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# 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.

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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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# 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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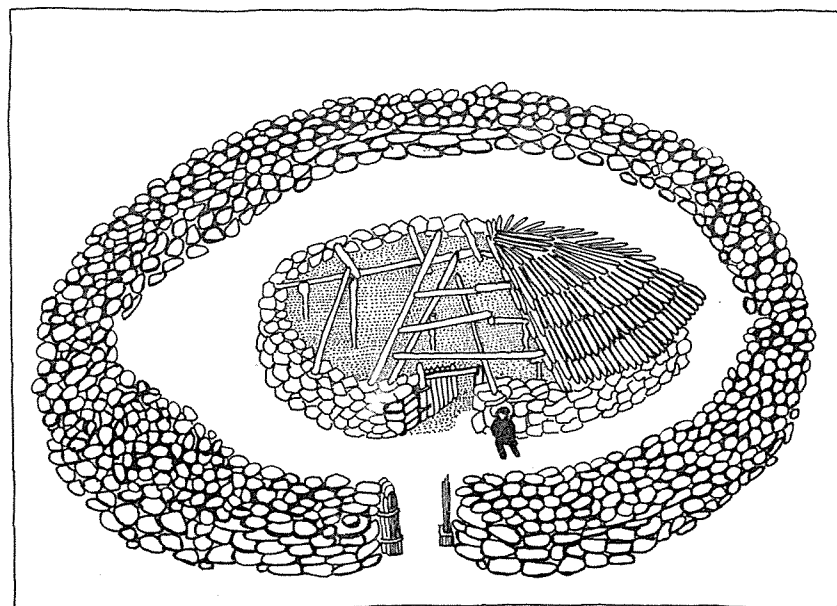
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(Maynooth castle continued)

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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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 Aquadulce, 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 soil 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!

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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 starchy 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 trouop 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.

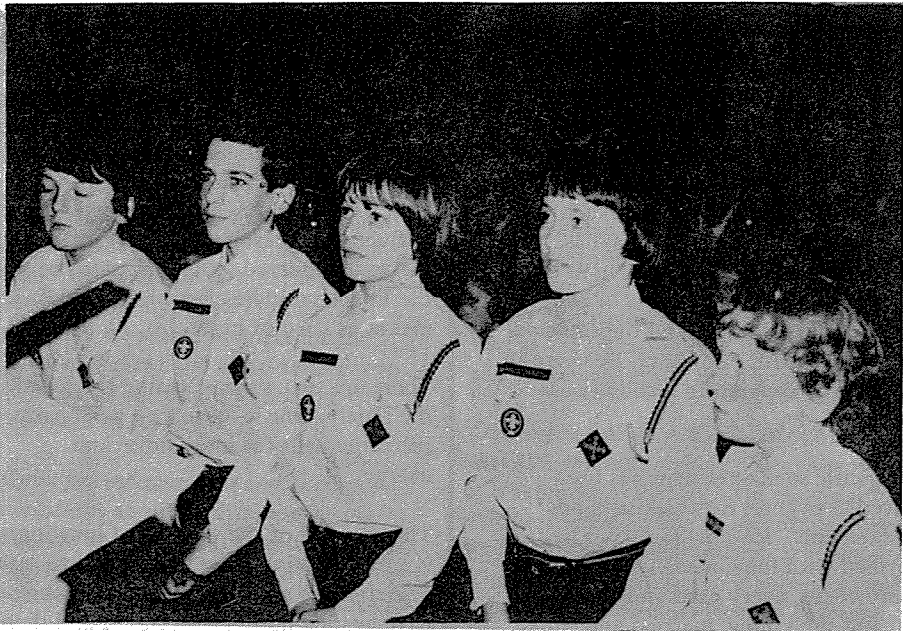
RED CROSS SOCIETY

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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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.



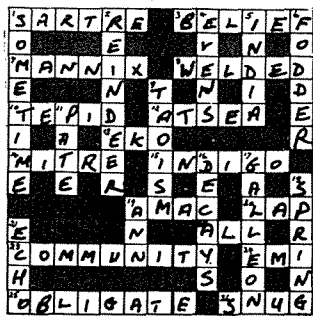
WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

- 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"

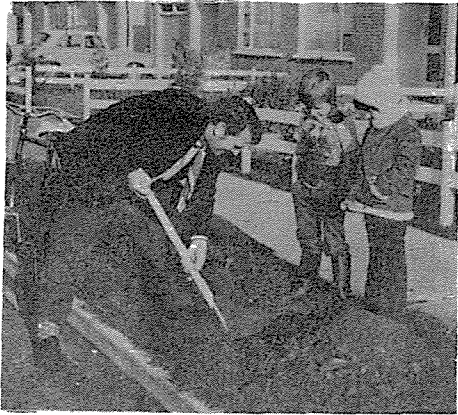


crossword  
solution

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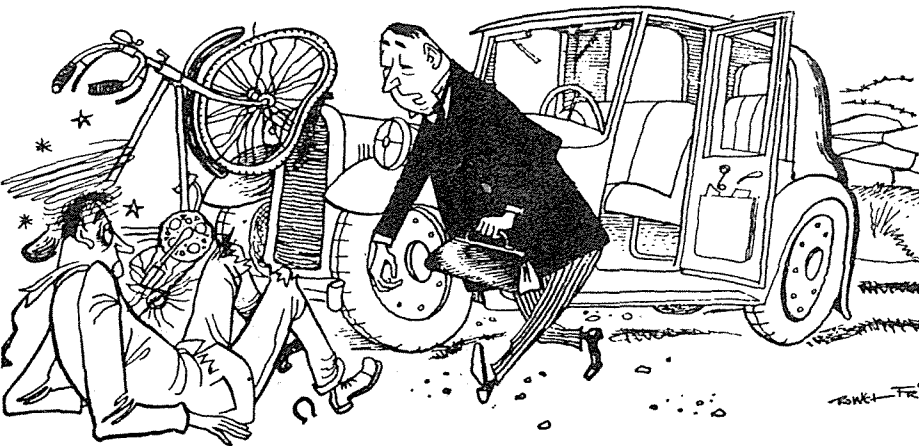
Knock, Knock!  
Who's there?  
Colm  
Colm who?  
Colm me whatever you like.



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.'

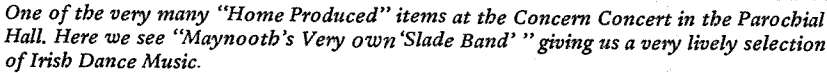
The residents of Greenfield were deeply saddened by the sudden death of 12 year old Catherine McGlynn, 857 Greenfield on 26th October last. Words cannot express the deep sympathy felt for the parents, brothers and sisters of Catherine. The large numbers who attended removal of the remains and funeral 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,



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	10½p	Crooks	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 your 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.

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.

Dancing 9 - 2

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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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YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas is a time of rejoicing, happiness and peace: festivities in the home are traditionally a part of honouring this Holy Season. Over the years the Christmas Tree has grown into a well-established custom which, however, should not be taken as a substitute for the crib. The birth of Christ is at the heart of the feast of Christmas — we are even tempted to forget this today.  
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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WE WISH A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS