Housewife of the Year

When Mick Cahill opened the Women's Way magazine on 15th September in his home in Glenbrack, he saw a unique competition advertised.

It was a competition to find out Ireland's Housewife of the Year for 1978. Mick said to his wife Anne: "Did you see that competition? Why don't you do it?"

Two months later in the fashionable Burlington Hotel Anne came as near as made no difference to becoming Housewife of the Year. The award was won by a Skibbereen housewife, Mrs. Margaret Connolly, who thus brought another All Ireland to a county where such honours almost grow on trees.

But first back to September. The Housewife of the Year competition is organised by Calor Kosanagas in association with Woman's Way. In 1975 Woman's Way ran a Tidy House Competition and Anne Cahill won a transistor radio for her entry on that occasion. She took Mick's advice in September and entered the Housewife of the Year Competition.

The advertisement announcing the competition asked the entrants to give the following information:
1) How much a week do you think it costs to provide nourishing meals for an adult?
2) How many children have you?
3) What are your spare time interests?
4) What do you consider to be the most important qualities of a good housewife and mother?

Anne answered these questions. 500 other housewives did the same.

A team of adjudicators scrutinised the answers and 42 Housewives were selected for seven Regional Finals.

Anne was one of those selected and preparations got underway for the Western Regional Final in Galway on 2nd November.

REGIONAL FINAL

There were two aspects to the Regional Final - a cookery demonstration and an interview. Each contestant had to prepare a nourishing two course meal for four adults costing under £6. Liz Boylan

bouquet of flowers and a Calor Kosanagas double burner picnic stove. Dublin was the next stop.

The National Finals were a streamlined affair. A lot of activity was packed into two days in Dublin's Burlington Hotel. The seven finalists checked in to the Burlington for lunch with the adjudicators on Monday November 27th. The four adjudicators were:

Mrs. Anne Cahill is congratulated by Jim Sherwin on winning Regional Final of Housewife of the Year.

Mrs. Patsy Lawlor, President Irish Countrywomen's Association; Mrs. Maeve Durkin, President Irish Federation of Women's Clubs; John Thompson, Joint Managing Director Woman's Way; Barney Evans, Marketing Services Manager Calor Kosanagas.
Tadhg Kelly looks back

P. Tadhg, you played hurling at club and county level in the 40's and early 50's, but your hurling memories probably go back much further.

T. I wasn't at the 1933 Final of course – I was only three years old at the time! Three of the men – Bobby Gibbons, Jim McInerney and Ned Galmerton – played in that All-Ireland Final. They flew in from Canada to see us play New York. 'Crap' Fahy from Kilbarron was with them. They treated us well.

P. How did the young lads manage for harleys in those days?

T. Well, Paddy Cahill in Coole would always save ash roots for us free of charge. We could get a good root ourselves and seldom had to purchase harleys. We always collected the price of the slotars around town. Pat Keane publican R.I.P. would always give us a good start. All the shopkeepers used to contribute. We used to buy the best of slotars from Edward Treston for six or seven shillings. Even if we were short a few coppers he never refused us.

In this interview with Peadar Ó Conaire

P. Can you remember any other great hurlers from that era?

T. Marty Collins R.I.P. was a natural hurler. Josie Howard, Paddy McNell and Jack McNeill were also in the top bracket at that time, and of course Walter O'Connor, now in London, won an All-Ireland Junior C'ship medal with Galway in 1939.

P. Where were the local matches played in those days?

T. In Carty's field in Rindinfin and...
Was it hard stuff in those days?
You'd hear their bones cracking in man.
There was definitely more yard shuffling than there is now.
The timber wasn't spared either!

Tell me about the 1951 League.
It was a memorable one.
We defeated Wexford in the home
final and qualified for a trip to
New York for the final 'premier'!
We boarded a T.W.A. plane at
Hammond and touched down in
New York 13 hours later.
The team was at the Polo
ronds - baseball grounds.
I remember 'Eddy' Flaherty tripped
over the batters mound twice
sitting certain goals in the
process.
Stevie Gallacher (brother of Josie)
hurled for New York.
We sat them by two or three points.
It was back by boat (the
Kuwamander) to Cobh.
It took 6 days to make the trip.
We came from Cobh by coach to the
imperial Hotel in Galway for a
reception.
There was tremendous
unleavened in Galway and of
sure Gort people came out in
in hundreds to greet us.
It was memorable occasion.

how would you say was the best
you ever played on?
Dalg Kehoe undoubtedly.
He was a great overhead striker. If he
possessed you couldn't stop
him.
Indeed I would rate the
Oxford team of '50, '51 very
gold - all big men but
great teammen.
Wexford County
officials and supporters
were second to none also.
A few members of the Galway
team were two hours later arriving at
Clery's Hotel for the reception.
the '51 League home final.'!
Wexford officials were still
waiting to fill the cup for
me.

P. Did you enjoy your hurling days?
T. They were the best years of my
life.
We didn't care where the
night fell on us.
I made many good friends.
The chat and the singing on the journeys home used
to be great.
Josie Gallacher used to
sing 'When it's lamp lighting time
in the valley.' I remember.
P. You were a team-mate of Josie's
for a number of years.
How would
you rate him?
T. He was the best forward in Ireland
in his day.
He was very accurate
and had a deadly 'cut'.
P. You retired in '52. Why?
T. I had 7 years of county hurling
behind me.
I was thirty-two and
living on my own.
It was time to hang up the
boots and settle
down.

GORT I.C.A.

The Gort Guild of the Irish
Country Women's Association
was founded in February 1948.
Its first
President was Mrs. Mai Morrissey.
Thirty years later the Guild is still
flourishing.
The main aim of the movement
is the promotion of better living in
rural Ireland.
Over the years there
have been lectures on subjects like
Gardening, Literature, Social
problems, good grooming, cookery,
first aid, hand crafts and painting.
Miss Angela Coen, a member of
the Gort Guild, was awarded a
scholarship to the College of Art,
Dublin from 1951-1954.
From there she was awarded a
further scholarship to Stockholm,
Sweden to
a weaving school for further studies.
Angela has been a great help to the
Gort Guild down the years,
especially in the handicraft field.
Membership today is 30.
President: Mrs. K. McGrath Seehan,
Gort.
Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Chris
O'Shaughnessy.
Treasurer: Mrs. Mary Cunningham.

ACTIVITIES

Meetings are held on the second
Monday of every month in the I.C.A.
Hall - new members are always
welcome.
Proceeds of what drives,
juvenile sales etc. are the main sources
of funds for the movement.
As reported elsewhere one of our
members, Mrs. Anne Cahill,
was

Housewife of the Year competition.
At the moment craft classes take
place every Monday night - shell

craft, crochet and embroidery are the
main craft.

Educational outings take place
usually each June.
Westport House,
Glen of Aherlow, Rock of Cashel,
R.D.S. Spring Show,
Greasera, Adare Manor,
Lough Key Forest Park
and the
Barren Centre are among the places
visited.

The I.C.A. provides a valuable
outlet for the women of Gort.
Even with the mushrooming of many new
organisations in the town in recent
years the I.C.A. still provides a most
useful service.

Gort Town Hall

Geraldine Monahan

would cost between £30,000 and
£34,000.

All local clubs backed this
wonderful enterprise but apparently
some difficulty arose at decision
level, regarding trustees etc.
What a pity.

Facilities were planned for
youth, volley ball, indoor basketball,
indoor soccer, plays to accommodate
200, card rooms, billiard rooms, full
size badminton court and a large
meeting room, two showers and

What happened?
The youth could
do with these plans being carried out.

CAMOGIE

Geraldine Helebert

One of the main games that the
Grils of St. Colmans Vocational
school participate in is camogie.
The senior team had a good season last
year when they won the Connacht Championship but unfortunately
were beaten in the All-Ireland

semi-final.

So far this year, out of four
matches we have won three, beating
Athone, Loughrea and Woodford
Vocational School, by a good margin
but were not so lucky with Longgrove
Convent when we were beaten 4-3 to
3-1.

Also this year junior team was
taking part in a championship, but
unfortunately they didn't have so
much luck as it was their first year
taking part in any competitive
competitions.
The senior team still

have a good chance of winning the
championship all the same.

Camogie like every other game
is very competitive. It needs a lot
of practice and perseverance. It's a
team game and without a team spirit it
is so hard to play.

SOME THOUGHTS ON
UNIVERSITY LIFE

Anne O'Shaughnessy

I would like to point out a fact
you may not be aware of. It is this.
At the moment there are over fifty
students in U.C.G. alone who have
gone to school in Gort. This is
a phenomenal number and I think it
reflects the intellectual potential of
the young people of Gort. Let us
hope that it stays this high.

It seems highly unlikely that any
of these young people, who have
come to university from Gort in the
last few years, have been totally
unaffected by the change between
College and school life.

This change poses different
problems for different people.
The worst off are those who were
completely unprepared, that is, those
who have a warped idea of university
life and all it stands for. If you are
thinking of going to university why
not give the Gort I.C.A. a
visit?
Gort Convent of Mercy

Sr. Danian

Gort convent was founded in 1857 by Mother Aloysius Doyle. She nursed the sick and wounded in the Crimea War 1854-56. It was on the invitation of Fr. Shannon that the Mercy sisters came to Gort.

Education, house visitation and nursing duties in the old workhouse were the first duties of the Mercy sisters. These early years of hard work took their toll - 13 sisters died in the first twenty years. But they persevered and today the happy voices of children and young girls may be heard in well-equipped schools.

In October an exhibition of art depicting the life and times of the first Mercy Sister Catherine McAuley was held in Gort Convent. The work of the pupils was refreshingly un inhibited.

A Mass thanking God for the gift of the Mercy Sisters to Galway diocese was celebrated in the Cathedral on 2 December. Principal celebrant was Bishop Casey who said in his homily that the Mercy sisters nursed the sick, helped the poor, and educated children at a time when few others cared.

The Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley in 1778.

Anne O'Shaughnessy

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POETRY

REVERIE

M. Scully

I thought of love, as I stood alone; Does it leave a man it thinks is broken, Or fight for a man it knows is broken, Which of these; choose for your own? Do you sit on the bridge of sighs and cry, In a world of so-called ever friends, Whose only thoughts and ever trends, Are to hurt, and happiness decry. Let judgement fly on it's own fair wings, And human thoughts, like the river's way, Flow pointless, till the end of day. Forget all the cherubic things. I watched a blackbird break the air, Brushing the wind with feathered tips, Flighting so free; on feathered tips. Leading a life without a care. I watched a trout, paint the river bed, As it flinched it's way north' the river trees, Moving with such gentle ease, And I thought of 'the peacefull life it led; And I thought of man's unending quest, To find such a life of tranquil ways And some release from his worried days; The architecture of life's bequest. As the West was calling the setting sun, And brazen shadows softening to their shades,
Apostolic Society

Gort Branch

The Gort Branch of the Apostolic Society is ten years in existence. The Apostolic Society itself was founded in the 1920s in Belfast which is still one of its strongholds. Its aim is to promote work for the mission and to give practical assistance to people working in mission countries.

Every diocese in Ireland has a branch or branches of the Apostolic Society. There are a number of branches in the Galway diocese. Salthill was the first to be founded closely followed by Gort. The movement is particularly strong in the rural parishes with active branches in Kilshanny, Kilfenora, Craughwell and Kilbonane.

The Gort branch has about twenty active members and they meet every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9. The Sisters of Mercy have kindly made a room available. Vestments are made for Churches in mission countries, garments of various kinds are knitted equipment for new Churches, crucifixes etc. are made and crafts - all work is practical and the priests and nuns who have come back from the missions have said how much they appreciate support from the homeland.

LOCAL HELP

There are three occasions during the year when the Branch go to the people of the locality for support: a) honorary members - there are about 80; b) Collection on Mission Sunday and c) Display Day. The local people have not been very generous on all three occasions and this is much appreciated.

Dean Hynes, the late and respected parish priest of Gort, helped start the branch in the parish and valuable assistance is also given by the pupils of Tinnahinch School. Here Miss Mary Donnellan and her pupils do lovely leather work.

In recent years the form of help to mission people has changed. Money is now channelled into buying tape-recorders, knitting machines etc. to help people learn these skills themselves. As well local missionaries usually bring back with them some of the practical work performed at the Thursday night meetings.

For the local display Johnny Sullivan allows free use of his hall and there is also a Diocesan Display which the Bishop of Galway attends.

Speakers from the various Orders and Religious Communities working on the missions visit the Branch during the year. They speak on progress being made and how valuable the voluntary effort is to the movement.

The Officers of the Gort Branch are:

President: Mrs. Nuala Murphy; Vice-President: Mr. Pauline Glynne; Secretary: Mrs. Chris O'Shaughnessy; Treasurer: Mrs. Nora Hill.

New members to the Branch are most welcome to carry on the excellent tradition of giving practical help to the missions. If you can please help.

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The Golf Club is now in its closed season. Turkey competitions were keenly contested but the festive bird eluded quite a few. The Annual General Meeting will see a new Captain and President installed. At the moment the pundits favour The Square and Glenbrick for these onerous posts. However the challenge from Emus Road cannot be lightly dismissed and Bridge St. could yet enter the huntings. Will the A.G.M. bring a new Secretary? The New Year promises to be exciting on and off the golf course.

Gort Chamber of Commerce is proceeding with plans of twinning Gort with Balleroy in Normandy. Chamber representatives expect to visit Balleroy in February. The United Towns Organisation is assisting with the project. Various social and sporting groups in Gort should benefit considerably from the project.

The Chamber also helped the Telephone Actions Committee in its campaign with the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs to get one direct dialing facility for Gort Exchange. Many subscribers have withdrawn payments for six months of rental and call charges, to emphasize the need for improvements.

The Gort Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann will host the County Galway Feisadh in April 1979. Preparations for same have started.

St. Colman’s Day was very enjoyable and eventful this year. Canon Quinn celebrated open air Mass at the Well and the day was lovely. Devotion to St. Colman is very strong in Kiltartan and the passing years have only sweetened the melodious voice of Mílo Mucnáire, whose rendering of the traditional hymn to St. Colman was much appreciated.

Congratulations to Michael Cahill, Deepark and Patty Hough, Bank of Ireland, Gort on their recent engagement.

A Dress making class is held once a week in St. Colman’s Vocational School. The class is well attended and is conducted by Mrs. Kathleen Croffy.

Some families in Gort are finding baby-sitters difficult to come by. If you would like to offer your services in this area please give your name to anyone associated with Guinte - see page 2.

Gerard P. Cahill has started work as an Engineer with C.I.E. in Athlone. Michael Gallagher is taking up a post as an Accountant with C.I.E. in Galway. Therese Fally of Conna, Gort has joined the staff of St. Finbar’s Hospital, Cork. Paul Cox has taken up a post with the E.S.B. Sile Breathnach is teaching in the Presentation Convent, Middleton, Paula Pigott is teaching in Clane National School, Francis Coen has started as a trainee nurse in Dr. Stevens Hospital and Collette Griffin is in France on a one year scholarship. Finally Anthony Larkin has started training as an Aer Lingus pilot.

Congratulations to Eoin Foley and John O'Donnell on graduating from U.C.D. with B.C.L. Honours.

BOYSIE FOGARTY

January 3rd will be the fourteenth anniversary of Boysie Fogarty’s death. He was one of the great characters of Gort.

Boysie was plagued with illnesses for many years, was in and out of hospitals, yet he never lost his sense of humour. He loved to play harmless pranks on his neighbours. A tailor by trade, his home was an open house to all. He held nurses and guards in very high esteem. Many nurses and guards in high-ranking positions no doubt have memories of their early days in Gort and Boysies open fire.

Church St. with Boysie, Joe Connolly and Tom Casey was a richer place. May they rest in peace.

Harling in Our Lady’s College is in full swing. The senior competition, played on a League basis, saw Our Lady’s beat St. Mary’s, Garbally College and losing to Portumna. The Junior team beat St. Mary’s while the Juveniles beat Loughrea and Garbally before losing to Portumna. Portumna appear the team to beat this season.

Gort Vocational School won All Ireland Honours last season. Three of the victorious team, Patrick Caulfield, James Cullinan and Gerard Niland are available for the 1978-79 season. In their one outing to date the Senior team beat Tullamore. The Under 14 team have beaten Portumna and Moneenaghina. On the football front the senior team were narrowly beaten in their first two games.

Gort Branch of the I.C.A. have won a scholarship to An Grianán in Termonfeckin, Co. Louth for one of its members. The all expenses paid trip, sponsored by Bank of Ireland, will be in February.

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ayer Meetings started in Gort in
ist of this year. Since then
ers are increasing steadily.
g and old are very welcome to
e meetings.
the purposes of the prayer
ings are:
1. praise, worship and honour
build up the Body of Christ as
s and sisters.
2. learn to be a caring and loving
le — to build each other up with
and affection.
sus himself said where two or
gether in my name, I am in their midst.
h together to pray each one
ets the other. This support we
ed. All share with each other
rosses, hardships, illnesses
es of life and also the blessings
of the Holy Spirit. The
oly of Christian lives attract
s. Through our brothers and
we experience God’s love.

SHARING

is a joy to share with others and
hat no one is alone in his test.
harismatic renewal is a new
ess of what Pentecost means
fe of the Church.
message is that God is

The Mass concelebrated by 17
bishops, 1,500 priests before 30,000
people was striking. The singing
the charismatic song ‘You shall be
my witnesses’ was beautiful.
ishop O’Mahony closed his
omily by saying to all charismatics
that June Sunday “Go forth in
love and joy from Dublin to the
whole world and proclaim the
Good News”.

This is what we are trying to do in Gort.
changing our lives. He is touching
hearts.
Gort meetings are every Monday
ight at 8. The procedure is:
openin prayer, singing of hymns
(‘He prays twice who sings’), scripture
readings, testimony sharing.
Once a month the Eucharist is
celebrated — the greatest act of love
on this earth, the Last Supper
and Calvary combined.

June 1978 saw an International
harismatic Conference come to
Dublin. Thousands from eighty
countries gathered to praise the
Lord. Cardinal Hume stressed the
ask of finding out what the Spirit is
aying to the Church today — and
the conditions which help us listen.

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and crafts — are sold to the public
every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30.
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The National Organiser of
Country Markets gave advice to the
Gort Branch before starting and
members are happy with progress to
date. A consistent high standard of
product is insisted upon by Mrs.
Nelly, Controller of Gort Country
Markets.

FI AIRS IN GORT

Catherine Cummins

Gone are the days when fairs were
held in Gort. Those were the times
when the farmers had to walk long
distances with their stock, they were
up at the crack of dawn and
sometimes they did not go to bed at
all. A group of neighbours usually
collected the stock to be sold and
everybody set off together. This of
course made a journey of twelve
miles or more, less tedious, each one
scracking a joke or maybe singing a
verse of a song.

Fairs also added to the business
life of the town but due to the
formation of the co-operative
Livestock Marts fairs came to an end.

Another big attraction to the fairs
were the Hawkers and travelling
people. The hawkers had their stands
set up in different parts of the town,
selling goods at lower prices than
they would be sold in shops.

When the deal was made the cattle
were walked to the station and
then were taken by train to different
parts of the country, maybe to the
midlands or to Northern Ireland or
even to the North Wall for export to
Britain.

At the end of the day the farmers
made their way home to their
families tired, weary and sometimes
very hungry.

Mr. Phil Nelly and Mr. J. McWeeney
of Gort and Kilbaccan Country Markets.

As well as serving the public, Gort
Country Markets have given its
members a pride in their own skills
and resources.

went on for long hours with an odd
break for a pint of porter. All this
selling and buying took place on the
street, each group of neighbours
taking care of their own herd of

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Country Markets have given its
members a pride in their own skills
and resources.

made. Its success is an example of
what can be achieved by true
community effort.

Mr. Phil Nelly and Mrs. Joanie Smyth of
Gort and Kilbaccan Country Markets.
Humour

W.M. Quinn

Alcohol is an excellent liquid for preserving anything but secrets.

A Ladies Toilet For Gort
Oh charming girls come listen to the news that's going around -
No provision for the weaker sex.
It's what's built on public ground.
We ladies are all furious,
And say that it's not fair
to reserve exclusive usage
of men upon the Square.
Do you think we are inhuman
that will with power we abound?
Or else they h've our kidneys
must be reckoned mightily sound.

A PARTY I ATTENDED

Marian Carr, aged 10
I went to my friend's party
We ate and we drank and we were all heart.
We sang and we danced till we were tired.
Then the birthday presents we admired.
We played some games of hide and seek.
And shouted and laughed until we were weak.
When we ended we gave a sigh.
Because it was time to say goodbye.

CREATION
Deirdre Reddy, Aged 10
God created the world in seven days.
He created man and all his ways.
He created the cows, the horses and sheep.
And looks over all awake or sleep.
He created the air, the land and the sea.
And whatever he may do, may he whisper over me.
He created the plants and also the trees.
He created the typhoon and also the breeze.
He created the earth, the moon and the sun.
In seven days he had it all done.

LAUGH
Anne Nestor, Aged 11
Once there were two boys named
"Mind your own business" and "Manners".
They decided to raid an orchard.
"Manners" went on the tree while
"Mind your own business" stayed on guard.
A Civil Guard came by. He asked
"Mind your own business" his name.
"Mind your own business" he replied.
The Civil Guard asked him where were his manners.
"Up in the tree" he replied.

Riddles

Shelia Cunningham, Aged 11
What has quilts and grunts?
A porky pine.
What horse wears pyjamas?
A clothes horse.
What is black and white and read all over?
A newspaper.
What is a sea-mounters favourite meat?
Fish and chips.
What do you call a sleeping bull?
A bullocker.
Why are doctors always in debt?
Because they have bills.
Why did the policeman climb the tree?
Because he was in the Special Branch.
Why did the cow look over the wall?
Because she couldn't look under it.
What has two wings but cannot fly?
A football team.

V its is never safe to sleep in trains?
Because trains run over sleepers.
What has an eye but no head?
A needle.
What is the difference between the North Pole and the South Pole?
All the difference in the world.
Why did the boy scout feel dizzy?
Because he had too many good turns.
When is a sheep like ink?
When it is in a pen.

OUR SCHOOL

Corin Fahy, Aged 10
In 1858 the lower portion of the present convent was first used as a primary school. By degrees the numbers of the pupils increased. By 1880 there were 500 pupils in the school, of which one hundred were boys in infant school.

The school was not big enough to cater for its number of pupils, so it was decided that a new school was needed. The nuns got a small grant from the government. But the people of Gort raised the rest of the money through donations, bazaars, concerts etc. The new school was completed in 1887.

In January 1944 the school was destroyed by fire and for nearly two years the pupils had to attend school in part of the convent and in Saint Colman's Hall. Our present school was built at a cost of £15,000 and it was blessed and re-opened by Dr. Browne the then bishop of Galway on the 28th of August 1946. It consists of classrooms, cookery room, music rooms, and the general purpose room. At present there are 134 girls and 49 boys attending the school.

I AM A RIVER

Tarn Anne Nestor, Aged 8
I am a river, I started on a big mountain.
I came down through fields, I saw cows, lambs, sheep, and horses.
Other streams joined me, and I became a river.

When I was a small stream, children jumped over me and laughed.
But now I am too big. They have to put a bridge over me.

I ran down into a city, as I ran down I took out new banks.

I did not like the city not one little bit of it.

Because I heard someone say this:
Let's throw these old cans in the river.

Other people put litter and dirty pipes in me and on my banks too.

Lots of people throw old dirty water that was used after dirty dishes.

Most people put sweet papers in me.

People did not care for me.

But even though people did not care for me I did not stop, for I knew something was waiting for me.

I was going faster and faster.

I was at the edge of the city, and I knew it was not out of the city, because I was going faster than normal.

I was glad to get out of the city.

I liked the country much more than the city.

I was not long before I reached a nice little cute town standing at the bottom of a huge mountain.

I liked there.

People cared for me and a little boy said this: We can fish here.

I saw nice little tidy houses full of very nice people but it was a small town so I ran out of it into the country.

I got windy very windy.

Then I got very big it was the sea.

That was the something that was waiting for me.
A LITTLE ABOUT OLD GORT

Old Gort was once proud to have its own hospital. It was at the top of George's St. and was run by Mother Francis, a Mercy sister. Because of the high rates it was closed as a hospital in the 1930s and patients were transferred to the old Central Hospital in Galway. It then became a NAMES OF GORT

Niall Clabby

Gort like nearly all towns in Ireland is rich in Irish and Norman names. Their names probably came to be with the banishing of the Irish to the land bordered by the river Shannon. This explains why many of the names in Gort are of Irish descent.

Many famous tribes were banished to Connacht e.g. the O'Connors. It is strange how the Irish tended to take the name of famous ancestors as their own second name e.g. Brian Boru his descendants would take the name O Brian or of Brian's kin.

The Norman names of the town are not as common as the Burke (de Burgo) and the Welsh from Wales. No town would be perfect without its queer names such as O Chalabh (Clabby) which means of the wide mouth. Our names are sometimes very old - this we should be proud of.

ENTERTAINMENT

The first recreation hall in Gort was called Liberty Hall. It was on the Galway Road where James Hickey lived today. Mr. G. Keane of Bridge St. owned the local cinema in Crowe St. For nine old people people thronged weekly to the entertainment of silent movies. Mr. G. Keane also had a sheep wash in Crowe St. at the back of the new council estate.

Old Gort had two water mills. Mr. Burke ran one in Kinincha and the other was run by the Hynes family on Station Road.

There are two islands on the river Bough. Gort Island is on the Mercy Convent grounds and is beautifully kept. The second island is called Nuns Island and is at the back of Mr. Heenan's house in Ballyhugh.

I like to learn about old Gort.

IRFEE

David Coen &
Enda McNerney

EAGLE

A large crowd of supporters turned up at St. Colman's Park on Saturday to watch the Street League final between the holders, George's St. and Ennis Rd. George's St. had disposed of Crowe St. and Ennis Rd. had defeated Church in the Semi-Finals. Frank Lally read the Final.

Enda Moloney opened the scoring with a point for Ennis Rd., but for the rest of the first half George's St. was on top. Peter Mullins, Georgeo captain, inspired his team with a solo run. The Burke twins and Conway were also impressive in the reds. Niall Clabby the Ennis goalkeeper saved shots from a blanket range towards the end of the first half.

NEW SPIRIT

There was a new spirit in the Rd, team in the second half.

HE PARISH

Eleven teams were entered in the Parish
football league. The A and B. Each team has 12 players and some subs - a keeper, two backs, two midfielders and two forwards.

They laid siege to the George's St. goal immediately and were rewarded with goals from Alan Devlin and Paul Diviney. The last ten minutes were very exciting as George's St. tried desperately to get back into the game but when the final whistle sounded Ennis Rd. were clear winners having scored 3 goals and 1 point against George's St. 1 goal and 2 points.

After the game Mr. Conroy presented the O'Conor Cup to Ennis Rd. captain, Enda Moloney. He praised the two teams for providing such a good game and said he felt the pep-talk given to the Ennis Rd. team at half time, by Mr. Moloney was a great help to them.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Peter Melville

Gort B: John Gleeson, Billy Kelly, Stuart Breathnach, Anthony Burke, Kieran Burke, Enda Moloney, Peter Mullins, Derek Kenny. Gerard McGann and John Roche.

Kilmacduagh: Thomas Dineallow, Ian Cahill, Martin Connolly, Billy Glynn, Gabriel Glynn, Dermot Flaherty, Brian Cooley, Paul Flaherty, Brian Mullins, Peter Coen, Brendan Cooley, Noel Finnegan, Gary Linnane, Kieran Helebert and Thomas Linnane.

Referee: Frank Lally. Frank is a great worker.

There were six games, each lasting 30 minutes. The first game was between Kiltartan and Kilmacduagh. It was played on a Sunday and the day was fine and sunny. Kiltartan won.

Most exciting game was the one between Gort A and Kiltartan. The players were very tired at half time. Kiltartan won by a point. Kiltartan beat Gort B by four points. Gort A beat Gort B and they also beat Kilmacduagh in a very sporting game.

The final is between Gort A and Kiltartan.
SUGGESTED STUFFINGS FOR TURKEY

AL STUFFING:
zs lean veal
zs lean bacon
all onion chopped
zs breadcrumbs
zs melted butter
1 spoon chopped parsley
per and salt.

SAGE STUFFING:
zs sage onion (chopped)
sausage meat
z hard
1 spoon parsley
1 spoon mixed herbs
per and salt.

STUFFING:
s bacon
zs breadcrumbs
1 spoon chopped parsley
butter
zs chestnut puree
z tinned leek or onion
per and salt.

CHOCOLATE YULE LOG:
1 chocolate Swiss Roll
4 ozs chocolate Butter icing
Butter icing:
2 ozs icing sugar
2 ozs chocolate powder
2 ozs butter
1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

Method
Sieve sugar through sieve. Mix with the half beaten egg white, lemon juice and glycerine. Beat for 10-15 minutes.

MINCE PIES:
Pastry: 8 ozs flour
4 ozs margarine
2 1/2 ozs mincemeat
A little beaten egg
A little water.

Make pastry: By rubbing margarine into flour and adding cold water to make a stiff paste. Roll out thinly. Cut into rounds. Grease a baking tin. Line each case with a round of pastry and fill with a spoon of mince. Cover with another round of pastry. Seal the edges and brush over with beaten egg. Bake in a hot oven (450 or Reg. 7) for twenty five to thirty minutes.

COLD SWEETS

BAKED ALASKA:
7" round sponge cake
1-2 tablespoon sherry
1 block of ice cream
3-4 egg whites
4-6 ozs castor sugar.
1 can fresh fruit (fruit cocktail).

Pre heat oven to 450 or Reg. 7. Place the sponge cake on a heatproof dish. Sprinkle with sherry and cover with fruit. Arrange the ice cream on top. Whisk the egg white stiffly and fold in the castor sugar. Pile the meringue on to the dish covering the cake, fruit and ice cream. Place in the oven immediately and cook for two to three minutes until the outside begins to brown. Serve at once.

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3. Spannerwise
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5. Keynote implicated.
6. Timber not native.
7. It can be of mind or appetite with the indefinite article
8. You would store it in one down
9. Imitated
10. Vexed
11. Wounds
12. Stunted tree
13. Kind of capsule
14. Could be mineral or sail boat.
MHALTAS CEOLTOIRI ÉIREANN
branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was formed in Gort in 1977. A year later interest in music was blossoming in South Galway. Why? Well, Chairman in Gort, all around the county, suggested two aspects: firstly, the co-operation of a skilled team of musicians and the second, the different characteristics of all Comhaltas functions. Since the O'Loughlin School of Music in Gort was the United States in Ireland in Irish music gained interest in the region. The result was the forming of a branch in Gort in honour of late Joe Cooley. entertainers were many - Chris y, Chris Nestor, Paddy Darcy, Jordan, Tom Mullerians, Tony Niland, John Moloney, Tony Devine, Tommy Niland, Joe Clancy, Michael Howley, Martin Fahy, Paddy Joe Lyons, Frank Holland, Peter Gardiner, Paddy Cooley, Milo Mullins, Pat Walsh, Tom Shanahan, Collin Moran and Sean O'Neill.

Activities consisted of an Irish night every fortnight in different locations. These sessions were informal and often the full quota of musicians performed.

During the year Féile Ceol Gort Innis Guaire was run by Comhaltas. This was a competition for all musical instruments and Irish dancing with competitors ranging from five to seventeen years.

SERVICES FREE

Radio na Gaeltachta recorded sessions as did Clarín Mac Mathúna for his traditional Irish Music programme on R.T.E. Radio. A special Irish night was organised for the Cora Autumn Festival. At the weekend Irish dancing classes for adults and teenagers are taking place in Nestor's Arcade. These classes are well supported - almost 30 attend with Mrs. Attracta O'Dea and Mrs. Margaret Carr as instructors. An unusual but welcome feature from three years of age upwards, attend these dancing classes which are held twice a week. At the moment there is a large group of small children who are very competitive and these children usually win the competitions in the under six category.

The dancing costume is very attractive with many celtic designs. It is red with a white centre pleat and a white shirt. There is also a white crocheted hairband.

AMERICAN TOUR

In 1975 the dancing school had a successful three week tour of the United States. Twenty five dancers were in the party including three from Gort - Angelin Donnellan, Michael Kilroy and Edel Cunningham. The party gave concerts in New York, Boston and Long Island. At Eisingower Park the party were the guests of Joe Kennedy, a Bord Failte representative on the East Coast. 20,000 people gave a standing ovation at this concert.

There is one feature of the dancing that is a pity. Many dancers leave the school at eighteen or fourteen. It would be great if these stayed on as Irish dancing is an excellent pastime, a great medium for making friends and tremendously fulfilling.

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RTE 1 & 2

When I heard we were to have a new Irish television channel, RTE 2 instead of the famed British channels BBC 1, BBC 2 or I.T.V. my first opinion was that we could now argue which is worse R.T.E. 1 or 2. Since the new channel opened my opinion has changed completely. Not only does RTE 2 offer a choice, but it offers a good choice. Families are already arguing over the channel they want to watch. The solution to this problem is to have two T.V. sets in each house.

RTE 2 has been hit with the younger generation because it shows programmes like "1st Na Na" on Saturday nights and "Top of the Pops" on Thursday. "Mind your language", Bruce Forsyth's Big Night and "The Paper Chase" are also hits. RTE 2 is on to a good start. In recent months Irish television has undergone a badly needed face-lift. Old favourites like "The Brothers" and "The Late Late Show" continue to make the running but it is refreshing to see new artists on programmes like "Our Times", "The Rock 'n' Roll" and "Top of the Pops".

Younger viewers enjoy the serials "The Invisible Man", "The Incredible Hulk" and "Charlie's Angels". The number of films has also increased. But the occasional trash is not in - hopefully this is on the decrease.

After Christmas we should be more acquainted with RTE 2. One cynic summed up the change: "you can now watch the ads on RTE 1, turn over and watch the ads again on RTE 2."

Halloween

Eva Martyn

This Halloween in my opinion was enjoyed by most people. For instance there was an Old Folks Party in the Credit Union Hall where the old people had tea and later listened and danced to the Ceili music.

For the teenagers there was a Disco in Nestors Arcade and I think that most teenagers enjoyed themselves. A bus brought many young people from Clarinbridge to Gort. We heard the two pop songs from "Grease" - "Sandel" and "Summer Nights". The smaller children enjoyed themselves too. Some children dressed up in old clothes and sang at many doorsteps. Most children had masks and witch's hats and plenty of nuts.

There were Halloween parties in many houses and some bonfires too. I think we all enjoyed Halloween. Don't forget to have a happy and cheerful Christmas.

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hot bread, sweets, ices and grocery

go to

MARTYN'S, BRIDGE ST.
Gort Youth Club

The Youth Club in Gort has been revitalized and has commenced another season. The background to this rejuvenation merits explanation.

The activities are now in full swing on youth club nights, Friday. The adults assisting are:

Cookery: Eileen Ogan and Bridie O'Regan.
Plays: Eileen Mulkerrins and Pat O'Donnell.
First Aid: Kathleen Nestor and Marie Devlin.
Badminton: Christy McNevin and Michael Reddy.
Singing: Ethna McCarthy and Patricia McNevin.
Table Tennis: Evelyn Roche and Thelma Moloney.
Soccer: Johnny Cummins, Mossy Cashby, Sheila Duffy, Matt Murphy and Paddy Crowley.

The overall helpers are: Michael McGann and Fr. Eoin Glynn.
Youth Club Committee:
Chairperson: Mona Martyn.
Secretary: Kathleen O'Regan.
Treasurer: Colleen Roche.
P.R.O.: Adrian Moloney.

The new Youth Club programme would never have materialised without the help of Fr. Michael Carney, Michael Breathnach and Noel Mullins who allowed the Youth Club aval of the respective facilities under their responsibility.

The youth are also appreciative of the adult help. Fr. Tarpey has emphasized how important it is for the youth club to be accepted by the community. While there will never be 100% approval, it is too much to expect that those not approving would respect the charity of silence. Mol an òige agus ioclacht fí.

Information for this article was supplied by Mona Martyn.

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KILTARTAN

Old School: Kiltartan old school was built in the year 1832. The land belonged to Lady Gregory and it was she that had the school built. The plan for the two roomed school came from Ceylon now called Sri Lanka on the south coast of India.

Martin Linnane from Ballylee was the contractor for this school. The stones came from Coole and the lime was burnt in the lime kiln there. The teachers who taught there were Michael Burke, James Treston, Dan Sexton, Paddy Murray, Michael Tonilly and Brendan Long. The lady teachers were Miss Barry, Miss O'Shaughnessy, Miss O'Shaughnessy from Killure and Mrs. Long.

New School: The new national school of Kiltartan was built in the year 1959. The one acre site for the school was bought by Bishop Brown for the sum of £50, from Martin Nolan.

The total contract for the school was £4,500. The contractors were O'Brien Brothers, they were helped by Ignatius Mullane and Thomas Flanagan.

In September of the year 1960 the school was opened and the first pupils on rolls were:

Infants: Joseph Lynch, Gerard Flanagan, John Diskin, John Walsh, Patrick Cahill, Anthony Killilea, Martin Hamberry and Gerard Ronan, Imelda Regan, Theresa Fahy, Ann Forde and Angela Donohoe.

First Class: Gerard Fahy, Anthony Diskin, Gerard Donohoe, Thomas Hamberry, Oliver Forde, Joseph Ronan, Ida Forde, Noreen Quinn, Veronica Noyes and Catherine Nolan.

Second Class: Martin Downey, Joseph Regan, Michael Kelleher, Michael Flanagan, Patrick Walsh, Michael Cahill, Thomas Hamberry, Patrick Quinn and Rita Diskin.

Third Class: Gerard Killilea, Thomas Quinn, Patrick Hamberry, Rena Fahy, Patricia Walsh, Josephine Donohoe, Mary Geraghty, Teresa Nolan, Rena McAllen and Brenda Killilea.

Fourth Class: Denis Regan, David Fahy, Mary Baldwin, Nuala Diskin, Pauline Quinn, Ann Cahill and Rita Killilea.

Fifth Class: Bernard Cunningham, Aidan Cahill, Eamon Fahy, Desmond Forde, Brendan Flanagan, Margaret Donohoe, Bridie Hynes, Maureen Killilea and Eileen Diskin.

Sixth Class: Francis Fahy, Patrick Quinn, Patrick Downey, Dermot Coen, Patrick Baldwin and Gerard Conroy, Mary Donohoe, Eileen Ogan, Mary Cahill, Mary Hynes, Bernadette Quinn and Bernadette Killilea.

The present teachers are Mr. N. Cafferky and Mrs. B. Long. Sixty-six is the present number of pupils on rolls.

Kiltartan was made famous when Lady Gregory wrote her play, Kiltartan Cross. It was also at Kiltartan Cross that met Mary Hynes, about whom he wrote the poem “Maire Ni Eainin”. A 100 yards from Kiltartan Cross is the remains of Robert Gregory, about whom Yeats wrote “An Irish Air Man Forse his Death.”

Kiltartan church was built in 1842. It stands near the river, where St. Colman’s mother, Rena, was nearly drowned. The stone, which is said to have been tied around her neck, can be seen in the old ruin in the cemetery.

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philosophers, all revolve in a
of words and figures.
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job has to say about it honestly
a good faith. He is not betrayed
are rush pessimism of the amateur
thinking a thing looks so easy
will do it in no time at all-
learned long ago that nothing
ays as it looks.
 takes great care at every
in preparing, assembling and
knowing that if a snag
develop, experience will get
ast. He will not create snags
his own carelessness.

PERSEVERANCE

Somewhere along the road has been his own steady road which has kept
him working time and time again, when could have gladly
down tools and quit. For life is
like that. Things started in high
hopes go stale and there are
difficulties crowd in. The man
who can persevere in spite of them
turns to be a master of himself and
acquires a master touch in the
work of his hands.

There is the man who gets the best
out of life. Work which he can show
as his own creation stands as a
witness to his quality. He reveals
himself in something uniquely his
own and can feel satisfied and
fulfilled.

It is a feeling which no money can
by and for the lack of it many men
in the world today are sick with
the malaise of frustration and boredom.
The fact that the true enjoyment
of life is best achieved through the
discovery and development of
personal and creative skills does not
occur to enough people today.

We can all feel at home as long as
we are conscious within ourselves
of some kind of power to cope with
life's demands - a power which we
alone by the persevering effort of
our will can release and see
develop into fruitful work. But if we fail, we fail
lamentably because we shall have
betrayed the best of ourselves.

There was Badminton in Gort
many years ago but it was not until
1974 that it was revived. At first the
Club hadn't many members but as
interest in Badminton grew the
members began to increase.

Badminton is played in St.
Colman's Hall and in 1975 the Club
entered its first team in the Galway
League. The team members were:
Men: Pat Burke, Ronnie Killeen,
Patrick Griffin, Raymond Forde,
Christy McNevin (Sub.)
Women: Patsy Hough, Vera
Harrington, Teresa Lyons, Olga
Scally, Selena Carthy (Sub.)

The team wasn't very successful
in the 1975–76 season but it didn't
give up hope. They trained hard
for the next season and were

more successful. Some games were
won but Gort didn't win out their

section. The panel for 1976–77 was:
Men: Pat Burke, Raymond Forde,
Ronnie Killeen, Christy McNevin and
Johnny Donoughue.

Women: Cynthia Piggott, Teresa
Lyons, Patsy Hough, Vera
Harrington, Mary Coffey.

CHANGE

A change took place for the
1977–78 season. Two Fourth
Division teams played in the League.

Gort A did very well and won their
section. They were beaten by Clifden
in the Semi-Final. The Gort A team
was:
Men: Ronnie Killeen, Pat Craddock,
John Nolan, Christy McNevin, Gerry
Donoughue.

Women: Patricia Monaghan, Martina
Walsh, Patricia Walsh, Geraldine
Monaghan and Selena Carthy.

The Gort B team also did well,
Badminton

Connacht Convent Schools

MARTINA WALSH

Badminton is becoming a popular
sport in Ireland. It is played in all
provinces, especially Ulster, "I" and Munster. Recently it has
drawn strong following in Connacht
where there are over thirty Badminton
clubs in County Galway. It is not
being played in various clubs but it is
now being played in schools.
This year St. Joseph’s secondary
school has produced two Badminton
teams, a Junior and Senior team.

The team members were: Agnes
Connolly, Patricia Walsh, Jean Coen
and Martina Walsh.

1978-79

The following season is that of
Patricia Walsh, Jean Coen, Christina
Halvey, Martina Walsh and Stephanie
Healy. In the Senior League there are
five teams competing: Foxford,
Roscommon, Enniscrone, Tuam,
Claremorris, Glannamaddy, Taylor’s
Hill, Athlone, Loughrea, Headford
and Gort.

There are ten teams in the Junior
League: Foxford, Enniscrone, Drumshanbo, Glannamaddy, Athlone,
Headford, Taylor’s Hill, Roscommon,
Roscommon and Gort. Mary Rose
Harrington, Margaret Purcell,
Geraldine Keleen, Betty Liddy and
Deirdre Finney, all boarders at St.
Joseph’s, Connemara, Mercy.

I was ambling up George’s St. the other afternoon.
Just above the red bridge coming towards me were three
strapping lads.

As I drew almost level, I put my arms out in a stopping gesture.

“Whoa”, I said, “are ye university students?”

The lad on the outside was blonde, the other two were
dark-haired. The blonde lad proved the most valuable. “Not
exactly - Our Lady’s College”, he said. “Begor then”, I added,
“ye must be mighty clever. For that's a famous seat of learning.
Are ye farmers now?” “Well our cullads have a few acres of
land and a few Freisians and Charrolets” they said.

“Well then”, I cut in, “could ye tell me what is a dairy?”

The dark lads looked non-plussed, but the
blonde lad was quick off the target.

“Bew all I know is if I get into the
ring with Mahomed Ali – I'd
duck”.

I shook my head dismally at
Ireland’s “Future Farmers”. They
continued down towards the Square
two - three well-manured youths.

PUTTING THE DUCKS TO BED

What put ducks into my head was the recurrence of the
thought of egg laying. It had dogged and tormented me for many years. For

“putting the ducks to bed” used to be my
frustrating chore as a boy.

Every farm house in the 30's had
laid ducks. I still think of those
in season. Lake side

There were nine teams in the Junior
League: Foxford, Enniscrone,
Drumshanbo, Glannamaddy, Athlone,
Headford, Taylor’s Hill, Roscommon,
Roscommon and Gort. Mary Rose
Harrington, Margaret Purcell,
Geraldine Keleen, Betty Liddy and
Deirdre Finney, all boarders in the
Convent, make up the team.

Badminton is becoming very
popular and many schools are
putting it on the school curriculum.

It is a fast game, requiring skill and fitness.

Above all it is a game which the
young and the old can play and
everyone gets enjoyment from it.

THE DUCKS

Attire is unknown in Duck
Land. When the last is in, amid a
spate of blackberry from myself that
can only be obliterated by my next
confession, they bunch unabashed in
a corner of the duck house,
conquered but recalcitrant,
quack-quaking in uneasy defiance.

Ducks are a thing of the past
except for the mornin' gourmet.

Nowadays it's a machine a la carte,
chickens and ham, barbecued chicken,
chicken hot from the grill. The timid,
celdig hen is copped today, denied
even the momentarily affection of her
brood.

It's an artificial world, but it has
its recomposes. If they only had
copped up ducks in my youth, the
chance of putting the ducks to bed
would be non-existent and I would
have less grey hairs in this,
myth, haunted by memories of the
sneaky, slippery wet footed
monsters.

"Yes sir, roast pork, chicken and ham,
or ducking with apple sauce a la carte" intones the waiter at the
Egon Ronay selected Dromoland
Castle Hotel.

"Water, I'll settle for chicken and ham". Though I hate its monocytic
tender duckling in the most
sumptuous surround conjures up
memories I'd much rather forget.

Yes mother you were so good in
so many ways, like ordering me to
devotions or getting my shoes
polished or having my hair washed,
but telling me "round up the ducks
and put them to bed" - that I will
always recall with horror.

But it was in the times and for
that I'll forgive her. I cannot recall
anything so elusive as those
fleet-footed, quacking defiant
blooming ducks.

So the lads from Our Lady's
College, in their new found
emancipation have a lot to be
thankful for.

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