieved the grenade and exploded it on the hotel lawn.

Young victim of a cycling fatality was a promising amateur boxer with Ederney ABC. He was David McAnerin, Bannagh, Kesh who was fatally injured in a collision with a car at Derrybrick Cross, Kesh at around 8.30 on Sunday night. David was fourth eldest of the seven children of Mr. And Mrs Jim McAnerin.

Fermanagh were defeated by Armagh in the Ulster Senior Football final by 0-10 to 1-4.

The sudden death has occurred of Fr. William Carty P.P. Tempo who was a noted former great of Fermanagh football and a native of Garrison, County Fermanagh. He was aged 69. He died on the eve of Fermanagh's appearance in this year’s Ulster final. He was the Fermanagh fullback on the last occasion that Fermanagh reached an Ulster Senior final in 1935 and in the same year the final of the National League.

The body of a 47-year-old Lack man, Robert Irwin, was found in his bedroom at Stranadariff after firemen had tackled a blaze there.

The Devenish Minor Team have created a record by winning the Fermanagh County League for the fourth successive time.

The recently renovated Enniskillen Courthouse was officially opened yesterday after a 13-year lapse. Opposition to a Fermanagh District Council scheme to convert the Marble Arch Caves into show caves has been criticised by Mr. Gerry Burns, Clerk to the Council. He said that he had received five letters of complaint and that four of these came from outside the county.

Several families in the Knox area of Lisnaskea were allowed back into their homes after the army defused a 700-pound bomb.

Two motorcyclists died in separate accidents over the weekend. They were Cyril Thompson, Maguiresbridge and Gerald McNally, Tempo.

James O’Connor, Derryrona, Belleek was fined £45 and banned from driving for a year for drunken driving.

Eight Irvinestown men were jailed for three years for an “unprovoked, savage and brutal attack” at a disco at St. Angelo Airport on July 11th 1981. They were Martin Maye, James Cassidy, Paul Maye. James Breen, Martin Breen, Stephen Burnside, Martin Cassidy and Michael O’Reilly. (Lisnarick)
In the Assembly elections Owen Carron (SF), Ken Mc Guinness (OU), Raymond Ferguson (OU) Austin Currie (SDLP) and Rev. Ivan Foster (DUP) were elected.

Two died in an Enniskillen car-bomb blast. They were RUC man Gary Ewing and Helen Woodhouse a member of the Enniskillen Forum staff. She had been getting a lift home with Mr. Ewing who had been conducting an archery class at the Forum.

Two died in a three car crash on August 14th this year at Leambreslin, Lisbellaw. Those who died were Philip King, driver from Enniskillen and Kenneth Robinson, Tempo.

The week long hotel arson trial at Enniskillen Crown Court ended with one of the two accused, Cyril Treacy (43) found not guilty and another David Clarke (36) co-owner of the hotel being given a nine months suspended sentence after changing his plea to guilty.

The STC factory at Raceview, Enniskillen, will close down today (Wednesday) and the remaining 125 people will receive their final pay.

1983.

National Events.

The Minister for Justice, Michael Noonan, reveals that the previous Fianna Fáil administration was involved in tapping the phones of Journalists Geraldine Kennedy and Bruce Arnold (19 January)
New Ireland Forum of Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Labour and the SDLP meets in Dublin (30 May)
An INLA faction kills three worshippers in a Pentecostal church in Darkley, Co. Armagh
38 IRA prisoners break out of the Maze prison, 19 succeed in escaping (25 September)
Garret FitzGerald and Margaret Thatcher meet for the first session of the Anglo-Irish Governmental Council, to discuss Anglo-Irish relations (7 November)
In the Republic, Michael Mills, a journalist, is appointed to the new post of ombudsman (8 November)
A referendum is held to amend the Republic's constitution in order to forestall any possible legalization of abortion (7 September); it is carried two to one
Don Tidey, a supermarket executive, is kidnapped by the IRA in November; a soldier and a member of the Garda are killed in the operation to free him in Co. Leitrim
Dr Patrick Hillery is an agreed candidate for President: no election is held and he starts his second term (31 December)
The Federation of Irish Employers and the Confederation of Irish Industry merge to form the Irish Business Employers' Confederation
Gerry Fitt is made a life peer
The number of Northern Ireland MPs at Westminster is increased from 12 to 17
Tom Murphy's *The Gigli Concert* is performed at the Abbey Theatre
Brendan Kennelly's poem sequence *Cromwell* is published
Eamonn Coghlan wins the 5000 m gold medal at the World Championships in Helsinki (14 August)
Pat Jennings become the first footballer to play in 1,000 Football League matches
Shergar (racehorse; 1981 Derby winner) is stolen from the Aga Khan's stud at Ballymany, Co. Kildare on 9 February
Deaths.

Frank Aiken
George Colley
Constantine Fitzgibbon
Roy Geary
F.S.L. Lyons
Liam Maguire
Colin Middleton
Clírán Ó Nualláin
Patrick Swift
Dame Rebecca West

Local Events.

830108 Donegal County Council has won its appeal against the Central Hotel, Bundoran, fire award of £216,715. In the High Court in Dublin, Mr Justice Barrington said that he rejected the idea of threats made against the hotel and accepted the allegation that “the hotel’s electrical system was absolutely deplorable and reckless.” And that it was a fire hazard.

830122 In a tragic week in Irvinestown two were killed. Thomas Mullan (76) of Castle Street was killed while a passenger in a car and Hugh John McKelvin (15) died after been struck by a car while cycling along the main Kesh/Irvinestown road.

830129 Ederney garage owner, Michael John Moohan, was fined £400 and costs of 250 guineas who it was alleged tried to import 7 Datsun cars from the 26 Counties. He had already had a penalty of £11,000 imposed to release a transport lorry and cars and had lost £16,000 in a failed business with diesel engines. He had been under severe financial pressure and succumbed to temptation.

830205 This is the first tabloid edition of the Fermanagh Herald.

830212. A 58-year-old Lisburn angler, Samuel Wilson drowned in Lough Melvin on Friday afternoon when his boat capsized. His companion Clifford Edgar was rescued. This is the first drowning on Lough Melvin for 40 years.

830219 A 20 year old Castlederg youth, Martin Gormley, named in a court case last week, involving two Enniskillen men, has died in hospital in Dublin after an incident in the Village Inn, Pettigo on February 7th. At Dungloe Court Peter Curry (35) and David Campbell (29) both pleaded not guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Martin Gormley. When charged at Pettigo Garda Station Curry replied to the charge “I didn’t cause that man grievous bodily harm.” Campbell said nothing in answer to the charge.

830226 There was widespread condemnation of the shooting dead of a postman at Arney by the IRA. The victim was Mr Allan Price (53) who was attached to the Head Post Office in Enniskillen. He had taken the delivery that day to allow the regular postman who was a part-time member of the UDR to attend a funeral. Three gunmen had waited five hours in the remote cottage holding its elderly occupant hostage.
830312 St. Davog’s Primary School, Belleek are in their third Belfast final of the History Competition for schools. This year the theme is “The Establishment of Christianity in Your Area.” Pictured with their project are, Michael Mc Grath, Bronagh Cleary, Ruth Mc Grath, Eunan Ferguson and Stephen Heron.

830312 Mr Sean Quinn, the well known businessman, is this week opening a new roof tile making factory near his considerable quarrying and block making business. The factory will employ 25 people and is a fully automatic operation.

830319 The National Trust has acquired 344 acres of parkland surrounding Castle Coole for permanent preservation and public enjoyment. They have already acquired Castle Coole and 78 acres.

830326 There is as yet no indication from the RUC as to whether a woman arrested in Belleek will be charged or released. She is Mrs Vera Bannon of Ballyshannon who was arrested by police after a struggle. In the course of the arrest a policeman’s gun went off and a woman passer-by was hit in the leg.

830326 The death has occurred of Mr. John Roddy Flanagan at his home at Makinagh, Garrison. Until his retirement in the early 70’s he was considered one of the best Melvin fishermen. In 1957 he introduced the now familiar practice of trolling for salmon on the Melvin. Most though the sound of the engine would scare away the fish but he proved his case on one memorable day by landing seven salmon in this way. In his early life he was a carpenter and stone mason and many of his carts are still to be seen today. Later he took up boatbuilding and for years he repaired the boats of the two hotels, the Lake Hotel and Melvin Hotel.

830409 A Bench warrant was issued for an Ederney man, Patrick Mc Mulkin, Meenmore, who it was alleged knocked a frail 80-year-old Dromore woman to the ground and kicked her. When questioned by police he said, “I was wearing my Chinese hat and everything is computerised into me.” The R.M. commented, “I do not need a computer to deal with this man.”

830409 The village of Garrison was shocked by the sudden death of Mrs Eileen Carty on the evening of Sunday March 27th. A native of County Galway she came to Garrison in 1931 when she married local businessman Patrick Carty, who founded the Carty Group of construction companies.

830416 An Industrial Development Board package has been accepted by the director’s of Belleek Pottery but there are concerns over possible job losses. The company which owes in the region of £2 million to Allies Irish Bank will receive a cash injection of about £1 million.

830416 A soldier has died after being accidentally shot in Belleek Barrack. He was a member of the Royal Green Jackets.

830423 Seventy-Two jobs have been saved at Fermanagh Meats, Enniskillen by the introduction of ritual slaughter as required by Islamic law. An order from North America has saved the plant. A Mullah sent from the US carries out the slaughter using special equipment.
830423 Cole’s Monument in Enniskillen is to reopen to the public after several years’ closure. Admission is 10p for children and 20p for adults.

830423 Rev. John James McKeaney, O.M.I. who died was born in Cashel, Garrison in 1918. He went to Natal, South Africa in 1951 and has served all his life in Africa.

830430 The body of Miss Bernadette Taylor has been recovered from the Erne at Enniskillen. She was a native of Crommer, Macken and had been missing since Easter Saturday.

830430 A new chief executive is to take over at Belleek Pottery. He is Mr. Roger Troughton, a specialist in the management of companies requiring reorganisation. It is possible that 100 jobs will go in the reorganisation.

830430 Health Minister John Patten visited Belleek Health Centre. It has been in operation since 1974 and three doctors serve a population of around 3,550.

830514 All charges have been dropped in the case of a Ballyshannon mother of three Vera Bannon who alleged that she had been dragged across the Border by an RUC man. She was alleged to have been in breach of an Exclusion Order.

830514 A booby-trap car bomb in Enniskillen on Thursday morning seriously injured a part-time UDR man. He was Raymond Doran, (39) a married man with two children.

830528 New buildings are urgently required to save the Lough Derg Pilgrimage. The Prior of the pilgrimage island revealed that £2 ½ million will be need to rebuild.

830528 Two Belleek cyclists, Martin Mc Glone and Peter Mc Donald will take on a marathon cycle ride to Galway in aid of the Ulster Cancer Foundation.

830528 When police entered The Tavern Bar in Belleek at 1.00 am there were 11 people on the premises. Co-owners Peter Clarke and Mickey Mc Grath along with bar manager Thomas Maguire were each fined £5.

830618 Following the Fermanagh South Tyrone Elections Ken Maginnis is the new M.P. With 26,630 votes he defeated Owen Carron 20,954, Mrs Flanagan 9,923 and David Kettles 649 votes.

830625 Talks stalemate after Belleek Pottery lay-offs. To date 69 workers have been laid off in the factory restructuring.

830625 Ederney honours its local pastor Rev. J. P. Woods on his Golden Jubilee.

830702 A 29-year-old Irvinestown digger-driver, Mr. Wesley Funston, was seriously injured when a bobby-trap bomb exploded in his mechanical digger at Gortmullan, Derrylin.
830730 Mr. Noel Maguire from Drumbroughas, Lisnaskea, has been appointed the first President of the newly-formed Maguire Clan Society. A noted explorer/archaeologist he has voyaged to the Antarctic he is a well known historian of note.

830730 St. Davog’s P. S. Belleek heralded the summer holidays with a barn dance at the Ulster American Folk Park. Pat Magee and Ivor Redmond supplied the music. “Judging by the whoops and cheers of the audience the dancers were a great success and a tribute to their principal, Mr. John Cunningham.”

830730 Kinawley man Joseph Burleigh (42) drowned in a boating mishap in Upper Lough Erne around 1 am on Saturday morning. One of his companions Mr. Owen Roe Carragher almost lost his life trying to rescue him.

830806 Desmond and Sons the sportswear manufacturers are to open a factory in the old STC factory in Enniskillen creating 225 jobs by next year. The firm already has a factory in Irvinestown.

830806 Enniskillen has been stunned by a tragic road accident which killed two young men from the locality. They were Ian Rutledge (18) and his close friend Eoin Lunny (22) both of Willoughby Place, Enniskillen. Their car overturned on the Queen Elizabeth Road in the early hours of Friday morning.

830806 A Fermanagh County Council Scheme has saved Irvinestown’s historic 150-year-old Clock Tower. A stone tablet on the clock says that this church was rebuilt and this steeple was erected in 1734. It came into the ownership of the Council in 1981.

830813 An off-duty policeman in Kesh had a miraculous escape when a booby-trap bomb hidden under his car failed to explode.

830820 Eight men including five from one family were charged with murder at Ballyshannon Court. They face a total of 50 charges arising from incidents in Ballyshannon and Bundoran. There were angry scenes, scuffles and spitting in the court. Those charged were Michael D’Arcy (Sen), 49 and his four sons, John, Paul, Francis & Michael Jun. All of Cornaglagh, County Leitrim, Michael McGann and Hugh and Brian Doherty, cousins. All were charged with the murder of Francis Crumlish of no fixed address on the Rock, Ballyshannon on 2nd August.

830903 Back from holiday in Philadelphia are Mr. and Mrs Brian Ellis and their three children. A former teacher in St. Mary’s Brollagh, Brian is a son of Mr and Mrs Edward Ellis, Belleek. Currently he is writing a book on the GAA in U.S.A.

830903 In a one day trout fishing competition on Lough Melvin a total of 245 trout were caught.

830910 Castle Coole is to be closed during stonework restoration.

830924 A £1 million pound fire severely damages Ballycassidy Sawmills. Firemen battled for 2 ½ hours to bring it under control.
Two animals have died of anthrax on an island farm at Cleenish, near Belnaleck. The farm belongs to Mr. Sam Balfour. A veterinary spokesman said that the disease could be controlled if it was detected in time.

Irvinestown Creamery is fined £200 for illegally dumping whey. The creamery’s total disposal of 10,000 gallons per day is equivalent to the sewage discharge of a town of between 40,000 and 50,000 people. The whey had an obnoxious smell and killed everything it came in contact with.

Martin Gormley (25) Meenacloy Road, Killen, died on February 9th two days after being injured in a fracas in the Village Inn, Pettigo. He has struck his head on a concrete pillar while being ejected by two bouncers.

A new £7 million telephone exchange has been opened in Enniskillen to serve Fermanagh. It will involve a change of number for about 2,000 people.

The Pride of Erin Ceili Band has been in existence for the past 27 years has the distinction of holding no less than 20 Ulster Fleadh titles as well as collecting the coveted All Ireland title this year in Kilkenny. It was formed in the summer of 1953 and has appeared on numerous Ceili House programmes on Radio Eireann. Pictured are leader Sean Nugent, Frank Quinn, Felix Kearney, (fiddles), Frank Murphy, Seamus O’Donnell, ( accordions), Breige Donnelly, Maeve Donnelly ( flutes) Paddy Colgan ( drums) and Mary Mulholland, ( piano).

Constable John Hallawell, (35) originally from Brookeborough, was gunned down in Derry by the IRA while organising a disco for young people as a community relations policeman.

Ms Mary Reid, a native of Pettigo, and her two companions, Michael Plunkett and Stephen King have requested political asylum in France after a Paris court cleared them from all charges resulting from a raid on their apartment in the Paris suburb of Vincennes.

The death has occurred of Mr. Danny Corry, (47) Principal of St. Joseph’s P.S. Ederney.

A soldier Anthony Ernest Milner of the Royal Green Jackets was fined £100 for stealing a video recorder from St. Mary’s Secondary School, Belleek while on patrol in the area.

A soldier, David Anthony Grainger, was on the phone to his wife in England from Belleek joint RUC and Army Base when he was accidentally shot by his colleague Lance Corporal Bryan Roderick Meek of the 1st Batt. Royal Green Jackets. He was fined £250 and the Army said that they were anxious to keep Meek.

A new £150,000 activity hostel offers new hope for the village of Garrison. It will be built on the site of Casey’s Hotel gutted by fire in 1978.

Two Enniskillen men, both pedestrians, died in separate incidents. One was Brendan Meenan; killed thumbing from Cookstown to Dungannon and the other was Patrick Joseph Magee who was killed in a freak accident while wheeling a barrow of potatoes on the footpath near the Ulster Farmers’ Mart. A car driven by retired schoolteacher Mr. A. Hazlett went out of control and after striking Me Magee demolished several yards of the wall. It is believed that Mr. Hazlett had taken ill.
831203 Three Kesh men appeared in court as a result of a break-in at the Mayfly Inn, Kesh. A quantity of drink was stolen and Bernard Samuel Shaw, Albert Ezekiel Frazer and William George Moffit were ordered to pay £38 each in restitution.

831217 A Belleek man John Francis Johnston, is to appeal a three months jail sentence for burglary and theft from the home of an elderly woman, Mrs Margaret Duffy, Commons, Belleek. The items stolen were valued at £350.
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National Events.

Ann Lovett, aged 15, dies after giving birth to a baby boy in a grotto in Granard, Co. Longford (31 January)

Having given birth secretly to a baby boy who died, Joanne Hayes is accused by the Garda in Kerry of stabbing another baby to death (April): a tribunal will investigate why she confessed to this crime

The New Ireland Forum publishes its report (2 May), presenting three possibilities for discussion: a unitary Irish state, a federal/confederal state and joint sovereignty. Thatcher dismisses all three out of hand

John Stalker, the deputy chief constable of Manchester, is appointed to lead an inquiry into the killing of six unarmed men by the Northern Ireland security forces (May)

European Parliament elections are held North and South (18 June)

Some workers in Dunnes Stores, Henry Street, Dublin refuse to handle South African produce as a protest against apartheid (17 July); a long strike commences

Douglas Hurd succeeds Prior as Northern Ireland Secretary (10 September)

Londonderry City Council votes to change its name to Derry City Council; the British government refuses permission to change the name of the city itself

US President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, make a four-day official visit to Ireland commencing 1 June; they are greeted by crowds protesting about US foreign policy and nuclear weapons

The IRA kills five people in a bomb attack at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, during the Conservative Party conference (12 October)

Irish Shipping, the semi-state shipping company, goes into liquidation

The Irish Women Workers' Union amalgamates with the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland

A new liturgy - the Alternative Prayer Book - is published; it will become standard in the Church of Ireland

Stewart Parker's play *Northern Star* is performed

The Pogues (London-Irish rock and folk band) make their first album, *Red Roses for Me*

John Treacy wins a silver medal in the marathon at the Los Angeles Olympics (12 August)

Deaths.

Kathleen Behan
Phyllis Clinch
John Stewart Collis
Leslie de Barra
Norah Hoult
Denis Johnston
Luke Kelly
Jimmy Kennedy
Charles Lynch
Seán McEntee
Ethel Mannin
Rinty Monaghan
T. W. Moody
Roibeárd Ó Faracháin
Liam O'Flaherty
Seosamh Ó hÉanaí
Tarlach Ó Raifeartaigh
Local Events.

840114 The death took place in a Dublin hospital of Garrison-born weatherman, Mr. Michael Gilligan, one of the first weathermen ever to appear on RTE television. He was a very popular man and jokingly blamed by the locals for all the storms that struck the North-West.

840114 On being cautioned for not wearing a seatbelt a Garrison housewife, Mrs Rose Anne Keown, Drumnascreane, “blew raspberries” at police. She was fined £35 and her husband Charles Joseph Keown (65) was fined £15 for using a car with defective parts and accessories. Neither defendant was legally represented nor made a court appearance.

840114 Tyrone and Fermanagh were caught in the grip of Artic weather conditions with strong winds and heavy snowfalls making driving conditions treacherous.

840114 A five-year driving ban and £140 fine is to be appealed by Roscor driver Patrick Joseph McGurl.

840121 A Maguiresbridge motorist Jeremiah Francis Maye, “had his chips” while driving. He lost control of his car and crashed. He was fined £25 for careless driving.

840121 A Lisnarick lorry driver was fined £50 at Irvinestown Court when he admitted driving without licence or insurance. A charge of drink driving was adjourned when Mr. T. T. Montague, solicitor, pointed out that the advertisement in the Belfast Gazette from the Department of the Environment stating that the alcoholmeter was an approved mechanism it did not state that it was approved by the “Head of Department” as required by statute.

840121 Mr. John Elliott, Lisbellaw is Fermanagh’s first ever Dog Warden along with 25 others across Northern Ireland. He took up his duties on January 2nd.

840121 Belleek driver Francis Mc Garrigle is to appeal his conviction in Ballyshannon Court of knocking down Garda O’Hare at Clyhore Checkpoint on January 13th. He was fined £400 and given jail sentences totalling 12 months.

840121 Will this be Peter Mc Ginnity’s 11th cap? The Roslea man has been a regular on the Ulster Railway Cup team since 1973 apart from one year he took out on account of work commitments. He has captained last years and the 1980 side to victory.

840128 The death has taken place suddenly of Mr. Thady Mc Gorty, (61) Knockaraven, Garrison on January 11th. He had been a local agent for Pearl Assurance for 35 years.

840128 The death has occurred of Mr. Pat Greene, Cornahilta, Garrison. He was aged 74 and a farmer.
The outgoing chairman of Fermanagh County Board, John Mc Elholm, was re-elected for the 27th time.

Well-known Enniskillen undertaker Mr. Gabriel Mc Dermott, Eden St. got a shock when he returned to his parked hearse at the Quay Lane car park. His Volvo hearse was half-submerged in Lough Erne having apparently run away.

A 44-year-old Esso oil-tanker driver Mr. David George, from Bangor, died when his tanker overturned at an accident “black spot” at Mullaghdun Cross about 7 miles from Enniskillen.

Belleek Pottery is to give £10,000 to charity the proceeds of the sale of “The Sheeran Vase” a special edition item named after an early Belleek designer who was disabled. Management and workers gave all their services free to produce this item.

The death occurred after a long illness of Mr Manus Maguire, Main St., Ederney a well-known undertaker, grocer and hardware merchant. He was in his seventies.

The death has occurred of Mr Francis Gilligan, (93) Gurteen, Garrison. He had been in failing health and is the last of a family of seven.

Two of three cross-border roads closed by the Army in the Roslea area on Tuesday were reopened by locals on Saturday.

The fourteen members of the Flanagan family of Carran West, Garrison gather to help their parents Mr and Mrs Paddy Flanagan to celebrate 40 years of married bliss. There are seven sons and seven daughters in the family.

The body of a 22-year-old RUC full-time Reservist, Constable Mark John Baxter, Seymour Hill, Dunmurray was found in a car park at Kesh Community Centre on Sunday morning. A legally held weapon was found beside him and no crime is suspected. He was stationed in Belleek.

Is Tyrone Crystal to take over Belleek? The Pottery is up for sale within the next two weeks. A local consortium is also considering a bid.

An unemployed Kesh man Albert Ezekiel Frazer was fined £200 and banned from driving for 15 months at a special sitting of Irvinestown Court. The R.M. said that he was imposing heavy penalties on account of the defendant and his father meeting the charges “with perjury.” In evidence his father claimed to have given his son a drink from a bottle of Bushmills while the son had said in separate evidence that the drink was from a Powers bottle.

A Pettigo farmer, 28-year-old former member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, Mr Ronnie Funston, was shot dead as he drove his tractor on the family farm at Lowry about a quarter of a mile inside Fermanagh. He was single and had left the UDR eight years ago.
840421 Ederney’s pastor Rev. P.J. Woods is to retire on Sunday but will stay on as a Curate or Pastor Emeritus. Other changes mean that Easter Sunday’s 10.30 Mass will be the last to be celebrated in Bannagh Chapel.

840428 A Ballyshannon woman Mrs Vera Bannon who claimed that she was thrown to the ground and kicked by a Garda at H-Block demonstrations in Ballyshannon was awarded £5,223.

840505 Three policemen drivers were fined at Irvinestown Court in separate incidents. These were Edward Charles Maxwell, RUC, Belleek who lost control of his car on the Kesh to Enniskillen road, Henry Irvine Keys RUC Belcoo who struck a youth who ran across the road on the Kesh to Pettigo road and William Ray Glendenning RUC St Angelo who overturned his car on the Kesh to Enniskillen road. They were fined £25, £10 and £40 respectively.

840505 Ederney brothers Colin and Raymond Mc Farland of St. Joseph’s Boxing Club Ederney are the club’s first ever All-Ireland Champions.

840526 A van bomb attack in an Enniskillen car park killed two soldiers and seriously injured two others last Friday at the completion of the Sealink Classic Fishing Competition. Those killed were Thomas Henry Agar (35) of Barrow Tyne and Weir and Robert Vernon Huggins (29) from Manchester and both were with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers based in Derry.

840609 Some 275 Parishioners in the Parish of Ederney held a protest on Sunday morning outside St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Bannagh, angered at the closure announced recently by Bishop Joseph Duffy.

840609 The opening took place last Friday of the new £500,000 Bawnacre Centre in Irvinestown.

840616 Two men were jailed for life and other sentenced handed down after a record all-night sitting in the Central Criminal Court in Dublin. Those jailed for life were Michael Darcy (Jnr), Comaglash, Leitrim and Brian Doherty St. Benildus Ave., Ballyshannon for the murder of Francis Crumlish. The trial lasted 22 days and in addition to the murdered man William Mc Ginley had been maimed for life and Cecil Crumlish permanently disabled. The itinerant attack was said to be “motivated by hatred.”

840623 It is “as you were” after the European Elections. The three sitting MEPs, Paisley, Hume and Taylor remain in office.

840630 The death took place suddenly of Mrs Susan Daly, mother of Bishop Daly of Derry.

840630 Mr John James Treacy, Principal of St. Mary’s Secondary School, Brollagh, Belleek was honoured as he departs to take up a new position as headmaster of St. Comghall’s, Lisnaskea.

840707 A Fermanagh man, Wesley Funston, Irvinestown, who is confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, was awarded damages of £225,000 at Fermanagh County Court. He received injuries in a bomb explosion near Derrylin last year. He was not a member of the security forces.
840707 Fr. Sean Goan, C. P., Creevy, Ballyshannon, newly ordained priest is being posted to the Graan, Enniskillen.

840714 Two passengers died in a two-car crash at Silverhill, Enniskillen on the Belleek road. Fatally injured were Gerald O’Donnell Pound St., Irvinestown, and Mrs Ellen O’Reilly, Alcantra, Church Road, Bundoran, a nurse and widow in her 70s.

840714 The Western Education and Library Board operate the largest school bus fleet in Europe conveying 16,000 pupils per day, covering 3 ½ million miles a year and using 300,000 gallons of fuel.

840728 A £700,000 extension for the Gortatole Outdoor Education Centre on Lough MacNean had been begun.

840804 The new owners of Belleek Pottery are to be known soon.

840804 A full-time member of the UDR had a lucky escape when a bomb attached to the underside of his car exploded as he was about to get into the vehicle on Tuesday morning. The blast occurred in Cornagrade, Enniskillen.

840811 An exciting 10-day Fiddlestone Festival has ended in Belleek.

840811 Unique scenes at “Centenary Day” celebrations for the GAA in Brewster Park, Enniskillen. Devenish drew with Roslea 0-9 each in the Centenary Cup final.

840818 If £2 ½ million is not raised to finance the major renovation works on Lough Derg then the unique and ancient pilgrimage could stop.

840818 The death has occurred of Mr. Owen O’Neill, Principal of Moneyvriece School, Ederney in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen. He was a native of Larne and came to Ederney in 1934 in succession to Mr. Thomas J. Quinn who retired. He lodged with Mr. and Mrs Barney Maguire until his marriage to his teaching colleague Miss Nora Cassidy. He was a noted traditional fiddle player and choirmaster and in addition to enjoying shooting and fishing was secretary of the Ederney Branch of the St. Vincent De Paul. He retired in 1973.

840818 An armed member of the UDR was drunk in charge of a firearm. He was Albert Boyd Moore (42) who failed to stop at a checkpoint on the Kesh to Ederney road. He was fined £65 and banned from driving for five years.

840825 A 100 lb bomb was defused at Belleek after a gun battle. The bomb was packed in a beer barrel and hidden in a hedge and a command wire ran across the border. After the gunmen fled police claimed to have found an abandoned rifle.

840825 Belleek Pottery is to have a new owner. He is Mr. Roger Troughton, the man the IDB and Allied banks (to whom the Pottery owed money) placed in the firm as a consultant in April last year.
A native of Florencecourt, RUC Sergeant Malcolm Alexander White, was buried in his native village. He was killed on the Gortin to Greencastle road when his vehicle was blown up by the IRA. He was 26 married with no children.

Some 118 boats with two anglers each fished the Lough Melvin Open Trout fishing competition. In all 250 fish were caught and the winning anglers with 9 fish were Joe Deery, Belleek and Bill Brown of Armagh.

A sandstone with a Latin inscription was found in the renovation of a Lisnaskea house. It was found in the hair salon of Mr Gabriel Maguire, Main St. and had originally come from storage at Crom Castle but originally from Castle Balfour in the town. How it came to be in the walls of Mr. Maguire’s house is a mystery. The translation of the inscription is, “Everyone who has escaped prominence has lived well. Everyone must remain within his allotted fate.”

In the Camogie Junior Championship Final, Belleek proved too strong for Newtownbutler by 7-2 to 1-0.

In a sequel to an incident near Belleek a man was charged at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin with unlawful possession of a .357 Magnum revolver with intent to endanger life at Clyhore, Ballyshannon on 24th August. He is Francis Quinn (24) of Dungannon with an address in Emnede Heights, Ballyshannon.

A former UDR man George Alexander Elliott of Tedd, Irvinestown admitted two charges of planting hoax bombs in an effort to persuade the authorities that he was a terrorist target and should therefore be given a firearm.

Roslea win the Fermanagh Senior Championship by 0-7 to 0-2 over St. Patrick’s.

The death has occurred on September 8th of Mr. Johnny Monaghan, Ederney, one of the greats of Fermanagh football and a member of the “Jubilee” famous Fermanagh team of 1934. He was 72 and unmarried. He was well known as a taxi owner, shop-keeper and auctioneer. He was a life-long member of the St. Vincent de Paul society and a gold pioneer badge holder. He was the last of a family of six of Francis Monaghan and Maggie Doonan of Drumskinney. His sister Anna Cumming and her husband Paddy who lived in Coleraine both died on the same day six weeks ago.

A five-and-a-half year sentence was imposed on a Kesh youth, Robert John Mc Donagh for robbery and driving offences.

A 36-year-old Civil Servant, Mr Roly Mc Intyre (36) of Kesh has slimmed down to a trim 16 stone from just over 41 stone.

Kinawley RUC Station was partly destroyed in an IRA mortar bomb attack on Tuesday night of last week but none of the three RUC personnel inside were injured.

Belleek Camogie team won the Junior League Final by defeating Teemore by 5-5 to 1-1.
From the 1981 Census the Roman Catholic population of Fermanagh is 22,000, Church of Ireland 13,700, Methodist 2,800, Presbyterian 1,410, other denominations 2,200 and 8,800 did not disclose their religious affiliation. The population of County Fermanagh is recorded as 51,000.

A unique statue recalls an eviction in the Lack area. The Mc Vey family were evicted from their farm and their house burnt in 1887 unable to pay their rent of £3. Subsequently their children James and Dan became wealthy men in Scotland and bought up their home farm and four others and then erected in 1957 a crucifixion scene high on the hillside as a memorial to his mother and father, their children and grandchildren. (Photographs)

Roslea defeat Garrison in the replay of the Centenary Cup – the score not given.

Belleck win the Fermanagh Senior Hurling Championship.

An RUC Reservist, Constable Gary Dickson (22) took his own life in a lay-by near Larne on Saturday last. He was the subject of a huge police manhunt as a result of the murder of a 39-year-old widow, Mrs Irene Johnston, Killyvilly Estate, Enniskillen. She had rushed from her house to rescue her daughter who was being attacked by Constable Dickson who had been taking her home from a dance. Mrs Johnston’s husband, a member of the UDR, had been killed by an IRA bomb about 12 years ago. Both Mr Dickson and Mrs Johnston were buried in Brendrum Cemetery, Enniskillen.

Several hundred people attending a function at the Lough Erne Hotel Kesh were evacuated while army experts defused two incendiary devices.

A third soldier, Lance-Corporal Peter Gallimore (27) of Bolton has died as a result of his injuries as a result of the Ulster Classic Fishing Competition bomb in Enniskillen.

Local teacher, Mr Fred Carroll has discovered over 1,000 red deer bones and numerous artefacts from early times in material dredged from near Monea and a nearby crannog.

A history of the GAA in County Fermanagh, written by Mr. Gabriel Brock was launched in Mahon’s Hotel, Irvinestown on Friday night.

An SAS man and an IRA man were killed in a heavy exchange of fire near the Kesh to Boa Island road beside a massive 900 lb landmine contained in nine kegs at Drumrush last Sunday morning. Those who died were Anthony Mc Bride, Magherafelt and Lance Corporal Alastair Slater (28) attached to the Parachute Regiment. Two men detained on the Pettigo to Donegal road have appeared in the Special Criminal Court in Dublin in relation to the incident.

The death is announced of Mr. P. J. O’Hare, Enniskillen, who a journalist for 61 years. He was a former Nationalist Senator at Stormont and was a native of Newry. His wife Sophia was a native of Ballyshannon. He was 76 and is survived by three sons and three daughters.
Four men employed by P. Carty and Sons, Garrison had a narrow escape when a landmine exploded near their vehicle on Thursday evening at Aghoo on the main Garrison to Belcoo road. It is though it was mistaken in the darkness for an army vehicle.

Ciaran Leonard of Magheraveely, (27) was jailed for 18 years after being convicted of possession of a 550 lb landmine beside the Donagh to Roslea Road.

A schoolboy, Kevin Conaghan, (14) from Donegal town was killed and his uncle Michael Cooney was seriously injured in a crash involving Lisnaskea Fire Brigade on the Maguiresbridge to Lisnaskea Road on Sunday morning December 23rd.

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National Events.

The IRA kills nine RUC officers in a mortar attack on Newry RUC station (28 February)
Tom King succeeds Hurd as Northern Ireland Secretary
The Live Aid concerts, organized by Bob Geldof in aid of Ethiopian famine relief, are held in London and Philadelphia (13 July); the people of the Republic contribute £8 million
At Ballinspittle, Co. Cork, two women claim to have seen a statue of the Virgin Mary move on 22 July; the grotto becomes a place of pilgrimage
The first commercial flight departs from Knock airport on 25 October
Garret FitzGerald and Margaret Thatcher sign the Anglo-Irish Agreement at Hillsborough, Co. Down (15 November)
The Progressive Democrats, led by Desmond O'Malley, split from Fianna Fáil (21 December)
Tom Murphy's Bailegangaire is produced by the Druid Theatre Company, Galway
Frank McGuinness's play Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching to the Somme is performed
Barry McGuigan wins the WBA world featherweight boxing championship by defeating Eusebio Pedroza of Panama (8 June)
The Ireland rugby team wins the Triple Crown
Dennis Taylor wins the World Professional Snooker Championship

Deaths.

C.S. ('Todd') Andrews
Frederick Boland
Breandán Breathnach
Daniel Bryan
Alexis Fitzgerald
George Gilmore
Robert Graves
James Hanley
Pádraig Mac Caomhánaigh
Frederick May
Máire Ní Scolaí
Local Events.

850112 Fermanagh District Council has approved a tree planting scheme for Belleek at a cost of £6,200.

850119 A Lisnaskea man, Mr Robert Liddle, Drumgoole has set up an operation to produce rabbits for the dining table.

850119 The Ingram family of Lisnaskea had a lucky escape from a fire in their pub home, the Stag’s Head.

850119 Ederney hope for renewal after a disastrous 1984 campaign in which they lost all their matches.

850202 Mrs Lanny Mc Anerin, Bannagh, has come second in a prestigious competition to find “Britain’s First Lady.” She was one of an entry of 1,000 and her prize is a holiday for two in Florida and £500.

850202 In a memorable day at Fermanagh GAA Convention Mr John Mc Elholm stepped down after 27 years as County Chairman. The new chairman is Mayo-born John Vesey.

850209 The Rev. Ivan Foster, DUP has alleged in the N. I. Assembly that Mr Owen Carron is O.C. of the IRA in Fermanagh. Mr. Carron says that this is absolute nonsense.

850209 Mr Jimmy Graham, a part time member of the UDA has been shot dead in his school bus outside the Catholic Primary School in Derrylin. He is the third member of his family to have been murdered by the IRA. The 37-year-old father of two was shot by two men who ran up to the front of his bus and shot him and then followed him down the aisle of the bus and shot him again. He had escaped a murder bid four years previously when he ran back into his house and returned fire. Two of his brother who were in the UDR were killed within five months of each other in 1981.

850209 Belleek Pottery Management Buyout. The Allied Irish Investment Bank 30% and Mr Roger Troughton 70% now control the firm. This is AIIB’s first venture capital investment in Northern Ireland.

850216 Mr. Thomas Acheson is a major Garrison success story. He worked with local contractors before setting up his own firm with Denis McGall – WAM Civil Engineering Contracts in 1971. It is now the biggest firm of its kind in Northern Ireland with a turnover of £6 million and the workforce has risen from 3 to 130. He specialises in particular in laying large diameter pipes, often in terrain that others would be loath to tackle. The major contract he is currently working on is the drainage of the River Blackwater. He is married to Betty Stephenson of Aghoo, Tullyrosmearan, Garrison. His step-brother Robert is also doing very well in the coach business in Ripon, England.

850309 There has been widespread condemnation of the murder of an Enniskillen-born RUC Sergeant as he arrived for Mass at the Graan, Enniskillen. He was Sergeant...
Hugh Mc Cormac who was shot dead in front of his wife Ann and two teenage children as he locked his car on the way into Mass at 10.30. He was a choir member of the Graan.

850316 A Donegal man, James Moore, Laghy, was awarded £17,400 as a result of injuries he received in a crash at Roscor, Belleek. He was involved in a crash with a tractor and trailer belonging to Mr. Lowry Somerville, Drumbad, Belleek.

850323 Controversy still rages in Belleek over the tree planting and traffic islands construction scheme. One side of the street has been done but the other has not.

850413 A serving soldier, Mark Edward Trotter, who is a native of Enniskillen is being questioned by police about the murder of Mr. Martin Love, (24) Derrin Park, Enniskillen on Easter Monday. The deceased was on his way home from the Fort Lodge Hotel at 12.30 am when he was shot. Another man detained in relation to the shooting is a serving member of the UDR, Robert James Kenny. The Ulster Freedom Fighters have claimed the shooting.

850413 Rev. Fr. Cahal Gallagher, a member of a well-known local family was ordained to the priesthood in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Garrison. He is a member of the Columban Order.

850420 Mr Crawford McFarland formally opened Belleek’s new Fire Station at Cliff Road, Belleek on Saturday. Sub-Officer Joe O’Loughlin is in charge of the new station. Belleek Fire Brigade first became operational in 1974 in a garage belonging to Mrs T. Chivers on the Enniskillen Road.

850427 “Irvinestown Through the Years” is a new book written by Breege Mc Cusker, Irvinestown. It was launched on Friday in a packed Mahon’s Hotel, Irvinestown.

850504 An army bomb has levelled a relic of the 1957 Troubles – Keenan’s Barn where the bodies of Sean South and Fergal O’Hanlon were found after the abortive raid on Brookeborough RUC Station.

850504 Two men, James Pious Clarke of Letterkenny, an escapee with 18 others from Long Kesh in 1983 and Patrick James Branley, a native of the Belleek area of Fermanagh with an address in Ballyshannon were jailed. Clarke was jailed for 18 months and Branley for 3 years.

850601 The £800,000 Marble Arch Show Caves Project was officially opened on today (Wednesday). They are expected to attract 50,000 visitors per annum and are the biggest tourist project in Fermanagh this year.

850601 Former Irish soccer international Terry Neill opened Belleek Pottery’s new £18,000 Visitors’ Centre

850615 An RUC man was hit in the shoulder in a shooting in Irvinestown early on Sunday.

850622 An RUC man was killed in a landmine attack on the Kinawley to Killesher road about three miles from the Border.
850622 There were two local drownings in Fermanagh. Miss Mary Sweeny, (56) Derrylin whose body was found in the Erne at New Bridges between Derrylin and Lisnaskea and Seamus Donnelly, a Drumquin schoolboy who drowned near Derrygonnelly on an RUC Community Relations Camping exercise.

850622 The newly-formed 1st Belleek Venture Scout Unit has come up with a novel method of fundraising for a well drilling project in Africa on the Kenya/Ethiopia border. It is a 420 mile cycle on a multibike made from five bicycles welded together. Their project begins on the 15th of July.

850629 Record damages of £½ million were awarded to Mrs Angela Mc Cusker (27) whose husband is a Tempo doctor and who was seriously injured in a car accident.

850706 The death has occurred of Mrs Mary A. Nugent, (95) Main St. Lack, mother of the famous fiddle players Sean and Packy Nugent and sister of the celebrated Tyrone poet, Felix Kearney. Another related famous musician is Arty Mc Glynn of Omagh.

850713 Belleek-born solicitor Miss Catherine Keown was welcomed at Lisnaskea Court as a new solicitor.

850824 Garrison man Edwin David Allingham, Slattinagh, Garrison denied illegal slaughter of animals. All the charges were dismissed.

850914 The IRA carried out a mortar attack on the RUC Depot, Enniskillen. No one was injured.

850914 Devenish dominate in a one-sided Fermanagh Championship Final at Brewster Park, Enniskillen defeating Belcoo by 1-10 to 0-6.

851005 An IRA bomb heavily damaged Ballinamallard RUC Station and surrounding houses.

851109 An inquest in Ballybofey was told that four died and one managed to escape when a car plunged into the Finn River in May of this year. Those who drowned were Paul O'Donnell and his wife Siobhan and Owen and Daniel O'Donnell. Twelve-year-old Leo Quinn of Strabane was the sole survivor.

851109 On Sunday last, Remembrance Sunday Fermanagh District Council voted 13 to 9 to fly the Council flag instead of the usual Union Jack.

851130 Production at Belleek Pottery has been suspended since Wednesday last in a dispute over pensions. The 120 members of the Ceramics and Allied Trade Union have now been locked out by the management.

851214 After a one week strike Belleek Pottery workers have voted by a small majority to resume work, “without a negotiated settlement.”

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National Events.

Charles Haughey officially opens Connacht Regional Airport, Knock (30 May)
John Stalker is removed from the 'shoot to kill' inquiry (6 June)
A referendum on divorce in the Republic upholds the ban on divorce (26 June)
Restrictions on the sale of contraceptives in the Republic are removed
Republican Sinn Féin splits from Sinn Féin on the issue of taking up parliamentary seats (November)
Seventeen Old Masters, donated by Sir Alfred Beit to the National Gallery, are stolen from Russborough House in Co. Wicklow
Coras Iompair Éireann, the Irish state transport company, becomes a holding company with three subsidiaries: Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail), Bus Éireann and Bus Átha Cliath (Dublin Bus)
The Irish Public Record Office and the State Paper Office are merged to form the National Archives
Joey Dunlop wins the Formula One motorcycle world championship for the fifth time in a row

The Northern Ireland football team plays in the World Cup Finals in Mexico, reaching the second round

Deaths.

James Cagney
Michael Costello
Cahir Davitt
James Dillon
John Garvin
James Horan
Cecil King
Phil Lynott
Edward McAteer
Edward McGuire (born 1932)
Siobhán McKenna
Edward Mclysaght
Eileen O’Brien
Peadar O'Donnell
Georgia O'Keefe

Local Events.

860201 In the Fermanagh South Tyrone Elections Ken Maguinnis was elected.

860201 Prominent Civil Right campaigner and founder member of the Peoples’ Democracy in Belfast in 1968 Mr. Bowes Egan who was a native of Belleek, has died in London aged 43. He had been in failing health for some time. He was one of the organisers of the Burntollet March. In January 1969 he was narrowly defeated by Harry West in the Stormont elections. He was one of the leading commercial layers in London and author of several standard textbooks on the subject. He was an organiser of one of the largest Irish political rallies in London in 1972. He was a well-known writer and co-authored with Vincent Mc Cormick, “Burntollett” the story of the march and recently completed a new translation of Brian Merriman’s poem, “The Midnight Court.” He successfully defended himself in 1970 after two canisters of CS gas were fired into British House of Commons in
protest at the use of this gas in Northern Ireland. His cremated remains are to be buried in the Abbey Cemetery, Ballyshannon. He is survived by his widow Barbara and his children, Sarah, Manus and Conor.

860201 A man and his companion, John James Mc Brien, Tamlaght and Victor Ernest Woods, Lisbellaw who were convicted of shooting a pheasant on the ground were fined £200 each and threatened with being sent to Crumlin Road by the magistrate Mr. Porter.

860201 Slimmer of the Year, Mr. Roly McIntyre, Kesh, now living in Ederney with his wife Josephine is to launch the annual sponsored slim for the N.I. Council for the Handicapped.

860208 An Ulster Defence Regiment Private Mr. John Earley (22) a native of Lisnaskea, was killed in a landmine explosion outside Belcoo about 100 m from the Belcoo Community Centre. He was in an eight-man patrol walking into the village.

860208 The death has occurred of Edward J. Carty, Glen West, Garrison, a gifted local storyteller.

860215 A 62-year-old Newtownbutler farmer, Mr. John James Gunn was fatally injured in a car crash on the main Enniskillen to Maguiresbridge road.

860215 An off-duty policeman and a young barman were killed in a bomb and gun attack by three masked men on “The Talk of the Town” bar Main St., Maguiresbridge. Derek Breen, a detective constable (29) and who lived in Lisbellaw and John Mc Cabe (25) a native of Ballyconnell were those who died. Both were married and Constable Breen was the father of an 9 months-old baby daughter.

860215 An attack on Monea Catholic Church has “shocked and horrified” the people of the area. The altar of the 75 year old church was extensively damaged after a petrol bomb was thrown at it.

860301 The final passing out parade at the RUC Depot, Enniskillen took place on Wednesday of last week. Training of the Police will in future take place at Garnerville on the outskirts of Belfast.

860301 Irvinestown long-distance runner Mr. Francis Molloy is to run in the London Marathon to raise money for the new extension to the Sacred Heart Church, Irvinestown. The building was erected in the early 1900s and officially opened in 1906. It replaced the former Church at Lisaroo, on the Lisnarick road about two miles from Irvinestown.

860301 Belleek-born Conor Finn is to be the new manager (Technical) of the Ardowen Centre, Enniskillen. Its first public engagement is on March 14th with the Enniskillen Theatre Festival.

860301 A “disgraced” UDR man, Anthony Dickson, Coleshill, Enniskillen had his sentence increased from 14 days to 3 months after he appealed against his conviction of damaging the cars of his Catholic neighbour and sending them threatening letters. They are the only Catholic family in the area.
Mr Francie Donnelly, a native of Trillick, living in Belleek will officially open his hamburger manufacturing plant at his butcher shop in Belleek.

A popular Fermanagh Gael, Mr. Peter Quinn, a 42-year-old company director assumed the Presidency of the Ulster Council of the GAA at its annual convention in Enniskillen on Saturday. The first was Malachy Mahon, Irvinestown 1974-77.

Anger was expressed over Loyalist protests against the Anglo-Irish Accord. These caused widespread disruption.

An attempt was made to burn down Killesher’s St. Patrick’s Church on Friday night last.

St. Mary’s Secondary School, Irvinestown celebrates 25 years this summer. A special silver jubilee calendar has been launched. (Picture of the 13 original staff of 1961)

A widow, Mrs Mary Murray, whose son and another man were stabbed to death by Scottish soldiers in what became known as the Fermanagh pitch-fork murders 13 years ago has been awarded £14,000.

In 1981 Ederney decided to sell its traditional football field known as “The Moss” and purchase a new ground in Drumkeeran, Ederney. A new £100,000 development project for the new park is being launched.

A 22-year-old Irvinestown man Alan Holland, Main St. Irvinestown took his father’s legally held gun with him to the pub while intoxicated. He was fined £150 and given a 9 months suspended sentence.

Dana, the International singing star married to Damien Scallon of Irvinestown is to open the new Irvinestown Shopping Centre owned by Damien’s brother William Scallon.

Among the stars of the musical “Oklahoma” in Ballyshannon is Belleek’s Mr. John Cunningham who plays the role of Andrew Carnes in the show.

In an inquest held in relation to the IRA-SAS shootout at Drumrush near Kesh in December 1984, Ciaran Gerald Fleming was identified as the IRA man who drowned in the Bannagh River while attempting to flee the scene.

September is the start date for the new £2 ½ geriatric unit at the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen.

Some 70 employees out of 350 are to loose their jobs at the Unipork Factory, Enniskillen.

The Donegal Parian China Company, Ballyshannon, which opened last October with 4 employees, now, has 14 from the Belleek and Ballyshannon areas. It was begun by three former Belleek Pottery employees, Mr. Sean O’Loughlin, Mr. Benny Carty and Mr. Philip Cleary and is run by Mr Danny Breslin who was a member of the Industrial Development Board team brought in to rescue Belleek Pottery. No item costs more than £14.
The star of the Belleek Small Business Exhibition was Mrs Mary Ann Garvan (90) promoting Rathmore Crafts, Belleek. Formerly of Keenaghan, Belleek she first attended an Irish Crochet class in Belleek in 1912.

Fermanagh District Council has thrown its weight behind Mr. Sean Quinn’s proposal to build a cement factory in Fermanagh. It is expected to provide 180 jobs and result in an investment of £26 million in Fermanagh.

A young married Belleek couple, Seamus and Angela Rooney, recently competed very successfully in “The Circuit of Ireland.” They came second in their class and Angela was the only female navigator. They were sponsored by 32 local businesses.

Mr. Michael McGrath, co-owner with Mr. Peter Clarke of “Carlton Cottages” Belleek now have 14 self-catering cottages on the banks of the Erne at Belleek. Nine were originally built in 1982 and now there are an additional five. In addition they have a fishing tackle shop and an information centre.

A Ballinamallard joiner Albert Wallace hid in the radio room of the Enniskillen RUC Station to escape being processed on a drink driving charge.

A 21-year-old Derrylin man Gerald Lunny died in a car crash on Friday.

The funeral took place this weekend of 26-years-old Seamus McElwaine who was killed in an early morning confrontation with the SAS at Mullaghglass, Roslea. He had been jailed in 1982 for the murder of a UDR man and a RUC Reservist but had taken part in the mass-escape from the Maze Prison the following year. An 800 lb bomb was found nearby. Injured was a Lisnaskea man who is under armed guard in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen.

Enniskillen author Seamus Mc Canny has launched his second book, “Mo Dha Mici.”

A three month jail sentence was imposed on a Belleek youth, Kevin Cassidy, Largan, Belleek who pleaded guilty to indecent assault on a 10-year-old girl.

A fund is to be set up for the two families bereaved in the Letterkenny fire disaster. Those who died were four children of Joe and Angela O’Donnell of 65 Ard O’Donnell, Letterkenny – Sharon (14), Joanne (12), Adrian (4) and Kevin eighteen months and Noreen O’Donnell (25) who died trying to save the children who she had minded as a baby-sitter.

The Church of Ireland Rector of Saint Macartan’s, Enniskillen, Dean Brian Hannon, is to be the new Bishop of Clogher. The Dean and his wife the former Maeve Butler of Castlefin, Co., Donegal have three sons, Desmond, Brendan and Neil.

Mr. Harold Hamilton of Kesh is to be the new President of the Ulster Farmer’s Union.

Mr Paul Corrigan, Chairman of Fermanagh District Council presented a piece of Belleek China to Mr Brian Friel who opened “The Theatre by the Lakes,” Ardowen Centre, Enniskillen.
A soldier was injured in a booby-trap bomb in a derelict shed in the village of Donagh.

An Enniskillen-born policeman, Constable David Leslie McBride (27) of Derrin Park was a victim of an IRA booby-trap bomb in fields near Crossmaglen on Thursday of last week. Also killed were his colleague Lawrence Smyth, (25) from County Down and Major Andrew French (35) of the British Army.

Belleek Primary School pupils, Julie Johnston and Marcus Earls are pictured with their teacher Mrs Daphne Morrow with model planes which were part of their project, “The Flying Boats of Lough Erne.”

Mr James Lunny, “Elder Statesman” of the SDLP was elected Chairman of Fermanagh District Council.

On Friday last the Bishop of Clogher, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Duffy laid the foundation stone for the new £3 ½ million women’s hostel on Lough Derg.

The death has taken place of Dr. Brian Henry of Lisnaskea. He was aged 78 years.

The DoE Planning Service will have on display their preliminary proposals for the Enniskillen Town Centre Plan in the Townhall, Enniskillen.

Mr Sean Michael O’Brien, (23) the well-known Garrison GAA player was shot in the arm in Cleary’s Bar, Belleek when a soldier accidentally fired a shot from the joint RUC/ Army Station at Belleek.

This week sees the publication of old photographs of Irvinestown and Enniskillen by Breege McCusker, Irvinestown. The photographer has not been identified but may be a German photographer who was here c 1915.

Pupils of St. Davog’s P. S. Belleek have been chosen as one of two schools in Northern Ireland to take part in the Doomsday television programme commemorating the Doomsday Survey of 800 years ago. The children who undertook a survey of their area and wrote a computer programme of the nearby Belleek Pottery were filmed for two days by a BBC television team. St. Davog’s is one of only 8 schools across the British Isles to take part in the programme which will be shown in November. Pictured with their school computer are Mary Teresa Keown, Mairead Tunney, Aidan Ferguson, Mc Mahon, Diane Monaghan and Patricia Mc Dermott. Their teacher is Mr. John Cunningham.

This year’s Belleek “Fiddlestone” Festival got off to an “elevated” start last weekend when explorer Nick Sanders arrived in the village by hot air balloon and proceeded to give lifts to a horde of local children.

The European Commission is to give a grant of £481,000 to Unipork most of which will be used to modernise its factory in Enniskillen.

An off-duty RUC man was shot dead in front of his 12-year-old son on a farm near Roslea on Tuesday evening. He was Constable John Mc Vittie (46) a father of three from Newtownbutler. He was cutting rushes on a farm at Drumady about 400 yards from the Border.
860712 The death has occurred, after a long illness of distinguished solicitor, Mr. Turlough Montague (62) of Fintona, a notable member of the legal profession. He is survived by his two brothers, Dr. Seamus Montague of Ederney and Professor John Montague of Cork.

860712 A triple road fatality has occurred on the Omagh to Ballygawley road. Three women died in the crash; two of them German tourists. The local woman who died was Mrs Phyllis Ewart who ran a cruiser hire company with her husband Bob at Erne Marine, Belnaleck.

860802 A pre-marriage prank which got out of hand ended in Enniskillen court. Thomas McIntyre had his trousers removed and poured evostick over his private parts. Seven defendants were given a conditional discharge for one year on condition that they paid the defendant £50 each.

860802 One of the 3 policemen shot dead in their patrol car in Newry on Saturday last after lunch-time was Sgt. Peter John Kilpatrick (27) a married man who came from Enniskillen.

860809 In a bleak weekend on the roads three men, all pedestrians, were killed. One killed near Lisnaskea was Mr. Pat Cassidy (22) of Derrylin and two others from Enniskillen were killed on the Belleek to Ballyshannon road on their way home from the Ballyshannon Folk Festival. They were George Rogers (45) and Gabriel Rooney (45) both of Kilmacormick, Enniskillen.

860906 One of the scarcest of local birds the corncrake has returned this year to many of the areas from which it had recently vanished. For nearly 100 years their numbers have been declining. Last the RSPB received reports of 45 for the whole of County Fermanagh but this year 65 from just a quarter of the county.

860906 In all an estimated 3,500 took part in Bundoran’s Hunger Strike Commemorative Parade on last Saturday.

860906 Erne Gaels footballer won the SFL Division Two title beating Aghadrumsee by 0-7 to 0-3.

860906 Devenish won the SFL title by defeating Belcoo 0-11 to 1-6.

860913 A Territorial Army Soldier, Sergeant Peden, of Magherafelt, was drowned in military activities on Lough Erne, near Enniskillen.

860920 Roslea defeat Devenish in the FSC final by 0-9 to 0-5.

860920 Next Sunday’s All Ireland Senior Football Final is Tyrone’s first ever.

860927 The Enniskillen civil engineering and contracting firm of Tracey Bros. has been awarded the £2.8 million contract to build the new Geriatric and Day Hospital at the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen.

860927 A UDR man who caused the death of a 62-year-old man, John James Gunn of Newtownbutler, a neighbour, while drunk was jailed for a year. He was George William Phair aged 28 years.
A 21-year-old British soldier and a UDR private were each jailed for life for the murder of an Enniskillen Catholic, Edward Martin Love (24) on Easter Monday last year. They were Mark Trotter and UDR man Robert Kenny who supplied the pistol used.

Belleek Pottery has invested £150,000 in a major new marketing campaign to increase their share of the market in Britain and Ireland. Central to this are a range of 19 new designs.

A Fishery Conservancy bailiff was abused and threatened by Patrick Keown, Drumataffen, Belleek, when he was found illegally fishing at Keenaghan Lough, Belleek. He was fined £60 plus £106 costs and bound to be of good conduct for two years.

A Lisnaskea youth Paul Fitzgerald Smyth (18) was jailed for 7 years for his alleged involvement at the age of 13 in the murder of Mr. Thomas Graham as he delivered groceries. He had carried guns to the site of the killing. He had been inducted into Fianna na hEireann at the age of thirteen by a woman schoolteacher.

The Erne Gaels U-14 side, under their trainer Michael Mc Morrow, won the Fermanagh title by defeating Lisnaskea in the final by 3-3 to 2-4.

About 100 new jobs are to be created at the Lisnaskea egg-firm of Manorwater House Farm with an investment of two million.

The driver of a Loane Transport lorry from Kesh was hijacked by protesting French farmers and made to drive at the head of the protest convoy through part of France.

Belleek driver Brian P. Coyle (17) Loughill, Belleek was cleared of the fatal accident in which two Enniskillen men George Rogers and Gabriel Rooney were killed on the Belleek to Ballyshannon road near Rockfield School.

Francis Shaw, Roscor, Belleek competed in the recent Dublin City Marathon in an impressive time of 3h 55 min.

Erne Gaels launch their ambitious £120,000 project to build a sports hall and social centre.

Tributes were paid last week to Dr. James Montague who retired earlier this year after 36 years of general practice in Ederney. A function to honour him was held in St. Joseph’s Hall, Ederney. In 1950 he succeeded Dr. Patton.

A well-known member of a Dromore, County Tyrone building firm, Alphonsus Mc Aleer was killed in a road accident at Mossfield on the Irvinestown to Enniskillen road.

The death in Garrison of Mrs Margaret Casey (nee Reidy from Kerry) after a long illness marks the end of an era in Garrison. She and her husband Mr. P. J. Casey J.P. were at the centre of business and social life in Garrison and owners of the Lake Hotel which became internationally famous in angling circles.
861206 Lisnaskea’s leading hardware and grocery store is celebrating 50 years of trading this year.

861206 Customs officials believe that they have smashed a major cattle smuggling operation with dawn raids in Castlefin and Ballyshannon. In one of the raids 148 cattle were impounded.

861213 A bumper Christmas trade is expected as shoppers flood across the Border.

861213 The Fair Employment Agency upheld a complaint by Ederney man Mr. Brendan Gallagher (37) alleging that he had been discriminated against in the appointment of lecturer at Fermanagh College of Education.

861213 Mr Seamus Mc Manus of Rathkeeland, Maguiresbridge has made it to the top becoming manager of the Dorchester Hotel in London. He is a cousin of Mr. Peter Clarke, Belleek.

1987.

National Events.

A general election in the Republic (19 February) returns a Fianna Fáil government with Haughey as Taoiseach
Alan Dukes succeeds FitzGerald as leader of Fine Gael (March)
The SAS kills 8 IRA members and a civilian at Loughgall, Co. Tyrone (8 May)
A referendum in the Republic approves the Single European Act (24 May)
John O’Grady, a dentist, is kidnapped by the INLA in October
The IRA kills 11 people and injures 63 in a bomb attack at the Remembrance Day service in Enniskillen (8 November)
Richard Branson and Per Linstrand land their hot-air balloon in Limavady, Co. Derry/Londonderry (the first Atlantic crossing in a hot-air balloon, from Sugarloaf, ME)
The National Lottery is set up in the Republic
Ivan Beshoff (survivor of the mutiny on the Potemkin, 1905; Dublin fish-and-chip shop owner) dies at the age of 104
Stephen Roche wins the Giro d’Italia, the Tour de France (26 July) and the World Championship (6 September)

Deaths.

Eamonn Andrews
John Ward Armstrong
Cornelius Cremin
Richard Ellmann
Oliver J. Flanagan
Monk Gibbon
Francis Llewellyn Harrison
John Hewitt
Local Events.

870110 Erne Gaels GFC, Belleek, has secured the backing of Fermanagh District Council for its £120 000 Social/Sports Centre Scheme, but a request for grant-aid towards the project has been turned down on the grounds that money for capital schemes is the responsibility of the Department of Education.

870117 Church and political leaders have strongly condemned the killing, last Friday night in Enniskillen, of 49-year-old Reserve Constable Ivan Crawford from Brookeborough. A mechanic at the head post office in the town, Mr Crawford was on foot patrol in High Street with a colleague, when a 10lb bomb exploded. It had been placed in a litter-bin suspended from a steel pole and was detonated as he walked past – mortally wounding him.

870117 Construction of a new £2 million luxury hotel a mile and a half from Ballyconnell is due to begin on March 1st this year. Derrylin businessman, Mr Sean Quinn, is undertaking the building of the 30-40 bedroom hotel.

870124 Belleek Pottery has advertised for a Tour Guide to cope with tour groups at the factory from the months of March to October.

870124 Fermanagh County Council has decided against ‘wheelie-bin’ refuse service as it would cost £29 000 per year and would reduce the labour force.

870131 For the second time in just over a month, families in Belleek had to be evacuated from their homes on Saturday evening last after a bomb had been planted by 2 masked and armed men in licensed premises in the village. The men carried the bomb in a hold-all into Clancy’s Tavern on Main Street and shouted a warning. The bomb exploded a short time later. No-one was hurt but the premises were damaged.

870207 The Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas Flood, who was formerly Prior of Lough Derg, has died in the Erne Hospital after a short illness.

870228 The owners of Carlton Cottages and Fishing Centre in Belleek are in Switzerland this week to promote their holiday operation to the travel industry there. In 1986 the Swiss outnumbered the German contingent.
A musical about the Belleek fiddler, Dennis McCabe, who drowned in Lough Erne in 1770, won St Davog’s Primary School first prize in the junior schools youth section of the recent De la Salle ‘Opportunity Knocks’ competition.

First division Erne Gaels emerged 7-point winners in a Campbell Cup match against Brookeborough.

The ‘Golden Pheasant’ restaurant and bar in Lisnarick was extensively damaged by a car bomb, which exploded outside the premises at 10.38 pm Extensive blast damage was caused to adjoining houses, but fortunately no-one was injured.

Erne Gaels, Belleek, who won championships in 1979 and 1981, suffered the inevitable decline but are now back in the first division full of enthusiasm for the challenge ahead.

Mr Daniel Keown, Largan, Roscor, died. Requiem mass and burial at St. John the Baptist Church, Toura.

Crom Estate, Newtownbutler (not including the castle) - amounting to 1350 acres of exceptionally beautiful farm and woodland bordering Upper Lough Erne, has been acquired by the National Trust from the 6th Earl of Erne.

Kinawley RUC Station came under mortar-bomb attack shortly after lunchtime on Thursday. Three of the nine mortars fired exploded inside the station complex and a soldier inside the building was slightly injured.

The first pay car parking schemes in the county will become operational on 6th April. - in Enniskillen at Down St., Eden St. and Head St...

This year signals the start of a renewed effort by the Housing Executive to improve rural housing conditions in Fermanagh. It will be making renovation grants worth £2.5 million available to local home owners and plans to build 100 new houses in the county.

Mrs Emily McClure died. Funeral after service in Church of Ireland, Garrison.

Mr John Gilroy, Lakeland House, Drumnascrene, died. Mass and burial at the Church of Mary Queen of Peace, Garrison.

Belleek ‘Circuit’ team, Seamus Rooney and co-driver, Paul Gallagher, are being sponsored by 33 local sponsors. The Circuit of Ireland Rally starts on 17th April.

There has been widespread condemnation from Church, community leaders and politicians, at Friday’s fatal shooting, in the village of Ederney, of a 39-year-old local shop manager and part-time member of the UDR. Mr Jim Oldman was driving to the hardware shop where he worked, when gunmen opened fire on his vehicle as he pulled in to let a 12-year-old girl out of the car. When she had left the 3 gunmen fired another burst into the car, killing Mr Oldman instantly.
870412 Mrs Alice Dolan, Knockaraven, died in Nazareth House Nursing Home, Derry.

870418 ‘Over 1000 Years of Industry’ – this was an exhibition held in the Industrial Development Board House, Belfast of some of the North’s oldest manufacturers. Belleek Pottery was celebrating 130 years of manufacturing at the exhibition, which was organized by the IDB. Belleek was not the oldest exhibitor – that record is held by Old Bushmills Distillery – 379 years.

870422 Shots were fired at 11.30pm at Belleek RUC Station. Some of the shots hit the rear of the station.

870425 The International Fund for Ireland, which was set up last September to boost the economy of the North and the six Southern Border Counties, is to provide money for an urban development programme to include Enniskillen, Omagh and Strabane.

870502 The pros and cons of establishing a major shopping centre at Derrycarha Point, Enniskillen, were discussed at great length during a three-day hearing of the Planning Appeals Committee in the Townhall, Enniskillen during last week. The plan was put forward by Varo Estates and is estimated to cost £4 million.

870509 Erne Gaels, Belleek, got their new life back in the First Division off to a splendid start when they chalked up a fine six point win over visiting team Irvinestown.

870516 A young Enniskillen actor, Francis Blacklock, has been given the chance of a lifetime – he has been chosen along with just 9 other actors/actresses from all over the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, to participate with 190 others from 19 European countries, in a drama project. The final presentation will be staged in Stratford-on-Avon.

870516 Best wishes to Mr Peter Ferguson, Gorteen, on the opening of his new supermarket at Main Street, Garrison, on May 1st.

870530 Pupils of St Davog’s Primary School and Belleek Primary School contributed to a Special Children’s Day at the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh. Altogether 10 schools participated.

870613 Despite the wet weather of last weekend, it was all laughter, fun and games for 56 scouts – and their leaders – at an ‘Adventure Weekend’ at Lough Melvin Holiday Centre, Garrison.

870613 District Chief Environmental Health Officer. Mr Clarence Phenix has been told to investigate ‘problems’ associated with street trading in Belleek. In particular he will investigate the situation of 7 traders who are licensed to trade on days other than market and special days.

870620 Official Unionist M.P., Mr Ken Maginnis retained the Fermanagh/South Tyrone seat in last weeks Westminster elections, as expected.

870704 Belleek Pottery has added a new basket to their collection. It is called “The Blackberry Basket”, and is the first new basket to be introduced in over 50 years.
Many people from Belleek and further afield rallied to the call of local school teacher John Cunningham, and dressed up and came to town to enjoy a traditional fair day. Walter Love was there to broadcast it on his radio programme.

The £½ million Lough Melvin Holiday Centre in Garrison was officially opened last week. The new building is a multi-purpose activity centre, which can provide a range of dormitory and bedroom accommodation for up to 50 people as well as on-site facilities for caravans and tents. An urgent plea to have the Rossinver-Garrison border road reopened was made by Mr Paul Corrigan, Chairman of Fermanagh District Council.

The Marble Arch Caves continues to be the county’s number one tourist attraction and has just received its 100 000th visitor.

A British soldier was shot and fatally injured in a Sunday afternoon ambush on an army foot patrol inn Belleek. Twenty-one-year-old Lance Corporal Thomas Hewitt was airlifted to the Erne Hospital, where he died. He was shot in the head by a single bullet, which appeared to come from across the Irish border.

A Road Safety Campaign to encourage motorists to reduce speed and wear seatbelts, is to be launched by local police in an attempt to curb the increase in road traffic accidents.

Enniskillen’s first female Traffic Warden, 22-year-old Miss Kim Oldcroft, has already booked four drivers for parking offences.

The Dowager Duchess of Westminster has left her entire Ely Lodge Estate to her land agent. The Lodge, a mansion set in 277 acres on the shores of Lough Erne, is now the property of Mr Charles Plunket. It is valued at over £350 000. The Dowager died in a car accident two months ago.

The latest business venture in the Belleek area is a family affair, as its owner, Mr Seamus Heron, works from a purpose-built shed at the back of the house and his wife and children help out at most stages of the production of a wide selection of ceramic ornaments. Seamus has worked for 32 years for Belleek Pottery and is calling his new business “Heron Ceramics”.

The Manor House Hotel at Killadeas has changed hands for a six-figure sum. Its new owners are Mr Harry McMahon from Glenarriff and Mr Carroll Falls from Newtownards.

The welcome improvement in the escapement of salmon to Lough Erne is mentioned by the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in their report this week. Figures are the best since 1976.

Belleek were beaten by Lisbellaw in the Senior Hurling Championship final. The score was 2-13 to 2-4.

The road linking Roslea and Scotstown, which had been blocked off to vehicles last week by the British Army by means of a 40-ton concrete barrier on a narrow bridge, was reopened at first light by local people with the help of a mechanical digger.
There is to be a feasibility study of the proposals for an extension of the Upper Erne Waterway with a new navigation system linking Lisnaskea and a waterway through Belturbet to Lough Oughter in County Cavan.

GAA club representatives and county officials were among the large number of mourners who attended the funeral last Wednesday, of 17-year-old Gerald Gallagher from Mountcharles. He died following an injury during an U-21 County Championship match in Killybegs. His mother, formerly Dympna Daly, is a native of Belleek.

Although the 1987 Lough Derg pilgrimage season ended last week, the mammoth task of raising money to improve facilities at the 1000-year-old shrine continues. The £2 million already raised has been spent restoring the foundations of the Basilica and constructing the new women’s hostel. Another £1½ million is needed to complete the work – restoring the men’s hostel and demolishing the old women’s hostel – so that the pilgrimage island can continue to facilitate an average of 28 000 visitors annually.

Sympathy is extended to the families, relatives and friends of Mrs Margaret Kennedy, Glen West, Garrison and Mr Patrick McDermott, Leglihid, Garrison who both died on July 30th, also Mrs Catherine McManus, Glen East, who died on August 4th.

Belleek Erne Gaels Chairman, Tom Cullen, was recently presented with Fermanagh and Ulster Clubman of the Year Award at a special reception in Dublin. Tom was Secretary of the club from 1972-1982 before being elected to Chairman in 1985.

Belleek Pottery’s new range of china is appealing to the younger market as well as to the established collector. The new ranges bear the ‘Summer Briar’ motif and the ‘Springtime’ motif and are the brainchild of Mr Roger Troughton, the Managing Director.

Enniskillen Gaels, who had last held Fermanagh Senior Football Championship title in 1978, regained the New York Gold Cup last Sunday at Emmet Park, Lisnaskea, when they beat the holders, Roslea Shamrocks, by a two point margin.

Belleek schoolteacher, Mr Brendan Faughnan is settling in to a life of retirement, enjoying the gifts showered on him by pupils and staff of the local St. Davog’s Primary School. He intends to spend his free time golfing, fishing and gardening.

New Licensing Laws allowing for the provision of Sunday opening of pubs come into effect this weekend and have already met with a mixed reaction from publicans across the County.

Erne Gaels, Belleek, won the U-12 Championship against Lisnaskea.

Belated birthday wishes this week to Mr John McGowan, Slattinagh, Garrison, better known as ‘John-of-the-Point’, who celebrated his 95th birthday on September 30th at his daughter’s home in Derrylin.
The annual suckled calf show and sale, run by FT Keenan and Co., was held at Garrison on Saturday last and awards in six classes were presented. The second of these annual shows is at Belleek on Saturday 17th October.

A 14-year-old schoolgirl, Miss Sharon Williams, from Irvinestown, was fatally injured and ten others taken to hospital, following a three-car collision at Portora on the outskirts of Enniskillen last Monday. The three of a Volkswagen Jetta, all from the Belleek area, are the only victims still hospitalised.

Sloan’s Shoes, Enniskillen, celebrate 75 years of trading. The late Mr John J Sloan came from County Monaghan in 1912 and opened up the store in High Street – the lower shop. This was followed in 1946 by the opening of the upper shop a few yards further up the street.

The proposed £4 million shopping-centre development plan for Derrychara Point, Enniskillen, has been given the go-ahead by the Planning Appeals Commission. The developers, Varo Estates Ltd., have been granted permission to build a covered shopping mall on the 8-acre site at Derrychara. The decision ends two years of argument and discussion.

The establishment of the new Derrychara Shopping Complex – coupled with extensive grant-aided improvements to the town centre – could make Enniskillen a ‘major regional shopping centre’ over the next couple of years, according to Mr Gerry Burns, Chief Executive of Fermanagh District Council.

This week householders, shopkeepers and farmers throughout Fermanagh began counting the cost of last week’s 24-hour downpour, which, according to the Met. Office, was ‘one of the heaviest since records began’, and which caused widespread and severe flooding, traffic chaos and road closures.

Eleven people died when a no-warning IRA bomb exploded in St. Michael’s Reading Rooms in Belmore Street, Enniskillen at 10.45 am. They were amongst several hundred gathering in the street awaiting the arrival of the annual Remembrance Day parade to the adjoining War Memorial. Sixty others were injured when the blast blew the building into the street, trapping them behind pedestrian railings and burying them in tons of rubble.

Ann evening service in Enniskillen Presbyterian church on Sunday took on the atmosphere of a Memorial Service because six members of the Church were among the victims of the bombing, including two elders of the church and their wives.

Miss Marie Wilson (20), the youngest of the Cenotaph bomb victims, was a popular, cheerful girl with a promising future in her chosen career as a nurse. Her heartbroken parents, Gordon and Joan said ‘she had so much to live for’.

Six local men, employed by Enterprise Ulster, have been working on a graveyard at Garrison – under the supervision of Mr Bob Collins. Over the past fortnight they have been tidying and working on the drainage, replacing old pipes with new. They intend to renovate a bell-tower – the remains of the original church on the site of the graveyard.
Mr Eddie Moore, who was born in 1902 in the beautiful townland of Corlea – now Belleek – was interviewed by Barry Hanley from Downtown Radio. Eddie has spent a lifetime in the service of traditional music and has played the fiddle since he was seven years old. He is known as ‘The king of the Fiddlers’ but is also an accomplished tin whistle player, a noted gardener and a very accurate and articulate storyteller.

The AGM of the Belleek Chamber of Commerce was held in the Carlton Hotel last Wednesday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales made a surprise to Enniskillen on Tuesday morning to express the Royal Family’s sympathy with the relatives of the eleven people who died in the Remembrance Sunday bombing in the town. They visited those who were injured and still detained in the Erne Hospital and also went to St Angelo UDR base, where they met families and other relatives of those killed in the bombing.

Ardowen Theatre, Enniskillen, has been named ‘Ulster Architect Building of the Year’. Mr Martin Pawley, architecture critic of the Guardian, who acted as adjudicator in an awards scheme sponsored by the Ulster Architect magazine, described the Ardowen as ‘one of the best buildings I have seen anywhere over the past 10 years’. It was designed by the Derry-based architects McCormick, Tracy and Mullarkey.

The annual Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph in Belmore Street, Enniskillen, took place on Sunday last – two weeks late. It was delayed by the IRA bomb which killed eleven people watching the wreath laying on the traditional Sunday. British Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, led the thousands who gathered to remember the dead of two world wars and of the more recent tragedy.

Father Peadar Livingstone died unexpectedly at his home in Clogher. His death has evoked widespread sorrow and he will be remembered for two enduring historical works – ‘The Monaghan Story’ and ‘The Fermanagh Story’.

Cardinal Tomas O’Fiaich, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, presided over the Requiem Mass for the great priest of Glencolmcille, Very Rev. Canon James McDyer. It was held in St. Columba’s Church and he was laid to rest in Carrick.

Cleary’s Corner Bar, Belleek, staged a very colourful version of ‘The Good Old Days’ last Wednesday night, to celebrate 100 years in business. The compere was Gerry McGrath and most people dressed up for the occasion.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Erne Gaels GAC took place in the old Commons School, Belleek last Wednesday night. The future fund-raising campaign for the new centre was one of the topics discussed.

Mr Joseph Magee, Leglihid, died. Buried at Church of Mary Queen of Peace after Requiem Mass.

National Events.
The SAS kills three members of the IRA in Gibraltar (6 March)
The first Lotto draw is held (16 April)
The IRA kills six soldiers in a bomb attack in Lisburn (15 June)
A number of terrorist-linked organizations are banned from broadcasts in the UK
The Republic of Ireland football team plays in the European Championship finals for the first time, in Germany. They beat England 1-0, draw 1-1 with the USSR and lose 0-1 to Holland, narrowly failing to reach the semi-finals
Olympic Games in Seoul: two men from Co. Down (Stephen Martin of Bangor and James Kirkwood of Lisburn) win gold medals with the Great Britain hockey team
In golf, Ireland (Eamon Darcy, Ronan Rafferty, Des Smyth) wins the Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's (16 October)

Deaths.
Seán Dowling
Paschal Doyle
Robert Dudley Edwards
Eithne Dunne
John Jordan
Peter Langan
Tommy O'Brien
Máirtín Ó Direáin
Eileen O'Faolain
Sir Con O'Neill
Stewart Parker
Thomas J. Walsh
Tom Walsh

Local Events.
880108 Mrs Mary Ann O'Reilly, Corrakeel, died at her son’s residence in Derry. Requiem Mass and burial at St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

880110 Mrs Ann McGee died at her home in Daly Park, Belleek. Requiem Mass at St Patrick’s Church, Belleek, and interment in the Abbey Cemetery, Ballyshannon.

880115 Mr Michael Connolly, Drumnascrene, died in hospital. Requiem mass and burial at the Church of Mary Queen of Peace, Garrison.

880123 Father Peadar Livingstone died recently at his home in Clogher, Co Tyrone. He wrote ‘The Fermanagh Story’ which was published in 1969.

880123 Mr William McKee is the new Managing Director of Belleek Pottery Ltd.
A retirement party was held in the Carlton Hotel, Belleek, for Mr Johnny McGee, Carnbeg. He was the first motorized postman in the Belleek area and had served for 35 years. He was presented with a cheque and a specially inscribed Belleek china plate.

Fermanagh County Hospital is scheduled for closure in 1989, to be replaced by a new Geriatric Unit at the Erne Hospital.

Mr Owen Gormley, Largan, Roscor, died. Requiem Mass and burial at St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

Mr Gerry Burns from Garrison claims that there may be a Maguire connection to the Scottish poet “Robbie” Burns.

Mr Gerard McGarigle, Farancassidy, Roscor, died in January. Requiem Mass and burial at St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

Mr Vincent Francis Kennedy, Glen West, Garrison, died.

Mrs Josephine McGuinness, Stranacully, died in a Belfast hospital.

Funeral at Church of Ireland, Garrison of Mr Robert Carson, Knocknashangan.

Miss Margaret McGloin, Fassagh, was buried in Garrison.

Mary Kathleen Fannon – 8 years old – Dernacross, Garrison, collapsed and died when out walking with friends. Requiem Mass and burial on 22nd March at St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

Unqualified condemnation of shooting dead a 21 year old Protestant girl from Belleek. Miss Gillian Johnson of Tonaghgorm was shot as she arrived home with her boyfriend, Mr Stanley Liggett. She died immediately and Mr Liggett was sent to the Erne Hospital seriously ill.

Belleek’s other Fair Day was held on St Patrick’s Day. The village was the venue for hundreds of bargain hunters, and even though the weather was less than kind, it did provide folk with an opportunity to forget the austerity of Lent temporarily and drench their stomachs in suitable surroundings.

Mrs Teresa Maguire, Brollagh, died in Enniskillen. Funeral Mass in Mary Queen of Peace Church, Garrison.

A three-year-old toddler died and her younger sister was badly burned when their mother’s car caught fire outside an Enniskillen supermarket. She was Amanda Grimsley from Kesh and her sister Melanie (2) was rescued by Mr Oliver Quinn.

Education “shake-up” opposed – assessment and testing to be introduced – also Common Curriculum.
Mrs Georgina Blair died at her home in Main St Garrison. Service and burial took place at Church of Ireland, Garrison.

The murder, by booby-trap bomb, of Florencecourt farmer and part-time UDR member, Mr William Burleigh, has been described as part of a “deliberate policy of genocide” against protestants, by the Bishop of Kilmore.

After a service in the Church of Ireland, Garrison, Mr Frederick Hamilton was buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr James Cowan died in the County Hospital, Enniskillen. Funeral took place after in Whealt Church (Slavin).

Mrs Margaret Neilan, Knockaraven, died unexpectedly at the Erne Hospital.

Mr James McNamara died after a long illness. Funeral Mass was celebrated in St Michael’s Church, Mulleek, and interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Requiem Mass and burial of Mrs Mary Brewster, Moniendogue, took place in St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

The Belleek Pottery dinner-dance was successfully revived in the Imperial Hotel, Bundoran.

Belleek Pottery has new owners – it has been acquired by Dungannon-based Powerscreen – another international trading success. The £2.8 million takeover has been described as the best news of the year for Northern Ireland export economy.

Presentation Brothers Order is severing its links with Enniskillen after almost 100 years of close involvement with the local community.

Teemore Cement Factory “Reaches for Sky” – construction began in 1986 and is now almost complete and by September the Sean Quinn Group will be able to add cement to their long list of products. At £28 million it is one of the most expensive private-funded industries in the North, also one of the most advanced. It will provide up to 150 jobs.

Former airline hostess, Rosanna Morella from Portadown, has been appointed by Belleek Pottery to promote the firm’s new designs to the public.

St Mary’s Secondary School, Brollagh made a big effort to raise money for Trocaire.

The corncrake – one of the scarcest breeding birds in Britain and Ireland – can still be heard in Fermanagh.
880507 There was condemnation at last week’s meeting of the Western Health and Social Services Board at allegations made in a letter from the area office of NUPE. It stated that only one Ambulance crew attended the fatal shooting near Belleek in which 21 year old Miss Gillian Johnston died and her boyfriend was seriously injured.

880513 Mrs Anne McCaffrey, Camlin, died – remains to St Patrick’s Church, Ballyshannon.

880521 Following the very successful Centenary Fair in 1987, the village of Belleek is preparing for another Old Fair Day on 1st July. Villagers to dress in period costume.

880522 Fifteen members of the Irish Hierarchy led by His Eminence, Cardinal O’Fiaich, gathered on Lough Derg for ceremonies to mark the official opening of the new 640-place £4m Women’s Hostel and the dedication of a new altar in St Patrick’s Basilica.

880522 Mrs Mary Murray died at Rock Home, Ballyshannon at 96yrs. Mass celebrated in St Patrick’s Church Belleek.

880525 Mr Michael O’Reilly, Drumlisaleen died – remains to St John the Baptist church, Toura.

880527 Mr Myles Doogan died – buried in cemetery adjoining St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

880528 A new major development plan to restore Belleek Pottery to its former glory was recently announced. This would include the establishment of a tourist complex, setting up the first ceramics museum in Ireland and expansion of sales to Russia and Japan.

880604 A “Clean-up” campaign has been suggested which should help keep Belleek beautiful and attract even more tourists to this pleasant border village and its very scenic hinterland.

880604 Digger driver, Charles Magee, who was working for GKT Group from Corry, Belleek, was electrocuted when he came in contact with a metal bucket on the end of a crane which touched overhead power lines.

880604 For the 10th Sunday in a row, holiday areas and Lough Melvin’s rocky shores have been packed with visitors, day-trippers and fishermen and women. Instead of going to Bundoran everyone seems to come to Garrison.

880615 Belleek Festival to be opened on 24th June by Mr Barry Cosgrove – recently appointed Managing Director of Belleek Pottery Ltd.

880618 A group of co-workers for Mother Teresa has been formed for Cashel/Garrison area. Meetings are to be held in Cashel Community Centre.

880618 Belleek vegetable stallholder Phillip Charles Fee was found guilty of disorderly behaviour on 6th November and fined £25. Another charge was brought against him by Peter Roohan, a farmer, who said Phillip
tried to run him down. The case was dismissed. Both men were bound over to keep the peace for a year on personal bail of £250.

880618 Mr Joseph Elliott, Glen-East, died. Requiem Mass and burial was at Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Garrison.

880618 Mr Michael Reilly, Belleek, died in Erne hospital after a short illness.

880618 Mrs Kathleen Acheson, Kilcoo Cross, Cashelnadrea, died in the Erne Hospital.

880619 Mrs Charlotte Elliott, Glen-West, died in Craigavon Hospital.

880625 Belleek basket and cover (1863-1891) to be sold at Sotheby’s of London – priced between £600 and £800.

880628 A bomb exploded on a school bus at Lisnaskea, seriously injuring a 14-year-old girl – one of 13 schoolchildren on the bus. The driver, a part-time member of the UDR and a second schoolgirl, were also injured. The bombing occurred at a school-bus pick up point opposite the Sir Richard Arkwright Factory.

880701 A Traditional Fair Day of 100 years ago was held most successfully in Belleek. It started at midday with a parade and continued till shortly before 5.00 pm – when a heavy shower put paid to most outdoor activities.

880702 Seventy-nine year old Mr Frank McGee, from New Street, Ederney, was last week formally presented by the Bishop of Clogher, most Rev. Dr Joseph Duffy, with a ‘bene merentl’ medal during a special mass in the local church. It was to mark his 58 years of service as a member of the Ederney conference of St Vincent de Paul.

880716 A Fermanagh-born Priest, arrested in Peru last weekend and accused of helping Maoist-style guerrillas was released earlier this week. Rev. Cathal Gallagher, of Carran West, Garrison, who is a Columban Missionary Society Priest, was arrested with a number of other workers, while acting as an interpreter for members of the American human rights ‘Watch’ Association.

880723 Thirty-five families were forced to evacuate their homes in Belleek for most of Monday last as security force personnel again searched for an unexploded 10lb bomb, reportedly abandoned by the IRA.

880730 Fifty employees of Belleek Pottery – about one third of the workforce – are to be paid off as part of a £500 000 reinvestment programme, which will mean the factory returning to a 5-day working week.

880730 Meltan Packaging (NI) Ltd., of Enniskillen, has announced details of a £900,000 expansion, supported by the Industrial Development Board. This is to create 47 new jobs. The company was established in 1977 and manufactures polythene bags and plastic packaging.

880813 A 17th century garden, complete with old varieties of roses, medicinal herbs and traditional flowers, has been opened at Tully Castle.
The IRA killing of two elderly workmen as they drove home, near Belleek, has been widely condemned by churchmen and politicians, not just in Fermanagh but throughout the six counties and Britain. The two men, who were ambushed, were building contractor William Hassard and one of his employees Mr Fred Love, both from Churchill. They had been carrying out maintenance work on Belleek RUC station. Up to 150 bullets struck their van at Slater’s Cross.

An expert replica of a Viking Longship sailed into Carrickfergus on 13th August – the first for nearly 1000 years. It was brought to Fermanagh where it started pleasure cruising on Lough Erne on 17th August at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea.

A 26-year-old policeman lost an eye and four other people received cuts and abrasions when a bomb exploded at Henry’s Filling Station, in Lower Main Street, Lisnaskea.

There was a huge security presence at the funerals of three IRA men in Tyrone. They had been shot dead by the SAS on August 30th in what is believed to have been a prepared ambush at Drumnakilly near Omagh.

As part of its development of the UK market, Belleek Pottery has appointed a GB sales manager to its staff. He is 30-year-old John Kelly from Dungannon.

Part of Newtownbutler was evacuated and the entire village sealed off for 18 hours following the discovery of a lorry, laden with 8 mortars, which had been parked 150 yards from the local RUC station.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, Education Minister, announced major changes in the education system. This will include abolition of the 11-plus and its replacement by an assessment system.

A 20-year-old full-time RUC Reservist was fatally injured and a colleague seriously injured when their unmarked car was fired on after it left Kinawley RUC station.

St Michael’s College, Enniskillen, publicly unveiled its plans for a £2.5 million extension, of which the college’s share amounts to £300,000. The bulk of the fundraising will be undertaken by the students themselves.

William Parke’s book “A Fermanagh Childhood” has been published. It is about growing up in the Derrygonnelly area.

The first formal ceremony has taken place to mark the first anniversary of the Remembrance Day bombing in Enniskillen on 8th November 1987, in which 11 people died. After wreaths were laid at the War Memorial there was a memorial service in the nearby Presbyterian Church.

A major knitwear manufacturing group hopes to open a knitwear factory at Commons, Belleek. It is expected to provide 30 new jobs.
Fermanagh District Council has supported the proposal by the Western Health and Social Services Board to acquire a property in Enniskillen as a halfway house for mentally ill patients, to ease their return to the community. The proposed hostel would be in Chanterhill.

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, last week congratulated Mr Gordon Wilson on becoming the 1988 RADAR ‘Man of the Year’.

Enniskillen man, Gordon Wilson received the 1988 World Methodist Peace Award at a ceremony in Enniskillen Methodist Church.

There is now every possibility of a gypsum factory, either inside Fermanagh or in neighbouring County Cavan. This follows an unprecedented agreement between North West Exploration Ltd., and Sean Quinn (Quarries) Ltd., Derrylin.

Cooneen Textiles has announced details of a £2.5 million expansion programme, supported by the Industrial Development Board. This will create 93 new jobs at its childrens' wear factories in Fivemiletown and Enniskillen.

Erne Eggs Ltd., the Lisnaskea-based packing company which is one of the largest in the West, has been hit ‘very badly’ by the current crisis in the egg industry. Egg sales are down by 70-80%. This follows as a direct result of remarks made by former Junior Health Minister, Mrs Edwina Currie.

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National Events.

47 people, mostly from Northern Ireland, die as a result of the crash of a Boeing 737 at Kegworth, Leicestershire (8 January)
European Parliament elections in the Republic
Mikhail Gorbachev become the first leader of the Soviet Union to visit Ireland (2 April)
Fianna Fáil losses in a July general election lead to a coalition government (Fianna Fáil's first) with the Progressive Democrats; Haughey is elected Taoiseach on 12 July
Peter Brooke succeeds King as Northern Ireland Secretary (24 July)
The University of Limerick (formerly NIHE) is inaugurated on 14 September
The IRA kills 10 military bandmen in a bomb attack on the Royal Marine School of Music, Deal, Kent (22 September)
The Guildford Four (Patrick Armstrong, Gerard Conlon, Paul Hill and Carole Richardson) are released from prison on 19 October
Harland & Wolff is privatized through a management and employee buyout
A Jack B. Yeats painting, *The Harvest Moon*, sells for £280,000 in September
Century Radio, the Republic's first licensed commercial national radio station, starts broadcasting on 4 September
Roddy Doyle's first novel, *The Commitments*, is published
Sinéad O'Connor has a huge hit with 'Nothing Compares 2U'
The rock band Therapy? is formed in Belfast
Deaths.

Samuel Beckett
Dominic Behan
D.A. Binchy
Ruth Brandt
John Broderick
George Buchanan
James Carney
Patricia Cockburn
Emyr Estyn Evans
Edmund Garvey
Mariga Guinness
Gerry Healy
G. P. Sarsfield Hogan
Bill Hurley
H. Montgomery Hyde
Dónall Mac Amhlaigh
Ray McAnally
Allan McClelland
Seosamh Mac Grianna
Vivian Mercier
Dan O'Dowd
Liam Redmond
Michael Scott
William Scott
Brendan Smith
Michael Wymes

Local Events.

890114 A retired Enniskillen Veterinary surgeon, Mr Oliver Keenan, had a miraculous escape on Sunday, when a British Midland jet crashed, leaving 44 people dead and 80 in hospital.

890114 Enniskillen Gaels scored a superb victory over Maghery last Sunday, at Shaw’s Road, Belfast and captured the Provincial Minor Club Championship.

890114 Fermanagh District Council have given their backing to the £4million proposal for an Equestrian Park at Necarne, near Irvinestown.

890121 A brand new purpose-built £50 000-plus mobile library has been delivered to the Divisional Library of Halls lane, Enniskillen.
A former RUC Reservist, Mr Harold Keys (25), from Ballycassidy, was murdered by two IRA gunmen, near Ballintra on Sunday. He was reversing his car out of the driveway of his girlfriend’s home when attacked. The gunmen dragged the girl out of the vehicle and shot at the driver from point-blank range.

The new Geriatric Unit at the Erne Hospital is to open on February 1st. It will provide 108 beds and 30 day places and cost £3 million.

The percentage of unfit dwellings in the Western Region, which includes Omagh and Fermanagh District Council areas, is almost double that of Northern Ireland as a whole and over three times higher than in England. This result comes from a recent Housing Executive survey.

Fermanagh is leading the way in trying to get traditional Irish music established in the school curriculum. Twenty schools are interested in the ‘Pilot Project’.

Mr Francis Campbell, Shunanure, Garrison, died on January 28th in the Erne Hospital. Requiem Mass and burial took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Toura.

The Sean Quinn Cement plant began production recently. It is the third largest manufacturer of cement in Ireland – in competition with Blue Circle in the North and the Irish Cement Company in the South.

Mr John Treacy, Glen Road, Knockaraven, Garrison, died on 12th February. Requiem Mass and burial took place at the Church of Mary Queen of Peace.

The “folly” on Gad Island, near Crom Castle, is being given a face-lift, thanks to the National Trust in conjunction with a local contractor.

Mr Arthur Carson, Towerbeg, has died at the Erne hospital. His funeral took place after a service in the Church of Ireland, Garrison, on February 27th.

The former Fermanagh/South Tyrone MP., Owen Carron, last week lost his High Court battle against extradition from the Republic to Northern Ireland. The 36-year-old Fermanagh man is wanted by the RUC to face firearms charges. He absconded to the Republic while on bail awaiting trial in 1985. Gardai arrested him in Sligo in 1988.

Miss Cathy Cook has been appointed Principal of the new Enniskillen Integrated Primary School, which is to open in September.

SDLP Leader and Euro MP, Mr John Hume, has said that both Northern and Southern Ireland will benefit greatly from the single European Market in 1992.

A scheme which took almost a year to complete, at a cost of £500 000, now means that the village of Belleek – including its famous pottery – has a much improved quality of electricity supply. Last week, Mr Ivan
Edmondson, the manager for the Omagh area for the Northern Ireland Electricity Board, hosted a reception in the Carlton Hotel to mark the occasion.

890422 Felix McHugh (95), Garrison, died at his daughter’s home in Lisnaskea.

890429 Having gained a BA in Hotel Catering and Management, Norman Coulter has returned from England to extend the family business. He intends to open ‘Saddlers Restaurant’ above the Horseshoe Bar, Enniskillen.

890429 The £4 million Ulster Equestrian Park at Necarne Estate outside Irvinestown was named as the most ambitious tourist project planned for Northern Ireland. It should be unique for Northern Ireland, Fermanagh and Irvinestown, and with the help of European Community funding, should be open to the public in 5 years time.

890430 The official opening of St. Joseph’s GAC Park, Ederney, has taken place. It was conducted by Father Dan Gallogley, Ulster President.

890506 Miss Josephine O’Reilly, Drumlisaleen, died at the Erne Hospital. Requiem Mass and burial took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Toura.

890513 Fermanagh is now the only county where residents can officially use the familiar townland form of address. In 1972 the Post Office allocated post codes to every address in Northern Ireland, but Fermanagh Council refused to adopt them except in urban areas. Householders in rural areas are to be given a new code to go with the townland address.

890516 William John Carson, Mugglinagrow, Garrison, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year, is 101 next Friday and there is a Party and dance in the Carlton Hotel.

890520 A dark cloud hung over Garrison on Monday May 8th, when it was discovered that John Francis Goodwin had not returned from his Sunday fishing trip. On Tuesday his body was found in a deep hole under Roan’s falls on the Rogagh River. Requiem Mass and burial were held at Mary Queen of Peace Church.

890520 Mr Denis McCann was buried in Toura on Wednesday last.
890527 The new Fermanagh Council will have five new faces when it meets on June 5th for the first time since elections. They will include Mrs Jean McVitty from Lisnaskea, the first woman councillor since the mid-70’s.

890610 A highly successful trade festival featuring Belleek China took place from 10th-14th May at the World Trade Centre in Boston, promoted by the Derry Boston venture. In fact the flagship of the exhibitors was Belleek Pottery, who put on a most exciting display of their fine Parian china. Many were old pieces from their limited editions and Collector’s Society. Cash sales of over 30 000 dollars were made. The Governor of Massachusetts was presented with a Belleek China “Boston Basket”.

890610 The 1989 bi-centenary anniversary year of the French Revolution, sees the opening in Fermanagh of a new Language School. On the shores of Lough Melvin near Garrison, the Devenish Language School has been set up by a French woman, Madame Isabella Leonard. She is originally from Montpelier and has extensive teaching
experience. The school caters for all levels, for individuals and groups and provides a wide range of weekend and week–long courses.

890617 Belleek Fair Day this year will have the theme ‘The French Revolution’, as it is almost 200 years since the storming of the Bastille in Paris. The French flavour continues through a 270-year-old connection with the French wine firm Barton and Guestier of Bordeaux.

890617 Ten new homes at Garinish Park, Garrison, were formally handed over, last week, to their occupants, by Mr Jim O’Donnell, the Housing Executive’s Regional Housing and Planning Manager.

890624 Belleek is holding the 10th annual Fiddlestone Festival to celebrate the memory of a local fiddler, Dennis McCabe, who drowned while entertaining members of the local gentry of Castle Caldwell, over 200 years ago. This year’s festival is from June 23rd to July 2nd and has enough music, song and dance to cater for a wide variety of tastes. The ‘Traditional Fair Day’ is on July 1st.

890624 Erne Gaels Senior footballers, Belleek, maintained their position at the top of the 3rd division, with a good away win over Brookeboro on Sunday.

890624 Garrison is fast becoming the Nashville of Ireland, with another local singer, Brendan Magee, Leglihid, now the rave all over Ireland. He is billed as Ireland’s leading singer/song-writer.

890624 Mr Pat O’Doherty, from O’Doherty Butchers, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, was given ‘Northern Ireland Steakburger of the Year’ award at the recent Northern Ireland Institute of Meat Show in Belfast.

890624 SDLP founder member, Mr Austin Currie, made history at the weekend by being elected to the Dail. He is the first person to get elected to the Dail who has been a member of a government in Northern Ireland.

890624 SDLP leader and outgoing MEP, Mr John Hume, was elected on the First count in Northern Ireland’s European Elections.

890701 The tenth annual Belleek Fiddlestone Festival opened last Friday with an impressive Festival Float Parade.

890708 It was hands across the border at Belleek Pottery last week when a new £500 000 Visitors’ Centre was opened by Mr Hugh O’Neill, Chairman of NITB, and Mr Martin Dully, Bord Failte Chairman.

890715 The Erne and the Shannon, two of the country’s largest waterways, could be linked within five years if the likely re-opening of the Ballinamore-Ballyconnell Canal goes ahead.

890715 The Lough Melvin Centre, Garrison and the Ardowen Theatre have both won commendations in this year’s Civic Trust Awards.
890722 Father Slowey died on July 5th at 74 years and he will be greatly missed by Garrison parish, where he had been Parish Priest from 1977 to 1985. Requiem Mass took place at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Garrison and burial at St John the Baptist Church, Toura.

890722 Bernard and James O’Flanagan of Muckinagh, Garrison, have put forward the theory that the famous Annals of the Four Masters may have been compiled on the Islands of Lough Melvin and possibly in the Ross Friar-Drowes area.

890722 Best wishes for the future to Miss Kathleen McGovern, Knockaraven, Garrison, and Mr Bernard Haughey, Lurgan, who were married recently.

890722 Erne Gaels, Belleek, were beaten by Lisnaskea in the Senior Hurling Championship semi-final at Brewster Park last Friday evening.

890722 Mr James Maguire, Barr-of-Slattinagh, died on June 19th. Requiem Mass and burial took place at St Joseph’s Church, Cashelnadrea.

890729 Thirty members of the Belleek Collector’s Society from USA, Canada, United Kingdom and Ireland, visited the Pottery this week during their annual Collectors’ tour.

890805 A second successful Lough Melvin Folk and Traditional Festival was held in Garrison last week-end.

890805 An Irish Language summer school is to be held on 19th-20th August at the Lough Melvin Holiday Centre, Garrison.

890810 Mrs Catherine Treacy died at her home, 11 Melvin Park, Garrison, aged 94 years. Requiem Mass and burial took place at Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Garrison.

890812 Belnaleck-born Brian D’Arcy has been appointed the new Superior of The Graan, Enniskillen. He takes up his duties officially at the end of the year.

890812 Fermanagh District Council area was the biggest tourist revenue earner of the three local Councils last year, with visitors spending £6.3 million – according to figures just released by NITB.

890812 Gillaroo History Group, Garrison, are making a collection of old photographs. At present they have enlarged and copied 80 and hope to get funds for more. There will be an exhibition when the collection is complete.

890812 Over the next few months the Western Health and Social Services Board will be installing television equipment and cabling at each of its three acute hospitals in Enniskillen, Omagh and Derry and also in its four major Health Centres.
Lough Melvin fished well for last week-end’s annual Northern Ireland Finals of this year’s Benson and Hedges Fly-Fishing Championships. The Garrison Club will host their annual Shore Competition on Saturday 19th August. On 25th-27th August their Open Boat Competition takes place.

Mr Andrew O’Brien, Aughamuldonely, Garrison, died in the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen on August 9th at 86 years. Requiem Mass and burial took place at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Garrison.

Enniskillen Integrated School opened its doors for the first time on the 1st September. This brings the number of integrated schools in the North to ten.

On Monday of this week the business community in Belleek held an ‘Information Evening’ in the Hotel Carlton to create interest in “tenants” for the new Craft Centre in Main Street, which is nearly completed. The evening was sponsored by LEDU.

The Sean Nugent Ceili Band, Irvinestown, has become the All-Ireland Ceili Band Champions.

The Union Jack is to replace the flag of Fermanagh District Council atop the Townhall in Enniskillen.

Congratulations to Mr Eugene Feely, Glen-West, Garrison and Miss Martha Mulhern, Sligo, on their recent wedding in Rome.

The five-year-old Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown, has been officially placed top of the 80 Leisure Centres in the North. The survey was carried out by the Department of the Environment, and Fermanagh District Council paid tribute to the manager, Mr George Beacom, and his staff.

An inquest in Enniskillen last week was told that 99 shots from 4 automatic weapons were fired into a van in which two workmen from Derrygonnelly were returning home after leaving Belleek RUC Station, where they had been carrying out repairs. The two men died from bullet wounds when they were ambushed by armed and masked men, on August 4th last year.

Mr John Hugh Collum, Scribbagh, died at the Erne Hospital on 12th September. Funeral Mass and burial took place at St Joseph’s Church, Cashelnadrea.

The inquest into the death of Mr William Thomas Burleigh, a part-time UDR Corporal and farmer from Florencecourt, revealed that his late arrival at a farm auction could have contributed to his death by booby-trap bomb on 6th April last year.

An ever-growing series of graveyard surveys, carried out by field staff of Irish World, whose offices are in Belmore Street, Enniskillen, is proving very attractive to clergy and lay people. The surveys are done free of charge and, when completed, are presented to the Parish Priest or Minister in charge.

Newly-married Mrs Mary McEnery, formerly Miss Mary Greene, Cornahilta, Garrison, was returning to her family home with her husband Desmond, when their car was involved in an accident on the ‘Roscommon-
Boyle' road, on Monday 18th September. Mary died as a result and Desmond is recovering in hospital. Mary and Desmond were married in Garrison on September 2nd - her 29th birthday – honeymooned in The Canaries, and had just spent one night in their new home in Athlone when the accident happened. Requiem Mass and burial took place at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Garrison.

890930 St Mary’s Hall, Garrison, was the setting for the retirement presentation to Mrs Domoney, who had just completed 42 years of teaching. Twenty-six of these years were in the primary school at Cashel and the last sixteen years in St Martin’s Primary School, Garrison. An enjoyable social evening followed the presentation ceremony.

890930 The inquest into the death of Mr John Goodwin, Garrison, revealed that he died from drowning. A keen angler, he had gone fishing on the 7th May at Rowan’s Falls – his body was recovered two days later by an RUC underwater search team.

891007 The Fermanagh people are to be fully involved in a conservation programme for the County – according to Fermanagh District Council.

891007 Thirty-three former employees of Belleek Pottery are to receive compensation for unfair dismissal from Powerscreen, the present owners, following an out-of-court settlement. The workers, who lost their jobs in July, last year, claimed that the Pottery owners had breached redundancy agreements.

891014 The “Baron” of Belleek contest, organized by the Erne Gaels G.A.C., is taking place over the next few months. It costs £1 to vote for one of the four candidates. Proceeds will go towards the G.A.C. sports hall.

891021 Messrs. F.T. Keenan and Co. held their annual suckled calf show and sale at Garrison on Saturday.

891021 Northern Counties Accordion and Fiddle Club made a welcome return to Belleek last Thursday week, after a year’s absence. Champion Scottish accordion player, Billy Maguire, was the featured artiste.

891021 The public are invited to Castle Caldwell on the 21st October at 2.00pm to the opening of an exhibit based round a 2000 year old dugout canoe. The canoe was removed from the mud in Lower Lough Erne some years ago when the water level was low, and is now preserved for posterity. The visit is to be combined with guided walks through the forest.

891028 Erne Gaels, Belleek, have won the Division Three League trophy, by beating St. Joseph’s, Ederney, at Michael Brewster Park, Enniskillen, on Sunday.

891104 Ballinamallard firm, Fisher Engineering Ltd., has won the Gallagher Business Challenge award and a cheque for £10 000.

891104 Erneside Shopping Centre announces its Grand Opening Celebrations on Thursday 16th November.
An inquest in Enniskillen last week heard that 14-year-old Colette McKenna, Sycamore Drive, Enniskillen died in the Erne Hospital three days after being admitted with a drug overdose. She died from Codeine and Paracetemol poisoning after taking 20-30 painkiller capsules.

Best wishes to Mr Sean-Michael O’Brien, Aughamuldney, and Miss Rosaleen Gallagher, The Commons, Belleek, who were married in St. Patrick’s Church, Belleek on Saturday November 4th.

Fermanagh District Councillors have unanimously welcomed the release of the Guildford Four.

On Friday night last a delightful publication ‘Mysterious Boa Island’ was launched. It was the fruits of the joint labours of children from St. Davog’s Primary School, Belleek, and Kesh Controlled Primary School, under the guidance of Headmasters, Mr John Cunningham and Mr David Hamilton. Mr John Cunningham, a noted historian, directed the project and compiled the final publication.

Sales of the new range of Belleek baskets in the United States have trebled the trans-Atlantic turnover of the famous basket ware. The new range of five baskets is to be available on ‘home’ shelves for the first time this Christmas.

A Health Promotion Day is to be held in Lough Melvin Holiday Centre, Garrison, on Saturday 18th November. Various health checks will be available.

The largest shopping centre in the West was officially opened on Thursday 16th November by the Industry Minister, Mr Richard Needham. The £6 million Erneside Shopping Centre, Enniskillen, which has been developed by local property company Varo Estates Ltd., has created 150 new jobs in the area.

Belleek Chamber of Commerce recently held it’s A.G.M. Outgoing President; Mr Patsy McCauley thanked the local community for their support of various projects during the year. He welcomed the official opening of Belleek Pottery Visitors’ Centre. The possibility of twinning Belleek with a village in Germany was also discussed.

A no-warning IRA bomb, estimated to weigh 500lb, exploded on Monday evening, outside the Police Barracks in Belleek, wrecking or seriously damaging about six houses, the Health Centre and Fire Station. It was a miracle no-one was killed or seriously injured.

Belleek Pottery has recently held a week-long promotion in Harrods of London. A continuous stream of visitors watched and admired Sylvester Mulrone weaving baskets and Martina Kerr Bromley painting delicate blooms to adorn them.

Mr and Mrs John O’Brien, Lochside Road, Knockaraven, celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary last Saturday evening at the Carlton Hotel.
Plans to amalgamate Portora Boys Royal School and the Collegiate Girls Grammar School were officially called off last week, following strong objections to the proposal by the Collegiate. The merger was proposed by Dr J Kincade, a former Belfast college Principal.

Carlton Cottages, Belleek, have won a promotional British Airways Tourism Award. Owners of the 14 self-catering cottages, Mr Peter Clarke and Mr Michael McGrath, undertook a promotional tour to Switzerland and Germany, as well as a series of exhibitions. This effort produced over 1500 continental visitors to the chalets in 1989.

Doctors, Finn, Deeny and Kiernan regret the severe disruption of service to their patients, caused by the destruction of Belleek Health Centre in their recent bomb attack.

Garrison is proud of local singer/songwriter John Farry also known as ‘J.F. Sound’. One of his hits is ‘Lough Melvin’s Rocky Shores’.

Miss Annabella Flanagan, Garrison, died on December 3rd. Requiem Mass and burial took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Toura.

Orla Keown from Knockaraven, Garrison, a 4th year pupil at Mount Lourdes Grammar School, has become Fermanagh’s solo singing champion. She goes forward to the Ulster semi-finals at Tempo in January.

Verbal ‘warfare’ has broken out between traditional traders in Enniskillen and newly-arrived ‘multiple’ stores, over the way the character of the town is changing and the benefits, or otherwise, of family-owned stores being replaced by larger concerns.

The International Fund for Ireland could be offering grant-aid of £1million to boost the Erne-Shannon waterway link at Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Canal, if other funding is secured.

Two soldiers died and a third was seriously injured in an IRA gun and bomb attack on the permanent vehicle checkpoint at Derryard, near Roslea on Wednesday last week. Six other soldiers and a policeman survived a partial explosion after a 300 lb bomb in a van driven into the base, failed to go off fully.

Mrs Mary-Ellen Keaney, Gorminish Park, Garrison, died on 18th December.

Mrs Sarah-Mary Treacy, Mugglinagrow, Garrison, died at her home on December 23rd at 96 years.

The Enniskillen community was shocked when 18-year-old Ciaran Lunny, Hillview Park, Enniskillen, died of meningitis in the Erne Hospital – believed to be the first fatal adult case in the Western Health Board area.