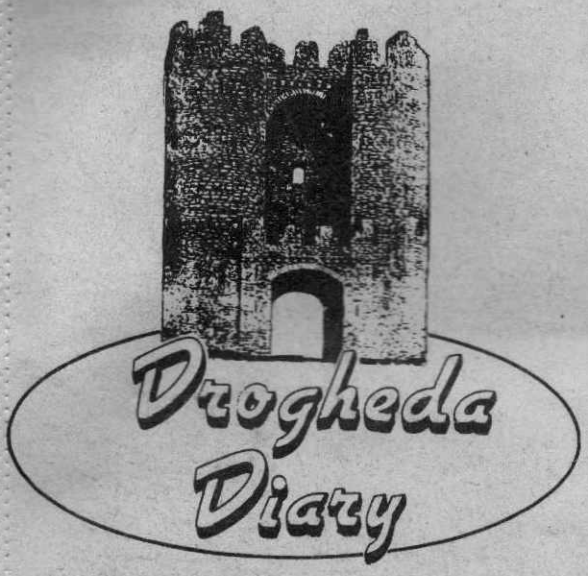




Enda O'Boyle (seated right), chairman of Drogheda Chess Club, presents Eamonn Reay, captain of the O'Hanlon Cup winning team, with the trophy at the club's annual dinner in the Rossnaree Hotel. Back (l. to r.)–Brendan Corrigan, Miriam Woods and Eanna O'Boyle, all team members. (See story below).

IN TOWN

Giant Haystacks comes to town

Autograph hunters laid seige to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital last Friday afternoon when the word got out that a big, big celebrity was in the vicinity.

Mr. Luke McManus—better known to most as the wrestler "Giant Haystacks"—was the object of all the attention and he certainly seemed to warrant it.

Standing about seven feet tall (in his socks), the bearded giant towered above the hospital staff who were busily trying to get on with their work, despite the rather unusual distraction.

Luke was in town to visit his sister-in-law, Mrs. Doreen Murray, 65 Alverno Heights, Laytown, who is a patient in the hospital.

His wife (nee Boylan) is a native of Bohermeen, Co. Meath, and they both stayed in the family home there on Friday night.

About 50 autograph hunters managed to secure the magic signature on Friday afternoon, as the great man himself was more than generous with his time.

He even had a minute to spare for the Drogheda Independent and posed for a picture with staff nurse Deidre Byrne from Salterstown.

Your move – by phone

Ever heard of two chess players playing a game for hours — over the telephone? The Diary was told during the week that this is a regular occurrence among those who are really keen on the game.

Drogheda Chess Club chairman, Enda O'Boyle, who lives in Duleek, said that his son Donal, who lives in New Zealand, at present used play telephone matches with Eamon Reay, a Drogheda man now working and living in Clonmel.

The Drogheda club, which has 25 members, recently held a prize-giving ceremony in the Rosnaree Hotel. The principal prize was the O'Hanlon Cup which was won by the team of Eamon Reay (captain), Brendan Corrigan, Miriam Woods and Eanna O'Boyle.

President of this very active club is Paddy Clarke, of Pearse Park; the secretary is Frank Pentony and treasurer Jimmy Murray and its members meet on Tuesday nights in the A.O.H. Hall (you don't have to be a member of the A.O.H. Hall in order to join the chess club).

There are two international players in its ranks, Miriam Woods, a schoolgirl international for the past six years and who was on the team representing Ireland at the Chess Olymics in Greece, and Mairead ni Shiochru.

Also in the club's "Hall of Fame" is Brian Lynch, who won the Leinster junior championship last year.

attended the two shows staged on the day and cheered on the 'goodies' and boohed the 'baddies' so loudly that the rafters of the MMM Auditorium shook. Most of the local children had brought their parents along too and indeed the adults seemed to be having just as much fun, if not more, than the kiddies.

Everybody 'oohed' and 'aahed' as the wicked Mr. Higglesbottom tried to steal the treasure at the end of the rainbow, and gales of laughter greeted the revelation that Drogheda Gardai were looking for a rabbit with a very bad cough after the robbery of three tonnes of carrots and



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who obviously put a lot of effort into the show. Maura Flanagan, Vivienne Grennan, Marie Mohan, Theresa McQuillan, Mary Rooney, Pauline Clark, Noeleen O'Brien, Annie Whelan, Joan McAgue, Josephine Reid, Lorina Nash, Anne McDonnell, Patsy Caffrey, Cal Rooney, Eddie Smith and Frank Blaney were the main movers behind the scenes, while many others lent willing and able hands.

The show was organised as a fund-raising activity for the two Rathmullen National schools.

Thanks

ment agencies and many of the youth organisations in the town.

Included in the list of participants will be National Manpower, AnCO, ACOT, IDA, Drogheda Industrial Development Company, Macra na Feirme, Red Cross, Knights of Malta, Telecom Eireann, Foroige, Army, Gardai, Drogheda Karate Club and many more.

The exhibition starts at 11 a.m. on Friday and continues until 6 p.m. on Saturdav.

Few got Eamonn's "red book"

Although the "This is Your Life" show hosted by Eamonn Andrews has been on the go for quite a long time now, the people who have actually received the famous "red book" are few and far between. So that when one of them visits Drogheda, he attracts more than a little attention.

Fr. Mike Doheny, who with his brother was featured on "This is Your Life" last year, visited Drogheda last Sunday.

He officiated at two Masses in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, and spoke of his experiences in Ethiopia where he works with Concern. He said that the aid sent to Ethiopia from Ireland had already achieved very positive results there, although much more was needed.

Fr. Doheny is an uncle of Mrs. Nora Dowley, Ballypark.

What's on