

Effective Writing

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

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

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

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

There were plenty of lookers on but no witnesses

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

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

A bundle of human heirs can be used to measure humidity

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

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

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

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

Crushing is a solid being hit with something

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

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

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



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Community Council News

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

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

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

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

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

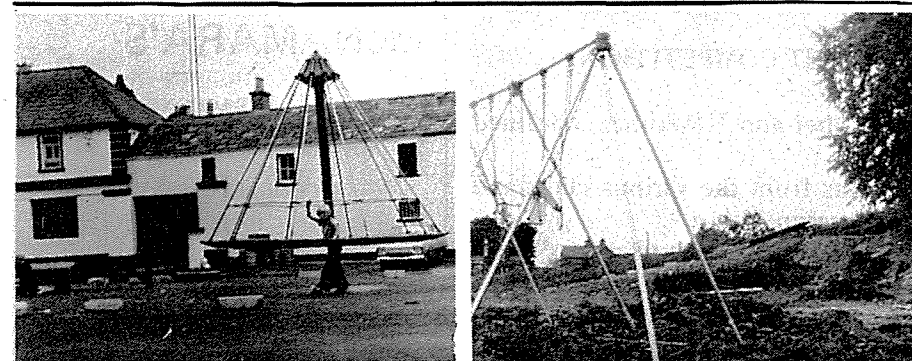
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New Children's Playground almost completed

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

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

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



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS *CONTINUED.*

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

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

INFORMATION CENTRE

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

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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

TIDY TOWNS

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

QUESTION TIME AND INDIVIDUAL TALENT COMPETITION

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

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

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

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

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DRIVERS — MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE



Playground Supervisors

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

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by Newcomer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speeding Motorists

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

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Do modern educational methods puzzle you?

A newsletter correspondent explains.

What is education.

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

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

Play is education.

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

Modern systems of Education.

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

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

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

Visual and other Aids.

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

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

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

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Helping our Senior Citizens

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

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

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

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

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

Housebreaking and other Crime

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

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

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

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

Residents worried at failure to complete work on Estate

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

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News, Articles for Publication

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

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

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Irish Red Cross Society

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New Greenfield Resident's Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DINNER DANCE

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

Enquiries to the Secretary,
Mr. Tommy Fay.

Musical and Dramatic Society

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

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

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

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Busy Time for Brass and Reed Band

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

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

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

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

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

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

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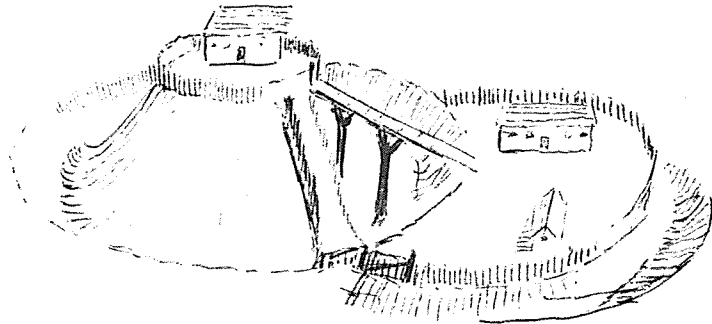
A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Annual General Meeting of Greenfield Resident's Association

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

Chairman:

Michael Gleeson, 858 Greenfield.

Secretary:

Leonard Murphy, 841 Greenfield.

Treasurer:

Christopher Boyd, 843 Greenfield.

Committee Members:

Mrs. S. Moran

Mr. B. O'Rourke

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

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

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

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Weekday Masses: 8.00: 10.00 a.m.:

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

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

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

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Mass and from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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5th SUNDAY United Service for the Maynooth Group

at 12 noon in turn in this Order:—

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Extension to Boys School to cost £118,000

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

ICA News

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

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L	I	F	T

Answer at foot of page

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

On Tick

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

Tommy was late for school and the teacher asked him why. Tommy said, 'Please Sir, I was dreaming I was at a football match, it was a draw at full time and the referee ordered them to play extra time. So I stayed asleep to see the end of the match.

Coming or Going!

Wife to husband: Charles, I am warning you about your hours. The night before last, you came home yesterday. Last night you came home today. Tonight, if you come home tomorrow, I won't be here.

Funny Books and Authors

"The Batchelor" by Willie Marry
"Nursery Rhymes" by Mary Ada Lambe
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Recent Happy Events

A son to Frank and Rita Robinson of Rail Park
A daughter to Eamon and Patricia Quinn of Greenfield.

Recent Wedding

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

Foster Parents wanted Urgently

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

New Club Extension for North Kildare

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

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

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

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

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

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

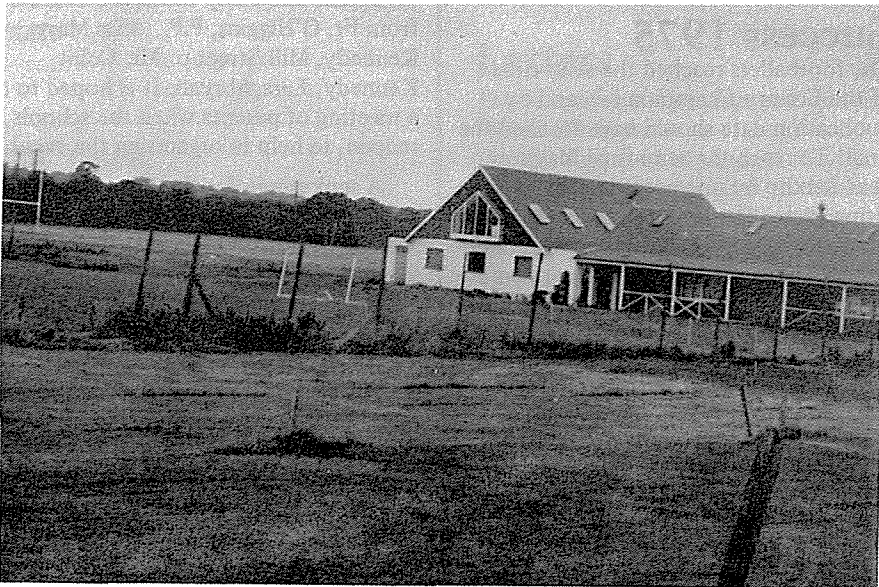
Parallel to the rugby and hockey activity, the tennis section is enjoying its most successful season for many years. Inspired by Gerry Fennell, Patricia Heywood-Jones and Eleanor Delaney the North Kildare First team has, at time of going to press, won through to the semi-final of the Provincial Tennis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

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

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

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

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SPORTS PAGE

G.A.A. Club celebrates Centenary Year

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

Success 1975

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

Hurling

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

Soccer Club looks forward to another successful season

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

Flag Day

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

Sponsored Cycle Ride

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

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

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

A spokesman for the 'steering' committee said that they were hoping for fine weather but in anycase they expected participants to complete the course in spite of hail, rain, snow, a attack by unfriendly natives or wild animals.

Cemetery Sunday: The annual prayers and blessing of the graves at Laraghbryan cemetery will take place on Sunday 14th September.

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

Tennis Courts for Maynooth

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

Results of Handball and Squash Draw

£40 Mrs. McElroy, 50 Cluain Aoibhinn
£20 Mr. Martin Donnelly, C/o Manor Mills
£10 Miss D. Conroy, 49 Borris Road, P'Leix
£ 5 Mr. Billy Nolan, Leinster Cottages
£ 5 Mr. C. Beane, The Harbour.
£ 1 Mr. M. Dempsey, 549 O'Neill Park
£ 1 Mr. J. Kennedy, Mill Street.
£ 1 Mr. E. O'Neill, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell.
£ 1 Miss Higgins, 740, Greenfield
£ 1 Mrs. Moore, 485, Straffan Road
£ 1 Miss C. Cullen, Baltracy Donadea
£ 1 Mrs. Griffin, 44 Maynooth Park
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Letters

c/o 85, Maynooth Park,
Maynooth,
13th August, 1975

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

Perhaps you would let me know, if you agree with this suggestion, and if so, when such a meeting may be arranged.

Yours faithfully,
P.B. Eddery,
Chairman,
Maynooth Community Council.

Letter from the Chairman of the community council

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

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

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

In this way we can all help each other, and make Maynooth a place we can be proud of.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Eddery,
Chairman,
Maynooth Community Council.

Children's Trip to Seaside

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

Letters

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

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

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