

LOT OF TIDY TOWNS PETITION PORT OF ADJUDICATION

improvement in effort from the nity this year. Some outstanding al contributions were noted. The ; on the corner is now being rebuilt and be 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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NEWSLETTER

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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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"KNOW MORE ABOUT MAYNOOTH"

A SERIES OF LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS.

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, in conjunction with the Maynooth Commu- nity Council will sponsor a series of lectures and discussions on different aspects of Maynooth Town — its history, its growth and development, life and people in Maynooth today, town planning, social problems, education in Maynooth, etc. Lectures will be conducted by people drawn largely from the academic staff of Maynooth College and by specialist lecturers from the local area. The series, which will commence in November, will be held in the local Post-Primary School. Lectures will be on one night per week, 8.00 — 9.30 p.m.

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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Congratulations to the students of the school who did so very well in their examinations. The group, Inter and Leaving results were of a very high standard and should set an example to students who will be sitting for exams at the end of the present academic year.

It is hoped to offer the following night classes. All must have sufficient numbers before a class will be started.

1. Book-keeping, P.A.Y.E. and V.A.T. for the sole trader, small business.
2. Dressmaking.
3. German for beginners.
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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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Ted Kelly, P.R.O., Main Street or
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or any Council member.

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Garda Siochana, Naas — 7333
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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 Siochána, 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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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.

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DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH
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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.

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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R	I	S	E
F	A	L	L

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

FUNNY BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- "The Sinner" by Helen Store
- "The Batchelor" by Willie Marry
- "Dublin Beaches" by Dolly Mount
- "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

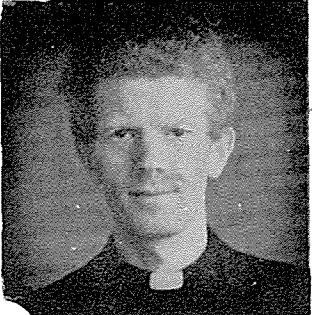
We wish to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to our two friends from the Divine Word Hostel who have recently been ordained to the priesthood — Fr. Liam Dunne who was ordained at Knock, Co. Mayo and Fr. Tom Morrison who was ordained in

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

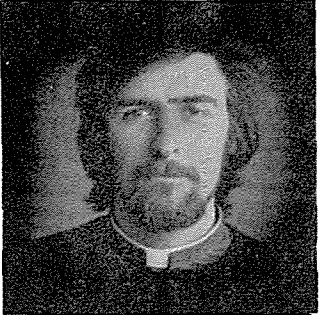
The committee held a sale-of-work and an American tea-party on a regular basis to help finance its activities on behalf of our senior citizens who face a long winter ahead. Continuing support is needed from the community in the various fund-raising efforts organised by our committee. The next American 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. Back Row (Left to Right): Ted Kelly, Miss Howard, Mary Murphy, Mrs. T. Kelly, Nuala Kelly, Peter Kelly. Front Row (Left to Right): Ann Kelly, Mrs. Morrow, Phil Donovan, Patricia Dempsey, Teresa Donovan.

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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
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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.