

Nativity Scene at Cong



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

THE offices and printing works of The Western People will be closed from 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 29th.

Editorial copy and advertising for next week's issue (which will be published on Tuesday 29th) must be with us by tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

Advertisers may avail of our 24 hour fax facility on 096-70208, or our 24 hour telephone answering service (096-21188) to place their advertisements or send in their news copy.

We urge the co-operation of everyone, and we thank you in advance for your kind assistance in this matter.

Happy Christmas to all our readers and advertisers

The proprietors, management and staff of the Western People thank all our readers and advertisers for their much appreciated support throughout the year and wish each and everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous 1993. We remember especially at this time our many emigrants.



A NATIVITY window from a church in a small Mayo village is helping to provide very practical assistance to little children in the developing world—many of whom won't even have a manger for Christmas!

Our Christmas print is of the stained glass window from St. Mary's Church, Cong, and is the work of Kevin Kelly of Abbey Stained Glass Studios. It is being reproduced as a UNICEF card and the artist joins a very prestigious group of contributors who include Picasso, Miro, etc.

"What makes UNICEF cards especially different from other cards is that the proceeds from their sale help provide health care, nutrition and education for the world's neediest children," says Dorothy Archer, Executive Director of the Irish National Committee for UNICEF, who is daughter of legendary Mayo sportsman Dick Hearn of Ballina.

"The contribution made by UNICEF card sales is a very important one which is why the people of Cong can take great pride in the part their Parish Church window has played in this great humanitarian cause," added Ms Archer who also paid tribute to parish priest Fr Kavanagh for his support for UNICEF.

Kevin Kelly's "Nativity" was sold all over Europe last year and this year is on sale again in Ireland, France, Spain and all central European countries. UNICEF cards are world famous with top artists, museums and art galleries donating their art works for reproduction.

MAYO 5000 FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Thursday, December 31st
4.00 p.m.

in **CASTLEBAR**

Parade, Fireworks Display and the lighting of the beacon

by Ireland's new Commissioner,
Padraig Flynn.



★ Come along and join in the festivities ★