Local Folklore

In Louisburgh in the 1950's the law was that when cycling your bicycle at night you had to have a flash light on it.

As there were very few cars in the Louisburgh area the Garda took the law very serious and would sit along the roadside and catch local people coming from a wake house, the pub or the local pictures which were held in McDermott’s Hall (West View Hotel).

If you were caught without a lamp you would get a fine of 3-4 shillings, if the fine was not paid the Local Garda would come to your house and collect the fine.

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My Grandad told me the story.

Tom Cannon

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In the 1950's the ESB came around for people to sign up for the installation of ESB into their homes.

People believed that if they touched a switch on the wall they would be burned to a crisp.

When a man from the ESB came to Doughmakeon four miles from Louisburgh, he called to the house of a man named William Hester to get him to sign up for the ESB.

William said he wouldn't sign for the ESB to be connected to his house, he said "it would be an awful thing if I got up one morning and found my sister Margaret burnt like a sea rod in the bed.

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