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'We remembered the Vogue Cinema, the workhouse and the shops, and how you might be asked to go to the shop to get snuff for one of the older characters in the street.



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Remembering Newry Street's past and present

AN exhibition of photographs capturing the past and present of Kilkeel's Newry Street will be held in the town at the end of November.

'An Evening of Celebrating and Remembering' will be hosted by Newry Street Unite at its 57 Hillside Drive home on 21 November, and with over 200 photographs compiled already, it promises to be an unmissable event for those interested in learning about the social history of this part of town during the last century.

Newry Street Unite will be sharing photographs from the late 19th century onwards, some of which are pictured here, on its Facebook page and its new website in the coming weeks, and has invited readers of the Mourne Observer - especially families who live in or previously lived on the street - to join them for a 'Down Memory Lane experience', which will be attended by the Hudson sisters, the providers of many of the photographs that will be on display.

They are also keen for anyone with Newry Street photographs - or stories - to come forward to share them.

For more information on the exhibition, e-mail newrystreetunite@gmail.com or call (028) 2542 0299.

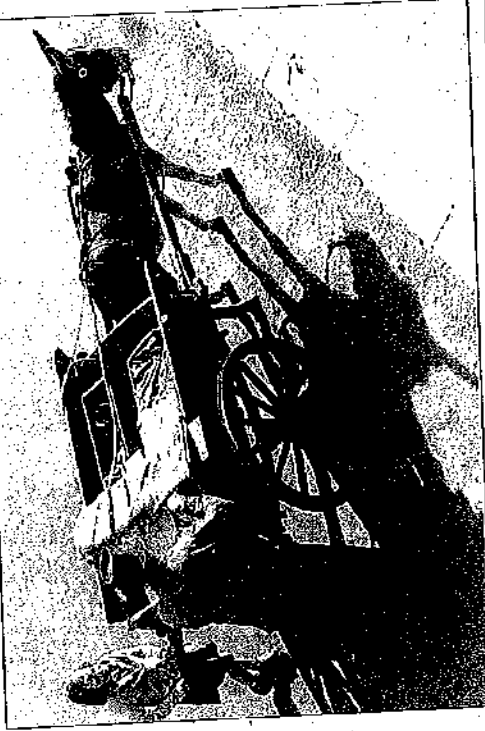
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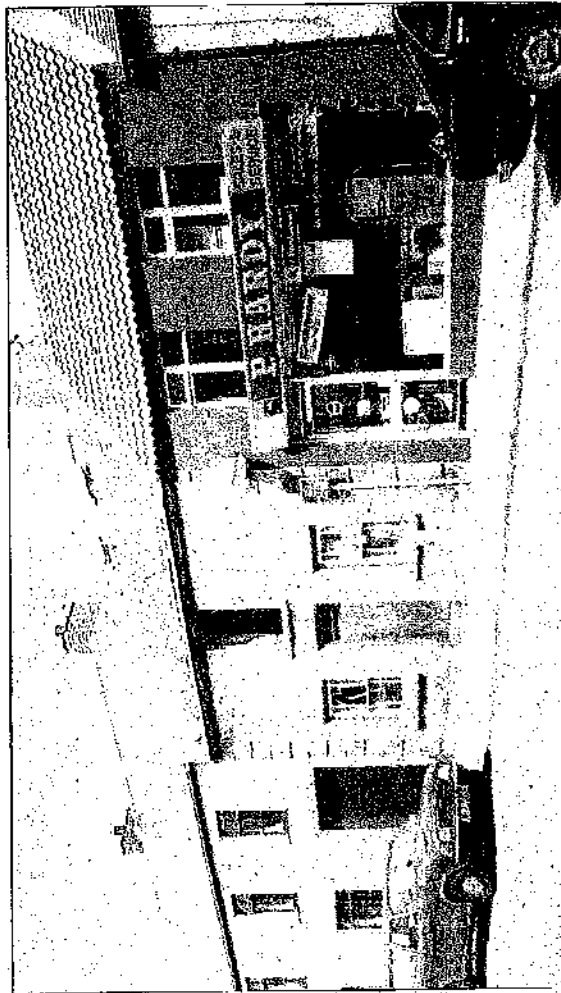
The people of Newry Street - Richie Doran, Belle Cunningham, Sadie Doran, Annie Cole, Peter Cunningham, Maggie Marks, and Mary Reilly.

John Donnan selling fish.

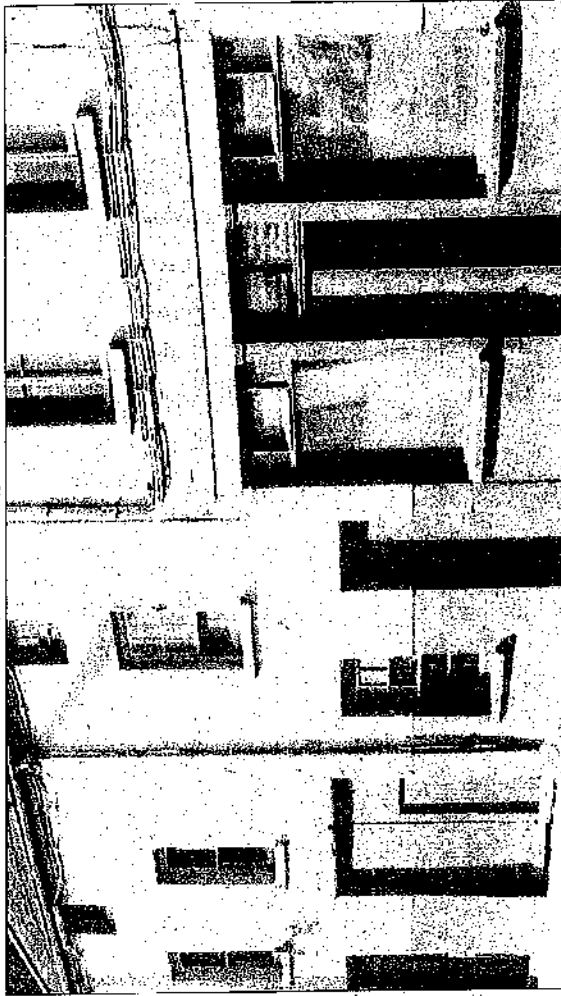
Upper Newry Street before demolition.

The Boys' Band at Big Entry in 1928.





Hardy's shop in the 1970s.



RJ Sioane's store was located where Shannon's is now.

By Ryan Sands

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PREPARATION work for a photographic exhibition looking back on the history of Kilkeel's Newry Street is continuing apace.

An Evening of Celebrating and Remembering will be hosted by Newry Street Unite at its 57 Hillside Drive home on 21 November, and more than 200 photos from the late 19th century onwards will be on display for those keen to learn more about the social history of this part of the town.

Local historian Catherine Hudson said that the street, which provides the

link for Newcastle and Newry, is one of the oldest areas in Kilkeel, and that early records show that it was heavily populated.

The 1777 Taylor and Skinner map shows the street defined in much the same way that it is today," she added.

"In the period of the 1830s, 1940s and 1950s, it was a boast that, except for a butcher's shop, every service and commodity was available in the street.

"In Newry Street, there was a church, a bank, a chemist, a blacksmith, a doctor, two public houses, grocers, a post office, music teacher, lodging houses, drapers, shoe shops, confectioners, shoemakers, tailors, taxis, newsagents, auctioneers, solicitors and dressmakers."

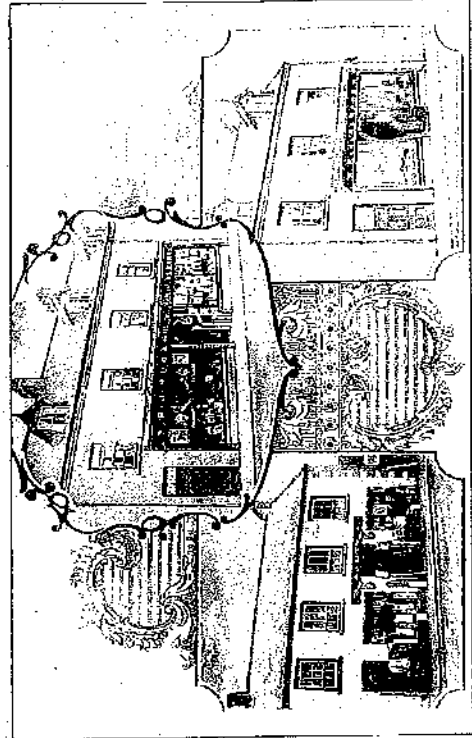
Ann Fitzpatrick, Newry Street Unite community development worker,

added: "We have had a very good response from people following on from the article in the Mourne Observer last week and we have received more photographs, which we will be sharing at our event on Thursday 21 November.

"We invite anyone who has other photographs to share to make contact with us by email on newrystreetunite@gmail.com or phone 028 25420299."

Newry Street Unite will be sharing photographs on its Facebook page in the build-up to the exhibition, and are keen for Mourne Observer readers – especially families who live on or previously lived on the street – to join them for this month's Down Memory Lane experience."

Getting ready for an evening of remembering

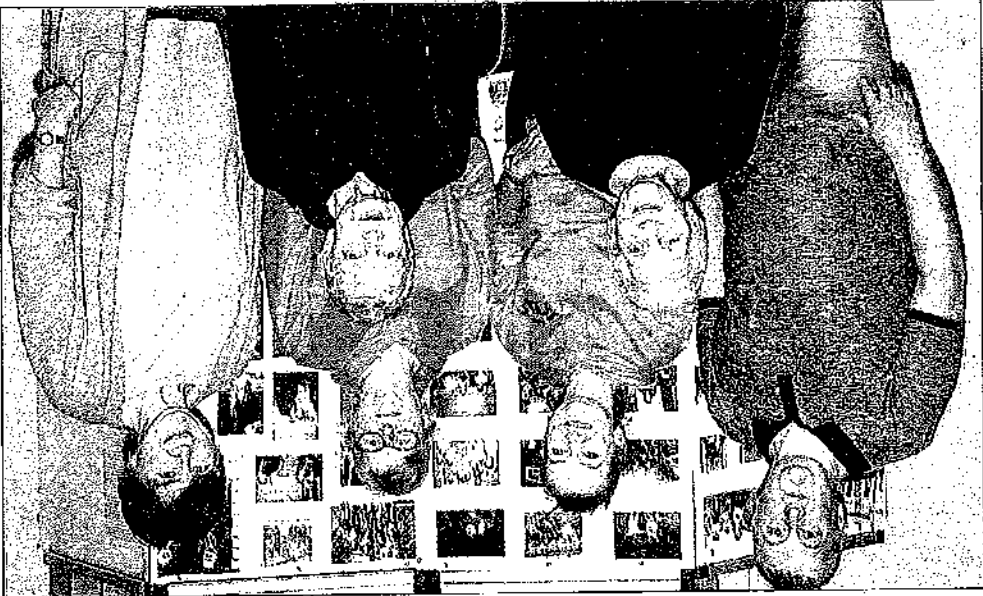


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