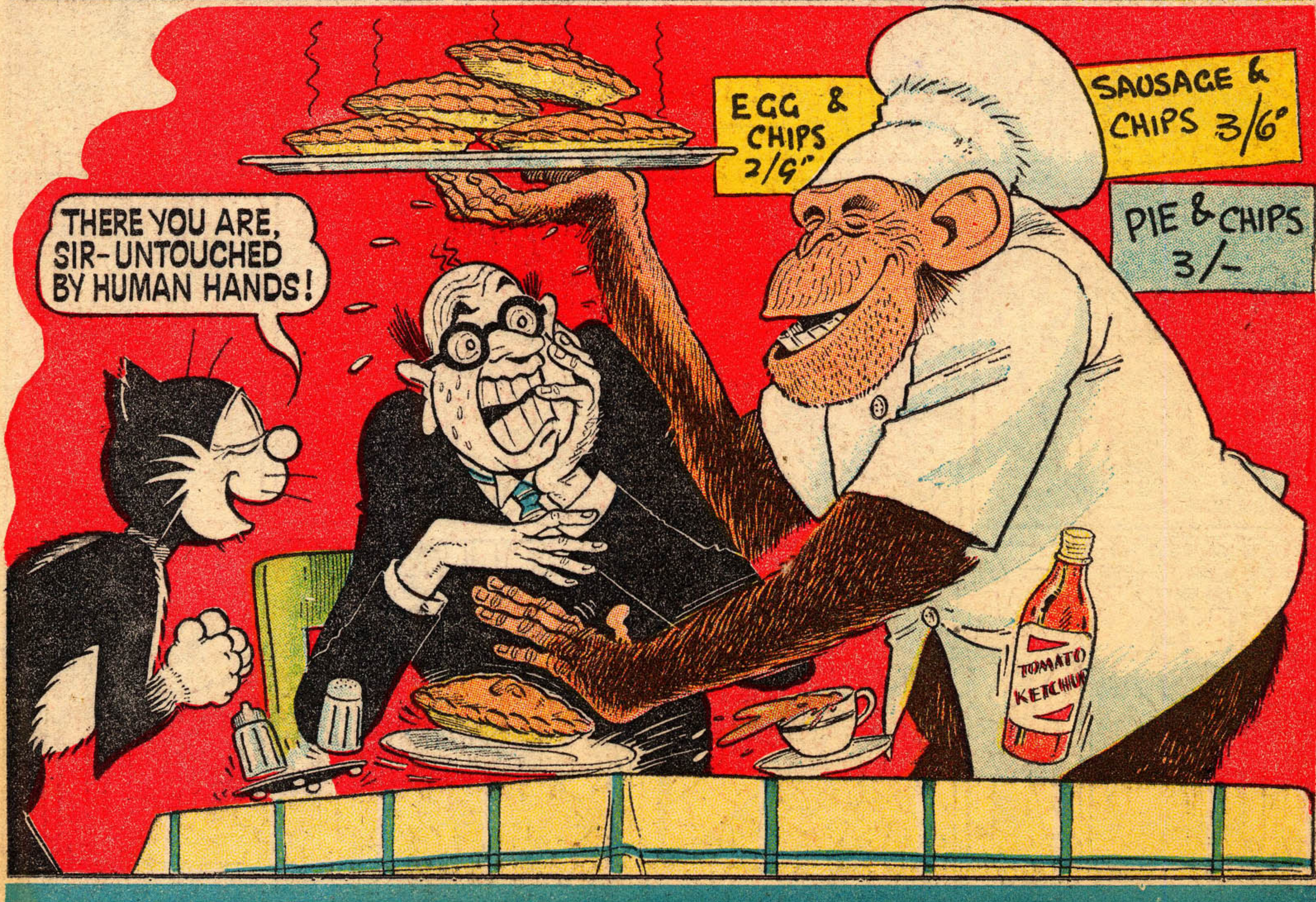


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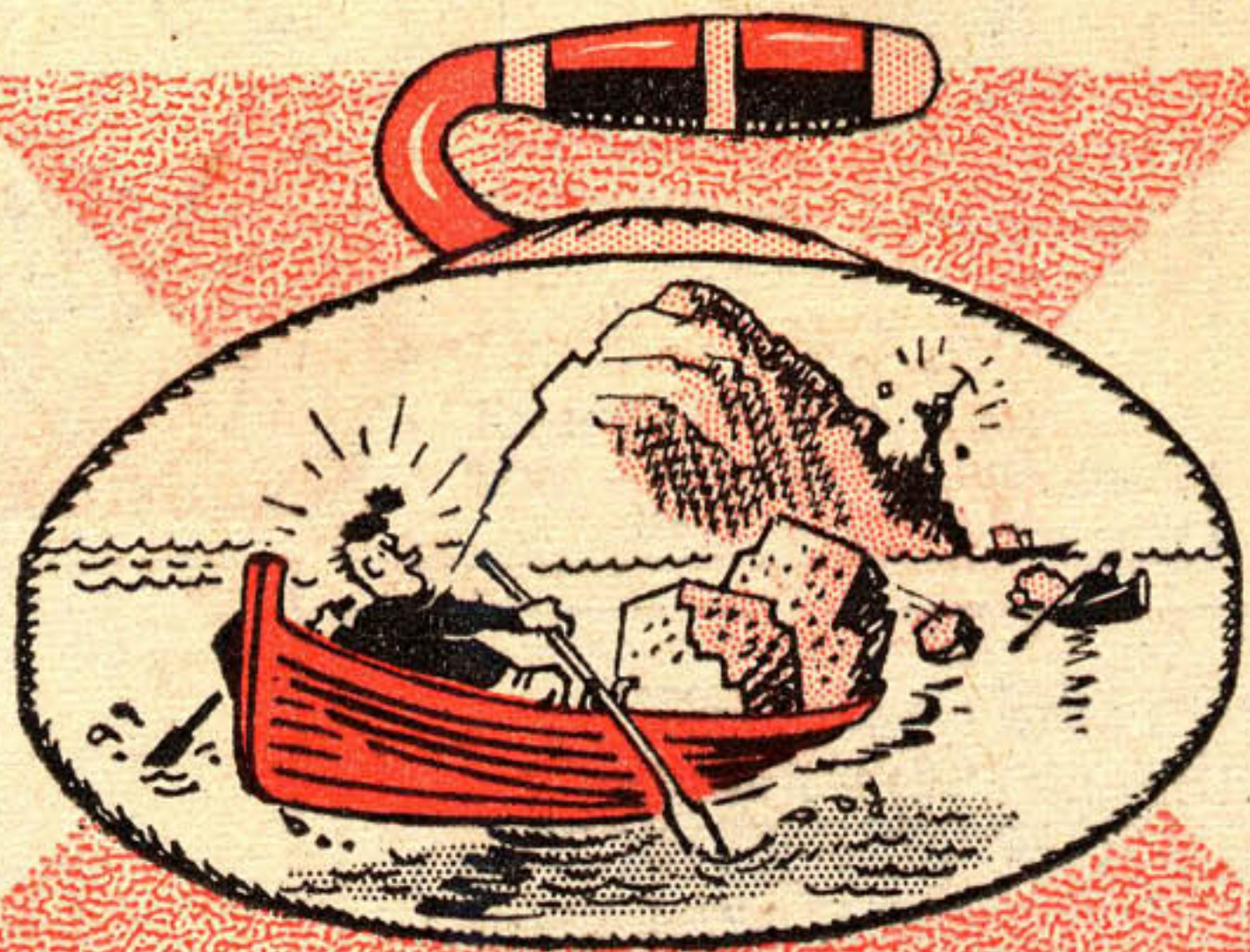


# MAUCHLINE

**M**AUCHLINE is a small town in the Kyle district of Ayrshire. It stands eleven miles to the east of Ayr, on one of the roads to Glasgow.



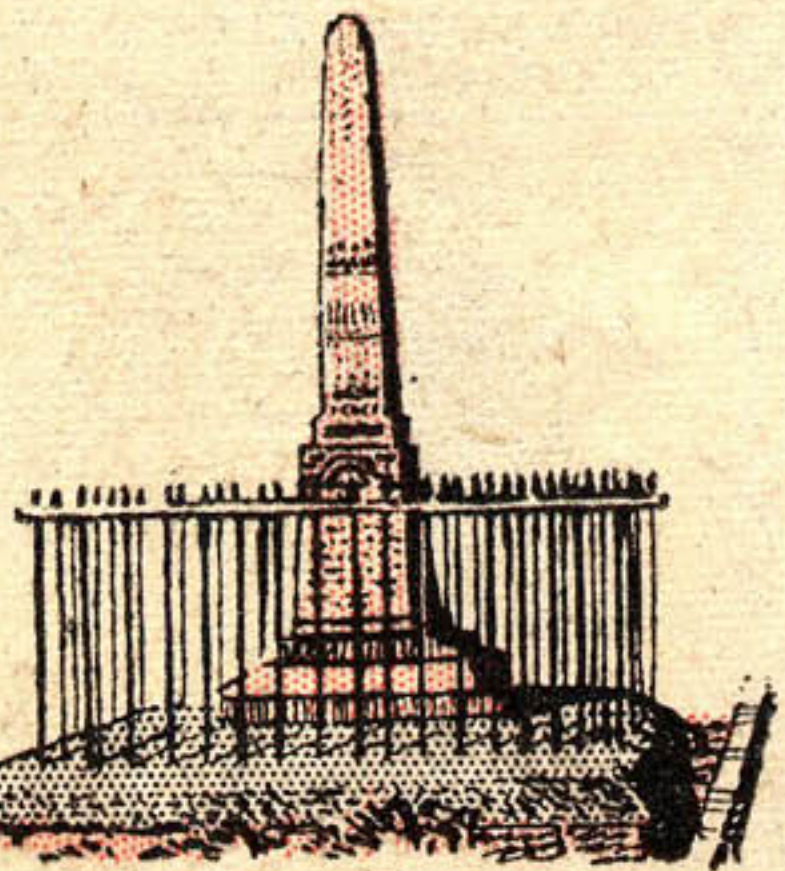
About the middle of last century, Mauchline was famous for a rather peculiar industry. Wooden snuff-boxes and cigar-cases were made there.



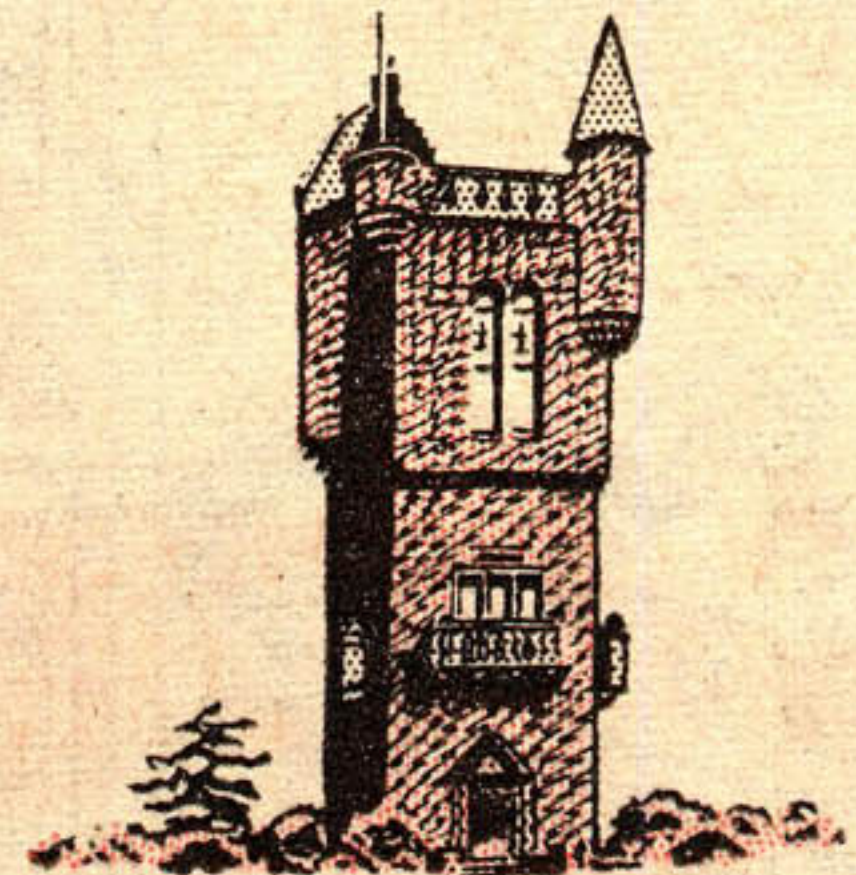
Another unusual industry which is still carried on in Mauchline is the making of curling stones. Granite is brought from Ailsa Craig, a 1000-foot-high, mountain-like island in the Firth of Clyde, known to all Glasgow people as "Paddy's Milestone." At Mauchline the granite is shaped into curling stones at the only curling stone factory in the world.



In 1544, the preacher George Wishart came to Mauchline, but found the church barred against him. His supporters wanted to force their way in, but Wishart stopped them, saying that his teachings were "as potent in the fields as in the kirk."



Mauchline was at the heart of the Covenanting district of Ayrshire during the 17th century. In 1685, five captured Covenanters were marched into Mauchline, where they were executed: A monument to them now stands at the gate of the public school.



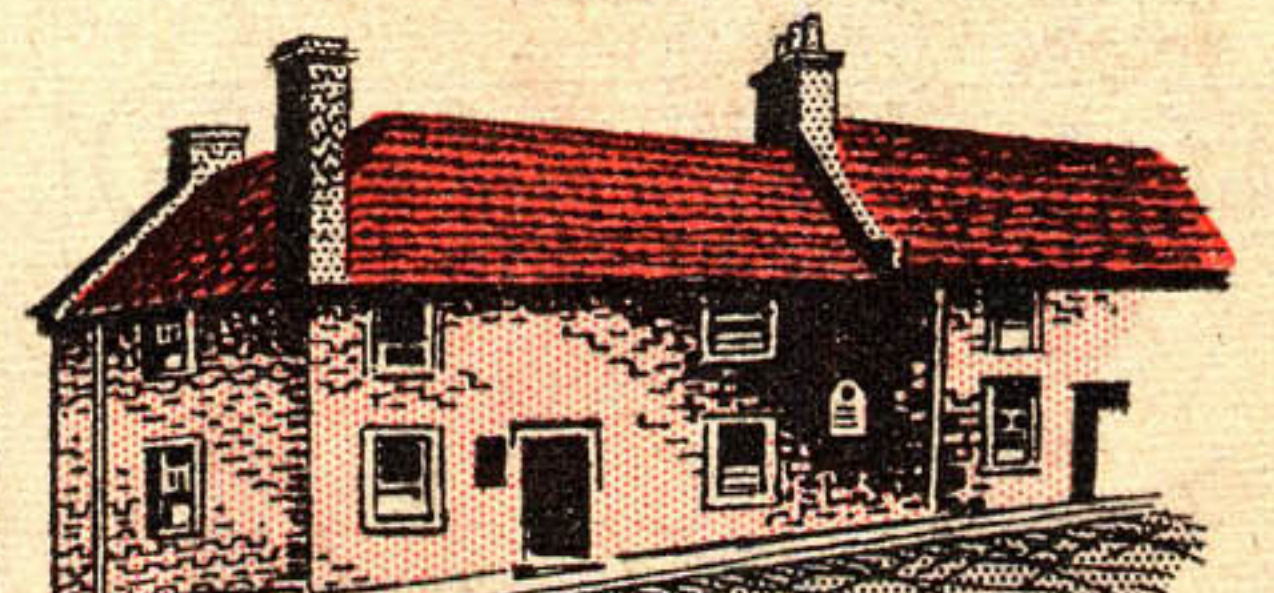
Near Mossgiel Farm, beside the main road to Kilmarnock, stands a plain, undecorated tower, sixty feet high. It is the National Burns Memorial.

Does any famous person live in your town?  
Do they make glass eyes in your town?  
Is any kind of funny festival held in your town?

Write about your home town and win a DANDY prize. Anything interesting or out of the ordinary—that's what to write about. And just two or three items are enough.



Mauchline has many associations with the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns. At the age of 25, Burns came to Mossgiel, a farm to the north of Mauchline. While at Mossgiel, Burns wrote such poems as "To a Daisy" and "The Cottar's Saturday Night," which helped to establish him as Scotland's national poet.



When he was at Mossgiel, Burns met and married a Mauchline girl, Jean Armour. The house in which they lived has been restored and now belongs to Glasgow and District Burns Society.

Remember to put your name, age and address on your entry and say which prize you would like best from this list.

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