

Religion – Church & Sunday School

On Saturdays the shoes were all polished for Sunday, the Sunday lunch was prepared, the potatoes and all were washed ready to be put on the fire. On Sunday my mother or father never got to Church, it was us youngsters that were sent, and we had to walk three miles to Church for Sunday school first and for the Sunday school for eleven O'clock and the church then at twelve O'clock. So we had to walk three miles to our Church, and three miles back, so we were away to about an hour walking, so we were away quite early on the Sunday morning to walk to Sunday school.

We stayed then for Church and walked home again. There was hardly any heating as such, there were no boilers, and you know, we just wore warm clothes. It would last the hour, and maybe over it, just depending, and a lot of farming men would have fell asleep. You know, three or four teachers; you were put in the different classes. As you got older you went into another class and there was three or four teachers, you know, and then once a year we had, we went to the Rectory for a Sunday School afternoon, where we run races and you know, and that was our entertainment, that was our Sundays, that was all ever we got for a holiday or for anything.

The Sunday afternoon was just spent sort of in, the fire was light in the sitting room or in the parlor at that time, the fire was light in the parlor and we just sat about, we learnt our Sunday school lessons for the next Sunday, and had our tea then in the evening, and went to bed early, well, usually eight O'clock, very little after it, except in the summer time, now we might have been allowed out a wee bit later. We ran about now, or just played about, but anything other than that we just went to bed early. The people came to ceili three or four times a week and sometimes on a Sunday night. We would have had our uncles maybe and aunts maybe round you know on a Sunday night, but we were sent to bed you know, we didn't, we weren't allowed to be up when big people were talking. No electricity, no it was a lamp, then in later years it was a tilly lamp, but it was just a

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wee lamp on the wall, very, very little light, my mother was able to knit and sew and crochet and do all those things in that poor light. There was no bright lights, there would have been some people would have maybe had a gramophone at that time, but not everybody, yes that you turned the handle, but not everybody had one, but that was... and in later years, they got a wee wireless, which people went to other peoples houses to hear maybe some wee programme on that wireless, because everybody hadn't a wireless, just an odd one through the country. Neighbours were very neighborly you know, they were very kind and helped you out no matter what went wrong in any house, your neighbors were there you know.

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