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Old By John Deane To Hazel Deane

When the prize was signed a lady kept on collecting money for herself. She had the top of a Port bottle sticking out of her cloak and everyone thought it was a gun.

A man had a good big farm and a few guys pretended to be in the IRA. They evicted the man and took his farm. The man ran down to the real IRA and told them. One of the men went up to the farm and told the lads they had three minutes to get out or they would be shot. He said he knew the guys and if they touched the man he would take them out one by one.

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By Agnes Goyvaerts told to Hazel Denne

This is about my great great Grand uncle. He was the brother of my Great Great Grandmother. It was at the beginning of the first world war and Petrus (he would have been called Peter - pronounced Paeter in Flemish) and his mates were discussing joining the army, but one of the friends had a sick mother and did not want to leave her so the lads were trying to decide which of them would take the place of that man and did this via a certain method. They all had to pick a straw and whoever got the shortest straw would be the replacement. And guess what Petrus got the short straw!!!! He went off to war and like hundreds of thousands of other men he died at the front!!!! There were four children in my Great Great grandmother's family Carolina, (my Great Great Gran) Philering, Petrus and Anna. They were very sad when Petrus (their only brother) died.

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By John Deane Told to Hazel Deane

The British were after a priest
for Bill him. He went into a protestant
house to hide from them. He hid
under the floorboards. They left him
out every night and took care
of him. They put him back every day.
When it was over he went
back to his house and he said
"I have no money to give you but
I will give you my blessing, that
you will never have no money, and
too this day they still have lots
of money."

Told by Norman Deane to Hazel Deane

My Dad was working for an english man and he said he bought his house in 1970. When he was repairing a room he fell through the floor there was a space under the floor to hold two people. It was a safe house and he said if the last owner had known an english man had bought his house he'd be turning in his grave!!!