

Effective Writing

These were written by people from five to fifty plus; some of them are schoolboy howlers; some found their way on to examination papers; some were written on insurance claim forms; some were in letters to the Pensions Office; some have appeared in newspapers; some were written by managers and supervisors in industry; but all were written.

Hanging is a detergent
He was busy mopping the floor with another employee
This is my eight child. What are you going to do about it
To avoid a collision I ran into the other car
To most people solutions means finding the answer, but to chemists solutions are things that are all mixed up.
MacArthur flies back to front
Man's Knit shirt. An Ideal shirt for the active man with an extra long tail
Every factory must have an ambulance room with a certified person in charge
I have no children as my husband is a

bus driver and works all day and night
I was scraping my nearside on the bank when the accident happened
The virginal was a keyboard instrument only certain ladies were allowed to use
Farm hand wanted to milk and drive tractor
River water may contain affluence
Unless I get my husband's money I shall be forced to lead an immortal life
I blew my horn but it would not work as it had been stolen
Jason was a very rich man with golden fleas
House trailer, sleeps two, perfect for bachelor
A compound is when two substances take place
Mrs. R. has no clothes and has not had any for a year. The clergy have been visiting her
I thought the side window was down but it was up as I found out when I put my head through it
Food can be grown in dry areas if you irritate the land

Until and including the end of August, all death and birth notices are being accepted free of charge. Take full advantage of this free service
Heavy water is also called deuteronomy
In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a little boy weighing ten pounds. Is this satisfactory.

There were plenty of lookers on but no witnesses

The Chinese like rotten eggs and make soup from birds nests. They can have it. Responsibilities should be individual.

Where a group responsibility is unavoidable one member of the group should be given overall responsibility

A bundle of human heirs can be used to measure humidity

Sir, I am glad to say that my husband, reported missing, is now dead
Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I haven't got

The high rate of income tax reduces to a level where money is not an incentive
People in Spain take naps every afternoon. This is called a Sombrero

Re your enquiry. The teeth in the top are alright, but the ones in my bottom are hurting horribly

The progressing of equipment in the course of manufacture is carefully watched by a staff of four

Crushing is a solid being hit with something

Rigid obedience at some levels might stifle initiative which is undesirable
The differential payment for responsibility particularly relative to the white collar workers and operatives can again be a major cause of frustration

I am forwarding a marriage certificate, and two children, one of which is a mistake as you will see

Since the field of communications is so large this report is limited to the transfer of technical information from one person to a second person who may be of a higher, lower or singular status



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Community Council News

This is the first opportunity, the Council has had, for communicating with you. It is our intention to keep you informed at all times.

Let it be said right away, that while this newsletter is the product of the Council, it is essentially your newsletter. To this end, all articles, stories, ads big and small, news and letters, are very welcome. These can be sent to any Council member. Do not be afraid to criticise anything you feel warrants it, but let your criticism be constructive.

At this stage, it would seem appropriate, to give a sincere vote of thanks to Ted Kelly, for the effort he has made over the years, to produce the old newsletter. This effort will not be lost to the community as Ted is very much involved with the new Council and newsletter.

Some people are still not fully aware of the role of the Community Council. Our function is to promote the social, cultural and economic welfare of the whole community. That is to say, that if a worthwhile project is brought to our notice, we will give our wholehearted support, physically, morally and as far as possible, financially. On the other hand, should a grievance come to our attention, we will do our utmost to solve or alleviate the problem.

This is not to say that we will do things for people, in fact we will not do things, but we will give advice, assistance and support, to people, in solving their problems or in carrying out projects. We have no wish, or

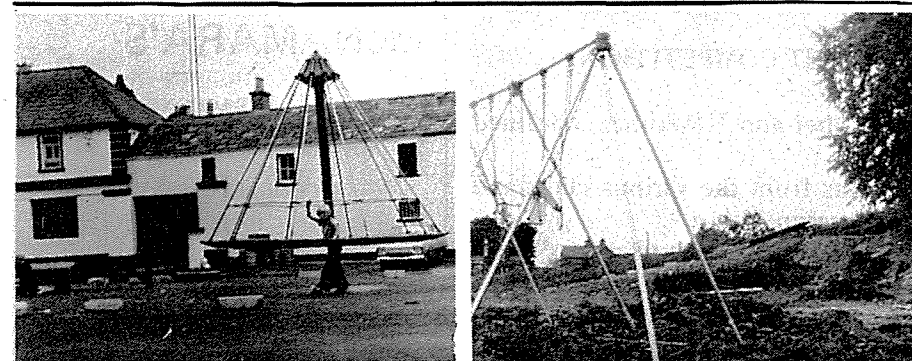
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New Children's Playground almost completed

Work on the new £4,000 children's playground in Maynooth is now almost completed. This project, which is the first stage of the development of the Harbour Field by Maynooth Development Association is a monument to community effort. The project was part-financed by the proceeds of a public collection and exhibition of the play equipment in the square in Maynooth. The County Council gave a grant of £500 for which we must be grateful but at the same time was not overly generous when the total cost of the project is considered and the saving to the ratepayers in the future.

A spokesman for the Development Association said that the Association was very happy with the response to their collection and wished to sincerely thank all those who subscribed: However, he stated that almost half the householders of the town still had not subscribed and that a subscription from most of these people would go a long way towards clearing the outstanding debt on the project.

This playground is an indication of what a small group of dedicated voluntary workers can do when they have the support of the whole community. If the further development planned for the six acre Harbour Field continue to receive such support from the people of Maynooth together with realistic support from the County Council then within a relatively short period of time Maynooth will have a recreational complex second to none.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS *CONTINUED.*

desire, to interfere with any activity, or body, currently involved in the community, but we do hope, that they will come to us for support and encouragement is continuing and expanding their efforts.

Will anybody, who thinks they have an idea, a suggestion or a grievance, please contact the Council. In this way, we can form a clear picture of what needs to be done, and decide how we shall do it.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council will have regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, the next one being on September 9th at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall.

Attendance at the last two meetings of the Council, was quite good, considering the time of the year and the weather (holidays, farming etc.). It must be pointed out however, that regular attendance at meetings is essential, if we are to function properly, and continued absence will not be tolerated.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

It is hoped that these will be approved and adopted at the next meeting. They will be published in a future newsletter.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

We are about to send a list, of all work, needing to be done in the area, to the County Council. If anybody feels that something needs attention, will they please contact us.

INFORMATION CENTRE

We are currently investigating the possibility of setting up our own information centre. We will keep you informed of developments.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A Sub-Committee has been formed to promote community activities. Some suggestions already being considered are for Hallow'een, Christmas and a Festival Week, next year. The Festival Week will include, among other things, a children's sports, from which it is planned to send the winners to the Kildare Community Games, and who knows, perhaps to the finals of the National Community Games. More about this in future issues.

TIDY TOWNS

Maynooth did not do too well in the last competition, but with your help, we feel this can be remedied. In this respect, it has been brought to the Council's notice that indiscriminate dumping has occurred in the area. We feel very strongly, on this subject, and will take appropriate action as necessary.

QUESTION TIME AND INDIVIDUAL TALENT COMPETITION

It is planned to hold the above during October and November, confined to the Maynooth area.

The Question Time will be between teams from the various clubs and organisations and should provide some keen competition.

The Talent Contest will be on the lines of "Opportunity Knocks" with the weekly winners going forward to a grand final.

Full particulars will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

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Playground Supervisors

Now that the new childrens play ground is almost completed the Community Council would like to contact people who would be willing to devote a small period of time to supervising the playground. To ensure the safety of children using this area it is felt that if possible it should be supervised by an adult during times of usage. People willing to devote approximately two hours per week to this worthwhile activity should give their names to any member of the Community Council.

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Stand at the College gates and look up Main Street. The avenue of trees stretches through the gates of Carton as far as the eye can see.

In Spring, when the leaves are just commencing to unfold, it is like a filigree of silver. In Summer it has the restfulness of cool water in a shaded pool and in Autumn, the time when all trees achieve their glory, the vista is indeed superb. Even in Winter, keeping still their promise of all three seasons again to come, the trees hold out their hope. I have yet to see their branches snowcovered — that must be a sheer delight!

But, if you are wise, when viewing keep your eyes raised. Do not let them travel from tree tops to trunks for there is an anticlimax for the beauty seeker or the nature lover. We have tied to the boles of these magnificent trees ugly, yellow, plastic monstrosities to serve as litter bins and we have surrounded their roots with advertisement boards and other junk. What thinking soul would so deface a tree?

Avert your eyes, also, from the beautiful old bridge over which the road runs from Main Street to College gates for it has been disfigured by posters stuck to its piers and the posters so stuck seek support for a community project! Have we an unthinking community — or only a too enthusiastic Billposter?

When I was moving house to the quiet and pleasant environs of Maynooth I mislaid my driving licence and car insurance certificate. On my way to my new home I was caught in a police check at Lucan. Unable to produce the necessary documents or indeed any form of identity I was asked for my name and address. I gave my new address although going there for the first time and not even knowing a neighbour who could vouch for me. "Drive on" said the Sergeant" only honest people live in Maynooth!"

It was a good omen. Let's add a little sensitivity to our honesty!

Speeding Motorists

Concern has recently been expressed by Residents Associations and individuals at the small number of people who drive at dangerous speeds in built up areas around Maynooth. We would like to point out to those people, who ignore other peoples safety and especially that of small children, that their actions are irresponsible and deserve nothing but disdain.

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Do modern educational methods puzzle you?

A newsletter correspondent explains.

What is education.

Education is defined as the development of the whole person, social, physical and psychological. Each stage of development is different and must be treated as such. A child must be allowed to live and develop fully at each stage of its life in order to become a properly balanced individual.

The early years from the moment of birth are the most important from the educational point of view. This is because the foundations for future education and development are laid then. The love and security that parents give and withhold and also the discipline that society imposes all mould the personality of the growing child. It is thought that one effect of a child being deprived of its mother during infancy is poor academic achievement at school. Such a child is not necessarily unintelligent but lacks interest.

Play is education.

Play is the characteristic activity of childhood. Some child psychologists regard it as the most important phase of development because it is self active from personal necessity and impulse. To have full educative value the play must be purposeful and guided. In kindergarten children are encouraged and guided to express their play in such a manner as to reach the aim desired by nature, that is, to serve their development.

Modern systems of Education.

Education in the schools is now becoming more child-centered than curriculum centered. The curriculum is now designed to promote activity and experience rather than acquire and store facts. The

child is the instrument of his own education and the teacher is there to guide and instruct him. The art of teaching consists of making the child want to learn. The classroom has become a stimulating environment where the child is encouraged to learn by doing and discovering knowledge for himself, thus, taking an active part in his own education.

Subjects on school curricula are now integrated and the use of projects helps this process. Projects help the children to cooperate and work together on a particular project. Each child can work at his own rate, develop his own talents and enjoy the end result or reward on completion of the project. The introduction of civics and nature study to the curriculum help the child to study and appreciate his own environment. This creates community spirit and an awareness of his surroundings.

Visual and other Aids.

The use of visual aids in modern teaching helps the child's understanding by enabling him to use more than one sense, other aids help the child to use all his senses. Nature study enables the pupil to study plants and flowers in their natural environment, then take them into the classroom for further physical examination.

The most important change in education is the personal relationship between pupil and teacher. Children need to feel secure, to receive appreciation as individuals, to be able to contribute to group activities through cooperative enterprise. They equally need an atmosphere in which authority is exercised in a clear and democratic way.

It is to be hoped that these changes in thinking will help to bring about a happier society through the better education of the people who make up that society.

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Helping our Senior Citizens

A small but very active committee has been in existence for the past ten years, quietly helping to brighten the lives of our senior citizens. This committee does a lot of commendable work without any fuss or publicity. It is reasonable to assume that not many people outside this committee realise either the volume or quality of work performed in the Maynooth area by this committee. Consider the following!

A social is organised every month from October to June for the senior citizens of Maynooth. A measure of the popularity of this social is the number of people who travel from as far away as Newbridge, Leixlip and Lucan. At these socials entertainment and refreshments are provided. A feature of the socials is the large number of students from local hostels who help by entertaining and organising the socials. A member of the committee told the Newsletter that without the help of the students it would not be possible to run the socials; she also pointed out that the senior citizens, who attend, look forward to just having a chat with the young people and that is a very important part of the social.

Another vital part of the work of the committee is the provision of coal to our senior citizens. With pensions being whittled away by inflation today it is very important not to lose sight of the problems of people living on pensions which for the most part are inadequate. The committee will this year spend in the region of £800 on providing coal.

Recently a very successful outing to Bray was held. Over eighty people travelled and a very enjoyable day was followed by High Tea, a dance and sing-song in a local hotel. There are numerous other aspects of the work of this committee on which we would like to elaborate in future issues.

To finance its activities the committee hold a sale of work and an American tea party on a regular basis. The next such fund raising activities will be held on 11th October in the Parish Hall. Our next issue will carry further details. We think that this committee deserves the help and support of the whole community. Anybody wish to offer financial or other help should contact the Secretary, Mrs. Anne McGarry, Greenfield.

Housebreaking and other Crime

Local Gardai have expressed concern that recent housebreakings have been assisted to some extent by the negligence of householders.

To date Maynooth has had a relatively low crime rate. This, however, should not lull anyone into a false sense of security. Neglect of the basic rules will always attract crime.

Houses should always be made secure when left unattended even for short periods in daylight. Make sure that all downstairs doors and windows are locked. Your car should also be locked even for short periods during the day when you think it may be 'safe' in your own driveway. Valuables should not be left in a car, if at all possible.

It is worth remembering that housebreaking and car thefts can often be prevented by good neighbourliness. Suspicious activities around your neighbour's house should be reported.

Residents worried at failure to complete work on Estate

People living on Rail Park Estate are worried and angry at the failure of the builder concerned to complete work on their estate. Since the completion of the last house approximately two months back, no work has been carried out on the finishing of open spaces. The main open space area of approximately one acre at the entrance to the estate has been lying in a derelict condition for the past three years. Last October, William P. Forde & Sons Ltd., applied for planning permission to build houses on part of this area. This was opposed by the Residents Association and individual residents. The objections were based on the fact that this space was zoned as open green space and to allow the proposed development would have left the estate without adequate amenity space. Kildare County Council refused planning permission and the company has now appealed this decision to the Minister for Local Government.

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News, Articles for Publication

The Editorial Committee is anxious to hear from people who would like to contribute regularly to the Newsletter. We would like to hear from people in all clubs and associations, especially those who have not been regular contributors to the old Newsletter. We would also like to encourage young people to write news and feature articles and we intend to offer prizes for articles, by people under 16, which are published.

People to contact regarding any aspect of the Newsletter are
Ted Kelly, Main Street
John Read, Rail Park, Tel. 286051
Tom Fahey, Rail Park, Tel. 286149
Anne McGarry, New Greenfields
Michael Loughnane, Cluain Aoibhinn

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Irish Red Cross Society

A campaign is currently being carried out in Maynooth to reform the Red Cross branch and Units. Further details will be published in later issues of this paper. In the meantime all those interested should contact Area Commndt. C. Heaney Tel. 365134.

New Greenfield Resident's Association

This Association is now in its third year. Great credit is due to the founders, for forming the basis of a sound and stable organisation.

Affairs have not always gone smoothly, indeed there have been one or two extremely emotional meetings. However, mature reasoning has always prevailed and the association has gone from strength to strength. The biggest problem for successive committee's has been and still is, apathy.

Much of the work has been in trying to speed the development of the Estate, and in having maintenance carried out. It is significant that in this area, the least success has been gained. Representations to the Developer, Builders, County Council and T.D.'s have achieved little. Much of the difficulty is because no building bye-laws exist in County Kildare. The argument, put forward by some County Councillors for not having bye-laws is, that Dublin County Council bye-laws have not been enforced.

To improve the Estate, the Residents, have erected "Children Playing" signs, and are planning to purchase 100 trees to augment those being provided by the Developer.

The Association's activities have not been confined to the Estate. The present negotiations for a communal aerial commenced in Greenfield in 1973. The following year C.I.E. agreed to extend the bus route to the Estate with an intermediary stop for Rail Park and Old Greenfield. The Association is indebted to the people of the Crescent, for allowing the terminus to be placed outside their homes. The service will commence when over-head wires in the crescent are re-arranged to facilitate the buses.

Joint action, with Rail Park and Cluain Aoibhinn Residents and the S.R.C., succeeded in having improvements made to the footpaths out of the town.

The Association has expressed its support for the Community Council, as it expects that the Council, will give all the help it can to any section of the community, that requires it.

DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance organised by the GAA Club will be held on Saturday 22nd November in Osbertown House Hotel.

Enquiries to the Secretary,
Mr. Tommy Fay.

Musical and Dramatic Society

The above society is at present being formed. It is planned to have one production before Christmas and a second next Summer.

What form these productions will take is not yet finalised but details will be published in future newsletters. Would everybody interested please contact one of the following people:-
John Read, 86 Rail Park
May Tynan, 55 Maynooth Park
Mrs. McTiernan, 1 Parson Street
Paddy Madden, c/o Garda Station
Peter Brady, Kilcock Road
Niall Hickey, 112 Rail Park

The forthcoming productions are being geared to please and include as many people as possible, so everybody is invited to get in touch with any of the above for details.

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Busy Time for Brass and Reed Band

St. Marys Brass and Reed Band had one of their busiest seasons yet. They are now approaching the end of a season of engagements in Clondalkin, Blanchardstown, Lucan, Dun Laoghaire as well as Maynooth. Most engagements are under the auspices of Dublin County Council who arrange performances in public parks and resorts during the Summer.

Maynooth can be proud of their band because there are few towns, the size of Maynooth, who have such an accomplished brass band.

It may be of interest to the newer residents of Maynooth to know a little of the bands history. The band was formed over 100 years ago and has been in existence ever since except for a break of about 4 years.

In its earlier years the band played at Parnells funeral and at many Parnell commemorations afterwards. At the turn of the century the band was regarded as a rebel band and in 1916 a number of the band joined in the Rising.

The band as we know it today was reformed after a short lapse in 1931. Most of the senior members playing at present were recruited in 1954 and have been playing together since then.

The bandroom is situated in Pound Street off the main street. This building was formerly a Church which was later to become a school. Practice sessions are held regularly from September onwards. Band members now enjoy such facilities as billiards and table tennis.

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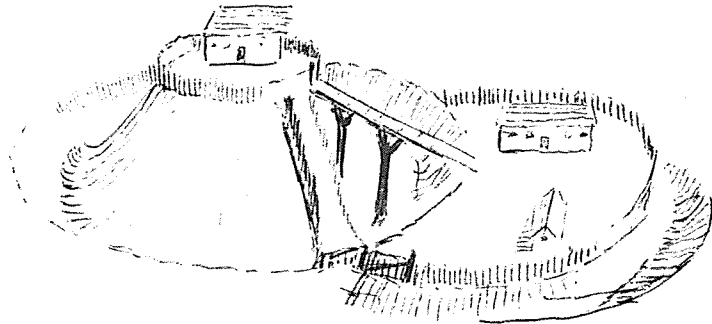
A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

In the month of August in the year 1166 Dermot MacMurrough, king of Leinster, sailed from Ireland to find Henry 11, King of England, and ask his help in regaining his throne. Henry 11 was ruler of a vast empire including England and much of France and he himself had little time for Ireland. But he gave Dermot permission to look for help from his subjects, English, Norman, Welsh and Scottish. It was among the Norman lords in Wales that Dermot found helpers and Maurice FitzGerald, half Norman, half Welsh, the son of Gerald FitzWalter and the famous Welsh princess Nesta, was one of the leaders of the Norman expeditions that came to Ireland, ostensibly to help Dermot but determined to gain their reward in Irish lands. Maurice came 806 years ago, in 1169, but we have a description of him left by the chronicler Giraldus Cambrensis, Gerald of Wales, who was himself a grandson of the princess Nesta and so a relation of the FitzGeralds. According to Giraldus, Maurice was a man "with a face sun-burnt and well-looking, of middle height; a man well modelled in mind and body . . . a man of few words, but full of weight, having more of the heart than of the mouth, more of reason than of volubility, more wisdom than eloquence".

It was this Maurice who was granted the first FitzGerald lands in Kildare. The modern county did not then exist as it was the Normans themselves who introduced counties to Ireland. In Maurice's day the future county Kildare was divided among four main tribal areas, Offelan in the North, Offaly to the north-west and centre; Omurethy in the south, and Leix to the south-west. Maurice was given part of Offelan, including the manor of Maynooth. What the Norman lords were granted they had to hold by force and their characteristic policy was to build strong stone castles at strategic points. Maynooth castle was one of these, but it is highly unlikely that the present castle was built by the first Maurice. He died in 1177 and in the early days of conquest there was little time to spare to build huge castles of stone. What the first generation Normans built were the earth and wood structures known as "mote-and-



Re-construction of a Mote-and-Bailey
From H.G. Leask, Irish Castles.

baileys." (See illustration). The mote was a high mound of earth on top of which was built a wooden house or tower. Attached to the mote was the bailey, an entrenched area or court at a lower level, and both mote and bailey were surrounded by a deep fosse or ditch. These were quick and relatively easy to build, could use natural features, and were an effective defence.

Maurice's son Gerald FitzMaurice became the first Baron Offaly, the family having acquired lands there also. He died in 1205 and it was his son, the second Baron Offaly and the second Maurice FitzGerald, who built the Maynooth Castle we know today. The chequered history of the Kildare Geraldines during the next 500 years took a heavy toll and it is no longer possible to see the castle as it was in its heyday, though most of what is left dates from the early thirteenth century and has outlasted later additions. The massive keep still stands alone in the grounds and was enclosed by a wall called a "curtain" which included the existing entrance gate and the turret tower in the north-east corner.

H.G. Leask, the authority on Irish castles, identifies four main groups of Irish castles built during the period 1180 to 1310, the great period of expansion of the Anglo-Norman lordship in Ireland and the most important period of what he calls "Irish military architecture." Maynooth belongs to Group A, castles with rectangular keeps, either isolated, as the keep at Maynooth, inside an enclosure or "ward", or with the keep forming part of the natural defences. To Group A also belong the castles at Carrickfergus, Trim and Adare. Group B comprises castles with cylindrical keeps, as Dundrum and Nenagh. To Group C belong castles with rectangular keeps with a round tower at each angle, as Carlow and Ferns, while Group D comprise castles with no keep and with the curtain enclosing a rectangular area, as Dublin, Limerick and Kilkenny. The groups overlap chronologically but the general trend was from the keep castle with towerless curtains to the keepless fortress, so that Maynooth belongs to the earliest type.

Annual General Meeting of Greenfield Resident's Association

The recent A.G.M. elected following officers:—

Chairman:

Michael Gleeson, 858 Greenfield.

Secretary:

Leonard Murphy, 841 Greenfield.

Treasurer:

Christopher Boyd, 843 Greenfield.

Committee Members:

Mrs. S. Moran

Mr. B. O'Rourke

The Association would like to inform tenants that due to some County Council departments being closed for holidays there is a slight hold-up in matters which they have asked the Council to deal with. It is hoped that outstanding problems will be solved in the next couple of weeks.

The 2nd Annual Dinner Dance will be held on New Years Eve and the venue will again be the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. There will be further particulars in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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Holy Days of Obligation (except Christmas and St. Patrick's Day):

8.30: 10.00: 11.30 a.m.: 6.30: 8 p.m.:

Weekday Masses: 8.00: 10.00 a.m.:

First Friday Masses: 8.00: 10.00: 8.00 p.m.

Masses at the Chapel-of-Ease, Ladychapel: Sundays and Holy Days: 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturdays: After 10.00 a.m. Mass: from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

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Mass and from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

Evening Devotions: Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Mondays 8.00 p.m.

Baptisms: First and Third Sundays of each month at 3.00 p.m. Please keep to these days if at all possible, and let one of the priests know beforehand.

PARISH CLERGY: Fr. Fergus O'Higgins, P.P., Parochial House (beside the Church). Telephone 286220.

Fr. Brendan Supple, C.C., The Presbytery, The Harbour. Tel: 286210. Additional help is provided by Fr. Enda Lloyd and Fr. Dan O'Connor, Maynooth College and other College priests when the need arises.

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Extension to Boys School to cost £118,000

Because of the expanding population of the parish it is necessary to extend the school buildings. Already three old classrooms in the Convent have been renovated to serve until a major extension can be built. A major extension to the Boy's National School is about to be built. This will extend the existing classrooms in addition to a small assembly hall or general purposes room. The estimated cost of the extension including furniture is £118,000, of which the parish must pay £17,000. Already £4,000 has been paid in fees to the architects and quantity surveyors who have been working on the plans for the past two years. This leaves an overdraft on the Parish building fund of almost £3,500. A concession has been obtained from the Office of Public Works allowing the remainder (£13,000) of the local contribution to be deferred until the buildings are two thirds completed. This will enable the parish to clear its present debt before negotiating a further loan from the bank. In addition to the overdraft on the building fund there is another overdraft of about £4,000 on the general expenses account. This arose through concentration of effort on repaying the loan which was raised to build the new parochial hall. This loan has now been cleared; the hall is fully paid for and is bringing in considerable revenue, especially through the weekly dances and bingo sessions. The profits from the hall are now going towards clearing the general expenses overdraft. The funds raised through the 'Planned Giving' collection are earmarked entirely for the school building fund.

ICA News

At the ICA's meeting on Thursday night last Dr. Lawlor of the Eastern Health Board delivered a very interesting lecture on child care.

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Q. What has four legs and goes "Oom! Oom! ?
A. A cow going backwards
Q. What sits on the seabed and shivers?
A. A nervous wreck.

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Four hundred clocks were stolen from a London factory last night but police say there is no cause for alarm.

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Recent Wedding

The wedding took place recently of Miss Angela Dowling of Greenfield and Mr Michael Murtagh of Kilcock. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to both.

Foster Parents wanted Urgently

Foster parents are urgently needed by the Eastern Health Board for short-term or long term fostering. If you are interested please contact the Social Work Department, Eastern Health Board, Basin Street, Naas. Tel: 045-7607.

New Club Extension for North Kildare

This year North Kildare Club celebrates the golden jubilee of its founding with the official opening of the new clubhouse extension on September 5, 6 and 7th, 1975. This will be a fitting climax to many years of hard work and dedication by past and present members.

Originally founded from an amalgamation of two tennis clubs, Firmount (Clane) and Lucan, in 1925, it was first known as the North Kildare Tennis and Cricket Club. Rugby started around 1928 and hockey soon afterwards. Today, although cricket is going through a lean period, the other sections are thriving as never before, while the addition of a bridge club caters for the more intellectually agile.

The new extension includes a spacious comfortable lounge and bar, a recreation area, dressing rooms, showers, storerooms and a caretakers flat. These, added to the existing dance hall, supper room, kitchens and dressing room, make the clubhouse one of the finest in Leinster. It looks out on 12 acres of parkland, which includes three rugby pitches, two hockey pitches, and two hard and six grass tennis courts.

The rugby sections under president Ted Robinson, secretary Larry Geraghty and captain Trevor Reilly, has its greatest ever membership this year and expects to field at least eight teams regularly. This will include, two schoolboys teams, for whom an introductory course has been running throughout the summer. One of the strongest provincial rugby clubs, Kildare can boast of Ten Trophies in the past four years and two appearances in the Leinster Senior Cup.

The hockey sections which in the early 50's won all the Connacht and Midland trophies for three years running, was revived again in 1962 and in latter

years has been a powerful force in provincial hockey. It won the Meehan Cup, the Midland League and Mixed Shield for three years running, in 1970, 71 and '72. In 1974 it won the Mixed Shield again, lost the final of the Meehan Cup which it went back to take in 1975. Under president Gerry O'Hara, secretary Daragh Magee and captain Keith McCracken, the hockey sections expects to add a ladies team to its mens and mixed teams in the coming season.

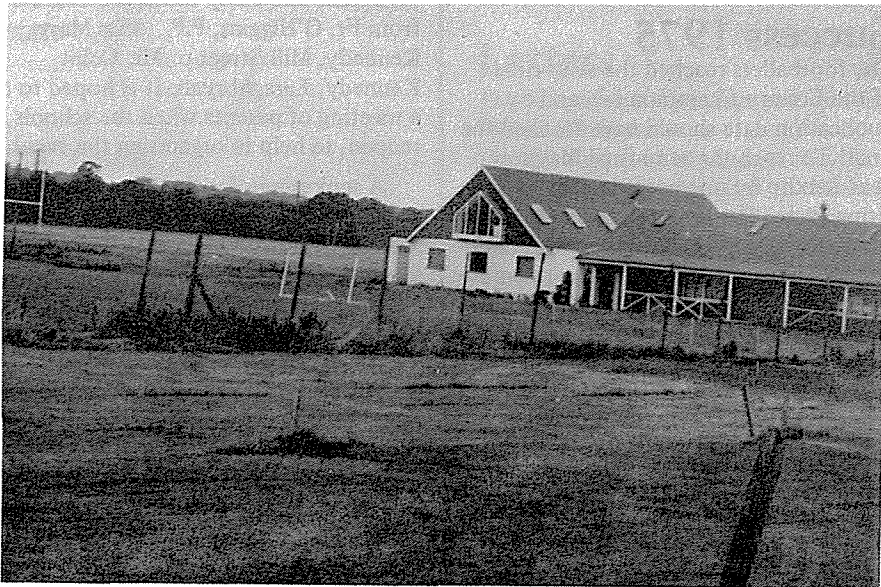
Parallel to the rugby and hockey activity, the tennis section is enjoying its most successful season for many years. Inspired by Gerry Fennell, Patricia Heywood-Jones and Eleanor Delaney the North Kildare First team has, at time of going to press, won through to the semi-final of the Provincial Tennis Cup, while the second squad finished second in their league. With up to 100 members, the club has its own championship in full swing, the finals of which will be played on Saturday, September 6th at 2.00p.m.

The Bridge sections, the latest addition, has up to 40 members and under Percy Delaney, president, and hard-working Secretary Susan Prendergast provides challenging entertainment to many whose abilities are not confined solely to the playing fields

The diary of events for the weekend of the official opening is as follows:-

- Sept. 6th Sat.
2.00 p.m.
Rugby Tournament Hockey Tournament, Tennis Tournament & Bridge Tournament
7.30 p.m.
Ladies Rugby Game (Tennis v Hockey)
Sept. 7th Sun.
2.30 p.m.
Rugby North Kildare Schoolboys v Navan Schoolboys.
3.15 p.m.
North Kildare XV v President XV
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SPORTS PAGE

G.A.A. Club celebrates Centenary Year

This year Maynooth GAA Club celebrates the centenary of its founding. Both Hurling and Football have been played continuously since the foundation of the Club in 1875. The Club has achieved notable success in both games, the footballers having won every official competition sponsored by the County board. One of the notable features of the history of Maynooth Club is that it can show that the games of hurling and football were played in the parish prior to the foundation of the GAA.

Success 1975

The footballers reached the semi-final of the County Championship and by publication date should have reached the final! To reach the semi-final Maynooth beat Leixlip by one point in a very exciting game. The Clubs last success in the football championships was in 1965 when they won the County Intermediate Championship. The winning of this years Championship would be a fitting climax to the Centenary Year.

Hurling

The junior hurling team have also reached the semi-final of the County Championship and we hope to report further success in our next issue.

Soccer Club looks forward to another successful season

Maynooth Town AFC are already in training for what promises to be another very successful season. Players wishing to join the club should contact Gerry McTernan, or any of the club officers. At the recent A.G.M. the following officers were elected:— Chairman M. Donnelly, Main Street, Secretary S. Feeney, Celbridge Road, Treasurer, M. Murphy, Straffan Road, Committee: T. Moore, P. Nevin, C. Feeney, G. McTernan, S. Gleeson, J. Murray.

Flag Day

The annual Flag Day of the Maynooth GAA Club will be held on 27th and 28th September.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

It has been decided by the parish and the Community Council to promote a sponsored cycle ride on Sunday 5th October in an effort to raise funds to clear the present Parish debt, and the development of the Harbour Field. It has been decided that half the funds raised will go to each project.

The course for the ride will be four rounds of the Maynooth —Rathcoffey — Clane — Barherstown — Maynooth route. This is approximately 70 miles. It is hoped that a large number of people will take part and will be sponsored at anything from a halfpenny per mile upwards. It must be explained that this will not be a race; there will be no marks for speed, style or efficiency. However, the riders taking part will be expected to complete the seventy mile course in order to qualify for payment. A light lunch will be provided in the Geraldine Hall at the half way stage. The Maynooth Development Association is making the hall available as a base.

Details and entry forms are available from Fr. O'Higgins, P.P., Miss Mary Kennedy, Mill Street or Mr. Colm Kennedy, Laraghbryan. It is hoped to call a meeting of parents when the schools reopen, to help in organising the event.

A spokesman for the 'steering' committee said that they were hoping for fine weather but in anycase they expected participants to complete the course in spite of hail, rain, snow, a attack by unfriendly natives or wild animals. **Cemetery Sunday:** The annual prayers and blessing of the graves at Laraghbryan cemetery will take place on Sunday 14th September.

Footnote: We hope that nobody will suspect an ominous significance in the juxtaposition of the sponsored Cycle Ride and Cemetery Sunday.

Tennis Courts for Maynooth

The Development Association have decided to go ahead with laying the foundations and tarmacadam on an area sufficiently large to incorporate two tennis courts. At that stage it is hoped that people interested in playing tennis will form a club and continue this development of the courts.

Results of Handball and Squash Draw

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£20 Mr. Martin Donnelly, C/o Manor Mills
£10 Miss D. Conroy, 49 Borris Road, P'Leix
£ 5 Mr. Billy Nolan, Leinster Cottages
£ 5 Mr. C. Beane, The Harbour.
£ 1 Mr. M. Dempsey, 549 O'Neill Park
£ 1 Mr. J. Kennedy, Mill Street.
£ 1 Mr. E. O'Neill, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell.
£ 1 Miss Higgins, 740, Greenfield
£ 1 Mrs. Moore, 485, Straffan Road
£ 1 Miss C. Cullen, Baltracy Donadea
£ 1 Mrs. Griffin, 44 Maynooth Park
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Letters

c/o 85, Maynooth Park,
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Dear Sir,

You will be aware of the formation recently, of the Maynooth Community Council, for the advancement of the general social and economic benefit of the community.

Your association is at present working on a number of projects for the development of Maynooth, which are deserving of support from all sections of the community.

I would like to suggest, that a meeting of your members and some representatives of the community council, would be beneficial, to avoid duplication of effort, and to determine where we can be of help to each other.

Perhaps you would let me know, if you agree with this suggestion, and if so, when such a meeting may be arranged.
Yours faithfully,
P.B. Eddery,
Chairman,
Maynooth Community Council.

Letter from the Chairman of the community council

Dear Community Member,
Since its foundation, the Community Council has made steady progress. As you can imagine, being very young, we are still feeling our way and it will take some time before our presence begins to have some effect.

This is not to say that we have been idle, in fact, quite a number of projects and problems have come to our attention. Naturally, we cannot hope to solve all of these overnight. Remember we are not superhuman, but ordinary community members like you.

To solve these problems and carry out the projects, we will need your help. This does not mean that we cannot be criticised, indeed we shall welcome it, but let your criticism be constructive.

In this way we can all help each other, and make Maynooth a place we can be proud of.
Yours sincerely,
Brian Eddery,
Chairman,
Maynooth Community Council.

Children's Trip to Seaside

The Greenfield Residents Association recently organised a very successful outing to Bettystown. What was initially organised as a childrens outing gladly turned ou to be a family outing for over 170 parents and children.

Letters

The following is a message received from Father O'Higgins:—

"In this first issue of the new Maynooth Newsletter, the clergy wish to thank the outgoing Editorial Committee for publishing our parish notes regularly over the years. We also thank the new Sub—Committee of the Community Council for giving us the same facilities and we wish the new Newsletter every success.

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improvement in effort from the nity this year. Some outstanding al contributions were noted. The ; on the corner is now being rebuilt and e complete for next year. The area to ed for next year should be the canal, e an amenity area for the increasing ion.

Maximum 35. Awarded 26.

is — appropriate placing of litter absence of litter, derelict sites, gs and indiscriminate dumping. ontrol has improved, though some still . The demolished cottages on the Dún- load still remain as last year. Two cottages on the Cluain Aoibinn Road spoil the good impression, also the sory purchased house in the main street would all benefit by a coat of white- least as an interim measure. The Council e approached about dumping of pipes d on the grass area at the layby on the Road. Some dumping of refuse and sand ed behind the Castrol Garage near the The litter at the shopping centre was ore bins might solve the problem here.

Maximum 20. Awarded 11.

tation of buildings — including business premises, factories, : and public buildings.

iness premises for the most part looked ll — a pity that most shops have used igns. Perhaps for European Architectural e Year if the original signs remain the sign could be removed and the original l. The college looked neat and the ; very well presented. The Castle also well, but watch the weeds at the base of l. The student residences looked well but armonise better if more shrubs were nearer the buildings. The Divine Word aries Monastery looked neat, but n should be given to the verge outside ndary wall — lots of litter was evident ie garda barracks looked well and the very attractive. The filling station in 'the shopping centre was tidy. gh's Mills was reasonably tidy, but n to the painting of woodwork is y. The gates to the College on the Road are disappointingly presented. lestrian bridge had fly posters on the he Catholic Church needs repainting the stone work. The gates to Carton vill soon need repainting. The decorators s on the corner looks very well and e even better if the adjacent gable was nted. The schools were quite good this

Maximum 20. Awarded 17.

Presentation of natural amenities — open spaces, village green, river banks, foreshore, parks, trees, flowerbeds, etc.

The canal area should now become a park. For a start, if the grass were cut and the water weeds removed to emphasise the junction of the water- ways this would be an improvement. Eventually, a more ambitious project of a parkland layout and some planting, seats, etc. could be envisaged. The other side of the bridge could be used as a walk if neat, and some seats provided. Colourful self maintaining shrubs should be kept in mind. The square in the centre of the town is some- what desolate and the children's play area is lost behind the parking — even a small green area adjacent to the main road would enhance the whole town. The small stream on the Cluain Aoibinn Road is rather neglected. The open areas in front of the College are extremely well kept and neat.

Marks: Maximum 25. Awarded 19.
Appearance of approach roads and verges, streets, back lanes and footpaths.

As last year, the approaches were disappointing. The layby on the Dublin Road has been mentioned. The Kilcock Road is very tatty — an itinerant camp was on the layby opposite the residences. The remainder of the road is sadly overgrown. The Dunboyne Road is also rather overgrown. The Celbridge Road is the best, but attention to the weeds on the bridge is necessary. Some of the back streets were very neat. The cul-de-sac was reasonable, but watch the incidental open areas here.

Marks: Maximum 20. Awarded 10.
Presentation and appearance of residential areas, including their open spaces.

Some outstanding examples of individual effort in this category. The Cluain Aoibinn Estate has some attractive young trees planted. Some of the older terraces of houses parallel to the main street look very well indeed. The older scheme near the Shopping Centre could be tended more carefully with special attention to the open area near the main road. The Greenfield Estate — while open spaces near the road are well trimmed, amounts of litter were noted. Some boundary fences and walls seem to have been forgotten in the presentation of some houses.

Marks: Maximum 15. Awarded 11.
Presentation of street furniture on roads, car parks, open spaces, etc. — including road signs, telephone kiosks, post boxes, litter bins, village pumps, statues and monuments, seats, advertising hoardings.

As mentioned last year, the road signs are almost all in a very bad condition. The old sign on the Kilcock Road could be removed. The telephone kiosk was neat. The litter bins were crisp and seemed to be coping reasonably well with the problem.

Marks: Maximum 15. Awarded 9.

Total Marks: Maximum 150. Awarded 103

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COMMUNAL TELEVISION

Some months ago a circular was distrib- uted to all households in Maynooth, outlining the progress of the project to date. At that time it was hoped that the way was now virtually clear to start collecting money for the contractor to enable him to commence wiring. Alas, the site for the mast ran into difficulties and have not yet been resolved.

As soon as these difficulties were realised an alternative temporary solution was sought. It has taken nearly four months to get one. The Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs have consented with Kildare County Council to allow the contractor to wire from an existing suitable domestic aerial as a temporary measure provided one could be found. One has been found and agreement has been reached with the owner.

An accountant has volunteered his services to help with the finances. The help of a solicitor is still sought as the former one was unable to give his services on a regular basis. Contracts will be distributed in the near future for signing. The cost is now £58 per household. Details of pay- ment will be explained with the contract.

It may be of interest to all the community, that from various tests carried out all over Maynooth, it has been found that good reception can be received in only one limited area. Outside of this are areas of "nulls" and an ordinary domestic aerial no matter how high it goes, will not receive other channels than R.T.E. at an acceptable level. This is not a plug for the communal system but rather a warning to people not to have a costly domestic aerial erected without first checking if they are in a "good" or "bad" area.

With help and co-operation it is possible that many households could have a choice of channels in the near future. This is a project for the community and with your help, we feel it can be brought to a successful conclusion.

As the project is of such size and thousands of pounds are involved it will be appreciated that the organisational element is vast. It is felt that the new Community Council have the manpower and resources to handle this project and we have therefore asked them to handle it. They have agreed to look into the situation.

"The Committee"

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Community Council News

The Council has been working hard to complete the necessary preliminaries of drafting a constitution and drawing up rules, etc. so that it can get down to doing constructive work for the area. No doubt there are many problems to be solved, and from a cursory glance through the list, it is almost impos- sible to determine where to start. Each of us feels that his or her problem is the most worthy of immediate attention and, no matter where we com- mence, we will be considered by somebody or other to have neglected our duty. This, we shall just have to accept and do the best we can.

As we said, there is a lot to do and, at the October meeting, we shall have to arrange the priorities as we see them and will do what we can to work down the list as quickly as possible. There may be items which may not yet have come to our notice, and the Council would be pleased to receive details of these. However important or unimportant these are, they will be considered at a Council meeting and, as long as it is a genuine problem that *you yourself cannot solve* the Council will be prepared to take up the matter on your behalf and see what can be done.

There are other things in life besides problems, and man requires some leisure and, at times, amusement. This will not be neglected by the Council and already some plans were laid in this direction at the Council meeting on 9th September last. Among the items discussed were:

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The draft constitution and rules were further discussed and, what is hoped to be the final draft, will be present at the next meeting for ratification, and published in the Newsletter.

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If you are interested in asking any questions about your town and local community, you will be welcome to attend. The lecturers will be interested in your views and contribution as, we hope, you will in theirs. Full details will be available in the next issue of The Newsletter.

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee have been quite active and among other things have agreed to steward the Cycle Ride on Sunday, 5th October, in aid of the Primary School Building Fund and, through the Community Council, the Sports Field Fund. There has been quite a good entry and, no doubt, the Sponsors will be generous. If you have not already sponsored a rider, there will be numerous riders at the starting point at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 5th October, who will be only too pleased to accept further sponsorship.

The Committee point out that a number of road junctions along the cycle route will be stewarded and riders are asked to obey the stewards' signals at these points. There will also be a mobile patrol on the course to assist any breakdowns and there will be first aid points in case of any cuts or bruises, etc. (hopefully there will be none but accidents do happen).

Also being organised by the activities committee in the near future is a Tramps and Fancy Dress Ball in the Parish Hall, 10 – 2 a.m. Admission 70p. (Those in Fancy Dress and "Tramps", 50p). There should be a lively night's entertainment.

There are many other items under consideration at present of which we shall let you have details later.

QUESTION TIME AND INDIVIDUAL TALENT COMPETITION

The final arrangements are not yet complete but keep an eye open for further announcements towards the end of October or early November, and note further entry in this issue.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next full Council meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th October at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall. Officers meeting on Monday, 6th October.

THE NEWSLETTER

The first publication of the Newsletter under the auspices of the Community Council has been a tremendous success and we are greatly encouraged by your response. It is our intention that the Newsletter should be always informative, educational and stimulating to some degree, and we hope it will serve, to some extent at least, as a focus of our common identity and mutual concern. We feel that we have set a high standard and hope, through the contents, to serve the whole community. We are anxious too that the Newsletter should reach people outside our immediate area and to this end we ask people who have relatives or friends away from home to consider sending them a copy each month.

In the first issue we stated that we were anxious to hear from anyone wishing to contribute articles, stories, etc. for publication – these can be sent to any member of the Council. The next issue of the Newsletter will contain some new features on interesting topics, and it is intended to commence a column on articles "Wanted" and "For Sale"! Our readers are invited to use the columns of this paper for either comment or criticism – which will serve as a "feedback" from members of the community.

LEGAL ADVICE

The Community Council are anxious to contact any person living in the area, who has sufficient knowledge of legal matters, to assist the Council in their various projects.

Will anyone who thinks he can be of help please get in touch with John Read, Secretary of the Community Council, 86, Rail Park, Phone: 286051.

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.
When I last wrote this column I gave it the title "Maynooth Vista" because it referred mainly to the view between the trees from the College gates to Carton and that, according to the dictionary, is what a vista is. But it is as good a name as any for the views and thoughts of a lately come resident – which may sometimes be found as narrow as the view between trees – so let it stand for as long as I can find something to say and the Newsletter allows me to say it.

I know that the development of the Square, with the siting of the proposed memorial, is in the pipeline but in the meantime could we make a start with one immediate essential? Unless we make the roads each side of the E.S.B. transformer to and from the railway bridge one-way only, there is a distinct possibility of a horrible accident one of these days. To allow two-way traffic to flow each side of the Square where exits and entrances are comparatively narrow, where traffic is joining a main traffic stream and where the view is restricted is just plain stupidity. We have embarked on a campaign to drivers to make Maynooth a safer place. Let us also have the reverse of the coin and make Maynooth a safer place for drivers.

And while I'm on that topic, did you realise that in Maynooth we are unique? We must be the only town in Ireland where motorists are allowed to drive on the footpaths.

This year, whether because of the exceptional Summer or because they like the peace and invigorating atmosphere of North Kildare, my small garden became the playground of that most innocent looking and delectable specimen of lepidopterous insect, the white butterfly. All through the warm, sunny days they chased each other about in an endless game of tig and time and again sub-consciously I quoted to myself – "and the first white butterfly in the sunshine dances by". Now they are gone and September has not been all that good. But I still remember the white butterflies. At the bottom of my garden where I carefully set my modest contribution to the family diet I have now thirty of the finest lace cabbages you ever saw this side of Carrickmacross!

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WANTED

It is our intention to publish photographs regularly in the Newsletter. We are anxious to receive old photographs of Maynooth village or of places of special interest locally for publishing from time to time. Photographs of local sporting teams of the past would also be welcome. All scenes and individuals in photographs should be identified as accurately as possible — with date of the taking of the print in question. Contributors should ensure to include their name and address for both acknowledgement and eventual return of the prints, which should be forwarded to:

Ted Kelly, P.R.O., Main Street or
Vincent Duffe, 12 Laurence Avenue
or any Council member.

USEFUL LINES

The following local telephone numbers are for your information in case of need:-

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Garda Siochana, Naas — 7333
Fire Brigade & Ambulance — 286222
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Cut out and keep in a convenient place.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the first production which will be held in November. More members are needed and all are very welcome, be they young or old, male or female. If you are not covered by one of those categories, do not despair, the M.A.D. (Maynooth and District) Society, will still accept you. So do come along and see us.

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TALENT AND QUESTION TIME

The preliminary rounds will be held in the Parish Hall on November 7th, 14th and 28th, with the grand final on December 5th.

From the initial response, this competition promises to be a tremendous success. Prospective entrants should contact Phil Burke, Back Lane, John Read, 86 Rail Park or any Community Council member.

Remember that entries will unfortunately have to be limited, so get your application in early to avoid disappointment.

PARISH NOTES

Cemetery Sunday

There was a very big attendance at Laraghbryan on Sunday, 14th September, despite broken weather. We are grateful to the County Council for having the grass cut and the cemetery tidy. We congratulate the people for caring so well for the graves of their departed relatives. We thank the Maynooth Church Choir for coming to lead the singing of hymns.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

This is due to take place on the date of publication of this issue of the Newsletter. We thank all who are helping — the riders, stewards, caterers, sponsors, canvassers, Garda Síochána, etc. We hope the event will be very successful in every way — socially as well as financially.

Ireland's New Saint

Blessed Oliver Plunkett is to be canonized on Sunday, 12th October — the first Irish person to be declared a saint since St. Lorean O'Toole in 1226. The event will be celebrated with special Masses and devotions all over Ireland. We have ordered a large framed picture of the new saint, which will be set up in a place of honour in the parish church on the day of the canonization and afterwards hung permanently in the church.

The "Forty Hours" Adoration

This prolonged exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, still called "the Forty Hours", though in fact it is much shorter, will be held in Maynooth on Sunday and Monday, 12nd and 13th October. As it cannot begin now until after the 1 p.m. Mass, we propose to extend it to midnight on the Sunday and to end it at 9 p.m. on the Monday.

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Boys' School Extension: Parish Finances

The building work at the Boys' Primary School is progressing satisfactorily. As the Office of Public Works has agreed that we defer paying the local contribution until the building works are two-thirds completed, it has refunded what we had already spent. This leaves our building fund over £2,000 in credit, but our Parish running expenses fund is about £3,500 in the red. We could expect to be well in the clear before our local contribution of about £17,000 becomes due in the spring. However, it looks as if we shall have to go further into debt very soon to acquire a site on the south side of Maynooth for the new school (and eventually a new church) which that growing area will need in a few year's time. We cannot defer the purchase of a site much longer, or there will be none available. However, the matter will be fully considered by the Parish Finance Advisory Committee in consultation with other parties concerned, and the people will be kept informed.

Annual Audit

The parish accounts are audited in July of each year. Here are some of the main points of this year's audit:

Receipts from Planned Giving: £7,300
(£900 up on previous year)

Bingo: £2,500. (£1,200 up).

Dances, etc.: £7,400 (about the same as previous year).

Church running expenses: £3,000
(£800 up).

Hall running expenses: £1,800 (included in Fund-raising Expenses last year).

Fund-raising Expenses: £2,000
(£1,000 down).

Repairs and Maintenance: £4,300 (mainly cost of painting parish church - £3,000)

As will be seen, expenses have risen considerably, but so have receipts. We shall need greatly increased revenue to meet the big commitments we have to face. All new residents will be asked to join the Planned Giving for the next round which begins in January.

The parish contribution to SHARE (Diocesan Development Fund) for the year ended 30/6/75 was £1,918. We wish to thank all our collectors, subscribers and parish workers for their loyal co-operation.

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PIONEER COUNCIL NOTES

At a reception held recently the Chairman of the Pioneer Council, Mr. Jim Doyle, presented Fr Gerry Maguire with a canteen of cutlery as a farewell gift. Jim Doyle thanked Fr. Maguire for his constant help and advice when he was our Spiritual Director. Fr. Maguire, in reply, thanked the Council and praised its work on behalf of the community. He saw teenage drinking as a special problem today but maintained that many teenagers were realising the spiritual value of the virtue of temperance and were, accordingly, adopting it.

The Council are always anxious to get new members and appeal to all who have an interest in the Pioneer movement to become affiliated. It is hoped to display posters locally in an effort to attract and enrol new members.

The Council are adopting a different scheme to distribute the Pioneer magazine. People who wish to purchase the magazine on a regular basis may do so by giving their names to any member of the council in their area. The magazine will then be delivered monthly. "The Pioneer" will continue to be made available at Barry's Newsagents, Main Street.

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

Classes for First Aid commenced on Wed. 17th September in the I.C.A. hall and will continue for 8 weeks. We were glad to see so many new faces. They deserve great praise considering the inclement weather.

The presentation to those who qualified for Civil Defence and Knights of Malta First Aid Certificates will take place on Wed. 1st October in the I.C.A. Hall after the regular class.

In the New Year it is hoped to have a Basic Rescue Course (Civil Defence). Anyone interested will be more than welcome to come along any Wednesday night.

Unit members, with the co-operation of Members of the Rathcoffey Unit have been providing First Aid Service at Leixlip Carnival. This service will also be provided for the Sponsored Cycle Ride which takes place to-day (Sunday, October 5th).

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Paddy Madden

A VIEW OF THE C.I.E. RAILWAY STATION AT MAYNOOTH.

This is a recent photograph of the railway station at Maynooth. A prize of £1.00 is offered for the best caption received to go with this picture. The winning caption will be published in the next issue.

Entries to: Vincent Duffe, 12 Laurence Avenue or Ted Kelly, P.R.O., Main Street, Maynooth.

Closing date 20th October. Adjudicator's decision is final and binding.

Photos in this issue available at small cost.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our association was formed in May 1974.

In our dealings with the builder and developer, we have had some success and a lot of promises.

The Success: In their initial plan for the completion of this estate, the developers proposed leaving the landscaping till last as they were not prepared to maintain it themselves. In discussing the cost of the landscaping, the developer offered to pay the full cost if the Association would undertake responsibility for the landscaping and the upkeep afterwards. This was agreed on and the money was lodged in a joint account. The work was carried out from November '74 to April '75. We are now beginning to see the fruits of this labour.

The Promises:

- 1) The completion of the roads.
- 2) A proposed Tennis Court.
- 3) The completion of maintenance and most important, the completion of repairs to already occupied houses.

In our dealings with the County Council we have had very little success, and we hope that the machinery of the Community Council will soon be set in gear to deal not alone with our problems but with all the problems of Maynooth.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Maynooth branch of the Red Cross has been re-formed. The inaugural meeting which was attended by the National Red Cross Organiser, Comdt. Lavery and the Area Organiser, Comdt. Meaney, was a huge success.

The aim of the Red Cross is that one member of each household should be proficient in First Aid. When the number of accidents, both minor and major, that can take place in the home are taken into account, it will be realised that a knowledge of First Aid can be an enormous asset.

To this end, first aid classes will be held, commencing in October and the dates will be displayed publically when finalised. Will all those interested, please contact the Secretary, Mrs. McDermott, 14 St. Lawrence Ave., New Greenfield, or any committee member.

Committee:

Niall Fagan (Chairman)
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Mrs. McDermott (Secretary),
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Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. O'Malley.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH
A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

Maynooth Castle



A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

Stone-built castles like that at Maynooth were a novel feature on the Irish landscape in the early thirteenth century. Giraldus Cambrensis, the contemporary historian of the Norman invasion, tells us that the Irish "pay no regard to castles, but use the woods as their strongholds and the marshes as their entrenchments". He also noted that the Irish were at a disadvantage because they went "naked" into battle against the heavily armoured Norman knights. (I hasten to add that by this he meant simply that the Irish wore no armour and not no clothes!) For the Normans the castle was a key factor in both their military and their settlement policy. When they occupied a new territory they built a castle at the best available position for defence, in the case of Maynooth at the junction of two streams, and then around the castle, and under its protection, the Norman-dominated community could develop.

But all this was in the future when Maurice FitzGerald came to Maynooth in 1176. Maynooth, in Irish Magh Nuadha or Ma Nuad, meaning "the plain of Nuadha", was part of the tribal kingdom of the O'Byrnes called Uí Fáeláin, or, by the invaders, Offelan. Uí Fáeláin means literally "the descendants of Fáelán", an eighth century ruler of the clan who became over-king of all Leinster. The name O'Byrne or Uí Briúin, "the descendants of Brion", comes from another member of the dynasty, who lived in the fifth century, and his name survives today in the townland of Laraghbryan a mile and a half from the town of Maynooth on the main road to the west. Laraghbryan is in Irish Láithreach Briúin, "the dwelling place of the Uí Briúin". The position of Offelan, or Uí Fáeláin, and its relation to the fourteenth century county of Kildare can be seen on the accompanying maps. It was one of a number of sub-kingdoms within the province of Leinster and its ruling family competed with the rulers of other sub-kingdoms for dominance and the title of king of Leinster. Uí Fáeláin, whose territory was east and west of the Liffey around Naas and northern Kildare, had produced several kings of Leinster, one of whom, Mael Mórda, fell fighting with his Norse allies against Brian Boru at the battle of Clontarf in 1014. But at the time of the Norman invasion the king of Leinster was Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in south Leinster whose capital was at Ferns. Dublin at this period was a Norse town ruled by a Norse king.

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22. Ireland before the Normans

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In an interesting article in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record for February 1940, "Maynooth Parish Church Centenary (1840-1940)" the V. Rev. Michael T. MacSweeney P.P. traces references in the Irish annals to the Maynooth area in pre-Norman times. These annals are the great records of Irish history compiled by the monks in some of the larger monasteries, often incorporating material from earlier annals now lost of smaller monasteries and setting out in the form of a huge calendar, year by year over the centuries, the events which the compilers thought worth recording. Unfortunately they did not think worth noting the doings of anybody except kings, abbots, bishops and the powerful, so we cannot hope to learn from them anything of the lives of the ordinary people of the Maynooth area. But they do give some interesting references to the area. The Book of Leinster tells us that the Nuadha who gave his name to Maynooth was Nuadha Neacht, king of Ireland around the year 110 B.C., and that he was the ancestor of the famous Finn ma Cumhail, the leader of the Fianna. Fr. MacSweeney also discusses the possibility that the site of Grangewilliam churchyard in the townland of Donaghmore, or Domnach Mór, just to the east of present day Maynooth, may have been a resting place for St. Patrick on one of his journeys. As the Board of Works is currently carrying out a detailed archaeological survey of the whole country, and expect to be moving into county Kildare within the next year or so, the truth of this tradition may soon be proved or disproved.

The clearest and most unambiguous references to the Maynooth area in the annals are to the monastery of Láithreach Briúin or Laraghbryan. The references are brief and scattered but they cover a period of four hundred years before the coming of the Normans. They begin with the tantalisingly curt report for the year A.D. 656 that "a cow appeared at Láithreach Briúin which calved four calves". No details are given and no explanation of the importance of this phenomenon which made it worth its place among the battles and deaths of the great of that year. For A.D. 766 the death of Glaindibur the abbot of Laraghbryan is recorded, for the year 856 that of "Cormac, scribe and bishop", and for 901 the death of the "son of Flann, Abbot of Laitreach Briuin". Finally the Annals of the Four Masters give two last sad notices. For both 1036 and 1040 the annalist reports that Láithreach Briúin was burned and plundered by the men of Meath. The eleventh century was one of particularly fierce struggle for the high-kingship of Ireland which involved most parts of the country at various times, and the map shows how vulnerable Láithreach Briúin, in Uí Fáeláin at the very north of the province of Leinster, must have been to raiders from Meath which was then a separate province.



23. Fourteenth-century Ireland

RAIL PARK ESTATE

As reported in the last issue of this paper, the Residents of Rail Park have been involved in a struggle to try and get their estate completed. At present the surround to the estate on the Celbridge/Maynooth Road and the entrance to the estate is in a disgraceful state due to the builder not clearing away his debris along with the two huts which are blocking part of the road on the estate.

The developer, has ceased operating on the site at present and despite repeated efforts on the part of the Residents' Association, they have been unable to ascertain exactly when he is going to fulfil his obligations in regard to finishing the estate and also standing by his 18 months guarantee to the individual purchasers of bungalows.

At this point, representations have been made to Kildare County Council and the advice of A.C.R.A. is being sought to see if action can be taken to bring pressure to bear on the developer to complete the estate.

The E.S.B. has also been contacted to connect the remaining lights.

A Dinner Dance is being held in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip on Thursday, October 9th from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets available from the Social Committee, Mrs. Nolan, No. 38 and Mrs. Barry, No. 49, Rail Park.

Eddy Bolger has been sponsored by the association for the Cycle Ride. We wish him and the other entrants, the best of weather.

MEETING — FEDERATION OF IRISH BEEKEEPERS

A meeting, under the auspices of the above, will be held in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth, on October 10th next, at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Peter O'Reilly, Federation Secretary, will give a talk on "Wintering Bees". Mr. Colm Kennedy, Laraghbryan, will act as Convener.

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The article by Fr. MacSweeney, quoted above, will be very useful to anyone interested in the early history of Maynooth. The maps are from *An Atlas of Irish History* by Ruth Dudley Edwards, published by Methuen, price £1.50. This is a very useful reference book for anyone interested in Irish history.

KIDDIES CORNER

Change the word RISE into the word FALL in the diagram below, changing only one letter in each move.

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Answer: Rise, Rile, File, Fill, Fall.

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“The Outsider” by May Wynne

- Q. What is the longest night?
A. A fortnight.
Q. Why did the rain bow (rainbow)?
A. Because it heard the thunder clap.
Q. What word must always be pronounced quickly?
A. Quickly.

NO HURRY

Two pals who had heard that the streets of London were paved with money went there to work. The evening they arrived one of them saw a five pound note on the street. He stopped to pick it up. “Leave it there”, said his mate, “We’re not starting work until tomorrow”.

TOO SLOW

“You should get a new delivery boy” a customer told the butcher. “Why do you say that?”. “The one you have is too slow. I ordered lamb yesterday and by the time he arrived with it, it was mutton”.

TRUE ENOUGH

The mother of four young boys was taking part in a T.V. quiz. The compere asked her “Finish the proverb, Cleanliness is next to —” “Next to impossible” said the mother.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE’S COMMITTEE NEWS

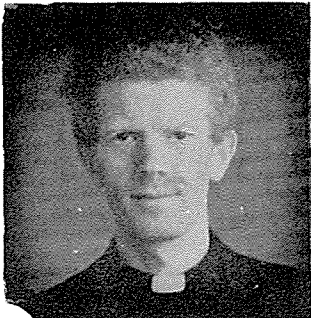
We wish to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to our two friends from the Divine Word Hostel who have recently been ordained to the priesthood — Fr. Liam Dunne who was ordained at Knock, Co. Mayo and Fr. Tom Morrison who was ordained in

Belfast. We look forward to working with them for another year.

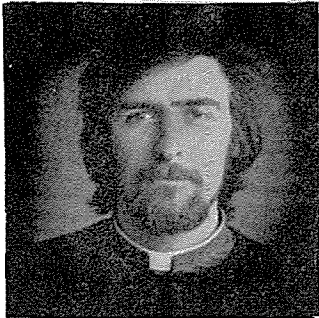
The committee held a sale-of-work and an American tea-party on a regular basis to help finance its activities on behalf of our senior citizens who face a long winter ahead. Continuing support is needed from the community in the various fund-raising efforts organised by our committee. The next American tea-party referred to in our last issue, will now be held on 26th October at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please give us your support.

The Chairman of our committee, Mrs. Brady, is presently in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We also extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leavy, Winegates, Maynooth, who are both in hospital.



Fr Liam Dunne, SVD.
Dublin



Fr Tom Morrison, SVD.
Belfast

Members of
Old Peoples’
Committee,
recently
ordained:



Paddy Madden

This group from Maynooth attended the First Mass celebrated by Fr. Liam Dunne, S.V.D. at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on Sunday, 21st September last. Fr. Dunne was ordained at Knock the previous day.
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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Our Junior Footballers are through to the County final of this year's Championship. To get to this stage we had to overcome a strong challenge from Kill in the semi-final. The Final will be played on Sunday, 5th October in Newbridge when we play St. Lawrences. There will be transport available from the Square to Newbridge on match day. Hoping you will all support us.

Our Junior Hurling team is also in the County final in which we meet Eire Og. This match will be played on Sunday, 12th October in Newbridge at 1.45 p.m.

RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL AND SQUASH DRAW HELD ON 10/9/'75

- £40 — Anne Gill, Graigue, Donadea
£20 — Margaret Gillick, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth
£10 — Margaret Faherty, Kilmacreddock, Maynooth
£ 5 — Mr. & Mrs. Nolan, 38 Railpark, Maynooth
£ 5 — Evelyn O'Keefe, Greenfield, Maynooth
£ 3 — Mrs. A. Rafferty, Moyglare, Maynooth
£ 2 — Sheamus Byrne, Railpark, Maynooth
£ 1 — J. Smith, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell
£ 1 — Mrs. M. Burchell, 830 Greenfield, Maynooth
£ 1 — Mrs. J. Sauls Snr., 9 Parson St., Maynooth
£ 1 — Mrs. Helen Doyle, Leinster Cottages Maynooth
£ 1 — Mrs. M. Walsh, 355 Greenfield, Maynooth
£ 1 — Mr. M. Doyle, 26 Railpark, Maynooth
£ 1 — Mrs. K. Madden, 105 Railpark, Maynooth
£ 1 — Denis Breen, Claremount, Maynooth
£ 1 — Terry Healy, 78 Maynooth Park, Maynooth

The following promoters won £1 each: J. McLoughlin, C. Nelson, P. Begley, Mrs. J. Cullen, E. Bolger, M. Doyle, P. Brazil, P. Madden, J. Moore, G. Flanagan.

The next draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Wednesday, 8th October 1975 at 8.30 p.m. Promoters are asked to have all cash handed in at least one day before the draw.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

This Club is now open for the 1975 season. Play commences at 8.30 p.m. every Monday night in the parochial hall. Membership fee is £5 for the season and intending members should contact Maura Fahey (phone no. 286149) or Dominic Guest (phone no. 286355).

The Club has a special section for Junior members and a coach will be provided to teach them the game.

RUGBY NOTES

North Kildare Rugby Club are now training on two nights per week in preparation for the coming season. This year the Club will again field five teams together with two schoolboy sides. For the senior club there are training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8.00 p.m. The club would be delighted to hear from players wishing to join the club. Larry Geraghty is secretary and can be contacted at 286161 or 259178. Trevor Reilly is Club Captain and his telephone number is 286166.

DRIVERS WATCH OUT FOR OUR



GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Sports day thrills and spills were held on Saturday, 30th August and following are the results:

Track:

Under 4:	Boys:-	Darren Farrell	Girls:-	Aileen Gleeson
" 5:	Boys:-	Mark Cummins	Girls:-	Enda Gleeson
" 6:	Boys:-	Damian O'Connor	Girls:-	Tina Hearn
" 8:	Boys:-	Ken Cribbin	Girls:-	Grainne Malone
" 10:	Boys:-	Patrick Conlon	Girls:-	Sandra Cummins
" 12:	Boys:-	Mark Cribbin	Girls:-	Sandra Cummins
" 15:	Boys:-	Martin Dowling	Girls:-	Sandra Cummins

Egg & Spoon:

Under 6:	Boys:-	Alan Boyd	Girls:-	Enda Gleeson
" 10:	Boys:-	Ken Cribbin	Girls:-	Theresa Cribbin
" 15:	Boys:-	Ian Cummins	Girls:-	Sandra Cummins

3-Legged Race:

Under 10:	Boys:-	William Burchill & Pat Conlon	Girls:-	Sandra Moran & Deirdre Kenny
" 15:	Boys:-	Colm Lawless & Martin Dowling	Girls:-	Martina Malone & Grainne Malone

Mini Marathon: Boys: Martin Dowling. Girls: Sandra Cummins.

Slow Bicycle Race: Boys: Kevin Donovan. Girls: Martina Malone.

Mother's Race: Mrs. K. McMannon. **Father's Race:** Michael Gleeson.

Musical Chairs: (Mixed): Martina Malone.

Tug-o-War: Men: Niall Byrne's Team. Ladies: Mrs. A. O'Rourke's Team.

Result of Raffle:	1st	Mr. N. Bright	Greenfield.
	2nd	Mr. Keoghan	Greenfield.
	3rd	Mr. P. Judge	C/O I.M.P. Leixlip.
	4th	Mr. O. Pegley	C/O I.M.P. Leixlip.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the winners and to sincerely thank all competitors and supporters.

SPORTS DEBUT

At Castletown A.C. Sports held at Navan, Loughlin Murphy, Newtown, Maynooth, was narrowly beaten in the youths' long jump by a youth from Co. Armagh. As this was his debut outside of school events, this was a wonderful performance by Loughlin from a field of twenty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Maynooth Boxing Club

Dear Sir,

"BOXERS TAKE TO THE STREET"

Formed in 1973, there are 30 Boxers, age 7 years and upwards, and have won 150 trophies and trained in Geraldine Hall on Wed., Thurs. evenings and Sunday mornings. They also won 1 Kildare Co. League, 2 Kildare Championships and 2 Members represented the Club in Manchester. The Boxing Committee met Trustees of Geraldine Hall recently and were informed they would get the Hall for the coming season provided they had their members covered by Insurance. This was done and on Thursday night of last week, they arrived for training but were informed by a Trustee they were not getting the Hall. No reason given. The Hall was not being used on that night by any other Club. They (the Boxing Club) were informed to meet the Trustees on the following Saturday night, this they did, but only one Trustee was present and he told them the Trustees were not meeting them and again no reason given. On Sunday the Club held a Protest march through Maynooth with placards reading:

Maynooth Boxing Club Victimised
Geraldine Hall Lies Idle
Help us, Help Your Children
People of Maynooth, Help Us

There is no other premises available in Maynooth for Boxers to train and without the Geraldine Hall, the Club must go out of existence.

Gearoid Mac Teigrúain

Greenfield Estate Residents
Association,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the members of Greenfield Estate Residents Association I wish to congratulate you on your first edition of the Maynooth Newsletter of September 1975.

The birth of this new form Maynooth Newsletter is indeed a great step forward for the entire Maynooth community. There is no doubt that its birth has only come about by the concerted efforts of our newly elected Community Council.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you every success in the future, with both the Maynooth Newsletter and the Community Council itself.

Yours truly,

D.J. LYON,
Chairman.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Last month a two-and-a-half year old girl came close to serious injury when a garden wall fell on her. Miraculously, the only apparent injury to the little girl was a cut on her head.

Following the incident a number of house-owners found on examination that many garden walls were in a similarly dangerous condition. The Builders were advised of the incident but took no apparent action.

The planting day on Greenfield Estate will be Saturday, 8th November. The Trees sub-Committee has a hundred and forty trees on order and these will be planted along the grass verges, Silver Birch and Mountain Ash alternating. The sub-committee has been planning for some time for this occasion. £386 had been collected when going to press from Members of the Residents' Association and traders servicing the estate and the fund is still open. On the 23rd August, a team of about ten cut down about a hundred and twenty trees at Donadea to use as supporting stakes. It is expected that on 8th November, everyone on the estate will turn out to plant the trees. In the meantime the sub-committee are taking names of volunteers so that the operation can be planned.

DINNER DANCE

It's hard to believe but almost a year has passed since our last Dinner Dance. Those who were present will remember it as a great night, and we are sure will be anxious to come again. As for the rest, now is your chance to make up for lost time. The Dance this year is being held on Friday, 28th November. We enjoyed last year's dance so much that we are returning to Hotel Cill Dara. At £3.75 the price of the tickets has not changed — not bad in these times of inflation.

Tickets available from:

Mr. Dave Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park Mrs. Ann McStravick, 15 Laurence Ave.
Mrs. Eleanor Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave. Mrs. Mary Fleming, 45 Greenfield Drive
Mr. Tony Callaghan, 1 Straffan Way Mr. Pat Kiely, Maynooth Park
Mr. Aidan Flood, 3 Maynooth Park

As promised in the last issue arrangements have been finalised for our 2nd Annual Dinner Dance in Springfield Hotel on New Year's Eve.

Music by "The Latchcoes" Tickets £3 each.

Tickets can be obtained from any Committee member.



Paddy Madden

A group from Maynooth, prior to leaving on a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo to attend the ordinations of Rev. Fr. Liam Dunne and some of his fellow students of the S.V.D. Order on Saturday, Sept. 20th 1975. The picture here includes members of the Old People's Committee.

INCLUDED ARE: Mrs. Sherry, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Lavin, Mrs. Breen, Jack Corroway & Mrs. Corroway, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. & Mr. Fagan, Mrs. McGarry, Peter Kelly, Mrs. Treacy, Mrs. Fennell, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Howard, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Reilly, Miss Byrne, Mrs. Read, Miss Harte.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE: Mrs. Taylor from England and her two daughters, Mary and Marguerite.

GARDENING (Vegetables)

— Colm Kennedy

Because we are able to cash in on nature for the production of root crops vegetables are among the most rewarding. In almost every case root crops store up food reserves in their roots or bulbous ground-level stems for use in the formation of seed the following season. By nature they provide for the wise gardener a ready-made system for the storage of food for winter and early spring use, when most vegetables are scarce. Time of sowing, ground preparation, choices of varieties are crucial to ensure all-the-year round supply of vegetables. In general, roots are best grown on ground manured or treated with compost for a previous years crop. Carrots and parsnips tend to develop very forked roots on freshly manured land. The time of sowing vegetables should be related to the particular crop. For any kind of success a well prepared seed-bed is absolutely essential. I always like to start with ground that has been winter dug so that the frosts, winds and rains of winter have played their part long before sowing time comes. It is impossible to make a decent seed-bed after spring digging. Another point worth remembering, note with care the depth of sowing needed, as seed sown too deeply is the cause, in most cases, of poor germination. Sow thinly, save seed and time which would otherwise be wasted in thinning-out later. Later I will give a run-down on vegetables most suited for the average gardener.

COOKERY

Safety in the Kitchen:

1. Always make sure there is a grown-up present when you intend to cook, and as a matter of fact, ask them to light the oven or grill for you. It is as well also to ask them to take the item out of the oven for.
2. Don't forget to use oven gloves or an oven cloth when taking things out and putting them into the oven.
3. Fireproof dishes only should be used in the oven, and do not put them on a cold or wet surface when you take them out.
4. Ask a grown up to help you when using sharp knives.
5. Show your recipe to a grown up before you start to cook.

Before Cooking:

Wear an apron when preparing your recipe. Be sure your hands are clean.

After Cooking:

Wash up as you go along. Some things will only need to be rinsed before using again. Leave the kitchen clean and tidy after you.

Weighing and Measuring:

1. At first when cooking always weigh out amounts carefully. Later, when you are experienced you may be able to judge amounts without weighing.
2. When measuring level tablespoons or teaspoons, heap the spoon and then level off with a knife.

This months Recipe:

EGGS IN TOMATOES

Ingredients:

Tomatoes (one for each person),
Eggs (one for each person)
Salt and Pepper
Butter
Bread crumbs.
(also required a small pointed knife and fireproof dish.)

Method:

Turn on your oven (Gas No. 4 or Electricity 350 degrees). Cup tops off tomatoes and scoop out centres with spoon. Put the tomatoes in a fireproof dish and sprinkle a little salt and pepper inside. Crack eggs and drop one into each tomato. Sprinkle again lightly with pepper and salt. Sprinkle with bread-crumbs and top up with a piece of butter. Bake until whites of eggs are quite firm (ten minutes or so), and serve quickly.

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The Opposite

Maggie and Mick had been keeping company for a long, long time, and she decided to drop a hint. "I found a four leafed shamrock today", she said, "and they say that's a sign of a Wedding." "Not at all", said Mick, "It's a sign of good luck".

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EDITORIAL

All our Future

The Community Council is a local representative body convened democratically. In it's dealings with local or central government or other agencies it will, as far as possible, use the medium of negotiation to achieve it's ends. Only when all other means have failed will the notion of direct community action be considered, whether by way of protest or other types of agitation. How can we as a community expect governmental or other bodies to act on and deal effectively with our grievances when we often do little or nothing to help ourselves? Take, for instance, the recent report of the adjudicators in the "Tidy Towns" competition which was printed in our last issue. How much will you do to improve on the matters needing attention? Or take the Royal Canal and it's development — will you, when needed, show that this community, through sheer effort, organisation and self-help, can successfully accomplish at least some of the work necessary to put this amenity to useful purposes? An old saying says "Life is what you make it" — the truth often lies here; it is not always what others, or government, or indeed your Community Council can make it for you. Modern society is individualistic and full of sectional and selfish interests but the way is open and the means available to attempt to answer the widespread sense of unease and frustration about the way our lives are organised for us. Professor Ivor Browne once said "People should play an active part in running their own affairs" — the role of the Community Council is here; organising, co-ordinating, suggesting and stimulating local effort. Our function is to lead and not drive — we will work primarily with people and not always or necessarily for them. We see no place for unproductive argument regarding our aims or objectives which were set out in general terms in our first issue and are now being formulated more specifically. This community responded generously to the projects such as the swimming-pool and the development of the Harbour field, undertaken by the Maynooth Development Association to date. With regard to the future — do not expect the impossible, rather work to achieve it. The Maynooth area will soon see further development and we need to control it and our environment generally: we need more recreational facilities; we need to improve existing amenities and all types of services. But above all, we need human growth and development. Support the efforts of your Council to make Maynooth a dynamic and forward-looking community. We are aware of our responsibilities regarding all our future — it is one of our aims to make you more aware of yours.

— WATCH OUT FOR OUR SPECIAL DECEMBER ISSUE —

DO YOU WANT YOUR MONEY BACK?
SEE ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS ISSUE.

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plus picture for caption prize.

Editorial Committee — Ted Kelly,

Vincent Duffe, John Read and Des Fabey.

Photographs by Sean Tracey and Paddy Madden.

USEFUL LINES

The following local telephone numbers are for your information in case of need:-

Garda Siochana, Maynooth — 286234

Garda Siochana, Naas — 7333

Fire Brigade & Ambulance — 286222

Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P. — 286220

Archdeacon Fisher — 286233

Rev. Fr. Supple, C.C. — 286210

Cut out and keep in a convenient place.

Community Council News

The Council was very pleased with the result of the Cycle Ride and are glad to report that over 80 riders set out on the course and practically all completed. The stewarding passed without a hitch and the Civil Defence Casualty Service had only a few bruises to attend to. Unfortunately the weather did not hold, and rain fell from about 1.00 p.m. but, all struggled valiantly on, despite the weather. It is too early yet to say exactly how it went financially, beyond that it was a great success. Money is still pouring in to the organisers and those who have not yet done so are asked to do so immediately.

The chairman reported on various meetings and discussions on street lighting, road and footpath repairs, work on the sports field, etc, and was pleased to report that some extra street lights have already been erected, with some more to come, and further that some of the street and footpath repairs have been included in the book of estimates for the coming twelve months. This should mean that the works should soon be started.

Activities Committee:

The Activities committee reported on the arrangements for the Hallowe'en Tramps and Fancy Dress Ball but reported some little difficulty with regard to the Bonfire, but it was hoped to overcome this. The Committee also reported on some proposed arrangements for Christmas (Christmas tree, carols, etc.) This will be reported more fully in next issue.

Constitution and Rules:

The Council reported completion of the drafting of the Constitution and Rules and it was decided to send them for legal opinion before having them formally adopted.

Tidy Towns Competition:

The Tidy Towns Report (see last issue) was discussed by the Council and a Sub-Committee was instituted to draft a three-year plan with a view, hopefully, of getting into the top ranks by 1978/79 if not before.

T. V. Aerial:

The Chairman reported that there had been further discussions on the Community Mast and that provisional permission had been given to use a private aerial (with amplifiers, etc.) until a permanent site was settled on. A suitable private aerial was found and it is hoped to complete details with the owner shortly. The cost per house for a link-up with the system will be £58, with an annual maintenance fee of £3.00. (This has been approved by the Prices Commission).

Youth Council:

The forming of a Youth Council for the Community was discussed and the Community Council would be glad to have the views of young people up to 20 years of age on this matter. Young people are asked to send in their opinions or to discuss the matter with their local Community Representative.

LIST OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Anne McGarry, 757 Old Greenfield

Michael Nevin, Newtown

Freddie O'Melia, 59 Cluain Aoibhinn

Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue

Bob O'Reilly, 493 Mariaville

The Spirit is willing but

The husband was busily turning over the pages of a well-known girlie magazine. Wife to husband: "You know, you've been repeating 'How disgusting' for more than an hour."

A Thought for Action

Compared with what we ought to be, we are only half awake. We are making use of only a small part of our mental and physical resources. Stating the thing broadly, the human individual thus lives usually far within his limits; he possesses powers of various sorts which he habitually fails to use.

[William James].

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer

Though born and raised many miles from Maynooth I was never a city slicker. My home town was bigger than our village but it had the country just behind it and the sea on its doorstep and we kids had the best of both worlds. Every season had its own games and occupations and the only thing that interfered was our compulsory pursuit of knowledge at the local school. Perhaps the children in my home town to-day are different but it is too late for me to go back to see.

Anyway, why bring all that up? Those old ghosts were raised for me by two very pleasant afternoons spent by my wife and myself during October when we went to pick blackberries in the fields around Maynooth. They were both successful excursions and we came home with over twenty-two pounds of berries which are now reposing in our store cupboard in the form of beautiful dark luscious jam, which should see us well into Spring. And yet, during the course of the two sunny afternoons we spent on the picking we saw neither sight nor heard sound of a child bent on a similar excursion to ours. Do the children in Maynooth not pick blackberries? What do they do on sunny afternoons in Maynooth when school has been let out?

I noticed, in the course of our picking, an abundance of ripe elder berries, much beloved of the home wine maker. Sloses there were, though not in quantity but had we tried we could have filled a basket. What about a few bottles of sloe gin or is that too a lost art?

Recently I had dinner with a cousin who has returned from the United States and whose wife is an American. As a sweet she produced a real blue-berry pie, a favourite dish in the States, and which she had made from imported fruit. It was delicious! Never having seen blue-berries I asked if she had any of the uncooked fruit left. She produced a bowl of the berries. I could be wrong, but if those blue-berries were not good ripe sloses then I'm a Dutchman.

All of which adds up to my trying to get you into the open air and to live a little off the countryside and not totally from the supermarket. Maybe I'm wasting my time. The unsightly posters are still on the bridge piers, two-way traffic still flows each side of the Square and we still drive and park our cars on the footpath. Ah well!

PS. If you want a pot of blackberry jam don't come to my house, send the kids out next year to pick "blacks".

Wanted

Woman to wash, iron and milk cows.

RAIL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Since the last issue the Association has held a very successful social in the Springfield Hotel. Quite a large number of Residents attended and a very enjoyable evening was had by one and all. Our thanks to the Social Committee for the hard work involved.

RAIL PARK ESTATE

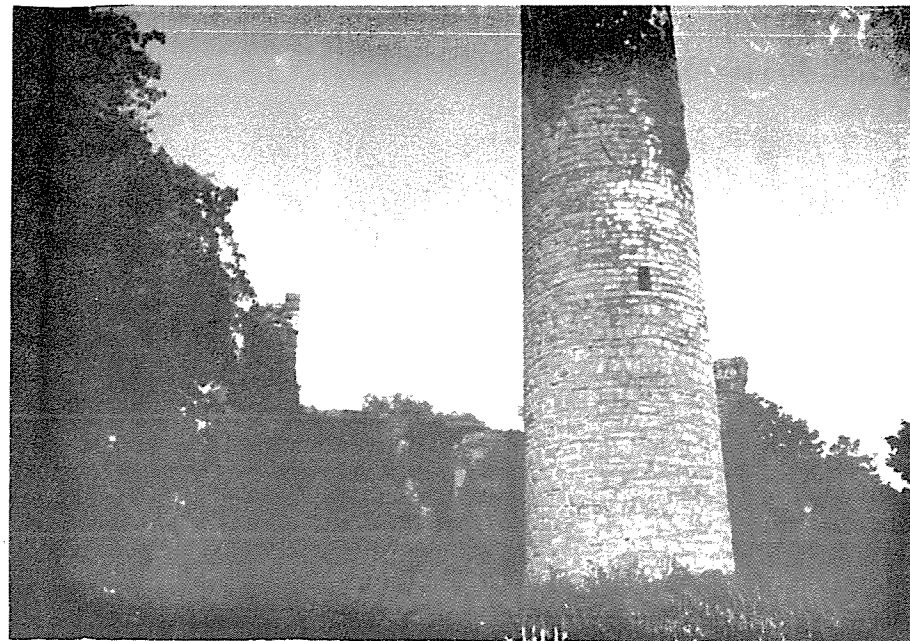
In the Irish Times of 4th October 1975 appeared a notice under the Companies Act 1963 indicating that, with reference to William P. Forde Limited, the developers of Rail Park Estate, Lombard and Ulster Banking Limited had, on the 29th September 1975 appointed Noel L. Fox, F.C.A., of 4 Northumberland Road, Dublin, as Receiver of the whole of the property of the company, the notice being issued by Fitzpatrick's, Stephen Court, 18 - 21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Solicitors for the Receiver.

The Committee of the Rail Park Residents' Association has, therefore, written to the Kildare County Council drawing attention to the notice and asking that the Council should now indicate the position regarding the completion of the Estate in accordance with the original development plan approved by the County Council and bearing in mind the bond lodged by the Developer against a contingency such as that which has now occurred. Reply from the Council is awaited but up to the time of writing has not been received. Pressure to have the Estate completed will be continued by the Association and the matter has already been brought to the notice of the Minister for Agriculture, our local Dail Representative in an effort, to have him intervene on behalf of the residents.

Survey of the Estate by the County Engineer was carried out during October in the course of which the Secretary of the Residents' Association spoke with the Engineers and received their assurance that all uncompleted work was being noted.

The Association has at last succeeded in getting some action regarding completion of the lighting of the Estate. Contact was maintained with the County Council and the E.S.B. in that context and some lights on the Straffan Road side of the Estate have now been connected up. A promise has been received from the Area Supervisor E.S.B., that attention will shortly be given to all non-functioning lights in accordance with the list supplied by the Association's Secretary as a result of his survey of the Estate lighting. Hopefully, therefore, the Estate will be fully lighted by the time the NEWSLETTER goes to press.

In view of the Receivership indicated above, residents might wish to consult their individual Solicitors as to their rights in respect of any work they might consider necessary under the terms of their contracts with the builders.



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SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

The Parish Clergy would like to join with the Community Council in thanking all who took part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride on Sunday, 5th October — the riders and their sponsors, the very efficient stewards, the good ladies who provided not one, but two excellent meals for the participants, St. Mary's Band who turned out to cheer the riders with martial music, the Civil Defence Squad who provided First Aid, and the Maynooth Development Association for the use of the very suitable Geraldine Hall as a base. The only one that let us down a bit was the Clerk of the Weather, but the riders soldiered on regardless, about half of them completing the four rounds of the course and most of the others doing three or at least two. Among the cyclists were a Sister from South America and some Brothers from Africa, also a group from the Dublin branch of the Cyclists' Touring Club, including a smart couple on a red tandem. Although it was not a race, everyone was mesmerised at the performance of the youngest two riders, Michael Cannon (7) and his brother William (9) who have already won fame as racing cyclists. With their father, Liam, they simply flashed past all the other riders and covered the 70 miles with the greatest of ease. One wonders what is the secret.

But all enjoyed the day, despite strong winds and some rain and even a few tosses and punctures. Many said it should become an annual event, perhaps in late May or early June, when the weather might be kinder. Several people remarked on the wonderful community spirit that prevailed.

Financial returns are not yet available but early indications are very promising. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Boys' School Building Fund and the Community Sports Field Fund.



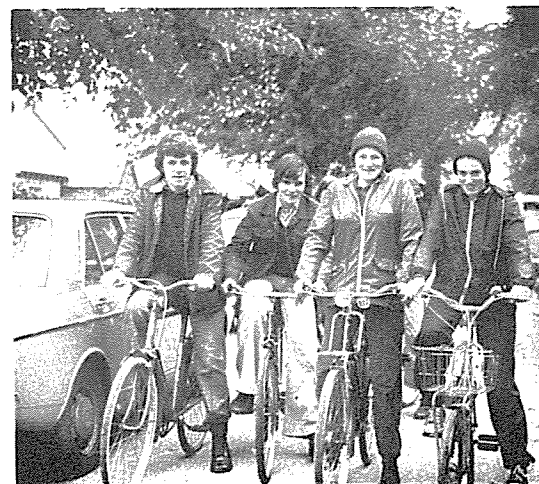
"A long way from home" Sponsored cyclist Br. H. M. Oboro.



"The man for all seasons" Rev. Fr. F. O'Higgins, P.P.



"Me and my gal" Sponsored cyclists Jo McKay and Paul Weaver.



L. to R. Kevin Tracey, Mel Doyle, Nora Feaney, and Maura Feaney. Sponsored cyclists.

Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

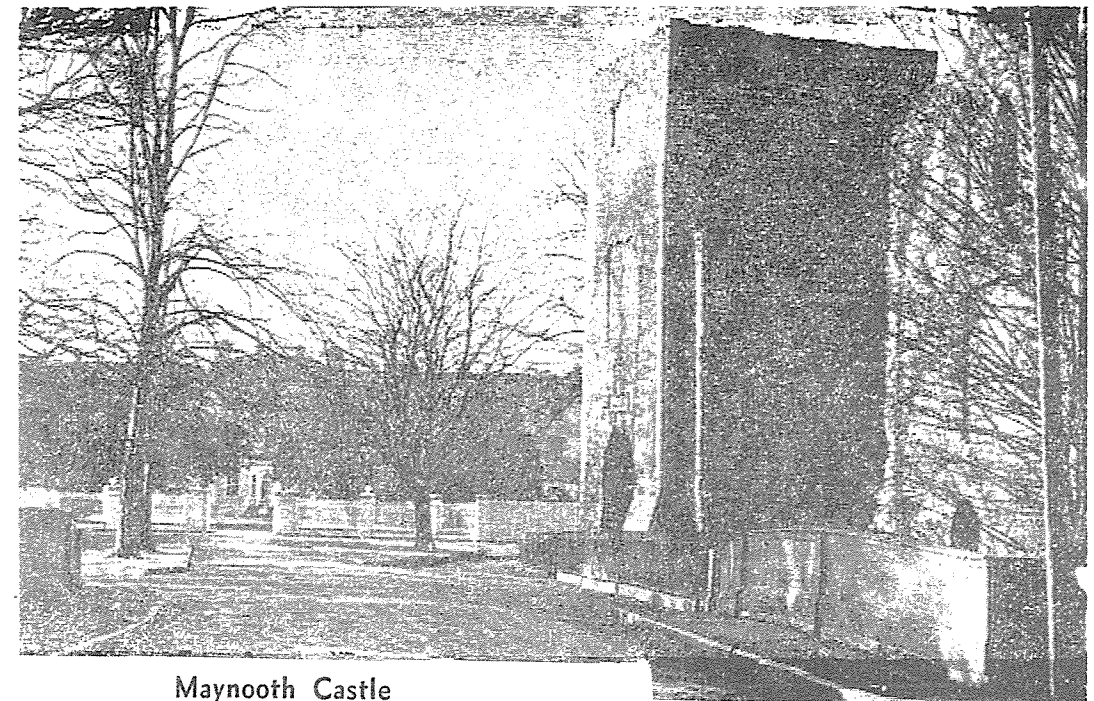
Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

As well as the foundations at Laraghbryan and Donaghmore we have a record of another monastery in the area, at Taghadoe, 2¼ miles south of Maynooth and also in the old territory of Ui Faelain or Offelan. The Annals of the Four Masters refer to Taghadoe under the year 765 when they record that "Folachtach of Teac Tuac, abbot of Cluain mic Nois, died". The usual explanation offered for the meaning of Teac Tua is "the house of St. Tua", who is identified as Ultan Tua or Ultan the Silent, who was connected with the neighbouring monastery of Clane, and this is the meaning adopted by Lord Walter FitzGerald, one of the best authorities on the local history of the country, writing in the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*, vol. ii., no. 2, 1893. Father MacSweeney in his article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* (quoted in the last Newsletter), opts for an alternative explanation and suggests that the name may refer to a family or clan rather than to an individual. In this interpretation the name would mean "the house of Tuathal" and would refer to the O'Toole family, and he points to the neighbouring townland of Toolestown in support. This is plausible since monas-

teries were often named after the clan who founded or supported them, as Laraghbryan itself was. The O Toole territory was Ui Muiredaig, or Omurethy, which can be seen to the south of Ui Faelain in the map reproduced in the last Newsletter. The clan name was Ui Muiredaig, "the descendants of Muiredach", a king of Leinster who died in 725. They and the Ui Faelain were related and both traced their descent from Dunlang, king of Leinster circa 241 A.D., and from him came the original clan name of Ui Dunlainge. The Ui Dunlainge split into three branches in the eighth century, the Ui Dunchada in Mag Laigen the plain between the Liffey and the Wicklow mountains, the Ui Faelain to the west of them on both sides of the Liffey in North Kildare, and the Ui Muiredaig to the south between the Barrow and Wicklow mountains. When surnames began to be used by the Irish clans in the eleventh century each of our families adopted the names of other members of the dynasty, the Ui Faelain taking that of Bran and becoming "O'Byrnes" and the Ui Muiredaig that of Tuathal, king of Leinster who died in 956, and becoming "O'Tooles".

While the annals give us little detail of the role of our monasteries in the lives of the people of the Maynooth area it seems likely that they supplied whatever pastoral care the people enjoyed. This was because the Christian Church in Ireland had developed in a unique way. Very early in its life, not long after the time of St. Patrick, monastic life became very popular, and the number of monasteries mushroomed, reaching more than 800 by the end of the 6th Century. The ruling clans founded or patronised monasteries and often supplied their abbots from within the clan itself. The abbots, thus linked with the politically powerful, gradually usurped the administrative role of the bishops and the place of the diocese as the unit of administration was taken over by the territories of the monastic paruchia, the group or family of monasteries all tracing their foundation back to a single saintly founder. In spite of all the efforts of reformers this situation persisted until the 12th century, and Dr. P. J. Corish, writing on "The Christian Mission" in *A History of Irish Catholicism* concludes that by the 11th century the non-monastic pastoral clergy had disappeared and what pastoral care there was, was supplied by the monasteries.

The larger monasteries were the nearest approach to the modern town developed by Gaelic Ireland before the coming of the Normans. The towns of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Cork and Limerick were originally coastal strong-points established by the Viking invaders in the ninth century and which developed into commercial centres. Within the monastic settlement diversified crafts and trades developed. The inhabitants



Maynooth Castle

(Maynooth castle continued)

supplied all their own needs in food, clothes, building, tools, vehicles, books, sacred vessels, etc. In them were created the illuminated manuscripts like the Book of Kells, that remain among the chief glories of Irish culture, and from them went out the great stream of Irish monks to Britain and the continent. The monastic settlement was usually enclosed by a circular stone or earthen bank with a ditch outside. Inside stood the church or oratory made of wood or wattle and daub, and around were the cells or huts of the monks usually made of wickerwork. There would also be a guest-house and refectory and, in the case of a larger monastery, a school and scriptorium. In those parts of the country where stone was more readily available than wood, the buildings would be of stone. Not every monastery was wealthy enough to support a scriptorium, and the fact that the Annals of the Four Masters record the death at Laraghbryan in 856 of Cormac, "bishop and scribe", may indicate that it was a settlement of some importance.

NOTE: A detailed account of the Irish Monasteries will be found in Marie and Liam de Paor: *Early Christian Ireland* (Thames & Hudson).

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The Pageant will be staged in the week commencing December 16th in Kilcock Parish Church. It was written by Dr. Niall P. Hickey, with a contribution in Gaelic by Sister Fintan Davis — Musical Director Sister Elizabeth Maxwell and Producer Marie Coyle.

An undertaking of this size and scope, naturally, necessitates a tremendous amount of work and various sub-committees have been formed to cope. Teachers and parents alike are working together to make this an outstanding Pageant.

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Are the reasons for this not obvious?

However, in this country no such regulation exists and, in any case, school buses in many places, such as here in Maynooth, are not readily recognisable as such.

In order to enforce caution when picking up and setting down your children, the local school bus operators, Bartons, have been in the habit of stopping with the back of the bus well out on the road-way. Their drivers have come in for criticism due, probably, to a lack of understanding of the reason behind the practice.

So remember - BE PATIENT and when the school bus stops WAIT, DON'T PASS!
Go to your room!

A 16th century law required all batchelors to be indoors by 9.00 p.m.

For dog's sake!

A new restaurant has been opened in Tokyo catering purely for dogs. The menu includes chicken soup, hamburgers, prime beef and cheese. Together with a shampoo and manicure the cost is a mere £12!

Women's Lib.

A career girl would rather bring home the bacon than fry it.

GREENFIELD ESTATE NEWS

The greatest problems which Greenfield Estate Residents Association has on hand and which the Committee has been trying to resolve for three years, now are the completion of the Estate and performance of maintenance work by the major builder on the estate. Residents on the estate have indeed been patient in this regard, but frustration is building up. It is expected, however, that new moves will be more successful. In addition to representations to Mr. Mark Clinton on his recent visit to the town, the Committee of the Association has as detailed at the General Meeting on the 23rd October, retained professional advice in their negotiations with Vaughan Builders Ltd., on behalf of its members.

Plans are well in hand for tree planting day next Saturday. Planting will take place provided extreme weather conditions do not prevail. Maynooths Boy Scout Troop will be there to lend a helping hand and it is hoped that a number of students will participate.

Later in the month, on the 28th, the Residents' Association will, as advertised last month, hold its second Annual Dinner Dance in the Hotel Cill Dara at Kill. Following on last years tremendous success it is bound to be a very enjoyable night. The Association will welcome again those from outside the estate who enjoyed themselves and contributed so well to last years dance and extends a special welcome to any others who may wish to come.

In speaking of welcomes — a special welcome to the community must be extended to the Christian Brothers of the English Province who have taken up residence in Maynooth Park.

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PARISH NOTES

Boys' School Extension: The work is proceeding satisfactorily and is up to time so far, in spite of several wet days.

Site for New School: The diocesan authorities are at present investigating this matter, and the parishioners will be kept informed and consulted as far as is feasible. The aim is to provide the best possible facilities for present and future residents of Maynooth area.

Primary School Management Committees: The names of the elected parents and of suggested nominees have been sent in to the Archbishop, and the committees should be functioning soon.

Maynooth Church Choir: The choir could do with more members, especially men. Rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays at 8.30 p.m. Anyone interested should contact the choirmaster, Mr. Sean Bean, or any member of the choir, or the parish clergy.

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MAYNOOTH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Inaugural General Meeting of the Maynooth Dramatic Society was held at the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday, 14th October. A Constitution for the Society was drafted and passed.

The officers elected for the year 1975-76 are as follows:-

Chairman - Dr. Niall P. Hickey
Secretary - Miss Ann Begley
Treasurer - Mrs. Mary Griffin
Public Relations - Mrs. Carol Barton
Officer

Rehearsals are forging ahead for our production of "The Country Boy" by John Murphy, which will be staged at the Geraldine Hall on 14th, 15th and 16th of November. If you would be interested in joining the Society and in lending a hand during the staging of the forthcoming production, the Secretary or P.R.O. would be delighted to hear from you.

The Society is fortunate in having obtained the services of Miss Marie Coyle, who will serve on the Committee as Artistic Director. Despite her many other theatrical commitments, she has agreed to act as producer for "The Country Boy".

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AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

by Paddy Madden

Hello! I'm Paddy Madden and over the next couple of months I will be telling you all that I can about the world of amateur photography. I intend in these issues to go through the various stages in the taking and making of a photograph. There is an old traditional feeling in this country that to be an amateur photographer one has to have a large amount of very expensive equipment. This is a completely false idea. The very fact that one may possess a small cheap camera and take a few family shots now and again is enough to say that that person is an amateur photographer with an interest in the subject. Of course, it is only fair to say that the degree of interest in the subject will vary a great deal from one individual to the next. This does not matter. These articles are intended to be for the benefit and interest of everybody with an interest in the subject whether in fact they have got any equipment at all or not.

Over the next few months I will be examining in depth the following stages:-

1. **The Camera** The make up of the instrument itself, the various types on the market and all the other things that one needs basically to know about cameras.

2. **The taking of a picture.** The type of film to use. I will also be taking into account weather and light conditions and the uses of flash.

3. **Developing.** The equipment needed and the chemicals involved as well as the types of paper and space required.

4. **Enlarging.** Again the equipment needed as well as the chemicals and the various sizes of print that can be made.

I will be dealing with black and white photography only. I will try and illustrate as much as possible with diagrams and photographs themselves.

If you have any questions or problems that you would like to pose I would be delighted to hear from you and I will try to do the best I can with them for you. I am looking forward very much to meeting you in the future issues, so until next time then, Goodbye.

ARTICLES WANTED

Jam-jars wanted — collected in Maynooth area. 5p & 2½p for large & small jars. Phone Mrs. Fegan, 286351.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

£2 Prize



This picture was at first thought to show part of a trench used in the First World War as the object protruding from the soil is similar to the barrel of a heavy artillery-gun. We were somewhat sceptical about this however, as the photograph appeared to be of recent and local origin, and asked for other opinions. It was suggested that it looked like the road cutting at the corner of Celbridge Road and Straffan Road and that it was probably there as a trap for unsuspecting motorists and students. Another said it could be a dug-out for the protection of Greenfield Estate Residents as many of them had recently heard cries of "Crom abu" (the battle-cry of the Geraldines) coming, it is believed, from somewhere beneath the "Town Bridge". One genius remarked that it was definitely a new style "hole-in-one" golf course for Maynooth resulting from land-shortage. We must admit that all of this leaves us rather confused, which is really why we are offering a £2 prize for the best caption received to go with this picture. Winning caption to be published in next issue.

Entries to: Vincent Duffe, 12 Laurance Ave., or Ted Kelly, Main Street.

Closing date: November 17th. Adjudicators decision final and binding.

The winning caption for the picture of the Railway Station in last issue is "Have train - will travel". Submitted by Miss J. MacGovern, of Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, who is awarded our £1 prize.

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CYCLE TOURING

— Rev. Fr. O'Higgins.

I was rather amused at the suggestion that I should write for the Newsletter on cycle-touring. It reminded me of the old story of the man who went frantically along the corridor train, inquiring in each compartment "Is there a priest here?" And when he eventually found one and the priest asked him if someone had taken ill, the reply was "No, Father, but could you lend us your corkscrew?" My only claim to anything approaching fame is as a cyclist. I often wonder if this will help me into Heaven! Especially as I'm not even a good cyclise.

However, I do believe that regular cycling helps one to keep healthy and sane. It is good exercise, it is relaxing, it brings one out into the fresh air and the countryside. The only aspect of cycling with which I am well acquainted is touring. This has many forms, from isolated day runs to extended tours with or without a tent. I have never toured with a tent; it means carrying a lot of extra weight and suffering a good deal of discomfort. But cycle-campers save expense and don't have the problem of finding a bed for the night.

Cycle-touring was very popular when few people had motor-cars. Many of the clergy favoured it in those days. Archbishop William J. Walsh of Dublin (1885-1921) was an inveterate cycle-tourist, spending most of his summer holidays in this way until he was in his late sixties. Nowadays, cycle-touring is less usual, especially among older people. But it is on the way back. There has been a tremendous boom in cycling in the U.S.A. in recent years, and the same is happening in Great Britain despite the congested roads. Ireland, apart from the few big cities, is still an ideal country for cycle-touring. Even the city-dwellers have not far to travel to pleasant and comparatively quiet country roads.

To get the most out of cycle-touring it is important to have a suitable machine. You could tour on a heavy roadster, but it would mean a lot of unnecessary hard labour. A good lightweight bike with variable gears is not so much dearer, and it makes cycling far easier and more enjoyable. One of the secrets of pleasant touring is to take it easy, not being too keen on speed making, judicious use of lower gears to avoid hard slogging up hill or against the wind, and not disdaining to walk when the going gets really tough. In fact, to walk a few hundred yards now and again prevents fatigue and saddle-soreness.

Anyone thinking of taking up this pastime would normally start with day runs. Once you have got well used to cycling, it is not too hard to cover seventy

miles or more in a day, as many participants in our recent sponsored ride proved for themselves. Picnic meals add to the pleasure of exploring the countryside and don't cost as much as in a restaurant. Many cyclists carry a small gas or paraffin stove and a billy-can. Very little else is needed for a day run, apart from a repair kit, suitable rain-wear and perhaps a map. If you want to go farther afield and if you have the use of a car, you can take the bike in the boot or on the roof-rack.

However, once you have really got a taste for cycling, you may feel the urge to go on an extended tour either in this country or abroad. If you don't want to camp, you will then have the problem of overnight accommodation. Youth Hostels are one answer; but here in Ireland — and indeed in most countries — there are not enough of them. In Ireland and Britain, though, there are many bed-and-breakfast houses, which are generally good and reasonable. Hotel charges are rather prohibitive nowadays, especially for the solo tourist. Unless you book in advance, which is troublesome and ties you down, you may sometimes have difficulty in finding a bed for the night, particularly in the high tourist season. But there's always some solution. In forty years' touring, I have never yet had to spend a night in the open.

Foreign touring is very interesting, especially if you can speak even a little of the local language and have done some home-work on the various places you pass through. A lightweight bike can be taken by 'plane, partially dismantled, and if you cut your luggage to a minimum, you can manage to keep within the 44 lbs. baggage allowance.

Most tourists are keen photographers, and a good set of slides or snaps helps you to describe your tour to your friends and to refresh your own memory in later years. Personally, I am no photographer, though I normally take a camera. But I do keep a little diary of my tours, and it can be very interesting to re-read these diaries long afterwards.

If these few general ideas are considered worth reading, I may perhaps in some future issue of the Newsletter describe some of the many tours I have done during the past forty years.

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CAVING

— David Drew

Although Ireland has very many caves, the sport of caving is still very under-developed in comparison to most other European countries. However, this August, a group of Irish cavers decided to visit the second deepest cave in the world — the Gouffre Berger Cave near Grenoble in the French Alps. The cavers included four from the Dublin area, Paddy O'Reilly from Rathcoole, Mike Orr, a Dublin doctor and Dave and Eileen Drew from Rail Park, Maynooth, together with Jeff Phillips, from Kells and six other cavers from Northern Ireland.

The Berger cave is some 3,750 feet deep (compared with 460 ft for Ireland's deepest), and is some three miles long with over thirty deep vertical drops which have to be climbed on ropes or flexible ladders. The original exploration of the cave by the French took over four years to complete and even today a full scale expedition is needed to have any chance of success. Eventually, several tons of food and equipment were hauled into the cave. Putting the equipment into the cave took several days and in order to reach the bottom it was necessary to sleep underground (in very squalid conditions) for one or two days. The cave itself is one of the finest and most beautiful in the world, with huge passages and a great river thundering down its lower passages. Nearly all of the party managed to reach the end of the cave (and get out again!) and in so doing set a new record for the fastest time in which the cave has ever been explored — a great boost for Irish caving!

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If you are interested and have ideas about what YOU would like to get from such a course or how you would organise it please get in touch with any member of the Community Council and come along to the meeting where all the details will be trashed out. The date of the first session of the course and an outline of the programme will be announced within the next two weeks.

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OLIVER PLUNKETT — The Human Saint

Monsgr. Tomás Ó Fiach, President, Maynooth College

[This is an edited version of an address delivered by the author to Maynooth College Historical Society on the 2nd October last, We wish to express our sincere thanks for his kind permission to print this article. The author quoted extensively from the letters of the Saint but due to shortage of space we have had to eliminate a lot of these quotations and hope we have not detracted unduly from the value of his contribution by so doing.]

The early years:

The Saint himself had a keen sense of humour which, along with his other human qualities, stands out clearly in his letters. He was born at Loughcrew, Co. Meath on the 1st November, 1625, almost three and a half centuries ago. His early education was taken care of by the well-known cleric of that time, Dr. Patrick Plunkett, Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Dublin, and for a time Parish Priest of Killeene, near Dunsaney, Co. Meath. This education continued until 1641 when Oliver had reached the age of sixteen years. Dr. Plunkett in that year had become involved in the politics of the Confederation of Kilkenny as a result of which Oliver was left without a teacher. But as Oliver was showing an inclination towards the priesthood he was brought to Rome along with other Irish students in 1647 by the Papal Nuncio to study at the Irish College there.

Ordination:

Oliver spent seven years at the College before being ordained priest for the Diocese of Meath on the 1st January, 1654. This was one of the worst years in Irish history as the Cromwellian persecutions were at their height. The situation was so bad in Ireland that Oliver got the permission of his superiors to stay on in Rome until the persecution would have passed. Oliver therefore studied for his Doctorate in Theology and Canon Law and was appointed a Professor at the College of Propaganda Fides in 1657. He spent the next twelve years there until 1669 and this period coloured his whole outlook on life for the future.

Appointed Archbishop of Armagh:

In 1669 as a result of the death of the then Archbishop of Armagh, candidates were put forward to fill the vacancy. One writer maintains that the Pope himself intervened and by his Apostolic power named Oliver as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland. This met with some opposition from Armagh as Irish politics of the time saw a division between the Old Irish of the North and the Anglo-Irish of the Pale, and as Oliver was a Meath-man, by birth, his appointment was bound to meet with some opposition.

The return from exile:

The new Archbishop began his long journey home in the Autumn of 1669 after an exile of almost twenty-three years and he realised that he would meet with some opposition at home. His journeys through Europe from Rome became the subject of his first letter in which he describes his reasons for his use of disguise during his travels — this was later to be a feature of his early months in Ireland. Europe of the time was torn by religious divisions and wars. Oliver wrote:-

"I went down the Rhine to Holland in disguise (Holland was then strongly Calvinist). About four miles from Rotterdam the drunken Dutch skipper ran aground on a sandbank and

the twenty-four passengers and myself were exposed to danger. For four nights we slept on bare boards exposed to the air and wind . . . On reaching England I would not delay there but go to my diocese where until my last breath I shall live in obedience . . . and service of souls even if it will cost me my life."

This was a prophetic statement indeed. Before leaving Europe he was consecrated in the city of Ghent in the private chapel of the Episcopal residence on the 1st December 1669. Having sailed from Ostend he eventually arrived in London where he spent over three months of the Winter of 1669 until February 1670. There he was able to carry out his Episcopal functions he ordained a number of Priests and confirmed hundreds of people in secret. Charles II, King of England, wrote to his Viceroy in Ireland informing him of the impending arrival of the new Archbishop, but unknown to the King, Oliver had already arrived at his palace in Armagh having arrived at Ringsend on the East Coast at 9.00 a.m. on the 10th March 1670. His Passion for writing:

St. Oliver was an inveterate letter-writer and the number in existence show his tremendous passion for it. Apart from periods when he was 'on the run' he wrote at least one, and usually four or five to Rome every three weeks, not all of which got through of course. He wrote to every Bishop in Ireland at least once a week but few of these have survived. Many of those written to the Continent have survived in London or Rome. Two hundred and twenty-four of his letters are in existence today, nearly all of them in Rome and about ten in London. The vast majority were written in Italian, a number in Latin, some in English and one in Irish. We know he could speak Irish but have no real proof that he could write it.

The early months in Ireland:

On his arrival in Ireland and knowing that the Viceroy, Lord Roberts, had been warned against him, Oliver decided that he had better travel in disguise and consequently took the name Captain Brown, and wore a wig, sword and two pistols on his arrival. From Marcy to May 1670 he travelled around the country conducting Episcopal visitations and at night carrying out confirmations — many in the North of Ireland had not seen a Bishop for forty or fifty years. He kept a very accurate account of confirmations which totalled 10,000 during the first six six weeks of disguise. During the first two years he confirmed a total of 48,655. In the meantime he intervened in awkward and delicate problems that had arisen such as the dispute between the Franciscans and the Dominicans, the dispute between the See of Armagh and the See of Dublin, and the issue of violence in the North. In that way, he created a number of enemies some of whom later made various accusations against him to Rome. In reply to these accusations Oliver wrote a frank and open letter giving a long description of his first three months

when he was using disguise. From this letter one can picture more easily how he had to live during the early months in Armagh.

The Saint at work:

In May 1670 with the arrival of Viceroy Bartley as replacement for Lord Roberts the atmosphere changed somewhat in Ireland and Oliver began a series of Episcopal achievements for the next three and a half years. During this period he confirmed 48,000 persons and ordained between three and four hundred priests. He established two schools, staffed them and had one hundred and fifty boys attending with more than forty Protestants among them. These schools were overthrown in 1673, a fact which caused him much sorrow and pain. During these years he made a series of visitations of the Northern Dioceses and the official reports on these sent to Rome show us the human side of the man — he reported on scandals, problems and changes he would propose. A letter sent from Antrim sums up his achievements for the previous six months. He visited his own diocese, settled disputes, restored peace and confirmed people. One later accusation against him was that he was too friendly with Protestants, and the Protestant clergy. He was at this time much concerned about clerical standards, but was also aware of difficulties in this regard arising from the persecutions of the 1640's and 1650's. He looked for high standards but tried to understand when they were lacking. Oliver also turned his attention to the Hebrides of Scotland and wanted to go there himself but the political situation and shortage of money resulted in failure here. In Antrim he met the problem of the Northern Protestant. In his letters he said he met some of them and these letters give us an insight into his relations with them and into the situation in the North generally. His particular friendships with the Protestant clergy are brought out clearly in his writings. In the area around Drogheda he was allowed to use Protestant Churches for Catholic services. To call Oliver Plunkett a Catholic humanist is no exaggeration.

Persecution renewed:

Despite his friendship with Protestants however, time was running out. In 1673 the storm blew up with the arrival of a new Viceroy who ordered all the Bishops to leave Ireland. In the past they usually left but came back eventually. On this occasion Oliver decided to take up the challenge and defy the law and he consequently went into hiding along with the Bishop of Waterford who went North to join him. The Winter of 1673 and Spring of 1674 were spent 'on the run' — it was a severe Winter and the land could not be tilled. In a letter Oliver gives a detailed description of life during that Winter and an outline of his trials and severe physical hardships. Much of the time was spent in South Armagh — Oliver wrote that he had two consolations during that time: that what he was doing was in a good cause and that he had brought along some books and candles. The year 1674 saw a depressing famine in the North and from his letters we again get an insight into his own feelings for his people. He points to the hardships of the poor and the almost lack of food and describes many of the people as living skeletons walking the roads. Oliver made visits to Connacht and Munster at this time and describes the situation there arising from the persecutions there. The persecutions of 1673/74 were nothing when compared to the later persecutions of 1678/79 arising from the "Popish Plot". It was under the influence of this "Plot" that Oliver was arrested and later executed. On 6th December 1679 he was jailed in Dublin and the following

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year sent for trial to London. He was executed at Tyburn on the 1st July 1681. In his last letter from prison we can see that his courage was prominent and that he faced death with a calm serenity and hope and even at the end we see that his main concern was for his own people. Oliver Plunkett was above all a human Saint.

GARDEN MART
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BEEKEEPING IN MY LIFE
— Colm Kennedy

Away back in the very early nineteen thirties I started beekeeping on a very limited scale. I well remember to this day my first swarm — it was located in a Whitethorn bush quite close to my home in Kilkenny. I was overjoyed by the fact that I had procured a swarm of bees and had them safe and sound in a butter-box. Not many people had real bee-hives in those days. Butter-boxes were widely used by the creameries then for delivering butter to the shops, and as a result were easily come by. They were ideal for keeping a stock of bees, the one disadvantage being that it was difficult to get out the honey. I made a hive by taking off the bottom and keeping the bees in the upturned box. On this box I added a very crude kind of section-crate of light timber which held about ten pounds of honey. I removed and replaced the section about three or four times in a season. Extra section-crates were often added to give the swarms more space. I was literally compelled to take up beekeeping on a large scale as a result of the increasing swarm of bees, but to conform with modern methods of beekeeping for me was like trying to teach an old dog new tricks. I made my first real hive after about 3 years and since then have increased this number. I was tempted to give up at times due to frustration, bee stings or poor summers which naturally left me with a poor return of honey. By the use of modern methods, hives, and learning the art over the years, I now consider myself a reasonably successful beekeeper. This year, of course, has been a really outstanding one for beekeepers. I hope to give a more general run-down on the art of beekeeping in later issues.

THE ROLE OF TELEVISION
Michael Layde, 3rd Arts.

Television is undoubtedly the most powerful means of mass communication yet devised by Man. It simultaneously involves the saturation of two of his five senses. Radio can provide an antidote to silence without requiring constant attention or total involvement. Television on the other hand, demands complete attention, in fact it compels it.

Unlike the cinema, which is the only comparable form of mass communication, television is available in one's own home, it is practically free when compared to other media, in most countries it is available on an almost constant basis (sometimes twenty-four hours per day). It does not confine itself to entertainment but provides what is rapidly becoming for most people the major, if not the only, source of news and information about everything from the days racing results to the current war. Disaster, famine, disease, destruction, it's all there in ones own living room and increasingly its in glorious colour.

Coupled with this there is the role of television as the principal means of advertising in our society. Four times in each hour we are bombarded with short, highly professional sales pitches. In many heavily sponsored television networks, principally in the United States, the programmes seem designed to create a desire for a lifestyle which can only be satisfied by purchasing the products advertised between that programme's segments. The use of brand names within the actual programmes is also widely practised in the U.S., and other countries, e.g. airport scenes with only a particular airlines aircraft visible to the exclusion of it's rivals. In return the programmes producers receive free use of facilities and/or free transport, for actors and crew to their locations.

These same programmes make-up a large slice of R.T.E.'s programming, the only difference is that a lot of the products being advertised are Irish. We are still largely ignorant as to what the long-term effects of constant exposure to largely escapist programmes coupled with high pressure advertising will have on society. That the effects will be largely detrimental is certain.

The use of violent and sexually explicit scenes in plays and films broadcast on television is an area causing increasing controversy. In Ireland, as we

have seen recently an illicit kiss in the "Riordans" can cause Tuam Town Commissioners to accuse R.T.E. of broadcasting "orgies" in a family viewing slot but despite this infantile backwoods mentality, the problem of violence on television is a real one.

In a recent book, Dr. Grant Nobb, a T.C.D. lecturer states: "Many boys are aggressive, and I would recommend that these boys work out these feelings by watching fantasy aggression, where there is a distance between aggression and victim — such as Westerns, War films, and historical violence." However, he goes on to state: "The sight of children in the news throwing stones at soldiers is for me the worst offender. Such violence takes place in streets similar to those in which our children live. The soldiers are recognisably different, and thus a uniform target, and overall such sights show your child how his counterparts in the wider society do conspicuously behave."

This to me is the really important consideration for Ireland. Nightly we see violence on our television screens being used by our own people as a political weapon. This has two longterm effects:
a) It predisposes us to accept violence;
b) It deadens our understanding of what living in a state of violence means.

Television news can eliminate these effects only by changing its format. The news is presented in a series of short, heavily illustrated pieces. If the news editor has "action" film, then he will use as much of it as possible at the expense of comment and in-depth analysis. This trait of television news is heightened when one introduces competition between networks. With a large percentage of R.T.E.'s audience able to receive at least one British channel, R.T.E. are forced to present a news programme which aims to be as slick and professional as their rivals. The situation can only be worsened if the proposed second channel is allocated to B.B.C. 1, or another foreign company.

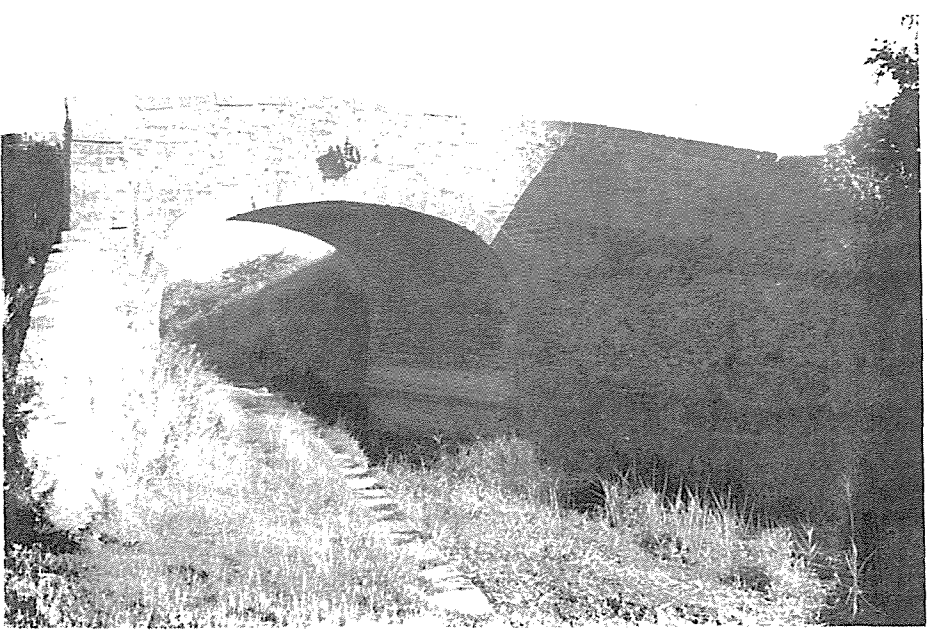
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Recent Marriages
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THE ROYAL CANAL
Problems & Prospects

The Royal Canal, almost a hundred miles of waterway, has an enormous amenity potential — this fact is widely acknowledged but much needs to be done in the achievement of even immediate developments. Dr. Ian Bath of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland writing in "Life and Environment" (March/April 1975) states "Owing to the serious shortage of recreational facilities in the new residential areas of Blanchardstown, Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, there is a strong case for the immediate development of the Royal Canal into a series of natural linear water-side parks with recreational facilities for swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing — the parks being linked by the existing tow-path to provide walks and nature trails." Any development also envisages the ultimate opening of the only possible circular inland cruising route in the country embracing as well as the Royal, both the Grand Canal and the Shannon.

The Canals have been described by Stephen Rynne as having a three-fold attraction — "they have a fascinating past, a pleasant present and an exciting future." And he goes on, "It was quite an acceptable jokelet to say that the canals were the repository of old bikes, beds and dead dogs." Supreme efforts, however, on the part of voluntary organisations and agencies such as The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland, An Taisce and dedicated individuals is ensuring that the canals have an exciting future indeed. Robertstown Muintir na Tire Community Group, founded in 1964, has given a clear indication of the benefits accruing to an area as a result of canal preservation and environmental improvement. The village has taken on a new lease of life over the last decade and recent renovation of the old Grand Canal hotel there, together with the removal of overhead and unsightly electricity and telephone wires are demonstrative of local pride in both preservation and achievement. The reputation of the Grand Canal Festa, banquets and barge trips on the canal has spread far and wide, and the huge influx of tourists to the immediate area this year has broken all records. The "spin-off" in economic terms to places like Prosperous is incalculable. Thus the canal has served as a focus for this determined local community effort — the benefits are plain to see but what is more important is that the people themselves have discovered a new vitality and sense of urgency. By all accounts there are further plans in hand for even further expansion and utilisation of local amenities.



The "Town Bridge" over the Royal Canal at Maynooth.

It is intended to continue features on the Royal and Grand Canals in future issues in order to draw attention to problems attached to canal development as well as outlining prospects for the future. It seems appropriate to end with this extract from "Royal Canal News" (January 1975—Royal Canal Committee): "It cannot be restated too frequently that the Royal Canal has enormous potential as a local and national recreational amenity and a tourism potential which could contribute substantially to the prosperity of the towns and villages through which it passes. This potential can be realised at very little cost to the community . . . The way ahead is clear, all that is needed is for the decision to be made".

by Vincent Duffe

(Thanks expressed to Stephen Rynne, Editor of "Canalians", Dr. I. Bath, Inland Waterways Association and Mrs. J. Eiffe of An Taisce).

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A. Dickens only knows.

Q. How can you tell where a train has gone?
A. It leaves tracks behind.

Q. What does an electric eel taste like?
A. Shocking.

Change the word PART into the word TIME in the diagram below. changing only one letter in each move.

P	A	R	T
T	I	M	E

Answer: PART. PARE, TARE, TIRE, TIME

Unanimous
Father was giving his son a talk on the necessity for hard work. "When I was your age," he said, "I thought nothing of working twelve or fourteen hours a day". "I don't think much of it either" said the son.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

The American tea party on the 26th October was a great success. The 'Sale of Work' will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 30th November at 3 p.m. Proceeds will be divided between the Old Peoples Committee, Fr. Nevin Fund and the Development Association. Offers of help would be much appreciated.

The first of the Old Peoples 'Socials' for this season will be held on the 9th November at 3.30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Mass will be celebrated by the newly ordained members of the Committee. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We look forward to seeing all our old friends again, and any new people who have come to reside here.

May we send our best wishes to Mrs. Nolan, Kilcock Road, who has been ill for some time. Also to the ever-cheerful Kitty Coyne, the Harbour.

Fair Price

An old man who had been warned repeatedly about having his cow grazing along the public road was eventually brought to court and fined two pounds. "Thank you, your honour", he said, "and could I have the grazing next year again at the same price".

I.C.A NEWS

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the sudden death of Mrs. Colgan. She was one of the longest serving members and was active in every sphere of our activities. Deep sympathy is rendered to her husband and family. She will be sadly missed by us all.

The I.C.A. held a very instructive meeting at which they were taught Lumra and stitched Rug Work by Mrs. Doran. The competition of a Hallowe'en Mask was won by Mrs. B. Simpson, Greenfield Drive, with Mrs. Farrell, Pound Hill second.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th November at 8.00 p.m. This will be the A.G.M. - so please come early. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the out-going Committee for all their work during the year, especially our President - Mrs. Rita O'Reilly. She has been a wonderful President and an inspiration to us all.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

King's Hospital School Drama group will kindly present the Gilbert and Sullivan musical

H. M. S. Pinafore
in the Parish Hall, Maynooth on the 8th December 1975, at 8.30 p.m.
(in aid of St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Maynooth).
Tickets available from:-
Mrs. Angel - 287231
Mrs. Sutchwell - 286240
Mrs. Fegan - 286351

SPORTS PAGE

SOCCER NOTES

Maynooth Town received their first defeat of the season on Sunday last when playing away to Mourne Celtic in the League. Short a few regulars this was still a very disappointing display and it is hoped that they come back to top form for the 1st round of the F.A.I. Junior Cup against Liffey Wanderers on Sunday. The second team has still to strike winning form due in the main to the number of new and inexperienced players being tried out.

The Club is running an Under-14 Street League, commencing in early November. All intending players please give their names to Mr. D. Guest, or Finbar Cullen, or one of the Maynooth Town Committee. The Street League match will be played in Straffan Road Ground. G.A.A.

Junior Football Final
Maynooth 2.2. - St. Laurances 1.13

This was a very poor display from the Maynooth side, they never got going at all through the whole hour. Best for Maynooth on the day were Joey Murphy (goalkeeper), Gerry Flanagan and Tony McTernan. Maynooth scorers were: T. Moore 1 - 1, T. McTernan 1 - 0, and T. Fay 0 - 1.

JUNIOR HURLING FINAL
Maynooth 2.6 - Eire Og 2.6

The hurlers drew in the County Junior Hurling final in Naas on Sunday 12th October. This was a very good game Maynooth got off to a great start and were a goal and a point up after 10 mins. and the tragedy struck when they lost both Cliff Murphy (eye injury) and Tony McTernan (shoulder injury). and at this stage Eire Og started to fight back. Maynooth were three points up with ten minutes to go and then tragedy struck yet again, when a Maynooth man delivered the ball into his own net. The final whistle was about to go when Maynooth, three points down at this stage, got a penalty and Brian Redmond crashed the ball into the net to earn a draw. Best for Maynooth were Brian Redmond (1 - 1), Gerry Flanagan, Mick O'Brien K. O'Brien and Cliff Murphy.

Result of Maynooth Handball and Squash Draw held on 15th October 1975.

£40 Mrs. V. Lynch, 17 Maynooth Park
£20 Mr. F. McFadden, 45 Maynooth Park,
£ 5 John Halton, 10 Maynooth Park
£ 5 Tom McMullon, 63 Cluain Aoibhinn
£ 5 Mrs. J. Rossiter, 54 Laurence Ave.,
£ 5 Mr. D. Carthy, 46 Laurence Ave.,
£ 3 Miss E. Bean, The Harbour
£ 2 Mr. D. Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park
£ 1 Mr. K. Galligan, 7 Pound Street
£ 1 Mr. T. Richardson, 2 Parson Street
£ 1 Loughlin Murphy, 514 Newtown
£ 1 Hubert Howley, 2 Laurence Avenue
£ 1 Mr. J. McLoughlin, O'Neill Park
£ 1 Mr. J. Rossiter, Kildavin, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.
£ 1 Mrs. J. Mooney, Mariavilla
£ 1 Mrs. Reid, 86 Railpark
£ 1 William Donovan, 1 Maynooth Park
£ 1 Annie Gill, Graigue, Donadea.

The following promoters won £1 each:-
Nora Gilton, Peter Brazil, Michael Dilla Ne,
Joseph Moore, Joseph Buckley, Patrick Begley, Margaret Madden, Raymond McTiernan, Eugene Gargan, Declan Quigley.

The next draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall, on Wednesday 5th Nov., Promoters are asked to have all cash handed in at least a day before draw. Thanking all for their support.

(D. V. Quigley) (Treasurer)

GREENFIELD FOOTBALL FINAL

After a number of postponements, the Boys Seven-a-Side Football Final was played on Sunday 12th October and resulted in a win for G. Kenny's Sel. The Scoreline was 3 - 2.

GREENFIELD SPORTS DAY WINNER

In the last issue of Newsletter, the name of Geraldine Dunne was inadvertently omitted from the list of prizewinners on Sports Day. She was the winner of the girls Under - 4 Sprint.

BOXING CLUB

Members of the club are presently holding training sessions in the S.V.D. hostels. Three members took part in Corinthian B.C.'s Tournament in Dublin recently. Two - F. Conlon (5 st.) and M. Dee (heavy weight) won their bouts.

Animal Underground

Badger tunnels are being built under roads in areas of central England in an effort to save the animals from being killed by cars. Now it is hoped they will all become good badgers and use the tunnels!

Funny Book and Author:

"Broken Window" by Eva Brick.



The two Cannon boys were the youngest to cycle the 70 miles in the recent cycle ride. William, age 9 yrs. rides in cycle races all over Ireland. He has 4 wins and 6 placings in under 12 events this year. Michael, only 6½ yrs. won All Ireland Under - 8 ¼ mile in Waterford 14th September. Seen in the picture with Mr. F. Baird, National Coach and Seamus Kennedy, one of Irelands greatest cyclists, being presented with cycling jersey. There is a cycling Club in Maynooth. Any boys or youths wishing to take up cycle-racing should contact:- Liam Cannon, 2 Rail Park, or Gearoid McTiernan, Parsons Street.

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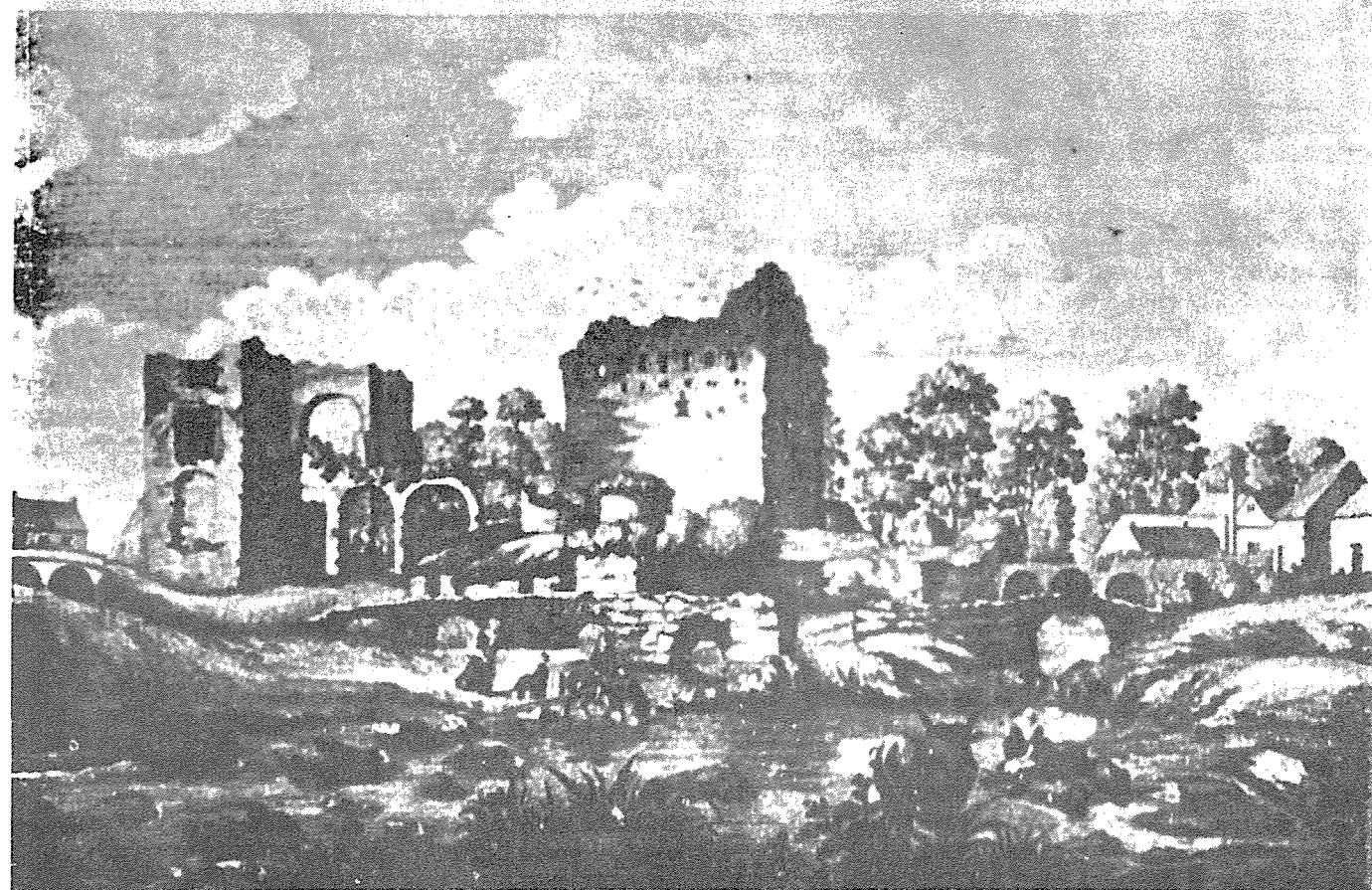
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The Leinster Aquaduct from Alex Taylor's Map (1783)



Maynooth on the Royal Canal
from Alex. Taylor's Map (1783)

THE UNNECESSARY CANAL

Stephen Rynne

When Canal-building hit Ireland in the middle of the Eighteenth Century, it hit her hard. The fever was not only virulent but highly contagious. The idea of penetrating remote hinterlands by artificial waterways was altogether revolutionary and people became intoxicated with the notion of linking city with city, town with town; tapping new sources of natural wealth, increasing commerce and ending problems of isolation. Men — especially men who did not know one end of a shovel from another — lay awake at night planning canals. Never, indeed, did the future seem so bright.

Two canals started out from the city of Dublin, one from the south side, the other from the north. For all practical purposes, the canals were identical twins. Both were bent on the same business: to reach the Shannon and thence Limerick and the Atlantic. Both relied on cargoes passengers to bring in revenue . . . So the pair set off galumphing across the midlands, sober as judges, delving a dinosaur-like way through fields, marshes and bogs. Two rival waterway systems on the same beat —

our English friends would smilingly say, "How very Irish!" The intelligent Irishman of today simply asks 'Why?'

Because John Binns was hot tempered. He was a director of the Grand Canal Company and one day there was a flaring row; Binns said he was insulted. So he pounded out, shouting 'To hell with ye' (or words to that effect), "I'll build a canal of my own!" And that's what happened: he had the money and the ability and he was as stubborn as a mule. Love may or may not make the world go round, but it was a fit of pique brought the Royal Canal to Maynooth.

Royal, Grand, — what bombastic names they used in those times! Nothing less than superlatives could express the feeling that all the world was changed because of inland waterways. How 'Royal' and 'grand' they are today now that they have been twice or thrice superseded! The Railways, too, had inflated ideas: The Great Southern and Western, the Great Northern — Ask your grandfather how 'great' they turned out to be: in the nineteen twenties their Share Certifi-

cates were hardly worth the paper they were written on.

The Grand Canal began the cross-country trek before the Royal, reaching the Shannon in 1805, twelve years ahead of its rival. The Royal's route was eleven miles longer than the other's, taking in fewer and less important towns. The Grand cost £1,137,680, the Royal £1,421,900 — make your own guess on the present day equivalents of those totals. In every respect the Grand did better than the Royal: had profitable branch lines, carried more cargoes and passengers and, in fits and starts, paid the Shareholders' dividends up to 1948 (the Royal's last pay out was in 1844). Ruth Delany in her *Canals of the South of Ireland* calls the Royal 'the unnecessary canal'. John Binns, of course, was ruined.

All of which may be a nice little story to while away a few idle moments. But where do we, 1975 people, stand in regard to the castoffs of a primitive mechanical age? Where do we go from the Nineteen Fifties and Sixties — not

(unnecessary canal — cont'd)
to hark back further — with our hundreds of miles of unwanted canals and torn up railway lines? There is, for example, the wreckage of a canal running beside the Boyne; there is an abortive canal rotting beside a road near Mallow; there is the green wasteland where once ran the West Clare Railway, and a like discarded trail between Sallins and Baltin-glass. The All Ireland list of unused land and water would be as long as the proverbial 'arm'. All of it, abandoned, idle miles, is potential amenity area. Going abegging, unclaimed and likely to remain so unless the people — the local people who are in fact the real masters of national environment — take action.

The canals for pleasure cruising, fishing, swimming — these things are too obvious for comment. The canals as scenery, as pleasures . . . a whole essay could be written on the Birdlife of the canals, another on the Flora. The next issue of *Canaliana* (the Robertstown annual) is to contain an essay on Canalside Butterflies — it has come to that!

It is 1975, Recreation for the ordinary people matters more than it ever mattered before. Royal and Grand are mere names today; they have no economic reality. Let the Directors of the Canals, John Binns included, turn in their graves if they want to, it is our job to make Ireland a pleasant place in which to live. The same goes for the great engineers: Evans and Omer, Brownrigg, Trail, Rennie and Neville — Bold Neville, Who made the streams run level, In that bounding river Called the Grand Canal.

They had their day and their fame. It is our turn now.

THE CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICE

Ted Kelly

Each evening lately, we are told on TV that "There's a place for you in Civil Defence". Few people, however, really know what is required from them in Civil Defence or, basically what it is all about. A few lines, therefore, may not be amiss to clear up the matter.

Basically, the Civil Defence is a service formed to assist the Authorities in the event of any major disaster where the normal services are stretched to the limit or over-stretched. This applies equally to peacetime and wartime. In short, it is a service to assist you and your family, as well as your immediate neighbours in extraordinary circumstances of fire, storm, flood, earthquake, etc.

The initial aim is to build up a nucleus from which a comprehensive service can be formed in an emergency. There are five services planned, i.e. Warden Service,



A group of Civil Defence Members from Maynooth pictured together with various officers on the occasion of presentation of First Aid and Civil Defence Certificates at I.C.A. Hall on 1st October last.

Front Row — L. to R. Cpt. Jim Gallagher, Cpt. Donny McKeon, Lieut. Michael Brady, Cpt. Colm Madigan, Cpt. Bill Reid.

Back Row — L. to R. Mrs. A. McGonny, Pat O'Hara, Mrs. M. Kelly, Des Fahey, Anne Kelly.

Fire Service, Rescue Service, Casualty Service and Welfare Service, each dovetailed into the other to cover any disaster as completely as possible.

Briefly, the function of each service is as follows:-

Warden — A service mainly to gather and distribute information, to direct people as to what to do and where to go when normal services break down.

Fire — Speaks for itself. The member is instructed in the use of various fire-fighting equipment and fire control.

Rescue — Also more or less speaks for itself, the member being instructed in the various forms of rescuing people from dangerous situations.

Casualty — Again almost self-explanatory, the members being instructed in first-aid, the setting up of casualty clearing stations, field hospitals, etc.

Welfare — To deal with able-bodied refugees from any disaster as well as being trained to provide food and shelter in extreme conditions.

The above is just a brief resume of the functions of each service indicating more or less how each service follows up on the other.

In all these cases, there is an initial training period, varying from 8 - 12 weeks (one night each week) after which the member has basic training in the service of his or her choice. Desirably each member should have basic training in each service so as to fully understand and complement the other services.

Civil Defence is a non-military service and discipline though firm is not rigid. Meetings, lectures and exercises are carried out in an easygoing and friendly fashion.

As you will see, there is a place in Civil Defence for you and, in fact, there is a course for the Warden Service coming up shortly in the North Kildare area. Anyone who would like to attend this course should contact any Civil Defence member in the area or leave his name and address in Kiernan's shop, Main Street, as soon as possible. Particulars of the other services are also available on request. At the moment also, there is a course in First-Aid at the I.C.A. Hall on Wednesday nights at 8.00 p.m. to which all are welcome.

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:—

Casualty Unit:

On Wednesday 1st October last, certificates and badges were presented to the successful candidates in the recent First Aid Exams. On behalf of Civil Defence, Captain Colm Madigan, Assistant Regional Director, presented the certificates and Unit Badges. Dr. Healy, Newbridge, presented the certificates on behalf of the Knights of Malta. Captain Madigan said he was pleased to see another Casualty Unit in Kildare, and especially in Maynooth, which is on the main Western Road. In the event of an evacuation from the Dublin area, Maynooth would be a very important post. He was very pleased first with

(Civil defence continued . . .)

the co-operation between the Rathcoffey Unit and the Maynooth Unit in manning local events, and secondly to see another series of lectures started here.

The successful candidates were Ann Kelly, Marian Cusack, Marie T. Kelly, Des Fahy, and Pat O'Hara. Mrs. B. Brady and Mrs. Toni Read were absent due to illness.

Others present were Capt. Bill Reid and Mr. Michael Brady (lecturer), Knights of Malta, Capt. D. McKeown, Sub-County Warden Jim Gallagher, Assistant Sub-County Warden, Ned Kiernan, District Warden Ted Kelly, Assistant District Warden Liam Bean, Brian Edderry, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council and Mrs. Mary Murray, Rathcoffey Unit. The presentation was preceeded by the Irish made Civil Defence Film — "Danger Dust".

FINE GAEL NEWS

Maynooth Branch Fine Gael invites prospective new members to attend the next branch meeting in the I.C.A. Hall on Tuesday 11th November 1975 at 8.30. p.m. All interested in Fine Gael are welcome. Further information available from Chairman — W. Coonan, Phone 286128, Secretary — E. O'Reilly, Phone 286203, or P.R.O. B. Durkan, 286063.

The branch is also happy to announce that Mr. Mark Clinton T.D., is attending at the Geraldine Hall on a regular basis to meet constituents and discuss their problems. The first such meeting which was held on the 7th October last was well attended.

K A R E

The Co. Kildare Association of Parents and Friends of Handicapped Children, known as KARE, are holding a meeting in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday 18th November at 8.30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting is cordially invited.

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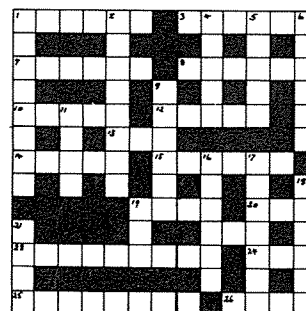
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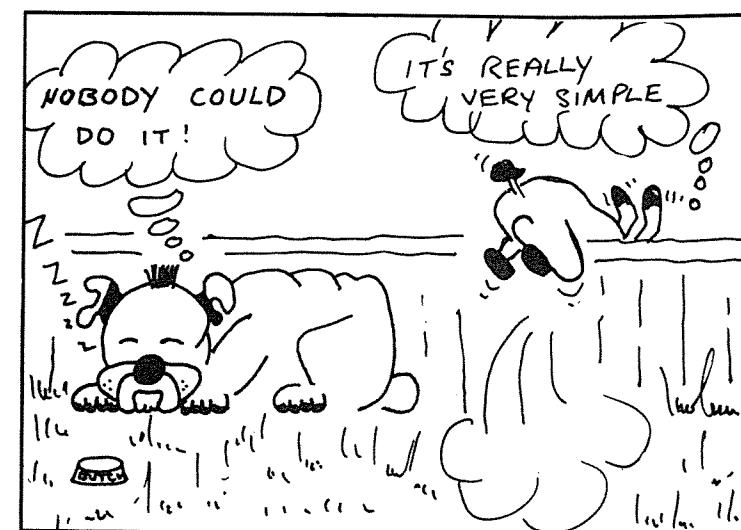
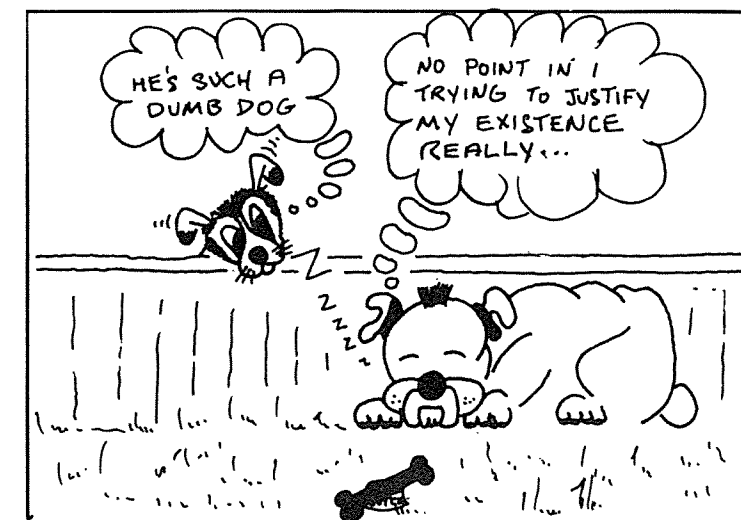
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PRICE TEN PENCE.



Editorial

Centuries ago, so we are told, at the time of the British Plantations, the native Irish were dispossessed of their lands and power, and they were left to roam the countryside as tories and raparees. We are further told that the descendants of these people are the itinerants of to-day. How much is fact or fiction, we shall probably never know, but one fact is, the itinerants are still with us.

It is a poor reflection on the 'advanced' and 'opulent' society of to-day that we have done so little for these unfortunate people. Certainly, in latter years quite an amount has, or is being done, but for too many years the problem was ignored and little or nothing was done, to get them settled in a normal manner. Due to changes in our own living conditions, and in this pollution conscious age, the itinerant and his form of pollution has been brought to the fore and we have become more acutely aware of his existence and, unfortunately, romantic or otherwise, as his origin may have been, in his present form he constitutes a blot on our society and a shame to us all for not having tackled the problem many years ago.

The greatest factor in settling the itinerant is education both in the academic subjects and, mainly, in ordinary living habits and it is a skilled job to impart the necessary knowledge to them. Not everybody, therefore, is competent and, as there are now many experienced people, who know how to go about the matter, in the right way, it is best left to them or action should be taken only under their direction.

Another difficult problem with regard to the education of the itinerant, is to get them to settle in some suitable place long enough to get ahead with their education.

There are, however, ways by which we can help. We can contribute to some organisation or society equipped to deal with itinerants and, it is important, all money should be channelled through these organisations, etc. It is not 'charity' to give to beggars at the door in the ordinary course unless they are well known to you. Such 'charity' is misplaced and hand-outs in these circumstances, and particularly to young people on the streets is only continuing the problem. Many of these young people are collecting as much as £5 - £6, per day (to add to the Social Assistance they get) and, unfortunately, much, if not most of this money is spent on drink.

Not for one moment do we say that itinerants should not be assisted. What we are saying is that assistance should be given in an ordered manner and not haphazardly by all and sundry. It should be given only by properly trained personnel who will direct, assist and educate. If people would give generously through such people as Fr. Fehily and other workers among the itinerants who know how to use the money in a proper manner, the problem of the itinerant would cease to be.

Community Council News

Just six months in office now, the Community Council have been doing a bit of stocktaking, and whilst they have had no spectacular results so far, quite a deal of general planning has been done and it is hoped in the early New Year to translate this into action.

One item in particular will be commencing immediately, i.e. the "Know More about Maynooth" series of lectures and meetings. A preliminary meeting in this series will take place in early December when Fr. Carey and other members of the Department of Social Studies in Maynooth College will explain what is envisaged in the series. The object is the surveying and implementation of the social and economic development of Maynooth as we, the people of Maynooth, want it ourselves. This is an entirely new and exciting venture and indeed will be the first of its nature in Ireland. The whole project will be assisted by the Department of Social Studies and will be watched and probably examined by social developers all over Ireland and abroad. It is up to us therefore, to put our best foot forward. You will be hearing much more of this in the near future.

VANISHING TEA PARTY

In an effort to raise funds to finance itself, the Council have decided to try a rather novel approach which should be financially rewarding and socially beneficial to the town and a means of introducing many of the older and newer

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residents to one another. A series, known as "Vanishing Tea Parties" will be run, and works as follows: An original host commences by inviting SIX friends to tea at his house (the host providing tea and sandwiches). Each person attending contributes 30p towards the Council Fund. Each of these people attending the party in turn, invites FIVE friends to their houses to tea: in a similar way, each of those invited also contributing the 30p to the Council Fund. Each of the five then invite FOUR, each of the four invite THREE and so on until the parties run out, or 'vanish'. The whole series depends on each guest at each party continuing the chain right to the end and we ask all those attending such parties to do their bit.

OTHER MATTERS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING WERE:

Street Lighting:

From inquiries made through a Council member from Mr. Mark Clinton, it was found that the County Council have ordered additional street lights for Maynooth, some of which have been erected and some further ones which have not as yet been erected. It is hoped that the remaining ones will be put up with the least possible delay.

Meeting with Local Councillors:

The Community Council have invited all County Councillors in the Clane Electoral area to a meeting at Maynooth to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Sponsored Cycle Ride:

All the money is not yet to hand for the Cycle Ride and the final figure is expected to be around £1,800.

Christmas Tree and Carol Singing:

The Council hope to have a Christmas Tree at the Square for the festive Season and to have some Carol Recitals at the tree. Look out for posters on the subject.

T.V. Mast:

At last we have got news that the T.V. Mast can now be erected and the way is open to have piped television installed in the house. Final arrangements and contracts for signature are now in preparation and townspeople will be approached early in the New Year, or sooner with regard to the installation.

Youth Council:

The Council would still like to have views from our young townspeople with their ideas on a Youth Council.

Coming Events Column

We intend to open a "Coming Events" column in future issues and shall be pleased if Clubs, organizations, etc. would send us details of coming events and functions. Notices should be sent in to us by the 15th day of the previous month.

Maynooth Crest Competition:

Watch out for our January issue for details of competition for a Maynooth Crest. Substantial prizes will be given.

The Council are very sorry to hear of the illness of Council Member John Barnwell and wish him every speedy recovery.

The Officers and Members of the Community Council wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every Joy and Blessing in the New Year.

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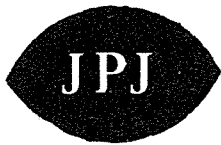
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Maynooth Castle



A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

At this stage it is time to ask what we can know about the way people lived in the Maynooth area when Maurice FitzGerald was granted Offelan by Strongbow in 1176.

First of all we know that they did not live in the town of Maynooth because it did not then exist. But neither did they live in a remote or isolated area. The plain of Ma Nuad lay right beside the route of one of the five great roads of Ireland from ancient times. These major roads all radiated from Dublin to the north, north-west, west, south-west and south. Like the secondary roads they took advantage of the natural features of the country, eskers and areas of high, dry ground fords where rivers could be easily crossed, while they skirted mountains and other obstacles. The first of these great roads, an tSlighe Mhor, connected Dublin with the west and seems to have followed the line of the Eiscir Riada, a series of gravel hills forming a natural causeway from east to west through the bog-lands and woodlands of the central plain. It is suggested that this road left Dublin along the line of modern High Street, Thomas Street and James Street, and then via Inchicore, Lucan, Celbridge, Taghadoo and Timahoe to Clonmacnoise and Ballinasloe, and finally to Clarinbridge in Co. Galway. Not only was Ma Nuad right beside an tSlighe Mhor but the second of the great roads, Slighe Dhala Meic Umhoir, The Road of Dala, son of Umhoir, passed not very far to the south on its route from Dublin through Naas and Roscrea to Tarbert.

The Eiscir Riada seems to have been not simply a natural means of communication and transport but to have had a real political significance in Irish history. The annals tell us that in the second century A.D., in a struggle for the high-kingship between Conn of the Hundred Battles and Mogh Nuadat, the rivals agreed to divide the country between them along the line of the Eiscir Riada, Conn taking the northern half, Leath Cuinn, and Mogh Nuadat the southern, Leath Mogha. That this division had some real significance is suggested by the fact that it formed the basis for the major reformation of the Irish Church in the twelfth century. Essentially this reform involved the re-establishment of a network of dioceses to take back the management of the Church from the monastic *paruchia* which had usurped the power of the bishops. At the Synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 Leath Cuinn and Leath Mogha were used for the division of the Irish Church into two new provinces, Leath Cuinn becoming the province of Armagh and Leath Mogha the province of Cashel. This organisation of the Church has lasted up to our own day, with the further sub-division into Armagh and Tuam, Cashel and Dublin.

All this shows us that the people of Ma Nuad were not isolated from important events in Irish history, but does not tell us how they actually lived or how the coming of Maurice Fitzgerald and the building of the castle of Maynooth changed or affected the pattern of their lives. Modern research tends to show that Irish society was very unstable and subject to rapid change and fluctuation at the political or ruling level, but was very stable and slow at the social and economic level of the lives of ordinary people. Because succession to the headship of a clan or kindred group did not descend from father to eldest son but was open to any member of the group of relatives called the *derbfine*, i.e. all the descendants in the male line of one great-grandfather, there was a constant struggle for dominance among different factions within the same extended family, and Irish Kingdoms or Tuatha tended to split into parts and then come together again in a constantly changing pattern, something like a kaleidoscope. This is why our own Ui Faelain, one ambitious and successful segment of the Ui Dunlainge dynasty, quite regularly provided a King of Leinster but never monopolised the succession. This system also made it very difficult to unite the whole country permanently under any ard-ri or high-king since no ruler of any Irish Tuath could enter into any agreement which was certain to be accepted as final and binding by all groups within his own clan.

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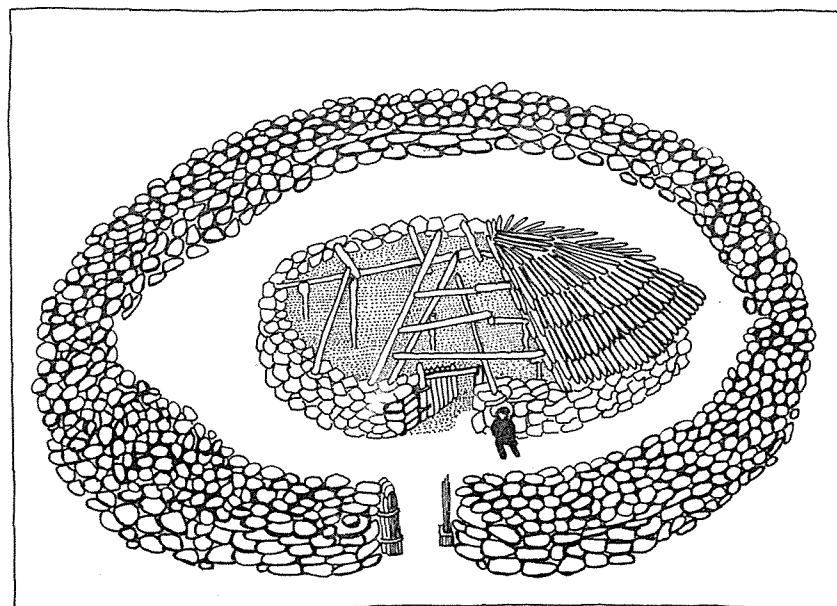
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society and this has led many people, including James Connolly, to see Irish society, at the coming of the Normans, as an ideally communistic one, where the Irish peasant was "a free clansman owning his tribeland and controlling its administration in common with his fellows. . ." (James Connolly, *Labour in Irish History*, 1910). However, modern research tends to establish that for several centuries before the arrival of the Normans the kindred group had been replaced by the nuclear family of father, mother and children as the property-owning unit and Ireland had become a "land of settled mixed farmers with a developed sense of private property", (Donncha O Corrain, *Ireland before the Normans*, 1972), and various grades of land tenure from the relatively independent freeholder to the landless labourer.



Reconstruction of Stone Fort — Carrigillihy,
Co. Cork.

From Sean P. O'Riordain, *Antiquities of the
Irish Countryside*, 1942.

The holding of the wealthy farmer was large, perhaps the equivalent of a modern townland, and its centre was the ring-fort or rath or lios, whose remains are to be found scattered all over the country. The words *rath* and *lios* are often to be found as part of place-names, rath in the eastern part of the country, and lios elsewhere. While some of these sites had a military significance most of them were farmsteads, and they were built and occupied as far back as the late Bronze Age and at least as recently as the fourteenth century. The typical form was a circular enclosure ringed by a rath or rampart of earth or stone. Inside was the family home and farm buildings and farmyard. Immediately outside the rath were the small cultivated fields, and beyond them forest, bog and rough land which might be privately owned or shared in common. The original small tilled fields have long since been absorbed into larger ones but the exciting new development of aerial photography as a tool in historical and archaeological research often allows their exact boundaries to be seen. These boundaries show up as lines of a distinctly different colour in say, a field of corn, and while not visible at all to the observer on the ground, can be clearly seen in an aerial photograph. Donncha O Corrain tells us that oats, barley, wheat and rye were grown. Wheaten bread was a luxury for the upper classes, while oats was the most extensively grown cereal and oaten porridge, a staple of the Irish diet. The other main elements were milk and milk products like butter, curds and various types of cheese.

KILCOCK PAGEANT

To commemorate the bi-centenary of the founding of the Presentation Order of nuns, a pageant, entitled "The Star of Knowledge", will be presented in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock from Monday 15th to Friday 19th December inclusive. This pageant comprises scenes from the life of the foundress, Nano Nagle.

The project has been organised by Sister Eithne Hockleford and the Kilcock Presentation community. It has received enthusiastic support from clubs and associations operating in Kilcock and the surrounding areas, together with parents, past pupils and staff members of Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.

The majority of the roles in the pageant will be played by members of the local community, although they will be augmented by professional actors. A special treat is in store for music lovers, as excerpts from Handel's "Messiah", together with appropriate music of the period will be rendered by the well-known singers, Susanne Murphy (soprano), and Frank O'Brien (bass). The music director is Sister Elizabeth Maxwell, and the accompanist Denis O'Sullivan, who will display his versatility on piano, organ and harpsichord. The pageant is directed by Marie Coyle, and the script is by Niall P. Hickey.

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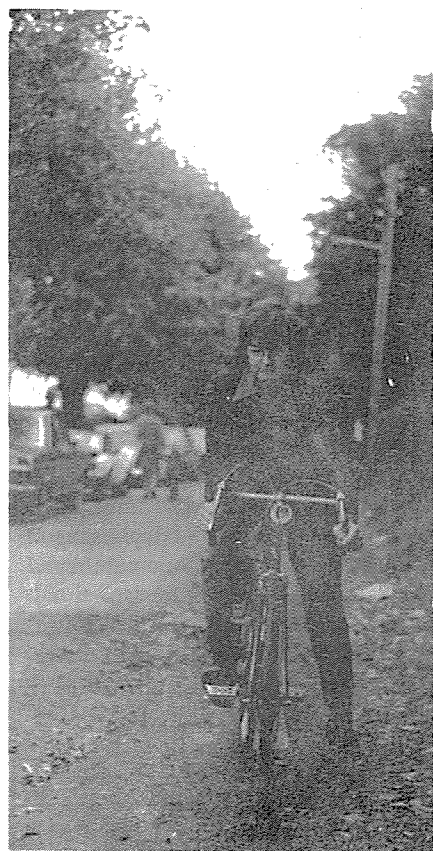
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MAYNOOTH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Committee of Maynooth Dramatic Society wish to thank sincerely all those who helped to make their inaugural presentation of "The Country Boy" such an outstanding success. We wish to thank especially our audiences for their enthusiastic support.

Plans are forging ahead for our next production, which we hope to stage in early January. Further details of this presentation will appear in the next issue of this Newsletter.

New members are cordially welcome. If you are interested, drop down to the Geraldine Hall any Tuesday or Friday evening.



"Last but not least" Omitted from last issue was sponsored cyclist, William Holmes, Railpark.

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In this picture we see the complete cast of "The Country Boy" as they take their final bow at the end of a 3-night show in the Geraldine Hall. They were greeted at the end by a standing ovation from a packed house. It is understood that there may be another production forthcoming early in the New Year — so watch out.



Friday 14th November saw the very first Production from the newly formed Maynooth Dramatic Society. "The Country Boy" a play in three acts by John Murphy was staged in The Geraldine Hall with outstanding success. Here we see a scene from the play — on the left is Niall Hickey, as Eddie — a returned 'Bum' of a son from the States, and on the right is Brian Keary, as Tom, the father. Notice how the cause of many a misfortune stands nobly in the centre of the kitchen table.

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NATURE NOTES

by Jack Daw

The short gloomy November days may not appeal to the mildly interested as the best time to start a series of articles on nature study. "Anyway", you think, "this is for the tweeds, brogues and shooting-stock breed and I am not so spartan as to be up with the lark, freezing to death, waiting for something interesting to pass by, or grow up at my feet."

Well, really! None of these arguments is valid. So far as identification is concerned, you CAN distinguish a blackbird from a thrush AND a robin from a sparrow and you know that it is possible to distinguish the sex of certain species of birds from their plumage, (observers of the be-jeaned, be-clogged, long-haired home-sapiens moderns have considerable difficulty in this regard), so watching our feathered friends can be very rewarding and interesting.

If you think you are not the tough type, here is an easy way to whet your latent appetite for things natural, which will be a delight to all the members of the family, a help to nature in the tough months ahead and, if you are smart enough, can be enjoyed in the comfort of your armchair, while sipping a glass of what you fancy. It is, of course, simply, the erection of a bird table opposite a window.

My bird table is of the most crude type, but the menu is good, so my visitors are varied. As with everything else, I deliberated, dithered and deferred erection of the bird-table, until one day, prodded and hen and chicken-pecked, I grabbed the spade, a piece of spare "rustic" pole, a large stone (the hammer being mislaid), a piece of board about 12" square, two nails, and in ten minutes flat erected the 'Kildare' side) left food on top, and in no time, had visitors as it was a cold, early spring day.

I was careful about position, however, placing it in front of, but not too near, a window, in a spot where pussy has difficulties in sneaking up on a dunno (who very smartly stays on the ground gathering the crumbs from the quarrelling visitors above), and out of the full blast of the wind. You may be good with your hands and set up something decorative but you need not expect more birds, however, you will please the wife or husband.

The different species of birds, having different diets and foraging habits (to

suit the diet) require some variations in the dining arrangements. The thrush family like to take over the platform and the robin will try to stand ten feet tall to keep the blackbird away, whereas the wren and the tits will climb or cling to anything edible which hangs.

I used, as I said, a spare bit of pole with the bark on and this has proved to be a source of natural food for the insectivores which peck their way up and down. To overcome the bully-boy tactics of some species, I set up perches on the upright, hanging plastic string bags of food above, within reach of the smaller birds.

The tit family provide the best amusement of all for the watcher. A chain of peanuts in their shells, made simply by passing a needle and thread through them and suspended from the table attracts these little fellows who can give a delightful display of acrobatics on a windy day and will persist until they leave the shells empty.

Food should be varied, fat or suet, bread raisins, nuts, apple skins, etc. to suit all tastes. Don't put too much at a time and use the plastic string bags in which fruit and vegetables are sold — even on the table — it saves the food from being blown and scattered.

Another tip, get a copy of Collins Guides to British and European Birds — better still, get another member of the family to buy it for you.

Some of my frequent visitors (in a Dublin suburb) are Blackbird, Song thrush, Mistle thrush, Sparrow, Dunnock, Robin, Blue tit, Coal tit, Great tit, Magpie, Jackdaw, Starling, Wren, Pied wagtail, Chaffinch, Rarer, foul-weather friends include the long-tailed tit, Redwing, Gold finch, Green finch, Bull finch, Tree creeper and, on one occasion only a Waxwing who was attracted to the area by the Cotoneaster berries.

Next month — Winter blooms.

RAILPARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since the last issue of the Newsletter the situation pertaining to the completing of the estate remains somewhat at a stalemate. The Residents' Committee has continued to apply pressure on Kildare County Council to finish the estate, through direct contact with the Council and representations to both Mark Clinton T.D. and James Tully T.D.

GARDENING

by Colm Kennedy

Many gardens have very stiff clay soils, which is difficult to get into a satisfactory tilth in the Spring. This ground should be well dug over and left rough, the winter frosts will do most of the hard work. Dig in some farmyard manure if available. Now is a good time to sow some beans and peas provided weather conditions remain favourable. Use frost-hardy varieties of broad beans like Aqualdulse, Colossal. These will crop at the end of May and should escape the blackfly. The varieties of peas suited to November sowing are "Little Marvel" and "Meteor". Sow in a well raised ridge or drill — a little potash mixed with the soil will help. Sow a bit closer together than you would in the Spring as mice, pigeons, etc. may be a problem in some areas. The transplanting of August-sown cabbage should be complete as well as the lifting of potatoes. Earth up your celery and put a light raffia tie round the stems to prevent wool falling into the hearts of the plants. Mature crops of Beet and Carrots should be lifted and stored. Put into a corner of the shed and mix some fine sand or turf mould in through them. Store only perfectly sound roots and use up any that are slightly damaged. The flower garden needs a bit of tidying. Herbaceous border should be trimmed — cut stems of plants which have finished flowering. Transplant seedlings of perennials you wish to keep. Hardy annuals should be in — if not, do so immediately; subjects such as Calendula Cornflower, Larkspur, Limnites and Nigella will more than pay for a little extra care next year. Dahlias, Begonia, and Gladioli corms should be lifted, dried and the dahlia and begonia tubers dusted with flowers of sulphur and stored in a frost-proof shed. As an alternative, if you have a storage problem, leave in the ground and give a good covering of peat moss or other leafy material. I prefer to lift and store as some of the top dahlias and begonias can be started in a cold frame, or cold greenhouse to give very early giant blooms. Geraniums should be in their Winter quarters by now — look after them and protect from frost.

Lawns should be aerated and treated with a little turf mould; if not, try and dress with organic turf dressing to encourage healthy root development. If the grass is still growing mow with blades raised high and the box on. Clean your tools well. Check storage conditions, regularly, to be sure that diseases, pests, are not causing damage. Happy gardening for '76.

MAYNOOTH VISTA
by Newcomer.

All right! I was wrong, and I was doubly remiss in using the phrase “or I’m a Dutchman” in the unfortunate circumstances operating at the time I wrote my piece. Mea culpa! And I hope I am not again putting my foot in it by reverting to the Latin text. If I am, put it down to the Maynooth atmosphere and describe it as a classical faux pas without any intention on my part of entering the Tridentine controversy.

I now know that sloes are not blueberries and that, in fact, blueberries are “fraochains” and there are none of them that I ever saw growing around Maynooth. So, if you go gathering sloes, my wife, who is the expert around this house, says, stick to the sloe gin. She also says that I should have had brain enough to know that there is not sufficient flesh on a sloe to make a pie and that you would need to own the Carlow Beet Factory to sweeten it if you did. I’m completely deflated! Give me a sloe gin, quick!.

Perhaps, due to the exceptionally warm and dry Summer our trees lost their leaves so early that the changing tints of Autumn were hardly with us at all and now we are heading up to Christmas. But as Saint Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you.” So I shall leave both with just that passing reference.

The Sunday Press on November 16th carried an article on Michael Garde, our only Baptist to graduate with a B.D. Degree from Maynooth, but like all newspaper reports it told only half the story. Not only is Michael making history but he himself is part of history: something unknown to or ignored by the Sunday Press. Michael Garde’s (and the Press even mis-spelled his name) great-grandmother was an O’Neill, of the family which produced the famous Father Peter O’Neill who was flogged by the English in Youghal in 1798 and to whom a statue has been erected in the Green Park, Youghal. Also, of that family was O’Neill-Crowley shot in Kilclooney Wood near Midleton in the Fenian Rising and, coming nearer our own time, Eamonn O’Neill of Kinsale, late Ceann Comhairle of the Dail, whose father James O’Neill was also a Fenian and whose brother Father Hugh O’Neill was Army Chaplain in Cork. Another brother, Philip, wrote a history of the G.A.A.

So even though “a man of many coun-

tries” as the Sunday Press described him, Michael Garde, born of an Irish father and a German mother has his roots well planted in Cork soil and would not himself claim to be anything but an Irishman.

The Garde side of his family tree has also had a distinguished member, of recent times, in the late Father Thomas Garde, the well known Dominican preacher one time Provincial of the Order in Ireland and later Assistant to the General for English speaking Provinces in Rome.

If you are interested in any further revelations about this unique young man ask any professor or student of St. Patrick’s to point out Mick Garde to you — he is as well known about Maynooth as the begging ass.

He will be with us until the end of the present academic year as he is now doing his Higher Diploma and teaching his required hours at Kings Hospital School, Palmerstown. After that he hopes to take his Doctorate in Divinity with the University of South Africa.

Well, there you have it, all that the Sunday Press omitted. But newspapers are like that. They deal principally in half stories!

Nollaig faoi shean agus faoi shonas dibh!

RESULT OF PIONEER DRAW ON
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We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this Draw a success.

IS THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION
RELEVANT TODAY?

Among a people who spend four million pounds a week on drink, who have the world-wide reputation of being a nation of excessive drinkers, and among whom the incidence of alcoholism is rising steadily — among such a people any group that is doing anything to lessen excessive drinking is very relevant. Bad as the situation is in Ireland, but for the pioneers it could be very much worse.

One might just as well ask, “Is self-sacrifice relevant today?” Not merely is it relevant, self-sacrifice is essential. Without self-sacrifice one cannot achieve anything that is really worth achieving. The Pioneer Association is rooted in self-sacrifice. The genuine Pioneer is trying to answer Our Lord’s call to take up His Cross and follow him. The general aim of The Pioneer Association is to promote sobriety, and sobriety is practised in two ways — by abstinence and by responsible drinking. The promotion of sobriety is an issue that concerns society as a whole. Unfortunately too many want to wash their hands of it and leave it to Alcoholics Anonymous, the Pioneers, or anyone else. But it is a community problem and it is high time that the community faced up to it. Alcohol education should have its place in our school programmes. Instruction should be given on the facts about alcohol, the importance of sobriety — both of temperate drinking and abstinence, the dangers of excessive drinking, the symptoms of alcoholism. Sobriety, not excess, must be shown to be a sign of maturity, Real alcoholism is a disease, but it must be stressed that all excessive drinking is not a disease, sometimes it is just plain drunkenness, or deliverate self-indulgence.

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THE LONELINESS OF THE HOUSING ESTATE DWELLER
Stephen Rynne

A miracle happened in our country in our time. Poverty was eliminated. Dire, ragged, belly-empty poverty, such as anyone over fifty remembers, has completely gone. We do not have to be complaisant; the old blights of poverty famine, war, injustice and oppression are still rampant elsewhere. But here in Ireland the apparently insoluble has been solved.

A gigantic social problem has been solved; a pygmy, easy-as-kiss-hands one remains. Modern society is bedevilled with loneliness. The lonely are everywhere: every class and creed, the old and the young, married and single, rich and less rich, healthy and invalided, persons of sweet disposition and sour, masters and men, the famous and the obscure, occupants of bed-sitters and dwellers on housing estates. Two brides in housing estates in different parts of Kildare eating their hearts out in the midst of Mod. Cons and shiny wedding presents. “No, I wasn’t alone all day”, he said, ‘the Meter Man called’. The house-bound youngish man crippled with rheumatoid arthritis was cheerful. “Ah, sure it’s not too bad. I take a few aspirins for the pains and smoke a couple of packages of old cigarettes. But I do be praying someone would drop in for a bit of a talk and a chat.”

The lonely are left stew in their loneliness. In our day at least we did something for the poor, even if it was no more than offering palliatives; subscription to the Vincent de Paul; an old trousers wrapped in newspaper handed out the door: “Fourpence for poor woman” solemnly entered in our diaries. Laughable, perhaps — but what is being done about the lonely by the far better off people of today? The ‘Senior Citizens’ (O Lord deliver us from euphemisms) get an annual outing and a Christmas party — a mere drop in a fathomless ocean. No one worries about the lonely, no one talks about them, not even in the crowded lounge bars where everything is discussed from the villainy of politicians to the shortcomings of the clergy.

It is such a little thing, an overlooked trifle. And yet loneliness is so close to the bone that seeking a cure ought be second nature. The state of loneliness is now about to assume the proportions of a disease because we have forgotten elementary norms of Christian charity, because we have severed connections with ordinary civilised Irish tradition — The ‘Friendly’ Irish, the ‘Hospitable’ Irish! Are we so stultified by our history

that we cannot adjust to the new waves of affluence and anglicisation? Which is the worst, one wonders? Affluence makes us smug, Anglicisation makes us reserved (pale imitations of the English middle-classes): the devil makes us hard of heart.

There are two ways of easing the lot of the lonely. One is up to you personally, the other calls for more noise and energy.

The removal of the scourge of loneliness is a one man job. You being the one man. Societies are no use: you elect officers, have headed notepaper printed and then set out to enlist members. Mostly you will encounter the escapist, “I’m no good at that sort of thing myself but” with an oily smile, “here is a pound.” Societies are only a hindrance. You are a society yourself. Loneliness is cured by attitude of mind — your mind — and exercising the simple art of detecting loneliness where it exists. That is not always easy: many lonely people bluster and deny that they are sufferers. They are like the shy in this respect: the man who comes into company bawling and back slapping is probably the shyest man in the bunch. But if you are rebuffed now and again, what about it?

Get off your perch, get out of your car, go out at night (eschewing the selfishness of television watching) and for the Good God’s sake, find a substitute for “Good morning, lovely day”. Lend, borrow, interfere in what isn’t exactly your business, idle, miss appointments, gossip, back-bite . . . Nothing will ever convince me that the old social vices weren’t better than the new starch virtues.

Then there are the architectural causes of loneliness; we must insist that these are remedied. We must get at the hydra-headed monster — builder-cum-architect-cum-bureaucrat — and demand that they build for human beings, fraternal Irish ones at that. Knowing nothing about technical and financial limits puts us in a strong position; we can ask for the near-impossible. Nothing seems to pay better in this bad world than making preposterous demands.

Spacious living ought be the ideal: The authorities must be told to get rid of that love-nest idea: every house should have separate accommodation for grandparents. The area must be vast and communal property abound. For

every dozen houses erected let one be set aside to be used as a club for the community. Playing fields, park, swimming pool, aviary, a place for the childrens’ pets, launderette, workshop, greenhouse, benches — let who will go on from there. Once the idea that people should mix with people is accepted, the details can be left to themselves.

Everything is grand. On paper.

But we have to tackle ourselves. We are forced to get out of our shells for Christmas anyway. It would be a whole-some thing if we could stay out of them always. A shell is a fearsome thing to die in. And we will have to smile on Christmas Day, too. Maybe we could keep it up for a while . . .

Saint Theresa once said . . . Who minds what the Little Flower said? A little bit of a French girl, twenty-three or thereabouts, a recluse, a sort of Victorian, dying of consumption. The Little Flower once said that “In Heaven everyone will smile at each other.”

Stephen Rynne.

OLD PEOPLES’ COMMITTEE

The Committee wish to thank all who helped to make the American Tea Party such a huge success, both socially and financially.

Our first Social this year was on 9th November. It commenced with Mass, concelebrated by Fr. Liam Dunne, Fr. Tom Morrison and Fr. John Nevin. It was great to see all the old friends again, including some we have not seen for some time.

Mrs. Gret Corrway and Mr. Mick Murphy made a presentation on behalf of the old people to Fr. Liam Dunne and Fr. Tom Morrison on the occasion of their recent ordination.

The next Social will be on Sunday, 14th December at 4.00 p.m. Please note the change of date.

Mrs. Brady, (Chairman) would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who sent get well greetings to her during her recent illness.

Our Sale of Work on Sunday, 23rd November was a great success and we thank everyone who helped in any way, especially all those who gave so generously to our collectors when they called.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our helpers and old friends a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

MAYNOOTH BOY SCOUTS
8th KILDARE TROOP

On the 7th November five new Boy Scouts were invested for the local troupe and the occasion marked the first anniversary of the troop. The Charter was presented by Mr. Pearce Butler, Area Training Commissioner. The Committee is:-
Bro. J. St. Leger S.D.B. (Unit Leader), Paddy Fay (Chairman), Pat Kiely (Secretary), Brian O'Malley (Treasurer), Pat Leamy, Pat Brady and Gene Gargan. A section of Cub Scouts was formed on 1st November with sixteen boys aged between 8 years and 11 years. We regret that there are no vacancies in this section at the moment.
Cub-Master - Billy Flood, Assistant Cub Mistress is Ann Gargan, and leaders are Alfredo Aguis and Fergus Tuohy. Two other Boy Scout leaders are Jose Lefranco, S.D.B., and Kieran O'Reilly S.M.A. We make an urgent appeal for young men aged between about 17 and 20 years to train as Scout Leaders - contact any committee member.

Discos will be run locally during the winter months to raise badly needed funds for equipment so that we can expand the Troop and its activities over the next year. Local boys have shown a tremendous interest and we feel that many more will want to become members. You are all aware of what Boy Scouts do and the great void the movement fills for Irish children generally. The Troop have organized a Cabaret which will be held at the "Hitching Post" on 9th December next with guest star Noel V. Ginnety. Tickets for this can be had from any of the committee members - all are welcome.

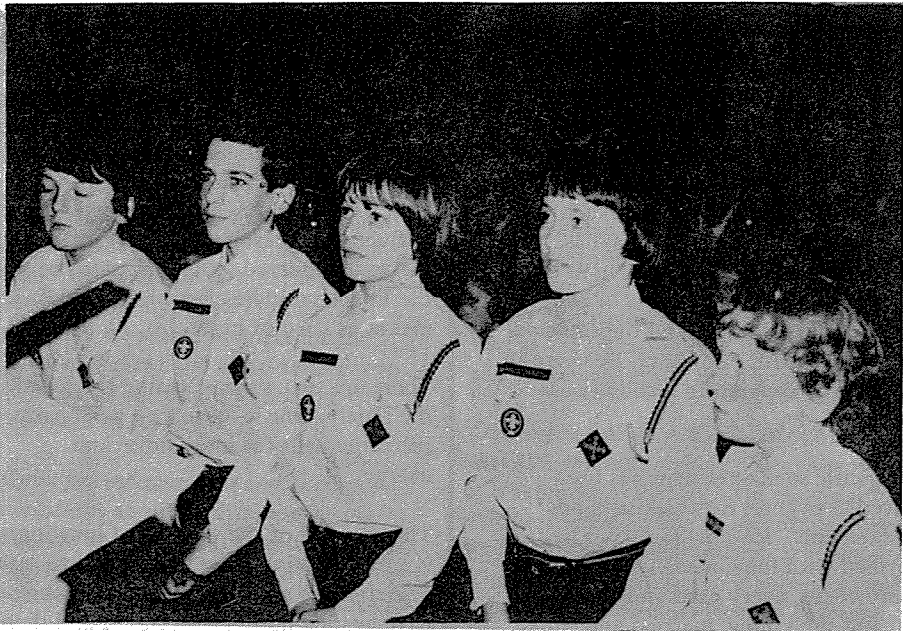
RED CROSS SOCIETY

The members of the Maynooth Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society have just completed a series of six lectures under Comdt. C. Heaney. They underwent an examination on completion of the course on 20th November, and Certificates will be awarded in due course.

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Five boys of the Maynooth Troop of Boy Scouts who were invested on the 7th November last.
L. to R. Larry O'Brien, Declan Batty, Brendan Murray, Joseph Edwards and Eugene Fitzpatrick



In full song are 'Cubs' of the Maynooth Boy Scouts Troop during the investiture of new members on 7th November. Included are:- Raymond O'Neill, Sean Mahon, Enda Dunne, Brendan Breen, Gary Power, Paul Williams, Cathal Power, Martin Fay, Alan Leamy, Kevin Barrett and Thomas Behan, under Cub-Master Billy Flood.

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AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

by
PADDY MADDEN

Hello again! You will remember that last month I gave you a very broad and brief outline of what photography involves. This month I am going to start on the more technical side of things. This month I am going to discuss the Camera.

Someone thinking of buying a camera at the moment may well ask, "What is the ideal camera". The simple answer is that the ideal camera has yet to be invented. To make the question a practical one it is necessary to ask "Ideal for what kind of Photography". The fact is that no single camera can be expected to have the full features required at any one time. Speaking purely from my own experience I would recommend that the person just starting off to buy his first camera should go for the cheaper less expensive model. From here he can graduate to bigger things and make steady progress without really going hard on the pocket first time out. There is one golden rule which I must bring in here at this stage, and this applies to everybody no matter what kind of camera they may possess. Make yourself thoroughly familiar with the controls and make up of a new camera as will be outlined in the instruction booklet which should be included with the instrument. If there is anything which you do not understand or which does not seem to function properly NEVER APPLY FORCE. The most logical and practical thing to do is to go back to the place where the camera was purchased and look for a second demonstration or even a third one if necessary. Since we are now rapidly approaching Christmas and you may be wondering what to give a young nephew or son or any relation as a present, and if you are finding it very difficult to make up your mind, might I suggest that you consider the thought of buying him or her a camera. You never can tell, but you might be opening up a totally new world to that person without realising it. And perhaps one day in ten or twenty years time you might be able to look back on pictorial memories of these childhood Christmasses long ago.

With this thought in mind I now leave you for this month and indeed for this year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy and peaceful and holy Christmas 1975 and a joyous and prosperous 1976

NO STRINGS?

The cunning wife makes her husband an apron.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNAL AERIAL

Last month permission was granted by the Department of Local Government for the erection of a Communal Aerial at Greenfield. A letter of intent to grant a licence for the provision of a Communal Television System in Maynooth had previously issued to Mr. Colin Cloughley of Cablelink Ltd. Mr. Cloughley is believed to be one of the best engineers in this field.

At a meeting with the Community Council, Cablelink Ltd. proposed that the purchase price £58 would be collected in instalments prior to a connection being made. The Community Council at that time felt that if it was to be involved in organising the collection of contracts and purchase money for this project there would need to be some security for the purchasers money until such time as the connection was made to each house. Following negotiations with Cablelink Ltd. it was proposed that the situation could be resolved by the purchaser paying the full £58 on signing the contract but that the money would be held jointly between the Community Council and the Company and would not be released to the Company until a satisfactory connection was made.

The Community Council has not finally agreed to be a party to this project because when the matter was last discussed permission had not been granted for the Aerial, Should they decide in favour of the project at their next meeting two problems will still remain. One being the difficulty of finding volunteers to distribute contract forms, and to collect the signed contracts and the purchase money; the second being the difficulty of enough people being able to pay the full £58 at once.

The first problem can only be solved by you, as a member of the community. The second problem it has been suggested may be solved by a local bank or Credit Union being willing to advance short term loans to those who want piped television but who cannot pay £58 at one go.

Many people will be waiting to see what response there will be to these proposals.

COOKERY CORNER

If you haven't a scales, here are some useful measures.

Measuring a level spoonful — fill the Spoon then level off with the straight edge of a knife.

Measuring fat in packets — Take a half-pound packet of butter, margarine or lard. Divide into half to get ¼ lb., or into quarters to get 2 ozs. You can easily judge 1 oz. or ½ oz. from this.

Measuring liquids by cup or spoonful — a breakfastcup is usually 10 ozs. (½ pt.) a teacup is about 1/3 pint
3 teaspoons equals 1 tablespoon
8 tablespoons equals ¼ pint.

Other useful measures:

Cocoa - 1 oz. equals 3 level tablespns.
Flour (unsifted) — 1 oz. equals 3 level tablespoons

Sugar (Castor) — 1 oz. equals 2 level tablespoons

Sugar (Granulated) — 1 oz. equals 2 level tablespoons.

Sugar (Icing) — 1 oz. equals 2½ level tablespoons.

Recipe for this month

YULE LOG

You will need:

Swiss Roll (either plain, filled with chocolate or chocolate filled with vanilla cream)

2 oz. bar of chocolate

2 teaspoons warm water

2 teaspoons Coffee Essence

4 ozs. soft butter

8 ozs. icing sugar.

Also — silver-coated cake board, teaspoons, small bowl, mixing bowl, sieve or strainer, wooden spoon, round ended knife, Christmas cake decorations.

MINCE MEAT RECIPE

Ingredients:-

½ lb. finely chopped suet

½ lb. washed currants

½ lb. raisins

½ lb. chopped apples

½ lb. sugar

¼ lb. sultanas

2 ozs. mixed peel

1 lemon

¼ gill brandy OR sherry

¼ saltspoon grated nutmeg OR

¼ saltspoon ground mace OR

½ teaspoon mixed spice.

Method:

Mix all together, Peel lemon finely, cook rind till soft, chop and add to mixture. Put into jars. Seal well. Stir before using.

COMMUNITY SELF SURVEY

Conor K. Ward

Everyone, we maintain, should have a say in decisions which affect them and as many as possible should be actively involved in community affairs. Achieving this is frequently a problem, however. A community self-survey is an approach which can very often be a big step in the right direction. A self-survey is, as the name implies, a survey of a community by members of the community themselves — it tries to build up a picture of community needs, interests and priorities from the experience, views and wishes of each and every member of the community. In practice this ideal isn't fully attained, or not all at once, at any rate! The most obvious limitation is that, usually, only a small part of community life is covered in one survey. For example, a community might decide to have a self-survey to find out if a Community Centre in the area would be a good idea and the facilities and services people would like to see in it. Again, a community might have a self-survey to get information on the needs of families with pre-school children.

Deciding to have a Survey.

Where a Community Council exists, the idea of having a survey to find out what the community wants often comes up at a Council meeting. A similar idea emerges at meetings of other organisations wondering about how they can contribute to community development. Whatever the occasion on which the idea is mooted, if the survey is to be a self-survey it is important that participation in planning and design be open to as many as possible, as soon as possible. When a self-survey is seen as an integral part of community development, it has a two-fold purpose. Firstly, it aims at obtaining valuable information which may be needed for policy planning. Secondly, because essentially it is a survey of themselves by the people who are most concerned with the results, it is an exercise in participation and co-operation.

Anxiety for accurate information or, at least, a lessening of uncertainty, is often what leads to thinking about having a community self-survey in the first place. An equally important reason is that without such an approach many of the members of a community will not make their ideas known and will not have an opportunity to take part in the reaching of decisions. A Community Council or a Committee may be certain that they know what the greatest need is and they may be right, but it is still important that people share in making that decision. Then again, a Council or

Committee might be wrong. In one area the committee were convinced that the priority was an indoor games room for teenagers, but the priority identified by a survey of teenager's views was a coffee-bar disco.

Who will do the survey?

There is an important difference between having a survey for which a small group of professional or amateur researchers take responsibility and having a survey in which the members of a community are surveying their own community. A community self-survey is unlikely to be able to afford (in time and resources) the depth of interviewing and the slow, painstaking analysis of a professional survey team. It rarely needs them — unless in its enthusiasm it sets objectives which could not be achieved without research expertise of that kind. Questions of motivation, attitude and inter-group relations sometimes attract community survey planners when first they talk about a survey, but it is not long before they advert not merely to the difficulties of such a study, but to the fact that they also need more straightforward facts about people's experiences and priorities and these can be ascertained relatively easily. Examples of such factual information are what proportion would like a Community Centre; what would be the most popular facilities in a Community Centre: what people regard as priorities in community co-operative services; what difficulties people living in the area have. This kind of information can be collected and built into a picture by the members of a community.

Experience and expertise are invaluable, of course — in fact, without a little, serious mistakes can easily be made. The little that is necessary can often be found, because, for example, a social science graduate is living or working in the area or someone has a friend with experience in social research. The National Social Service Council hopes to be able to provide a consultancy service to Community Councils in the near future. Muintir na Tire already provides such a service to Councils affiliated to it. There are examples of surveys where professional researchers and a self-survey team have co-operated on a project. For example, in one area indications of local needs which emerged in a self-survey were followed up in a study by a Social Research Worker employed by the local Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. This type of co-operation has many attractions, notably the possibility of obtaining information on attitudes and motivations as well as facts. To go into the meaning of statistics and the reasons for answers or attitudes requires

a higher degree of professional expertise than is usually available in community self-surveys.

Many professional surveys rely on samples to get a sufficiently accurate estimate of general patterns. If information were the only goal of a self-survey a sample would suffice, but in a self-survey part of the objective is to give as many as possible their share in building up the picture of needs and priorities, so that usually a questionnaire will be given to everyone or, at any rate, everyone over a certain age.

If there is to be general participation in responsibility for the survey it should be there from the beginning. This means that there should be a well-published open meeting to talk about having a survey. It is important that the meeting be to discuss having a survey and, above all, that it should not appear as an attempt to get people to help with a project already planned by a small group. If this is what it is, it will come across to those at the meeting and there is a strong likelihood of losing their interest before it has been fully awakened. To present the project as an idea to be thought out and a possible plan to be decided on will probably give rise to conflict of ideas. 'Pet theories' being aired and even violent disagreement, but if a working group emerges out of the meeting, armed with a mandate to plan further and a responsibility to report back, the self-survey approach has already begun.

Sharing the work around.

There are four major elements in the work of a community self-survey.

- (i) producing a survey form or questionnaire.
- (ii) distributing the forms to all the homes and collecting them again.
- (iii) preparing the completed forms for analysis.
- (iv) analysing the information provided and writing a report.

To have four separate committees, each responsible for one of these elements is a good way to get the work done and enable everyone to have a share in it.

This means that there is work for everyone who wishes to be involved. There is also likely to be work in a survey for members of the community who are not much involved in other community activities. Sometimes the very idea of a survey can put people off offering to help with it, because it seems very technical and 'above' them. When its various stages are explained it becomes obvious that there is work for everyone who wants to help. For example, a person who could only work for two

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hours on two nights during the survey could perform a very useful job by distributing and collecting some survey forms. A community self-survey can be much more than an identification of local needs and priorities; it can be part of a process of spreading participation in decision making and increasing involvement in community action.

(Rev. Fr. Conor Ward is Professor of the Social Science Dept. at U.C.D. To him we extend our thanks for the above article which was especially written for our Newsletter. There will be more on this matter soon.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:



McGLYNN — The parents, brothers and sisters of the late Catherine McGlynn 857, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sent Mass cards, wreaths, and messages of sympathy, all those who attended the removal of the remains to St. Mary's Church, the Mass and the funeral to Laraghbryan. A Special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple, C.C., Very Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P., Rev. Fr. Lloyd C.C., the Rev. Mother, Community, lay teachers and pupils of Presentation Convent, Mr. Flood N.T., and pupils of third class of the Boys' Primary School, the Sisters of St. Annes Hostel, Dr. Wm. Cowhey, the Staff, Grangewilliam Stud, Garda Patrick Madden, the Greenfield Residents Association, the parents and children of Old Greenfield and all our kind and generous neighbours.

We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for their intentions.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

£1.00 Prize.



How many of you can identify this scene? It could be Ballymun or Cape Canaveral, or is it a Science Fiction scene? What do you think of it for £1. Winning caption to be published in next issue.

Entries: Vincent Duffe, Ted Kelly or any editorial committee member.

Closing date: 15th December. Adjudicators decision final and binding.

The winning caption for our stimulating picture in last issue is:—

"COULD THIS BE THE BRAIN DRAIN LEADING FROM MAYNOOTH COLLEGE?"

Submitted by: John Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave., Maynooth, who is awarded our £2.00 prize.

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SPORTS PAGE

SOCCKER NOTES

On Sunday week last Maynooth Town supporters witnessed one of the best games ever in Junior Football, in the top-of-the-table clash between arch-rivals St. Audeons and the "Town". Ninety minutes of non-stop attacking football produced seven goals and a 4 - 3 scoreline in favour of the "Town". These two points make both teams level at the top of Division 1. This was a triumph for teamwork with J. Murphy sound in goal, C. Feeney and T. Gilligan shading their comrades for honours in defence, the two 'M's', T. Moore and E. Moen — masters in midfield and the always dangerous J. Wall and W. Saults creating problems g(o)alore in Audeons defence. On previous Sundays the Town beat two premier Division sides, Oblate Rangers and Liffey Wanderers to further endorse the claims that they are without doubt one of the leading clubs in Leinster.

At the time of writing, the next fixture for the "Town" was an away tie versus the old enemy, Leixlip United (remember last years thriller?) in the 3rd round of the Leinster Junior Cup. All I can say — Leixlip beware the Town have arrived, and playing the kind of football that beats any team around.

Winners so far in our Christmas Turkey Raffle include:

W. Graham, Greenfield,
J. Coughlan, Moyglare Road,
P. Farrell, Moyglare Road,
John Malone, c/o I.M.P., Leixlip
D. Madden, c/o Roost.

LATE RESULT!

Leixlip 1 — Maynooth Town 2
In a very entertaining game, Maynooth were just about deserving winners. W. Saults and J. Wall got the vital goals.

TWO IS COMPANY

The two cannibals were talking over dinner.

"You know something?", one said.

"I don't like my mother-in-law".

"O.K.", replied his friend, "Just eat the vegetables."



Front Row (L.R.) P. McCourt, W. Saults, L. Farrelly, T. Gilligan, J. Ryan, J. Wall.
Back Row: (L.R.) G. Durack, E. Moen, J. Murphy, G. Keigher, T. Moore and C. Feeney.

MAYNOOTH HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Our Junior Footballers ended the season on a high note by winning the Wren Cup in the Cappagh Football Tournament, Maynooth played well right through the hour and only for a brilliant display by our left half back, Bill Mulhern, we could have been in trouble. The match ended in Maynooth winning by three points. Final score was Maynooth 1 - 7, to Caragh 0 - 7. Maynooth scorers were T. Fay 1 - 4, T. McTernan 0 - 3 pts.

We held our Dinner Dance on Saturday, 22nd November 1975 in Osberstown House and we hope that everyone had a very enjoyable night and we would like to thank all who supported us and all those who helped out by giving us Spot Prizes.

The Cup and Medals won in the Cappagh Tournament were presented by Fr. Supple, C.C. and our Chairman. Our Footballer of the year was Tony McTernan and he was presented with his trophy by Fr. Supple C.C. and our Chairman. Our Hurler of the year 1974/75 was Cliff Murphy and he was presented with his trophy by the Galway & Carrolls All Star Hurler, Mr. Sean Silke. The Maynooth G.A.A. would like to thank Sean Silke for attending our Dinner Dance, and also wish him well on his trip to San Francisco with the Carrolls All Stars.

NORTH KILDARE CYCLING CLUB

(N.C.A.I.)

At the recent meeting of the above Club the following were elected to the committee for the coming year:

PRESIDENT: Phil Brady,

CHAIRMAN: L. Cannon

SECRETARY: P. Sheridan

TREASURER: G. MacTeignain

Also, L. O'Brien, Percy Burke, J. Sheridan, N. Donovan, J. Dunne, P. Byrne, J. Sheridan (Snr.) Spot Burke, P. Connolly.

MAYNOOTH BOXING CLUB NEWS

The following are some recent wins:-

G. Kenny - at 6 st. - at Dublin Stadium
F. Conlon - at 5 st. - (Boys) at Kilcullen
D. Lawless - at 5½ st. (Schoolboys) — Kilcullen

C. Lawless - 7 st. - (Boys)
D. Lawless at 5½ st. (Schoolboys).

Kenny Wins Honours for Maynooth Boxing Club.

Maynooth Boxing received one of its greatest honours, in its young and starlit career, on Friday (Oct. 24th) when Terry Kenny boxed brilliantly in a hard fought contest to outpoint M. Carrol of St. Davids in the President of Leinster Selection V. Rest of Leinster at the National Stadium, Dublin. Not only did the tenacious and skillful Kenny bring honour to the Maynooth Club, but contributed to the victory President Selection (who beat Rest of Leinster 11 bouts to 4) and so gave Maynooth Club a share in the magnificent Harry McKeown Perpetual Trophy for 1975-1976 season.

Terry, who along with his twin brother Jerry comprises one of Maynooth Boxing Club's most successful and formidable fighting forces, took control of the contest from the opening bell. He set a dazzling pace, completely surprising the usually aggressive Carrol, catching him time and again with powerful left-right combinations.

The second round saw Carrol coming more into the fight but the accuracy of

Kenny's punching and his dexterity in using the ring to full advantage continually frustrated Carrol's attacks. The third and final round was decisive because the remarkable pace of the fight had taken its toll on both fighters and Carrol, knowing that he was behind, was forced to to into attack. It was at this point that Terry displayed his tremendous courage and durability. Though by now very tired, he fought like a tiger and counter-punched his way off the ropes, turning defence into attack and re-asserting his authority on the contest.

The final bell was greeted with tremendous applause for both contestants who gave completely of their best in as fine a display of boxing as was seen on the night. One of the officials commented that it was the most exciting contest of the night.

It was a deserving victory for this courageous boxer and equally a victory for Maynooth's trainer, Noel Byrne. Terry afterwards admitted that but for Noel's encouragement and advice he could never have succeeded.

It is furthermore a victory for the Maynooth Boxing Club who are at the moment completely without any facilities to train because they have been refused permission to use their former hall - Geraldine Hall - and at the moment are very much indebted to the courtesy of Fr. Ferry, Rector of S.V.D. hostel, Maynooth for the use of the Hostel Hall on a temporary basis.

Other recent victories for the Maynooth Boxers include the victory of Mick Dee, in the heavyweight division, and Francis Conlon, in the Juvenile division, in an Opening Season Tournament against Corinthians Club in Dublin recently. A further victory was recorded by young Donal Lawless in the opening of the Kildare Juvenile Leagues on Wednesday, (October 22nd), Joey Conway and John Comerford were beaten in their contests but went down fighting like true heroes.

Future events involve contests for Francis Conlon and Albert Healy in the Kildare Leagues, and a tournament with Baldoyle B.C. in Dublin.

The Golden Shamrock Championships held in the National Stadium on 22nd November 1975 saw Alan Burchell (Lightweight) who gave a good display of boxing ability win his bout outstandingly. This now brings him through to the final of the Golden Shamrock Championships on Friday 28th November 1975. Also boxing in the same Championships for Maynooth B.C. will

be Mick Dee (Heavyweight) and what a victory it will be for Maynooth Boxing Club if they both pull it off. They are very much fancied at the moment anyway and we wish them both the very best of good luck.

It must now be remembered that Mick Dee is of course the Kildare Heavyweight Champion. He collected this title on Wednesday night 19th November 1975 when at Kilcullen he stopped his opponent Howey from Edenderry in the second round.

**RESULT OF MAYNOOTH
HANDBALL & SQUASH DRAW
FOR OCTOBER 1975**

- £40 - Mrs. J. Gilmartin,
92 Railpark, Maynooth.
- £20 - Martin Fahey,
107 Railpark, Maynooth.
- £5 - Tony Mooney,
c/o The Roost, Maynooth.
- £5 - Mrs. Ferguson,
106 Railpark, Maynooth
- £5 - Helena Redmond,
481 Straffan Road, Maynooth
- £5 - William Moore,
485 Straffan Road, Maynooth.
- £3 - Mr. P. J. Daly,
548 O'Neill Park, Maynooth.
- £2 - M. Casey,
30 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth,
- £1 - D. Mulcahey,
19 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth
- £1 - Mrs. A. Rafferty,
Moyglare Road, Maynooth.
- £1 - Mr. Brian Fagan,
c/o P. Brady, Kilcock Road.
- £1 - Mrs. Dunne,
48 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.
- £1 - Mrs. J. Mooney,
Mariavilla, Maynooth.
- £1 - Mrs. O'Brien,
15 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.
- £1 - Mrs. Nelson,
Mariavilla, Maynooth.
- £1 - Tom McMullen,
63 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

The following promoters won £1 each:-
Declan Travers, Pat Conroy,
J. Buckley, M. Madden, C. Power,
E. Bean, K. Treacy, J. Brazil,
C. Conway, P. Brazil.

The next draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday, 16th December 1975 at 8.30 p.m. SHARP. Promoters are asked to have all cash handed in at least two days before the draw to avoid delay.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

- by "WATCHMAN"
1. Fine Gael Supper Dance, 18th Dec.
 2. Community Council Meeting,
9th December 8.00 p.m.
 3. Greenfield Residents Association
Dinner Dance - New Year's Eve.
 4. Cabaret (Maynooth Boy Scouts)
at "Hitchin' Post" on 9th December.
 5. Old People's Committee Social,
14th December (4.00 p.m.)
 6. Concert - "H.M.S. Pinafore" in
Parish Hall 8th December (8.30 p.m.)
 7. Kilcock Pagent, from 15th - 19th
December at St. Coca's Church,
Kilcock.
 8. G.A.A. Annual General Meeting,
4th January at 3.00 p.m. (Parish
Hall);

**Suggestions for
SANTA'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT
LIST**

- GOVERNMENT - Balloons for their
Inflation.
GENERAL POST OFFICE - Two
thousand pieces of string and one
thousand pieces of string of
varying lengths.
MINISTER FOR POSTS & TELE-
GRAPHS - Dredger for the second
channel.
E.S.B. - Batteries.
C.I.E. - Train Set.
(Note: if the last two get together,
who knows...?)
KILDARE CO. COUNCIL. - Raspberry
Pies.
ANNA LIFFEY - 2 Bars of Lifebuoy
(for the B.O.)
ROYAL CANAL - Water

"Observer"

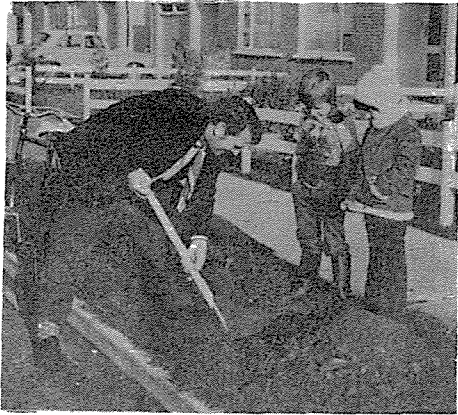


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**GREENFIELD ESTATE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The first phase of the Tree Planting has taken place and was a great success. Young and old are to be congratulated on this excellent achievement. It is indeed obvious that the remainder of this Tree Planting Programme will be carried out without difficulty if the same degree of co-operation and neighbourliness exists.

Attempts are still being made by the Committee to get the Builders and site developers to finish the Estate. This is tending to be an uphill struggle, but a very able Architect has been engaged in order to speed up matters.



Our photographer on the 8th November, Bro. J. St. Leger S.D.B., trying his hand with the spade. Waiting for something to happen are John Murray and David Kiely of Maynooth Park.

CONGRATULATIONS TO



Miss Deirdre Flood, O'Neill Park, who received her B.A. Degree at Maynooth College on 12th November last.

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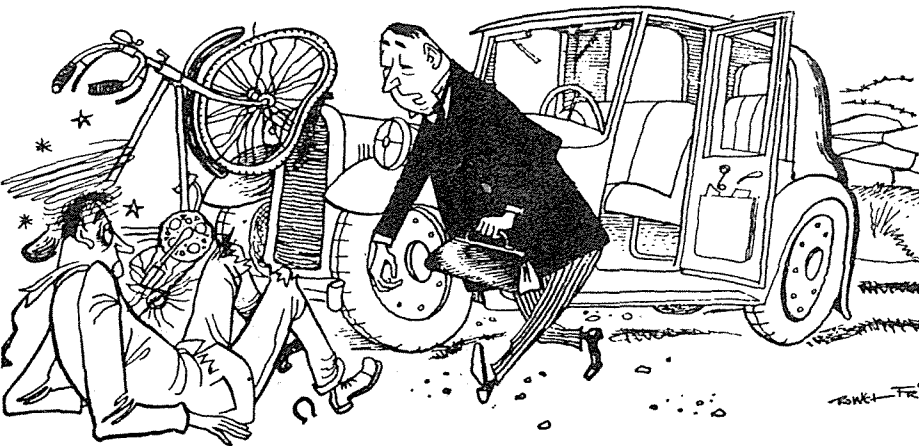
Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Colm
Colm who?
Colm me whatever you like.



Do you know this man with the spade? Rumour has it that he was frequently seen in Greenfield Estate on the 8th November when local residents were planting their trees, and took a great interest (some say a vested one) in the holes. How far is the North Sea? Seriously, though, congratulations to all for a wonderful community effort. Our picture includes Pat and Maureen Kiely, Dave Lyon (yes, that's him), P. Rosney and Eugene Fitzpatrick, all of Maynooth Park. (P.S. - Dave, go to your room!)



A Group of Boy Scouts with some of their supporters lending a capable hand in preparation for the planting of trees on Greenfield Estate on 8th November last. Well Done!



'You're a very fortunate man-I happen to be a doctor.'

The residents of Greenfield were deeply saddened by the sudden death of 12 year old Catherine McGlynn, 857 Greenfield on 26th October last. Words cannot express the deep sympathy felt for the parents, brothers and sisters of Catherine. The large numbers who attended removal of the remains and funeral ceremonies was indicative of the popularity of Catherine. Her family will feel her loss greatest, but her school mates and playmates will also feel her loss. She was a child with a very happy disposition and she was always in demand when games were being arranged. The knowledge of this popularity may be some small measure of joy to all who miss her so much. To her family we all extend our deepest sympathy.

We are glad to say final arrangements are being made to re-commence the film shows in St. Patrick's College. They may have started by the time this Newsletter goes into circulation. Suitable announcements will be made in all schools.

It has been noted that some parts of the outside walls of the estate appear to be in a dangerous state, so far as is possible, children should be kept away from them to avoid accident.

At the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Branch held in the I.C.A. Hall on 11th November, it was stated that the response to the recent campaign to attract new members had been satisfactory. Chairman W. Coonan welcomed everyone and thanked all those who contacted him.

The Branch will hold their Annual Supper Dance in The Hamlet, Johnstown-bridge again this year on 18th December and it will be remembered that last years function was an outstanding success. The subscription of £1.50 is considered most reasonable and patrons can expect an enjoyable night — with the possibility of winning a few spot prizes! Tickets available from Chairman W. Coonan, Phone 286128,



One of the very many "Home Produced" items at the Concern Concert in the Parochial Hall. Here we see "Maynooth's Very own 'Slade Band' " giving us a very lively selection of Irish Dance Music.

In an effort to interest young people in the affairs of Fine Gael a Youth Conference will be held in the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin, on Saturday 6th December from 3.30 pm. to 8.30 pm. Senator Alixis Fitzgerald Mr. Mark Clinton T.D. and other prominent figures within Fine Gael will address the Conference. Those in the age group 16 - 24 interested in attending should contact E.O'Reilly, Main Street, Maynooth. (Phone: 286203).

The North East Kildare District Executive Fine Gael also held its monthly meeting in Maynooth. Councillor Brian Fleming attended and guest speakers were Mr. Jim McGarry, Chairman Dublin West Constituency Executive and Councillor Ger Grehan, Chairman, Kildare Constituency

Residents of Maynooth should note that in response to representations he made on their behalf, Councillor Brian Fleming has had notification from Mr. Oliver J. Flanagan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government stating that objections to the proposed siting of the Communal Television Aerial have been over-ruled and that work can now proceed. This is indeed good news.

Congratulations to:—
Michael & Evelyn O’Keeffe, Greenfield,
 a daughter, Emer.
Joseph & Bernadette McKeever, Upr.
Parsons Street, a son, Robert.
Sean & Marie Flannery, Rail Park,
 a Son.
John and Philis Fogarty, Maynooth
Park, a Son
Catherine & Vincent Duffe, Laurance
Avenue, a Son, Edwin.

Raisins, Sultanas, Currants,	20p	Toilet Rolls	11½p
Paddi Pads	21p	Heinz Beanz	13½p
Robinsons Orange	21p	Heinz Tin Soup	13½p
Erin Royco Knorr Soups	9p	Man size Tissues	24p
Mr. Sheen		Zip Firelighter, small	10p
S & D	24p	large	19p
Large	33p	giant	25p
Surf	24p	Corn Beef, per qtr.	9p
Colgate, Econ. Toothpaste	24p	Sprouts per lb.	8p
S.P.C. Fruit Cocktail	22p	Bananas per lb.	10p
Family Bricks Ice Cream	24p	Cookers, per lb.	6p
Batchelors Peas	10¼p	Carrots	6p
Dale Farm Luxury Ice Cream	25p	Sugar, per 2 lbs.	22p

Now that Christmas is not far away and you are all talking and thinking about it – why not write about it during your holidays and win a prize? Here's what you should do. Write, in your own words a short story or essay about "Christmas" (it could be about Santa, or the toys you get or anything nice you like). For children under 8 years old the essay should have not less than 200 words, and for children between 8 and 12 years, not less than 300 words. The winner in each group will get £3 with £1 for the next in each group. The winning essays will be printed in the Newsletter for all your friends to read. When sending you essay please send in the entry form below with your name, address and age last birthday.

**Entries to: — Vincent Duffe,
12 Laurance Ave., Ted Kelly, Main
Street, John Reid or Des Fahey, Rail-
Park, Anne McGarry or Sean Tracey,
Old Greenfield.**

Name:
Address:
.....
Age:

1. June, Spring, May, September, October.
2. pen, pencil, paper, crayon, brush
3. six eighth, four, two ten.
4. breakfast, dinner, lunch, food, supper
5. apple, lemon, daisy, pea, orange
6. boot, shoe, clog glove, slipper.
7. red, blue, white, dark, yellow.
8. goose, duck, turkey, rabbit, hen
9. bonnet, hat, cap, tie, helmet
10. apple, plum, carrot, pear, grape.

1. Banana
2. Fig
3. Date
4. Tan
5. Table
6. Pear
7. Lion
8. Tiger
9. Peach
10. Apple.

1. If yesterday was Tuesday, what is the day after tomorrow?
2. If someone said he had invented a liquid that could dissolve anything, would you believe him . . . ?
Give your reason.
3. An article made of wood is wooden, one made of gold is golden, and one made of wool is woollen. What is it if it is made of brass?
4. How can you tell a 2p coin from a 10p coin in the dark.
5. Which is the greater – half a dozen dozen, or 6 dozen dozen?
6. Who was the father of George V's son?
7. John is taller than Peter but not as tall as Robin. Who is the smallest or can't you tell?
8. A clock seen through a mirror reads 4.10 What is the correct time?
9. If you were facing south and then turned right, in what direction would you be facing?
10. Write down the letters (capitals) in the alphabet which look the same in a mirror.

- 1 Friday.
- 2 No. (It would dissolve its container).
- 3 Brass.
- 4 The 10p coin has a milled edge.
- 5 6 zoden dozen.
- 6 George V.
- 7 Peter.
8. 7.50 (check with mirror).
9. West
10. A H I M O T U V W X.

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The overall winner for the monthly competitions for the whole year was Mrs. Howard Williams, with three people tying for second place — Mrs. I. Desmond, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. R. O'Reilly.

Since a report on the extension of the bus service to Greenfield, unforeseen problems have arisen — and C.I.E. are unable for the time being to implement the proposed changes.

We hope to report the results of these efforts shortly.

Maynooth Branch FINE GAEL will hold their
CHRISTMAS SUPPER DANCE
in The Hamlet, Johnstownbridge, on
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PARISH NOTES

School Management Boards:
The Boards of Management for the local Primary schools have been set up. Here are the names.

Boys School:-
Fr. O'Higgins P.P. (Chairman), Mrs. Mary Kennedy & Mr. Seamus Byrne (Elected Parents), Mrs. Ann McGarry, Mr. Liam Bean, Mr. Pat Kearins and Mr. Pearse O'Connell N.T. (Principal Teacher).

Convent School:-
Fr. Supple C.C. (Chairman), Mrs. Ethna McDonald and Mr. William Flood (Elected Parents), Mr. Eugene O'Reilly, Mr. Denis Dunne, Sister John Bosco, (representing the Presentation Sisters), and Sister M. Bernard (Principal Teacher). One or two others may be added later, as this is a larger school.

Boys School Extension & Finance:
The building work is progressing satisfactorily and is pretty well up to time, despite some very wet days. The system of payment is that the Parish pays the amount certified by the Architect every few weeks, and then reclaims it from the Office of Public Works. The Parish also pays the weekly salary of the Clerk of Works, and reclaims this every two months. When the building work has been two-thirds completed, which should be some time in the spring of 1976, the Parish will have to spend the full amount of the local contribution (approx. £17,000) before it can start claiming again from the O.P.W.

We have now cleared our debt to the Bank, so we can build up a reserve which will lessen the amount we shall have to borrow to pay our local contribution.

Our main sources of revenue are the weekly envelope collection ("Planned Giving") and the weekly dances and bingo sessions. All three are doing well. However, there are many new residents who have not yet been roped into the Planned Giving. These will be contacted

soon and invited to join. The next round begins on the first Sunday of January. We are most grateful to all out subscribers, collectors and committee many of whom have been supporting us for several years. We look forward to their continued support, and hope that people who are not contributing will consider joining or re-joining now, as the Parish needs the help of all its members. And in view of rising inflation, we trust that all subscribers who can, will try to increase their contribution.

We also thank the organizers and patrons of the Bingo and Dances, whose consistent support means a lot to the Parish.

Masses:
Midnight Mass at both Maynooth and Ladychapel (We hope no-one will phone to ask at what time is Midnight Mass. This has happened! Midnight means midnight).
Masses on Christmas Day at the same hours as on Sundays, 8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon, and 1.00 p.m. **BUT NO EVENING MASS** at Ladychapel at 10.00 a.m.

The Sponsored Cycle Ride was a tremendous success, bringing in over £1,700. After paying the few small expenses, this will leave more than £800 each for the School Building Fund and the Community Sports Field.

Masses on Holy Days:
Despite all our publicity efforts, quite a number of people still mistake the times of Masses on Holy Days of Obligation. On all such days, except Christmas and St. Patrick's Day, the times of Masses at Maynooth are— 8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
Please remember this for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, 8th December.

Christmas:
Our Christmas Programme is as follows:-
Confessions:
Monday and Tuesday after 10.00 a.m. Mass.
Wednesday (Christmas Eve) After 10.00 Mass, from 12 - 1, from 3 - 4, and from 7 - 9.30 p.m. (At Ladychapel from 7 - 8.00 p.m.)

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To assume that your home will not be marred by anything which would detract from your enjoyment please consider the following points in regard to the choosing of your Christmas Tree and how NOT to decorate it. The most usually bought tree is the fir tree which loses up to half its weight in water in the first ten to twelve days after being cut. A fortnight after being cut it is completely dry, full of resin and highly inflammable: the danger of fire is always there. Order your tree early but try not to have it cut until the last minute. If on the other hand, you are buying one already cut, examine it carefully. The newly-cut tree has branches that are springy and will not snap early, and it should be difficult to pull off the "needles". In the house, do not put the tree too near a fireplace because of the danger of sparks or the danger of it toppling over. Also keep it away from electric heaters and ashtrays. Ensure that the tree is secure in its container. The electric lights are usually safe enough, although some brought in from places like Hong Kong in recent years were suspect. A safety guarantee with your lights is normally supplied by reputable firms. Don't put paper "streamers" on the tree; a combination of lights and "streamers" may be dangerous. These few simple precautions can only add to your peace of mind — peace is the essence of Christmas and may God give you all a Happy one.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heav'n afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O Come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels,
Chorus:
O Come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Born of the Father,
Light from light eternal
Son of the gentle maid
Our flesh and blood,
Honour and praise Him
With the hosts of Angels.
Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest.
Chorus.

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Chorus:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the East, beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Chorus.

And by the light of the same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Chorus.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of
naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Chorus.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

*With turkey yummy I'll fill my tummy
Without a doubt I'll get so stout
I'll only be able to waddle about
I'll fill myself, up to my hat
And as you know, I'll get too fat
Oh, this is gonna be a winner
This very tasty Christmas dinner.*

*Afterwards I'll have jelly
It'll sure fill my belly
With well-whipped cream
It'll seem like a dream
I'll drink lemonade
And then I'll get weighted
I'll weight a few tons
That's from cakes and buns
I'll have to try to go on a diet.*

John McGarry (Aged 11)
Greenfield, Maynooth.

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