Julia Crampton, widow of the late Tommy Crampton of Shrule died in Galway last week. She was buried in Shrule cemetry on Thursday last. Many a Shrule exile were well cared for by the late Tommy and Julia when they lived in Birmingham.

SOUTH SEMI-FINAL

Of interest to Glencorrib folk is news that the South Semi Finals take place in Hollymount on Sunday September 8th. Glencorrib play Kilmaine and The Neale play Ballinrobe. That is unless the South Board decide to refix them again.

SOCCER GOSSIP

Riverside Celtic are busy preparing for the upcoming Soccer season. On Thursday night last they drew 4 all with A.I.B. Galway in a challenge game. Joe Mannion, Mark Lydon and Justin Keady (2) were the scorers. On Friday night they drew with Moyne Villa again, 4 all. Scorers were Justin Keady, Ger Butler, Joe Mannion and Paul Gibbons. They are planning a few more games for the coming week and **Ronan** will give you details.
Manager Mark O'Connor feels if Justin keeps scoring goals at this rate, it wont be long before English League scouts start to show intrest. That reminds me, I owe Brian Flannery a fiver for membership. He did not ask me to join, he ordered me to do so. I'll be in touch.

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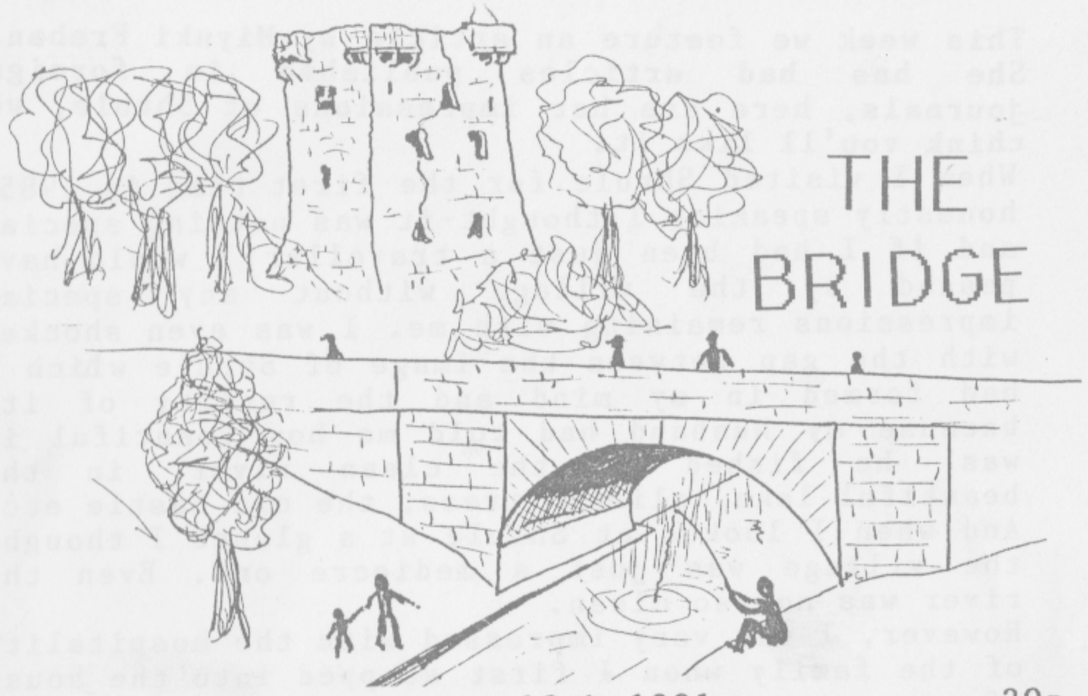

THE BRIDGE

Sunday August 18th 1991 20p

VISITORS...VISITORS.....VISITORS

Marie Gannon paid a visit to Shrule last week and visited many of her old friends. She lives in Cardiff at present and it was her first visit to Shrule in 30 years.
Down Ballycushion way on holidays at the moment are **Michael** and **Mary Acton** and son **Daniel.** They arrived Monday and Michael was spotted in working gear on Tuesday. Talk of a holiday with Donal Acton - ya must be joking.
Ita Davin is currently on holidays in St Mary's Rd. John Davins wife and family are also on holidays, home from Manchester. I dont know Johns wife's name but no doubt Martina will tell me and tick me off for not finding out on time. Sorry Martina.
Helen Geraghty is also home, but I believe she is staying around. Good, we have for too many emigrtants.

GOOD LUCK

Good Luck today to **Kenny Mortimer** who lines out for the Mayo minors against Kildare in Croke Park and also their trainer Declan Ronaldson. David Loughlin from Kilmaine is also on the panel. Lets hope they win and go on to play Cork in the final in September. **Maigh Eo Abu.**
Quote of the week; Experience is akin to giving a comb to a bald man, It never comes until its late.....**Mick Frehan.**

This week we feature an article by Miyuki Frehan. She has had articles published in foreign journals, here are her impressions of Shrule, we think you'll like it.

When I visited Shrule for the first time in 1985, honestly speaking I thought it was nothing special and if I had been just a traveller I would have passed by the village without any special impressions remaining with me. I was even shocked with the gap between the image of Shrule which I had formed in my mind and the reality of it; because my husband had told me how beautiful it was, he fished in the clean river, in the beautiful lake, climbed trees, the old castle etc. And when I looked at Shrule at a glance I thought the village was just a mediocre one. Even the river was not so clean.

However, I was very impressed with the hospitality of the family when I first stepped into the house of my parents - in -law.

Although it is often said and it sounds a boring cliche I have to repeat that Irish people (meaning Shrule people to me because I stayed only in Shrule) are one of the most friendly in the world and this reputation of their hospitality is honestly true. People greet each other on the street. The amount of tea, sugar and sweet things they consume implies how often they visit each other for a chat over tea at any time of a day even 10 or 11 O'clock at night (which I dont see in my own country). The four pubs on Shrule's main street are busy with people enjoying the pints and conversations. Relationships among families and their relatives are very strong and they are always in contact with each other which I don't see anymore in my own country.

There are many (probably historically important) ruins here and there, but people don't seem to care so much about them. I like the casualness of the people because I think such an attitude matches very well to the wild beauty of Irish nature.

At the beginning I never imagined there were so many activities in this village. You have the G.A.A. the Soccer club, drama club, the womens assocation, Comhaltas and even a weekly town journal named "The Bridge". Actually Shrule is a very active village full of young spirit and vitality.

I have stayed in Shrule only about three months altogether. The longer I stay here the more charming the village becomes. In the future I will surely find other positive aspects about Shrule.

I feel sad now leaving but I look forward to the day when I can be among the hospitable people of Shrule once again.

Miyuki Frehan.

As we print this Miyuki, Paraic and Sean jnr are heading back to Lama City. We wish them well and Thank You Miyuki for your contribution.

Off the ball..Off the ball..Off the ball..Off the ball..Off the ball..o Bits'n'pieces..Bits'n'pieces..Bits'npieces..Bits'

I go out on a bike once and look what happens Liam O'Dea has taken up the sport. Real Van der Arden stuff. Joe Donnellan still holds the record, he cycled to Galway and back...who the hell is Van der Arden???...Is Ger Mullin the latest autograph seeker around Shrule...mentioning Ger Mullin watch out for a poem about a poem...well about a poet actually...Somebody wrote an ode to Maura Mullin....nobody wrote a poem about me...Who is Ronan Gibbons going to take to the Claregalway Agricultural Show Dance???..I'm free Ronan...Congrats to all Leaving Cert students, I hope the results were what you expected....There will be some crack in the bog Tuesday... I better get in some of Ber Mullin's delicious brown bread.

WEDDING

The marriage took place last Saturday in Headford of lacal man **Ger Gibbons and Sarah Keady** of Headford. Ger who has scored a fair few goals for Shrule in his time is son of Jack and Bernadette Gibbons. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in the Canaries. All the Gibbons clan were home for the wedding and Tommy and Dermot insist on a mention in The Bridge. So there ye go lads , send on the fiver.

Anyway Congratulations to Ger and Sarah.

BOG BOUND

Watch our for local reporter, commentator and aspiring footballer Liam Horan who is fulfilling a lifetime ambition to spend a day in the bog. Tuesday looks the likely day (weather permitting) and Dalgan Bog is the venue. "Tell all the young ladies around Shrule and Glencorrib", he said. It shows all he knows about a day in the bog.