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# Heritage project

Local Happenings = whale that came ashore

A huge whale was washed up on silver strand in 1942. Try to picture this: It was over 80 feet long and 12 to 14 feet wide. His jaw-bone alone was 14 foot long and at least four foot wide. There was a line of holes along his jaw-bone, it was presumed that as the war was on at the time, it may have been mistaken for a submarine and was shot at and hence came to be washed up.

## The big flood

It had rained steadily all day Sunday but as night fell the rain grew heavier, people were unable to sleep due to the downpour, yet many would not have imagined the scenes of devastation that they would face on Sunday morning. Louisburgh was flooded and the Carrowhiskey Bridge had collapsed. Despite the ravages of the storm people were thankful that no lives had been lost.

in our area a few local heroes were created.  
'P.J. Sammin was returning from town and  
managed to put out a warning, as recounted  
elsewhere in this publication Sean Morrison  
took his life in his hands to save people.